



# ECKSTEIN

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PTSA Newsletter, January 2011

### Important Update

*Dear Parents and Guardians,*

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! The New Year provides an excellent opportunity for a fresh start. This edition contains lots of important contact information. Please keep for future reference.

Here a couple of important “FYIs”:

If your student needs extra help, Eckstein offers lots of options:

- **Catch-Up-Café** is an opportunity for students who have missing assignments to make up work during the school day.
- **After school homework centers** that provide students with time and tutors to get extra help.
- **Saturday School** for students who have four or more missing assignments and have a D or E in their class. The first Saturday School was held Saturday, **November 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 11:30**. We had another one on January 8th, 2011. Counselors contacted families of students who needed to attend. **Future sessions will be scheduled. Stay tuned.**

If you do not have access to a computer at home, visit your local library. There you can:

- Create a free gmail, hotmail or yahoo email account.
- Next, visit the Eckstein website at: <http://ecksteineagles.org/>

Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on “email updates” under SUBSCRIBE and you will receive:

- The Weekly Bulletin, the Principal’s

blog, band news and/or orchestra news and information on The Source.

- Get information about athletics and the necessary forms to play.
- Find out about Eckstein’s Community Learning Centers (CLC), the after-school program hosted by the Seattle Parks Dept. and much more.
- The direct link to the **Principal’s blog is : <http://ecksteineagles.org/principal/>**
- **The Source** lets you see your student’s academic performance online. You will have to provide your email address and a password.
- **Band and Orchestra** have their own email news updates.
  - For Band contact Heather Lisagor : [heather@lisagor.com](mailto:heather@lisagor.com) or contact [meisner@yahoo.com](mailto:meisner@yahoo.com)
  - For Orchestra contact /Marjorie Ohlmstead at: [nano\\_fish@msn.com](mailto:nano_fish@msn.com)



#### Student Directory:

- If you opted in into the Family Directory (useful for play dates etc.), you need the password for access. Only families who opted in have access to this database.
- Having signed up via email to be part of the Directory, does **NOT** mean you will automatically receive the e-mail Bulletin.

#### Get involved with your PTSA

**The PTSA needs your help. Please think about joining, volunteering and making a difference.** Various PTSA positions need filling this year as students and their parents move on to high school. Everyone can join and make a difference! Contact your PTSA reps for more info. See page 2.

#### **Eckstein Middle School**

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#### **Principal**

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#### **Main Office**

(206) 252-5010  
Fax: (206) 252-5011  
Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

#### **Attendance Office**

(206) 252-5014  
Call if your child will be absent!

#### **Transportation Office**

(206) 252-0900  
Call regarding transportation assignments

#### **School Hours**

8:05 a.m. - 2:35 p.m.  
Classrooms are open at 7:30am.  
Students are to leave the building directly at 2:40pm unless remaining for an approved activity.

#### **NO SCHOOL**

Jan. 28  
Day Between Semesters  
No School  
(Last Day of Semester  
Jan. 27)

#### **Administrative & Counseling**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:**  
Denise Espania, Assistant Principal  
Dan Rosen, Counselor  
**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:**  
Ron Timmons, Assistant Principal  
Reema Ziadeh, Counselor  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:**  
Tom O’Connor, House Administrator  
Larry Christensen, Counselor

# ECKSTEIN Update continued

## Important Transportation Update!!!

- The office ***no longer has bus tokens*** to give to students. For those students with assigned Orca cards, they are only good for one month at a time, to/from school only. If the student uses it for more than to and from school, he/she will run out before the end of the month when money is added to the card by the District.

## PTSA Meetings

- Come to your **PTSA** meetings every **second Monday** of the month. Bring ideas or questions! Always double-check online for dates and times.

## Winter Weather

- Middle and High School Students: Two make-up days required. Last day of school is June 23.\* This will change if we have additional closures due to bad weather. You can get information on late starts or school closures on your local TV and radio stations.

## Easy Ways to Get Involved

Continue your support of Eckstein programs! For instance, every time you go shopping, Eckstein could potentially benefit if you're enrolled in e-scrip. E-scrip is a program without any cost to you. E-scrip purchases grocery and other shopping cards at a discount. You pay the face value and the difference goes to Eckstein. For more information, contact Lisa Levy at [lalisalevy@yahoo.com](mailto:lalisalevy@yahoo.com) or Setsuko Nomura at [hogandarnell@hotmail.com](mailto:hogandarnell@hotmail.com)  
Shop at TARGET? To get the "community contribution," let them know at check-out that your child is at Eckstein.

## FAQ

Q.: What is Homeroom?

A.: It is now called Study Hall. Kids can use this time to complete assignments, homework or read. With permission, pupils can also check in with teachers other than their homeroom teacher.

## PTSA Co-President

Our current President Samantha Sanin sure would like to find another volunteer for Co-President. Please consider getting involved. It's a great way to learn more about the school. You also get to meet some great people.

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