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Principal's Message

Principal's Message November 2019

The month of November has been an active one at Earl Marriott Secondary. The highlight of this month was our **Remembrance Day Assemblies** on Nov. 7th. Our students presented a beautiful performance of readings, acting, music and the traditional laying of the wreath. We would like to thank our own Earl Marriott Concert Band for their moving performance during the Assembly, our student hosts, actors, and presenters, as well as all the teachers and students who helped to create the script and the visual presentation.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Fall coaches, players and parents. It has been another exceptional season for Earl Marriott Secondary. Earl Marriott had a great season with volleyball, swimming, football and cross country. The banners for our school are filling the office, with hopefully more to come. Of special note this month is our Senior Boys volleyball teams moving forward to the Provincials, after winning the Fraser Valley Championships. This is always an exciting event, and we encourage everyone to come out and support the Mariners as they play for the school at the Provincials in the last weekend of November. Parents and students can get all of the team news through the Mari-time App. and on the Athletics website, emsathletics.ca.

Earlier this month, our Grade 9 students participated in **Take Your Kid to Work Day**. Students in Grade 9 should now be submitting their reflections on the day through their MyBlue Print accounts. Our Career dept. works successfully to ensure that almost all students at Earl Marriott participate. Thank you to Ms. Garrett and Ms. Brabenec for all of the work they also do for our Grade 12's hosting lunch time University visits. Thank you also to Mrs. Koehler for her work with Scholarship application prep.

This month you should have received the first formal report of the school year on Nov. 21st. **Report Cards are published through the MyEd parent portal**. Please take this time to review the report card with your son or daughter, and create a plan for the remaining final weeks of the semester, which ends on **Wednesday, January 22nd**. Students in all grades who have outstanding work or need extra support time to complete courses will be asked to come to Completion Days on Thursday January 23rd and Friday January 24th. If there are concerns or questions about your child's progress, please contact teachers directly by email or by leaving a message at the school.

Upcoming in December

- 4 & 5 One Act Plays**
- 4 Grad Group Photos**
- 10-20 Grad Photos**
- 17 Jazz Concert**
- 18 Wind Ensemble Concert**
- 19 Locker Clean Up**
- 20 Last Day of Classes**
- early dismissal**
- 20 Pancake Breakfast**



Important information for Grade 10 students regarding the January Literacy Assessment is in this newsletter. All students in Grade 10 will be writing the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment, a Ministry requirement for graduation, on Thursday January 23rd and Friday January 24th. A schedule for individual exam sessions for Grade 10 students will be published shortly. Students and parents can find information regarding this assessment, including instructional videos and sample assessment questions, at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/literacy-assessment/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

Next month and continuing into January, important information will be given regarding course planning for 2020/2021. Grade 9-11 students in particular should begin to research post-secondary options and pre-requisites, along with graduation requirements, so that they can make good choices for the next three years of High School. A good site to begin the research is educationplannerbc.ca.

Already we have begun celebrating December events and Earl Marriott traditions. For this year's Grads, the Dry Grad Parent Committee and Grad Council hosted our Family Pasta Night on Nov. 20th. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the Grads at this wonderful event. The calendar is full with our Christmas Music Concerts, One Act plays, Football Banquet, the Pancake Breakfast and the Annual Winter Hoedown. **The last day of classes before Christmas Break will be Friday Dec. 20th.** Our Bell Schedule will be different that day to accommodate the Pancake Breakfast and Lunchtime Hoedown. Bussing students will be picked up in the morning as per usual, but the early dismissal schedule will be used for the trip home at 1:46 pm.

Please check the Dec./Jan. calendar carefully as the end of semester will be fast approaching once we return from Christmas Break.

