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Principal's Message

October is a month that flies by in any high school, and Earl Marriott Secondary is no exception. It is the month when we dig in to all of the course work and activities that we have planned for the year, and we set goals and timelines for everything we want to accomplish by the end of the semester. The students of Earl Marriott are focused on their learning and are also busy planning activities and events to make our school fun and engaging for everyone. The next few weeks will be focused on midterm projects and post-secondary applications, but also on extra-curricular activities and fall sports. One of the best ways for students to get the most out of their high school years is by joining a club or team sport. Earl Marriott has over 30 clubs that are running this year, and many of our teams have been bringing home banners and medals at tournaments and races around the Lower Mainland.

Parents should have received through MyEd the first **interim reports** for Semester One. This first interim is an early indicator of work habits that are being demonstrated in the classroom. The interim may not necessarily reflect an established work habit, but it can be used as an early indication of attendance concerns or areas in need of improvement. Many parents came to the Parent Teacher conferences on Oct. 23rd to follow up with questions and gather more information to support their child. If you were unable to attend and would like to speak to one or more of the teachers, please send an email request. **Our first formal report for the year will be published on Thursday, November 21st.**

One of the best indicators of student success is class attendance. Our staff believes that consistent attendance is the key to success, and reflects a student's investment in their learning. At the school, we are committing to speaking with students and encouraging them, communicating to parents when there is a concern, and following through with support when needed. Parents can expect phone calls or emails from the school when classes are missed, and a letter from the administration when there have been more than 4 days total of unexcused absences. We encourage families to contact the school whenever there is an excused absence, or if there is a concern or question. Thank you for your support in helping us by encouraging your children to attend all classes, and by letting us know when they will be absent due to illness or an appointment.

Upcoming in November

- 5 **Band Concert**
- 6 **Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day**
- 7 **Remembrance Day Assemblies**
- 8 **Non-Instructional Day - no classes**
- 11 **Remembrance Day Observed**
- 13 **Early Dismissal @1:46**
- 19 **We Day**
- 20 **Grad Pasta Dinner**
- 21 **Report Cards Published**



The next few months will be important ones for **Grade 12 students** and their parents.

- The Grade 12's will be holding their first big fundraiser of the year, Pasta Dinner Night, Wednesday Nov. 20th. We encourage everyone to come out and support this event. The Grads had their second social event at the Annual Grad Boat Cruise on Oct. 10th. It was a beautiful, cold Vancouver night in the Harbour. We are looking forward to Grad Spirit week Oct. 28th – 31st.
- Grade 12 students have been attending ongoing visits from post-secondary institutions. A calendar is located on our website. Thank you to our career centre staff who bring in representatives from all of the major universities and colleges to speak with our students. UBC held their own parent evening event on Oct. 23rd in the Theatre. In addition to these university visits, students have been attending Scholarship lunch sessions on Grad information, including post-secondary decision making and dealing with the stress of deadlines and applications. If you are in Grade 12, or a parent of someone in Grade 12, please subscribe to Twitter @gradEMS for almost daily updates.
- November 5th at 6:30pm is the Annual Post-Secondary Institutions Evening. This South Surrey event is being held at Semiahmoo Secondary this year. It is a great opportunity to meet with Faculty advisors and recruitment teams from the Universities and colleges.

Fall sports are well underway at Earl Marriott. I would like to thank all the coaches that have stepped up this fall and given our athletes the opportunity to compete. School athletics doesn't happen without the support of many volunteers. Our Volleyball teams, Boys Soccer, Football, Swimming and Cross-country team have all moved forward in their divisions. The Senior Boys Volleyball team is ranked high to do well at the Provincials this year. Wednesday Oct. 30th is Senior's night here at the school, with both teams playing. Our Cross-country teams did exceptionally well in the SSSAA tournament, with our senior boys and senior girls winning the banner. Both teams then went on to win first place in the South Fraser Tournament. Best of luck this month at the Provincials. Parents can check the schedule for games and tournaments at emsathletics.ca or on Twitter @athleticsEMS.

