



The Marriott Messenger

February 2018

The students and staff of Earl Marriott are well on their way with **Semester Two 2018**. Congratulations to everyone for all of the hard work that went into studying and preparing for assessments, finishing final assignments and wrapping up Semester One courses. The final days of January were filled with presentations and demonstrations of learning, students completing final assignments on January 25th and 26th, students writing the English 12 and FRAL 12 Provincial exam, and our first students writing the Numeracy Assessment. I am overwhelmed with the level of commitment and energy with which everyone at the school goes about their day.

February was a month full of events for students and their parents. The week of **Feb. 26th – March 2nd**, students celebrated **Acceptance Week**. In addition to the Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday Feb. 28th supporting Anti-Bullying and Inclusiveness, each day was recognized with a different colour and a theme, encouraging all students and staff to show their kindness and school spirit. Students were asked to blackout cyberbullying, wear white to fight prejudice, commit random acts of kindness and support victims of bullying. Thank you to our Heroes Club and Students Council for sponsoring this positive week at our school.

As part of our week of acceptance, we were excited to welcome a guest speaker, “**The White Hatter**”, to EMS on Feb. 27th. His expertise is in the area of internet safety, social media and cyberbullying. Students in Grades 8 through 11 attended this special presentation. Thanks to the generous support of PAC, we were also able to invite our parents and our community to an evening presentation. Parents can check out his work at www.thewhitehatter.ca.

We are currently completing our **course planning** with students for the 2018/19 school year. Thank you to all of our parents who came to our Course Planning Evening on Feb. 15th. If you were unable to come, or would like to check out more information, all of the information slides can be found on our website. All students are completing their course selections this year through the student portal on line. Parents can view the course selection and course descriptions on line with their child. This is a good opportunity for everyone to review goals and plans for the upcoming year, as well as celebrate and focus on a strong finish to the current school year. **Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Thursday March 8th from 2:15 - 5:15. Before too long, Spring Break will be here March 19th – April 2nd. Students return to class Tuesday April 3rd.**

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Our Grade 12 students are in the midst of plans for their post high school year. A tremendous amount of work goes on, both at home and at the school, to ensure that students are able to successfully transition to post-secondary. Our Dry Grad parent committee is continuing to host several fundraising activities, the latest being the **Annual Grad Pasta Dinner Night**. Thank you to those families who came out to support this event, and to those who volunteered. Please help this hard-working group put on an exciting evening for our Grads by supporting their future events, including the **Plant, Manure and Trunk sale on May 12th**. Grads and their families will not want to miss the **Duke of Earl Show on Wednesday, May 16th**.

Since the last school newsletter, there have been many other exciting events at the school:

- I would like to welcome our new staff members who joined the Earl Marriott Mariners this February: Mr. Van Hulsentop (Planning, Psychology), Ms. Hassell (English), Ms. Hemming (Social Studies), Ms. Sidhu (Math, Science).
- Our Winter Sports (Basketball, Wrestling) are in the final stages of their season. Many of our teams have moved forward in their league. We are very proud of our Junior Girls team who won the Surrey Banner and moved on to the Fraser Valleys. Our Wrestling Team has been competing since the start of the year, and has also been very successful. Thank you to the coaches who have worked tirelessly to motivate and prepare our young athletes. Thanks also to our Student Council for celebrating the Winter Sports at a lunch hour pep rally on March 7th.
- Several of our senior students attended an interview presentation with Michelle Obama. The girls were very inspired with her message of the importance of higher education and giving back through mentorship.

Our next newsletter will be issued in April, just in time to celebrate and advertise our Spring Musical. EMS has a strong tradition of excellent theatre, and this year they will be performing "**Little Shop of Horrors**".

I wish all our students and families a happy, restful Spring Break. Safe journey to all of our teams and student groups who are heading off on extended field trips abroad. Let's also hope for sunshine, we are ready for it!

Claudine Davies
Proud Principal
Earl Marriott Secondary

Upcoming Events

March

- 7 Interim Report Cards
- 8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 9-11 Pow Wow
- 14 Spring Dance
- 15 Locker Clean Up
- 16 Last day of classes
- 19-30 Spring Break

April

- 3 School Reopens
- 11 Band Concert
- 25-28 Spring Musical



Departments

Music:

All the EMS Jazz bands represented themselves with class and distinction at the Surrey Jazz Festival and won the following awards:

Awards:

Juniors Grade 10 Jazz made it into the showcase and won Best Surrey Jr Band

Kyle Han won the best vibraphonist, as well as The best Surrey Jr musician.

Jason Callaghan won Best Overall Sr. Trombonist.

Jacob Holker won Best Overall Jr Guitarist as well as Best Sr. Surrey Musician.

Daniel Holker was recognized for his stellar lead trumpet playing.

The EMS Grade 10 and Senior Jazz Bands are back from a busy and snowy weekend performing at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Moscow Idaho. We want to congratulate all the members of the bands for representing EMS and Canada with pride and excellence. Both bands performances received exceptional scores and ratings. We would also like to celebrate the individual success of Jason Callaghan and Arin Bennett who received outstanding ensemble soloist awards. Congrats Marriott Music! Be sure to check out Marriottmusic.com to see all the upcoming performance dates and Music info!

Art:

Congratulations to all the amazing artists that were chosen to participate in the Surrey Secondary Schools Art Exhibit at the District Education Center this semester. Aurora Thomson, Emily An, Jessica Cooper and Skye Mitchell.

Students who could not attend but should be mentioned as well are: Aimee Turko, Nathan Preshyon, Sara Zhang, and Wendy (Sikhui) Wang.



HELLO STUDENTS! HELLO PARENTS!

WANT TO TRAVEL TO HISTORIC QUEBEC CITY? MEET NEW FRIENDS? WANT TO HAVE FUN? WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE?

***SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE BUT SPACE IS LIMITED CALL US NOW
Next Meeting Monday, March 12, 7pm, in the library at
Ecole Earl Marriott, 15751-16 Avenue***

Canadian Parents for French – Surrey Chapter (CPF-Surrey) is pleased to announce that its thirteenth annual summer exchange trip between Surrey and Quebec City in June/July 2017 was a great success!

CPF-Surrey is applying for another grant from **EXPERIENCES CANADA** for a fourteenth summer exchange to take place in 2018. Each student will be paired with a “twin” from Quebec City. First the Quebec students stay in their twins’ home and work to strengthen their English speaking skills. In the second half students travel to Quebec, to stay in their twin’s home and practice communicating in French. This trip is a wonderful cultural experience for both **French Immersion** and **Core French** students and **any** student who wants to experience another region of our great country.

Due to our partnership with **EXPERIENCES CANADA** we are once again able to offer three weeks of activities, accommodation, meals and flights for the very reasonable price of **\$975**.

The activities in 2018 will include 10 days of activities in the Lower Mainland including kayaking, hiking and a day in Victoria followed by 10 days of activities in Quebec City. Activities in Quebec include a visit to Valcartier Waterpark, Old Quebec and much more. The exchange will tentatively begin **June 26,2018** here in Surrey and end **July 16,2018** in Quebec City, dates have not been confirmed at this time.

We are encouraging Secondary Students in Grade 8-11 interested in participating in this reciprocal home-stay exchange program between Surrey and Quebec City to contact us as soon as possible in order to register and begin the application process.

For more information please contact our Group Organizer, **Charlene Dobie** at 604-507-7179 or 778-899-9151 or sevecsurrey@gmail.com or **Nicolas Rebselj**, Secondary French Immersion Teacher at rebselj@shaw.ca

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