Claudine Davies

Proud Principal

Earl Marriott Secondary

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December 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 1	2 ABCD Day 2	3 BCDA Day 1 5:00pm Football Banquet (Cafeteria/HUB)	4 DELFT Exam CDAB Day 2 5:00pm Grad Photos - 7:00pm One Act Plays	5 FRIM Theatre Workshops DABC Day 1 7:00pm One Act Plays (Theatre)	6 ABCD Day 2	7
8	9 English Crossgrade Gr. 8-12 ABCD Day 1	10 BCDA Day 2	11 CDAB Day 1	12 Grad Photos (Mobile Studio) DABC Day 2	13 BCDA Day 1	14
15	16 ABCD Day 2	17 BCDA Day 1 7:00pm Jazz Band Concert	18 CDAB Day 2 7:00pm Band Concert	19 DABC Day 1 1:30pm Locker Clean Up	20 Last day of Classes - Pancake Breakfast CDAB Day 2	21 Winter Break
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29	30 Winter Break	31	Jan 1, 20	2	3	4

Graduation Numeracy and Literacy Assessment

The recently renamed Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (formerly the Graduation Numeracy Assessment) is a requirement for graduation for all students in BC. This year, the Ministry of Education has added a second assessment—the Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment—which is a graduation requirement for all Grade 10 students. These assessments are to be written in a student’s grade 10 school year. Furthermore, neither of these assessments are tied to a course—for example, these are not “final exams” for Math 10, English 10, or any other course—rather they are assessments of a student’s general numeracy and literacy.

January Session: Literacy 10 – January 23-24, 2020

Each of our grade 10 students will be writing the Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment over two days in January: **January 23-24 (Thursday & Friday)**. These dates do not conflict with instructional time nor do they interrupt classroom final assessment as they are our designated completion days. With the assessments being in electronic format, they will be completed in our Computer Labs.

At Earl Marriott, we have decided to separate these assessments so that students will not be required to write two assessments in the same week.

Please do not make any plans for your grade 10 son/daughter to be excused from school on January 23 or 24th as this is their only opportunity to complete this graduation requirement this year.

For more information on the Literacy 10 Assessment, including instructional videos and sample questions please use this link:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/literacy-assessment/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

Spring Session: Numeracy 10- April 14-17, 2020

What to bring – government-issued PHOTO identification, pen/pencil.

What NOT to bring – any electronic device (eg. cell phone, smart watch, iPad or tablet, laptop computer, etc.), bags or backpack, purse, large jackets.



2100 students and staff attended our three Remembrance Day Services on Thursday November 7th in our Main Gym. Over 150 students participated in the ceremonies. This year's focus was remembering the 80th anniversary of the start of WW II. Our senior concert band played a beautiful three movement piece called *Letters for Home* by composer Peter Meecham. Interspersed throughout the three movements students read actual letters from Canadian soldiers and developed Power Points displaying the reality of the war for soldiers and families at home. In addition, students from our senior drama classes presented vignettes that reflected both the music and the images. At the close of the ceremony, students were asked to reflect on those 16 to 18 year olds who left to serve during WW II. A special thank you to Assistant Superintendent Lynda Reeves, Trustees Laurae McNally and Bob Holmes and PAC representatives Stacey MacDonald and Polly Diether for laying wreaths at the ceremony.



Grad Photos:

You can now book your Grad Photo sitting at artona.com

Artona will have their trailer in our school parking lot from December 10th —20th.

These photos will be used for the yearbook and Grad composite. You will also be able to order photos for family and friends.



The MariTimes is Earl Marriott's student-run newspaper, and we're looking for more students to write for us! We accept article and photo submissions on any subject, especially if it interests our readers: the EMS students! Come to room 105 on Mondays at lunch to meet our editing team and to get involved! All grades welcome!

Performing Arts



On November 28th Both the Grade 9/10 Concert Band and Sr. 11/12 Wind Ensemble Performed at the Bell Centre for Performing Arts during the week of the Surrey Band Revue. Both groups had glowing adjudications and were selected for their superior performance to perform at next years "Nationals" (Music Fest Canada). Congratulations to both groups for their performance and hard work making it to the prestigious National stage.

On December 1st be sure to stop by the Cloverdale Parade and Holiday Celebration to listen to Marriott Music's Brass Ensemble who will be performing Holiday favorites at the Surrey Museum at 3:30pm. Come check this annual family event out!