Parents are reminded that the next Professional Day will be on **Friday, November 8th**, prior to Remembrance Day on Monday, Nov. 11th. Plans are well underway for our Remembrance Day Assemblies on Thursday Nov. 7th, and we look forward to this solemn and respectful occasion at our school.

I am excited for all of the great activities that are on the calendar for the next month together with the Hallowe'en Fashion Show on Oct. 31st. Make sure you have downloaded our school App, Maritime, and joined our school on Twitter for the most up to date information on everything that is happening at the Home of the Mariners.

Sincerely,

Claudine Davies

Proud Principal of Earl Marriott Secondary

Mari-Time



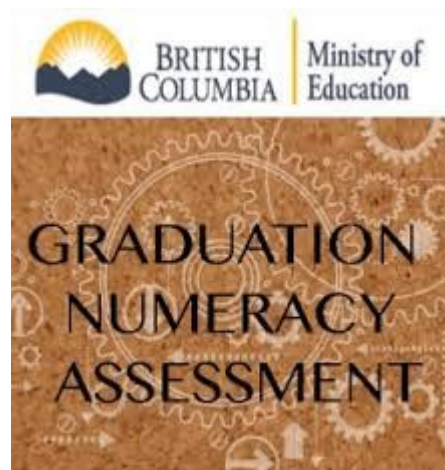
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November 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1 Grad Spirit Week ABCD Day 1	2
3	4 ABCD Day 2	5 BCDA Day 1 6:30pm @Semiahmoo 7:00pm Band Concert	6 Provincial Assessment Week Take our Kids to Work Day CDAB Day 2	7 Remembrance Day Assemblies DABC Day 1	8 Non-Instructional Day	9
10	11 Remembrance Day - no classes	12 BCDA Day 2	13 CDAB Day 1 1:45pm Early Dismissal - Assessment	14 DABC Day 2	15 CDAB Day 1	16
17	18 ABCD Day 2 6:30pm Talent Show (TH)	19 FRIM Theatre Workshops BCDA Day 1 12:00pm Grade 9 - 6:30pm Parents/Career	20 CDAB Day 2 6:00pm Grad Pasta Dinner	21 Report Card #1 Issued DABC Day 1	22 Volleyball Provincials Junior Girls (Main Gym) DABC Day 2	23
24	25 1:00pm ABCD Day 1 7:00pm PAC meeting (Library)	26 BCDA Day 2	27 CDAB Day 1	28 DABC Day 2	29 ABCD Day 1	30 To Dec 4 →



Upcoming Numeracy Assessment for any grade 11 or 12 students who have not yet written the assessment.

Students need to be able to: Interpret, Apply, Solve, Analyze & Communicate

Videos and supporting documents available online

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/numeracy-assessment>

Please see attached Numeracy Assessment Poster with more information.

Quick Facts

- The Graduation Numeracy Assessment is a new provincial assessment and a graduation requirement for all students.
- The Graduation Numeracy Assessment is not tied to a specific math course. Rather, it evaluates a student's numeracy skills developed over the course of their education.
- Students will take the assessment in Grade 10.
- Students can re-take the Graduation Numeracy Assessment to improve their proficiency score. Their best level achieved will be counted as their final result.
- Results will be reported using a proficiency scale.
- Students will access results and a personalized performance report through the [Student Transcripts Service](#).
- The Graduation Numeracy Assessment typically requires two hours to complete; however, students may use an additional hour if they require the extra time.

What do the proficiency categories look like?

Proficiency	→			
	Emerging (1)	Developing (2)	Proficient (3)	Extending (4)
	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

Will results be considered by post-secondary institutions?

Each post-secondary institution has the authority to determine admission requirements for students. Some have already indicated they will not use the Graduation Numeracy Assessment for admissions at this time. It is possible others will use it to inform decisions on admissions. Students may wish to contact the institution they are applying to for more information.

Employers may also be interested in a student's assessment results, as evidence of their achievement in numeracy.

