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PTSA Newsletter, March 2011

Important Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Spring is here!

On a somber note, our hearts go out to everyone in Japan and to everyone who has family, friends and loved ones in Japan. Here is a link with information in English, compiled by a couple of college buddies of mine.

<http://disasterjapan.wordpress.com/>

8th Grade Promotion Committee

Have an eighth grader? Consider getting involved with the committee to help create a fun and memorable farewell celebration. There will be a daytime promotion ceremony in the morning followed by a family open house in the afternoon. For more information contact Susan Pollard: mcpollard@comcast.net

8th Grade Dance

Surprise, surprise! Eighth graders can look forward to a special treat this year: An 8th Grade Dance! To attend you must have completed all assignments. Get your work in!!! Details to follow.

WEB Program starting this Fall

WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) is a program helping 6th graders transition into middle school. In a nutshell, 8th graders will act as leaders and mentors to incoming 6th graders. It's all about fostering a sense of belonging and community. Each 6th grader will be assigned to an 8th grade "buddy". For more information visit:

www.boomerangproject.com/web

Teacher Updates

6th grade students in social studies learned how to use wikis while studying Ancient Egypt last month. Every student created a wiki page, exploring and answering a research

question revolving around Ancient Egypt. Through this project, students incorporate 21st century skills including research and online publishing to learn and share information about life in the ancient world. Additionally, students learned how to post comments to the wiki to discuss the current political events in Egypt. For more info, check out the blogs:

Team 6A: <http://ecksteineagles.org/jjhanson/>

Team 6B: <http://eck208.com>

Team 6C: <http://ecksteineagles.org/6c-humanities>

Courtesy of Eric Miller

Additionally, *Josh Hanson* would like to add: "In Eastern Hemisphere on Team 6A we've been learning about the recent events in Tunisia and Egypt, with a focus on learning about different forms of government and how they function."



Jessica Levine reports from 6th grade science:

"We've finished up our Annual Clean Water Challenge: The Clean Water Challenge connects science content to a sustainable context--current events,

local environmental issues, and citizen action. Students engaged in a meaningful challenge to clean a sample of water in order to explore the concepts of mixtures and solubility involving a whole set of content area skills - filtering, distillation, measuring, using graduated cylinders, storing, labeling, data tables, observing, and all in the context of collaboration and sustainability.

Finally, students presented their work and ideas at the Clean Water Challenge symposium. With the science knowledge students can complete a challenge, work together, protect water quality, and make a difference in their local and global community."

Thank you to all teachers for their incredible dedication and commitment!

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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

6th Grade:
Denise Espania, Assistant Principal
Dan Rosen, Counselor

7th Grade:
Ron Timmons, Assistant Principal
Reema Ziadeh, Counselor

8th 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 and questions! Always double-check online for dates and times.

Attention 8th grade Families/High School

- You should have received your high school assignment notice from the school district last week. If not, contact the high school with questions.

Safeway/E-Scrip/Easy Money for Eckstein

Continue your support of Eckstein programs! For instance, every time you go shopping at Safeway, 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. Shop at TARGET? To get the "community contribution," let them know at check-out that your child is at Eckstein. For more information, contact Lisa Levy at lalisalevy@yahoo.com.

FAQ

Q.: What is Saturday School?

A.: This is an excellent opportunity for students who have fallen behind significantly to catch up. Eckstein teachers will supervise and assist students. Your child's teacher/the office will contact as necessary. For more information, please contact the office: (206) 252-5010

PTSA

Your PTSA needs YOU to get involved! Many of the positions will be "up for grabs" for the 2011-2012 school year as families progress from middle to high school.. Please consider volunteering! Contact any of your PTSA Board for more information. fnsanin@aol.com

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