Celebrate the Holiday Season with Marriott Music's Christmas Concert Extravaganzas

December 17th – "A Jazzy Christmas" Featuring all EMS Jazz Ensembles: 7pm start with the door opening at 6:30pm

December 18th – "A Christmas Extravaganza" Featuring all EMS Concert Bands and Wind Ensembles: 7pm start with the door opening at 6:30pm

Tickets for both shows go on sale December 1st for \$10 each and can be purchased through the Music department office or the school main office. Don't delay these tickets sell out quick.



Writing Awards

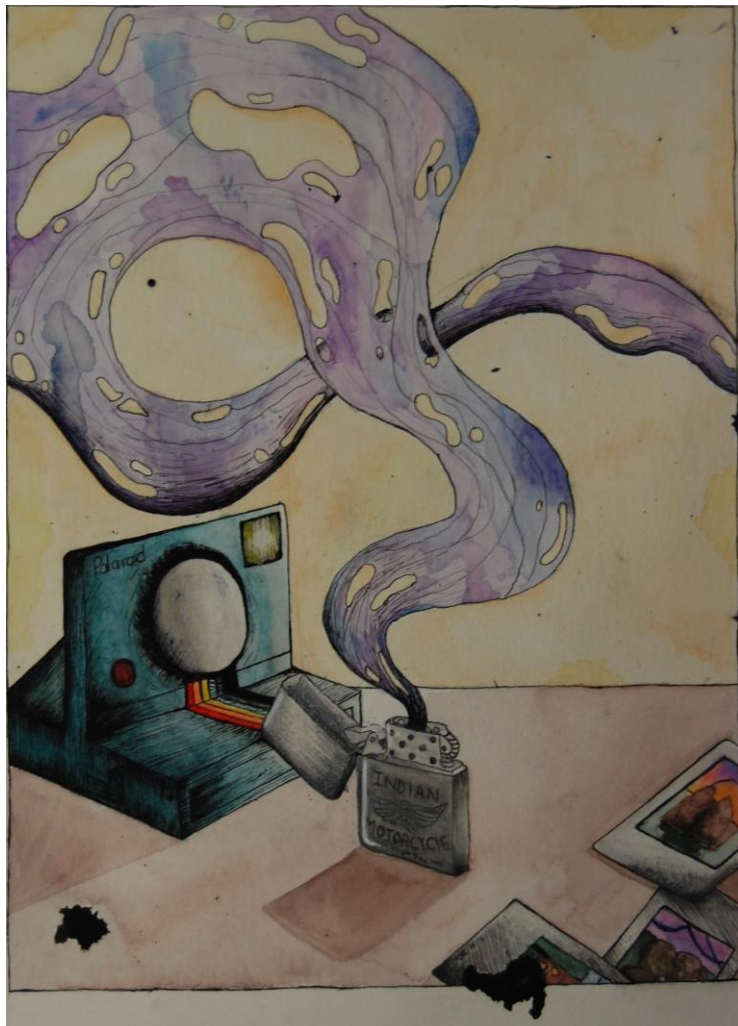
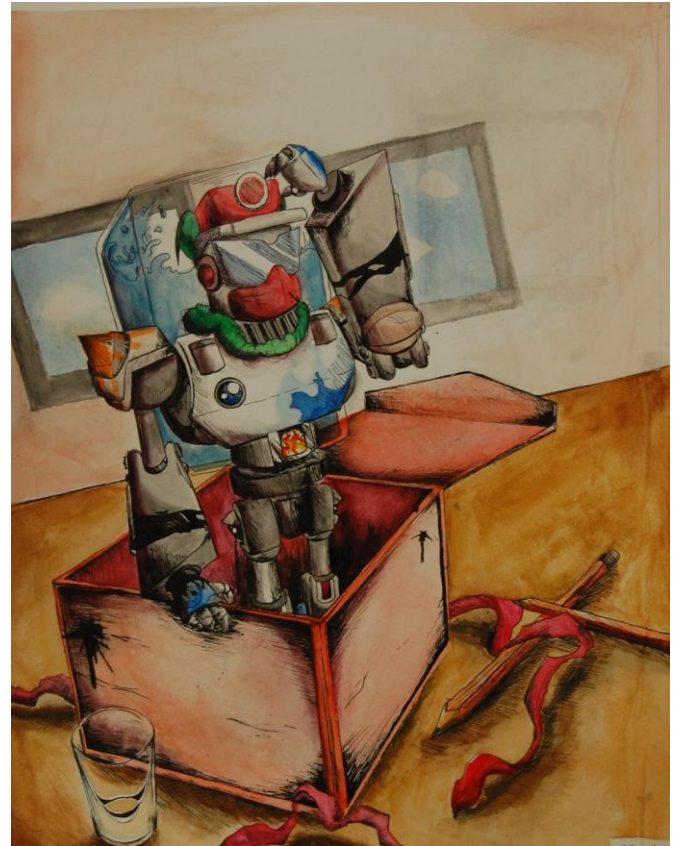
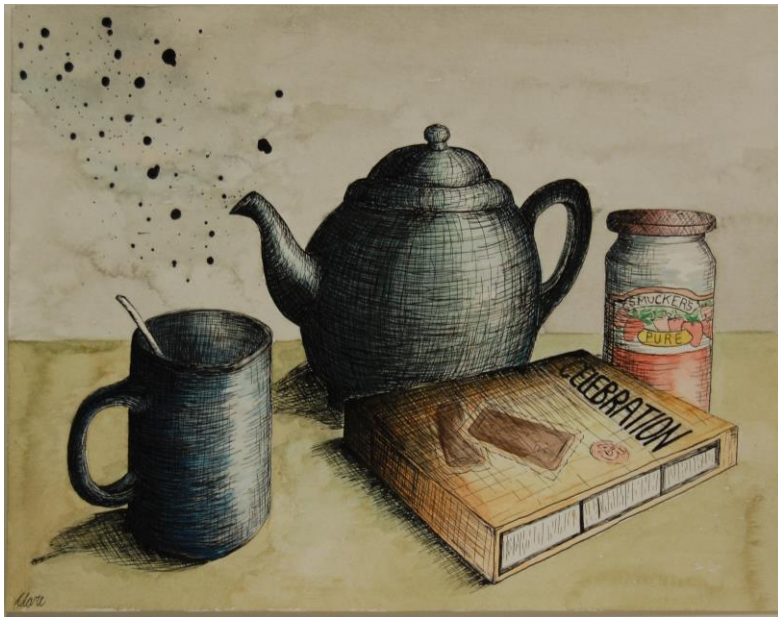
Our Earl Marriott Secondary writers continue to show their writing talents in the Peace Arch News/ Rotary Club Nonfiction Writing Contest for the Semiahmoo Peninsula. The 2019 winners are Sarah Zhang, Miranda Clark, Restum Shakiri, Olivia Canavan, Isabella Tome, Charlotte Young, Satori Yatsuda and Sierra Cowie. First prize is \$1000, second prize \$750, and third prize \$500. In addition to each of the top three students receiving money, EMS will also receive an equivalent amount and will put it towards our writing program. Congratulations to these students from Ms. Schellenberg's classes. We look forward to even more submissions for the 2020 contest. Our heartfelt gratitude to Peach Arch News and White Rock Rotary Club for providing this writing opportunity to South Surrey high school students.