More questions? Visit the [Ministry of Education website](#) for more information about the Graduation Numeracy Assessment, including a sample assessment and videos to help students prepare.

NEW!

Graduation Numeracy Assessment

Information for Parents & Students
December 2018



Why is there a new provincial assessment?

British Columbia has a great education system, and we have the opportunity to make it even better. BC is dedicated to maintaining its position as a global leader in education by pioneering systemic changes that prepare students for a rapidly changing world.



Universities, colleges and employers tell us they are looking for a new type of graduate—one with strong critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. That's why we are modernizing our curriculum and creating new assessments that align with the updated curriculum. The Graduation Numeracy Assessment is a key part of this new framework.

Past exams were a one-size-fits-all approach, with largely multiple-choice formats that assessed a student's knowledge based on content and facts.

The new Graduation Numeracy Assessment is more interactive and engaging. It assesses a student's understanding, application of knowledge and deeper learning, and has students apply mathematical reasoning learned throughout their education.

What is “numeracy”?

Just as we support students to become literate, we must also support them to become numerate. For the purpose of the Graduation Numeracy Assessment, numeracy is defined as **the ability, willingness, and perseverance to interpret and apply mathematical understanding to solve problems in contextualized situations, and to analyze and communicate these solutions in ways relevant to the given context.**

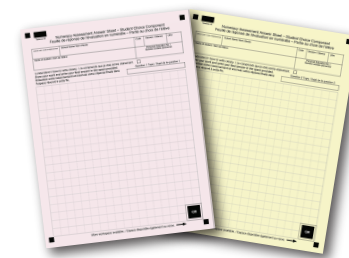
What does the Graduation Numeracy Assessment look like?

The assessment is based on mathematical concepts learned across multiple subjects from kindergarten to Grade 10. Students will use five numeracy processes (different ways of thinking and working) to solve problems: **interpret, apply, solve, analyze, and communicate.**

The assessment is delivered online and has three essential components:

1. Common component: 24 computer-scored questions completed online by all students.

2. Student-choice component: Two written-response questions completed on paper. These are deeper questions that require students to present their solutions in context, and provide detailed explanations to justify their thinking. These questions are based on the information and work the student will have completed earlier in the common component. Students pick 2 of 4 possible questions and take their analysis deeper.



3. Self-reflection component: These questions ask the student to reflect on their experience with the assessment. The process of reflection becomes part of their learning. This portion is completed online and is not marked.



How should students prepare?

There are pre-assessment activities for students to explore ahead of time and help them to prepare. These include the sample assessment and a series of videos that explain how to solve questions using the five numeracy processes.

Take Our Kids to Work Day

November 6, 2019

Grade 9 students have the opportunity to participate in this nationwide event to explore career options by job shadowing a parent, relative or friend during their work day. Students have received an information and consent package, as well as instructions for their forthcoming assignment, all of which can be found under the Careers Tab in the *Take Our Kids to Work Day* folder.

Consent Form Due to block C teacher: Oct. 28

Take Our Kids to Work Day: Nov. 6

Reflection Assignment Due: Dec. 6



English Writing Contest

The English Department would like to congratulate Inquiry 8 student Erik Mrak for his winning entry in our annual EMS Hallowe'en Writing Contest. Erik's scary story was inspired by a creepy Hallowe'en scene in our library last week. The scene was set up by Ms. Sahota's fabulously creative English Studies 12 students. Senior students read and scored dozens of Grade 8 and 9 entries and found Erik's to be "enthraling, sophisticated, and intriguing". Happy Hallowe'en from the English Department!



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Ecole Earl Marriott Secondary is pleased to announce that our « Pouvoir d'Immersion » program will, once again, continue this year to help French Immersion students achieve their academic goals.

For those not familiar with the program, a teacher will be available at *every lunch hour* to help French Immersion students prepare for tests, help with their homework and even have a quiet place to complete any outstanding work.

Please encourage your child to use this service when help is needed and to not wait until they feel completely overwhelmed. Our goal is to provide a comfortable, unassuming space where kids can get the help that they need and be surrounded by their like-minded colleagues.

This year, I am happy to say that my classroom (**room #220**) will be open every lunch hour and students are welcome to come seek help or to simply work quietly. For those students who may feel a little nervous about coming in, please encourage them to bring a friend along as well; after all, if one person needs help, that most likely means others also have the exact same problems.

All the best,

Paul Gill

French Immersion Sciences

French Immersion Peer Tutoring

Pouvoir d'Immersion.



Thank you to the almost 300 fantastic grads who have already turned in their information package. Watch your Twitter account for updates on scholarships from emsscholarships@gradEMS.

Next meeting: November 12 at lunch in the theatre

Mrs. Koehler will highlight lots of scholarships available to all students this fall, review due dates, and give a lesson on how to create your “story”. Your brand is YOU and you need to sell it! Mrs. Koehler will also give a short lesson on using innovative and creative metaphors to hook your reader on scholarship essays and university applications. Parents, PowerPoint slides and information will be available after the presentation on the school website under “Parents”, then “Scholarships”.

Grads, you've got this!

Grad Boat Cruise



The Boat Cruise was a great time for all of the grads to get dolled up and spend a fun evening together. A night of good music and good laughs and some questionable dancing. – Ashley W. Grade 12

CROSS COUNTRY



Big Results - 3 Cross Country Banners

Great results... Senior Girls win the SSSAA Aggregate Championship from the Surrey XC Season and then follow that up with a win at the South Fraser Championships! Looking forward to hearing what the Provincial Championships has in store for these girls. Good Luck to all our athletes competing at Provincials!

SSSAA Champions... Huge Win on Home Court!

Congrats to the Grade 9 Girls Volleyball team for winning the Surrey Banner today. Huge energy and great attitudes by all team members... such a treat to watch and a very deserving win for this group of athletes.

Good Luck next week at the South Fraser Championships!

Photos can be found here:

<http://www.emsathletics.ca/>

**STUDENT
VOTE**





Edge of the Knife



On October 29th, our First Nation Program showed the Haida Film, “Edge of the Knife” to our students and staff. Opening the morning session was Semiahmoo First Nation Councilor, Joanne Charles along with Earl Marriott Alumni and band members, Samantha and Leanne Wells. Renowned Haida Artist, Robert Davidson shared with all his insight and why this film is important to the Haida and the Haida renaissance within Canada. Thank you to Heidi Wood, our District Helping Teacher for bringing the film to Earl Marriott and providing further background information for our students.

Picture – Left to Right –

Dawne Kalenuik, Heidi Wood, Michael MacKay-Dunn, Robert Davidson, Joanne Charles, Leanne Charles, Samantha Charles



Parent Advisory Council

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

Do you know that just by being parents or guardians of a student at EMS you are already a member of the Earl Marriott Secondary Parent Advisory Council or EMS PAC? You are! So come out to the meetings and get involved! We hold 8 meetings a year, generally the last Monday of the month except December and June, 7:00 – 9:00 in the EMS library. Check the EMS calendar to be sure. All are welcome.

The EMS PAC's stated purpose is:

1. To promote the education and welfare of students in the school.
2. To encourage parent involvement in the school, and to support programs that promote parent involvement.
3. To promote the interests of public education and, in particular, the interests of Earl Marriott Secondary School.
4. To provide leadership in the school community.
5. To provide parent education and professional development, and a forum for discussion of educational issues.
6. To assist parents in obtaining information and communicating with the principal and staff about their child's progress or other concerns.
7. To assist the principal and staff in ensuring the highest safety standards are maintained in the school and neighbourhood.
8. To organize and support activities for students and parents.
9. To provide financial support for the goals of the Parent Advisory Council, as determined by the membership.
10. To advise and participate in the activities of School District 36, District Parent Advisory Council and the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils.