Some Pics from the Art Room this term:

Starting with two point perspective boxes, students drew dishware and added objects of their own.

By Clare Go gr. 11

by Martin Nguyen gr. 11



By Annika Noringseth

We had a week of displaying our Day of the Dead Installation in October. Students helped hang the display in the main entrance between the welcome poles.



By Max Wang gr.12



by Tatiana Yakovleva gr. 12



By Janelle Ecalne gr. 12



Senior students as well as junior students took advantage of the Crow display that was set up on the art room tables. The focus of the assignment was negative space and working a wide range of values.

By Jeff Liu gr. 10



By Mary He gr.10

From the Ceramics class; we have been working on our Harry Potter Village. Students have to design the pieces with consideration to light as the inner source. These will be lit up and displayed in December in the cafeteria display cases.



Left: Aryana Neff gr. 11

Right: Ava Painter gr.11

Below: Kassandra Koot gr. 9



And in Football news...



Sam La Roue, Dean Meurrens, and Byron Ruvalcaba have been selected to play in the Nissan All Canadian Game in Calgary. They attended the Grey Cup along with 60 players selected from across Canada.

Sam, Byron, Dean along with Jason Wang, Erich Mueller and Isaiah Edwards were selected as Pacific Conference All Stars with Sam, Jason and Byron selected to the Provincial All-Star Team. This weekend, Sam, Byron, Jason and Dean will play in the Provincial All Star Game at BC Place at the Provincial Championships.

Are you ready for the HO, HO, HO-LIDAYS?



Come out to the EMS Annual Pancake Breakfast!

When? Friday, December 20

7:30 -9:30 AM followed by 45 minutes class periods

Where? The Cafeteria

What? Enjoy delicious pancakes, sausage & hot chocolate

Don't forget to bring your own mug, wear an ugly holiday sweater and stop by the gym at lunch for the Hoe-Down!

We will also be accepting non-perishable food donations for the Food Bank



Parent Advisory Council

Hello Everyone and a warm welcome to Earl Marriott Secondary School PAC!

We had a great meeting November 25, 2019 hosted by the new 2019/2020 PAC executive. Thanks to all parents who attended.

Volunteer Positions Available:

District Parent Advisory Council or DPAC representative is available– we are actively looking for someone who would like to be our PAC representative to the District PAC.

DPAC is a great way to better understand the education system and how large-scale decisions are made.

- Attend 8 DPAC Meetings a year at the District Education Centre, report back to the PAC and be EMS's voice at the meetings
- New Schools advocacy group for more funding for schools in Surrey – looking for members

BBQ Committee/PAC give-back event:

- Looking for members!
- Help the PAC host a fantastic BBQ event for the kids in Spring

PAC Website (Includes PAC Meeting Minutes):

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/earlmarriott/Parents/PAC>

Email Contact: earlmpac@gmail.com

Next EMS PAC meeting: Monday, January 27, 2020, 7:00 – 9:00 in the library

PAC meetings are a great way to stay informed on school events and information. There is still much work to do for Surrey Schools and for EMS students and staff.

EVENT UPDATE

Pasta Night

A big warm THANK YOU! to the Planning Team, Parents and Grade 12 Student Volunteers that made the 2020 Family Pasta Night a huge success!

We were able to raise \$8,409.50 toward our goal of \$40,000; needed to produce Dry Grad.

Some very happy EMS parents went home with a toy Jeep, an Apple Watch, a 1 Year unlimited Yoga membership valued at \$1,000, a Family Portfolio package from WOW Photography, and many more amazing silent auction items.

The Secret Envelopes were a sell out, with lucky winners of a White Rock Liquor Store gift box, as well as two Platinum Seating tickets for a Giants Game were won!

There were two 50/50 draws (one per seating) a very generous winner donated their portion back to the Dry Grad. Thank you!

Save the date!

Mark your calendars – next up is our **Grad Fashion Show “Cloud 9”** fundraiser on Thursday, February 27th, 2020 at EMS.

Grade 11 Parent Volunteers Needed!

We try to give Grade 12 parents a chance to enjoy the show and watch their son/daughter walk the catwalk at the **Annual Dry Grad Fashion Show on Thursday, February 27th, 2020.**

Next year will be your turn to watch your grade 12 walk the runway! To get involved and see how you can help, please email emsdrygrad2020@gmail.com.

Donations! Donations! Donations!

In order to make the various fundraising events a success, the EMS Dry Grad Committee relies on donations. If you, your business, a business contact or individual you know is able to donate

anywhere from a \$5 Gift Card to Canucks tickets, Dining Gift Cards, Gift Baskets or services please contact the Committee Co-Chairs. Thank you!

Please contact the EMS Dry Grad Committee regarding questions about the EMS Dry Grad Committee, volunteering, fundraising events, donations or the EMS Dry Grad at emsdrygrad2020@gmail.com or 778.989.2497.

Let's work together to make Dry Grad the best event yet!



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Help raise funds for our 2020 Dry Grad event and you have a chance to WIN a

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Tickets \$10 each – only 2000 tickets printed!

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For a complete list of locations and dates, please email emsdrygrad2020@gmail.com

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