The October 28, 2019 Meeting was a busy one as it was the Annual General Meeting as well as the 2019-2020 Budget Presentation for approval and the PAC Executive Elections.

Many thanks to our outgoing executive for all their hard work over the years:

Stacey MacDonald - Co-President

Otis Hiltz – Co-President

Polly Diether – Treasurer of many years

Lakhbir Johal – Treasurer in training and de facto DPAC representative

Sam Sandhu - District Parent Advisory Council or DPAC representative

Canadian Parents for French or CPF representative - Tamsin Lehn

New schools Committee member Stacey MacDonald and past member Bob Holmes

Dry Grad Committee Past Officers – Lorinda Arsoniadis and Heidi Balla

Dry Grad Financial Officer: Chelsey Borgersen

BBQ Committee Past Officers – Stacey, Polly and Otis

Vice-Chair and Secretary Positions were vacant

**We have an enthusiastic bunch to introduce to you as our new representatives for the 2019-2020 year!
Look for more information from this dynamic group soon and heart-felt thank you for taking on these roles.**

DJ Craig – President

Andrew Homeyer – Vice President

Polly Diether- Co-Treasurer

Lakhbir Johal – Co-Treasurer

Otis Hiltz – Co- Secretary

Tanja Phillips – Co- Secretary

Lakhbir Johal – Interim DPAC representative

Stacey MacDonald– Past President

Canadian Parents for French or CPF representative - Tamsin Lehn

New schools Committee member - Andrew Homeyer (looking for more members)

Dry Grad Committee Co-Chairs: Penelope Duffield & Tammy Kennedy

Dry Grad Financial Officer: Polly Diether

We also want to thank EMS Principal Claudine Davies for her time as she comes to the meetings on behalf of the administration and we appreciate her thoughtful answers, follow up and attention to detail.

Vacancies:

District Parent Advisory Council or DPAC representative is still vacant – we are actively looking for someone who would like to be our PAC representative to the District PAC. 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 Committee: an advocacy group for more funding for schools in Surrey – looking for members

BBQ Committee/PAC give-back event: Looking for members

Guest speaker coordinator position: vacant

Website/new logo: ideas?

Our Budget for the 2019-2020 school year passed at the meeting so we are proud to be able to financially assist many groups and organizations in our school.

Current contact – this may change with new executive: earlmpac@gmail.com

Join us for Parents as Career Coaches, our first speaker/workshop of the year on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 in the Theatre from 6:30 – 9:30. Look for registration and more info soon on the EMS website.

Join us for PAC meetings – there is still much work to do for Surrey Schools, for EMS, for the staff and for our kids.
Next EMS PAC meeting Monday November 25, 2019, 7:00 – 9:00 in the library.

We have really enjoyed our years with the EMS PAC and are inspired by the new executive already!

Sincerely,

Stacey MacDonald

Out-going Co-President



What is the EMS Dry Grad?

The **EMS Dry Grad** is an overnight event at the South Surrey Recreation and Arts Centre from 10pm Saturday night until 5am Sunday morning. This event provides students with a safe, drug-free and alcohol-free environment to celebrate their graduation. It is a fully supervised fun event, sponsored by the **EMS Dry Grad Committee**.

EMS Dry Grad takes place right after the Grad Dinner & Dance. The students are transported by private bus directly from Newlands Golf & Country Club to the Dry Grad venue. The Dry Grad party offers an exciting and entertaining variety of activities such as a magician, inflatables, hypnotist, as well as music, food and a photo booth, along with amazing prizes given out at the end of the event.

The concept of a Dry Grad started in the 1980's to address the issues of drinking and driving at graduation after parties. Schools started working with parents to organize safe grads. These parties eventually evolved to a 'Dry Grad' concept that is celebrated today across the province.

The goal of the **EMS Dry Grad** is to keep the students entertained, busy and having an amazing time with their friends. A successful **EMS Dry Grad** is one where the graduates have a wonderful celebration; a fun, entertaining and memorable night with their friends without alcohol.

Who is the EMS Dry Grad Committee?

The planning and execution of the annual **EMS Dry Grad** requires the energy and devotion of a core group of Grade 11 & 12 parent volunteers who take care of the overall planning, fundraising and execution of the **EMS Dry Grad**.

The **EMS Dry Grad Committee** is comprised of up to 50 Grade 11 & 12 parents supported by over 100 Grade 12 student and parent volunteers, as well as the Grade 12 Student Grad Committee teacher advisor and school administrators.

The **EMS Dry Grad Committee** is a sub-committee of the EMS PAC and reports to the PAC monthly, but maintains a separate bank account and budget.

Please contact: EMS Dry Grad Committee Co-Chairs, Penelope Duffield or Tammy Kennedy, 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.

Ems Dry Grad Fundraisers Calendar of Events

Pasta Night	Wednesday, November 20, 2019
Fashion Show	Thursday, February 27, 2020
Plant & Manure Sale	Saturday, May 9, 2020
Duke of Earl	Wednesday, May 27, 2020
Car Test Drive	2020 TBA

EMS Dry Grad Fundraiser Donations Needed!

In order to make the various Dry Grad fundraising events a success, the EMS Dry Grad Committee relies heavily on donations of prizes and service contributions in the form of gift certificates and merchandise from the community, individuals and local businesses.

If you or your business is able to donate, please contact the Dry Grad Committee Chairs, or drop off your donations at the school office.

Your donation can be anything from a \$5 Gift Card to Canuck tickets, Dining Gift Cards, Gift Baskets or Gift Certificates for various services.

In return for your generous donation, the EMS Dry Grad Committee publishes the names of all donors in the Peace Arch News in June, as well as visual signage at the various fundraiser events.

To donate: Contact EMS Dry Grad Committee Co-Chairs, Penelope Duffield or Tammy Kennedy, regarding questions about the EMS Dry Grad Committee at emsdrygrad2020@gmail.com or 778.989.2497, or drop off at the school office.

Volunteers Needed!

Thank you to all the Grade 11 & 12 parents who have already signed up for a Fundraiser Planning Team or Volunteer duties!

Pasta Night Volunteers Needed!

Our Pasta Night fundraiser planning is well under way! Watch your inbox for the first Sign Up Genius link to volunteer duties related to the Pasta Night fundraiser on Wednesday, November 20th, 2019.

We are still in need of volunteers – from BOTH the Grade 11 & 12 parents – for planning committees, volunteer duties during the fundraisers and Dry Grad night.

We are currently looking for parents to assist with the following for the Pasta Night Fundraiser:

50/50 Raffle

Prepare and organize the 50/50 Raffle, including working with the PAC Treasurer to obtain Gaming Licence, and coordinate parent volunteers to sell the 50/50 tickets with a Grade 12 student at Pasta Night.

Secret Envelope

Prepare and organize the Secret Envelopes to be sold at the Pasta Night and coordinate volunteers to sell the Secret Envelope with a Grade 12 student at Pasta Night.

Silent Auction

Prepare and organize with the Donation team, silent auction prizes, bid sheets, contacting winners, collecting funds, answering questions about the prizes at the Pasta Night, coordinating volunteers to assist with all the above and working with the Decoration coordinator for set up of the silent auction tables.

Various Volunteer Duties

Various volunteer duties at Pasta Night from selling 50/50 tickets, secret envelopes, collecting tickets at the door, silent auction, selling drinks and lasagna's, kitchen duties, etc....

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EARL MARRIOTT SECONDARY

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!
ALL GRADES ARE WELCOME!

Pasta NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Earl Marriott Secondary
15751 16 Avenue
2 Seatings (6pm & 7:15pm)

TICKETS

\$12 in advance | \$15 at the door
Children under 5 ~ FREE

On sale November 12th to 20th at lunch
(11:20am-12noon) in the commons area.

SILENT AUCTION | 50/50 RAFFLE
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT | SECRET ENVELOPES

For information, contact emsdrygrad2020@gmail.com



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