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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The school year of 2019-2020 has brought many exciting moments and accomplishments for our students. In all of the events this year, our school community has demonstrated the pride and sense of community that has been a tradition in our school. I am constantly in awe of the many ways that Earl Marriott students demonstrate their personal learning and achievement on a daily basis. This year, with the unprecedented suspension of in school instruction, our entire community worked to continue their learning through on-line platforms and technology. I am thankful for all of the efforts and determination shown by the staff, students and parents of Earl Marriott. Your tenacity kept things moving forward, and we are now celebrating the graduation of our Grade 12's and welcoming our new Grade 8's to the school.

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, we reopened the school for face-to-face instruction. It was wonderful to see the teachers returning to classrooms, and to see the many students who came in for extra support, or to meet with teachers and work at school. On average, we had up to 100 students per day working with their teachers in class. The reopening provided for us some good learning with our Health and Safety protocols, and students who returned would have seen hand sanitizing stations and directional arrows throughout the school.

As we look towards the fall, and take the best information we have to date, we are planning for a variety of blended models for learning that would allow for transitions between one or two days a week in class, to full instruction at school. As the province moves through stages, and the Provincial Health Officer guides the Ministry, we hope to hear soon about school opening in September. Please know that we are preparing for all possibilities, and that we are taking the lessons learned through the last three months to guide our planning for the new year.

For our new Grade 8 students coming in this September, please take some time this summer to view the videos and live interviews, which can be found at @ems\_tours and @earlmarriottathletics on Instagram. Our Student Council did an amazing job capturing the Grade 8 tour on-line and showing students how fun it can be to get involved.

I want to say how proud I am of the graduates of Earl Marriott Secondary. The Grade 12 students of 2020 have stood out for their commitment to the school, and their service to the teams, clubs and programs that make up our community. We wish them all the best as they move forward to new schools and opportunities. I would like to thank the Commencement Committee for all of the work that went into supporting the preparations for our Commencement Ceremony, and, in particular, to Ms. Bakgaard, Ms. Speechley and Ms. Beveridge for overseeing and organizing the event.

Our school celebrated this month our most creative and talented authors with the **Annual EMS Writing Awards**. Their exceptional works are published in this year's **Inkblots** Anthology. Thank you to all of our students for their submissions and to our English Dept. for their work in supporting our young authors.

Together with the PAC Executive, the parents have supported many initiatives in the school this year and have brought the parents together for information evenings and community celebrations. I would like to thank all of the parents for volunteering their time to our school, in particular our executive committee for their support of our community during the school suspension period. We have many long serving PAC members 'graduating' this year. We are truly grateful for their service to the school, advocacy in the community, and their focus on supporting all of the students and families. I encourage everyone to come out to the first September PAC meeting, or join us on-line, and be part of the discussion and decision-making process in the 2020/21

At this time of year, we say good-bye to the teachers who were with us for this school year and are moving on to new positions in the District: Mrs. U. Sidhu, Ms. Brown, Ms. Gaumont, Ms. S. Gill, Ms. Ginther, Ms. Kvam, Ms. Rai, Ms. Han, Ms. Sarai, Mr. Winters, Mr. Shiels, Ms. Kaniah, Mr. Gepp, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Wood, Mr. Collett, Mr. Harnett, Mr. Panasyuk, Ms. Fast, Ms. McGowan, Ms. Hemming, Ms. Sra, and Mr. Bell. We are sad to say good-bye, but wish them all the best in their new endeavors. Hopefully, we will see many of them return in the fall.

We are very sad to say good-bye to three outstanding teachers, who will be retiring this June. Ms. Jefferson, Ms. Cassell and Ms. Manning have all dedicated incredible time and energy to their focus areas, and shared their passions with their students at EMS for many years. Ms. Jefferson is one of the original developers of the support services program at EMS, and is a strong advocate for students throughout the school. Ms. Cassell has been a long-standing member of the PE dept., and is known for her love of volleyball and her dedication to the development of our girls' teams. Ms. Manning has graced our hallways with the art from her classes, and has inspired many students over the years to pursue Visual Arts through post-secondary. They will all be profoundly missed in September.

In this newsletter, you will find important information on final report cards, summer office hours, and more. **Students will be able to view their new timetables on MyEdBC in the last week of summer, and our August School Newsletter will be posted online during the week of August 25th.** Please make sure that we have a current home address for your family and check online for any recent news.

I wish all of you and your families a wonderful summer rest. I am looking forward to working with all of you in the new school year.

Sincerely,

Claudine Davies

Proud Principal of Earl Marriott Secondary

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Ministry of Education COVID-19 Student Survey for Grade 10-12 is now OPEN

The Ministry of Education's Analytics team wants to hear from all **grade 10 - 12 students** about the educational impact of COVID-19, to better understand and support those most impacted by the disruption to in-class learning over the past Spring.

The COVID-19 Student Survey will be open from June 19<sup>th</sup> throughout the month of July and will be available in both English and French. The survey is intended to provide the Ministry direct information about the impact of the COVID-19 disruption to in-class learning on students' studies and will be aggregated into a larger report on COVID-19 related outcomes later in the year.

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/Covid.asp>

# Report Card



The final report card will be posted on MyEd BC on Thursday, June 25th at 3:00pm

## ARE YOU MOVING?

Are you moving over the summer? Are you planning on attending a different school next year? Please notify the main office as soon as possible so that we can update our records and ensure that your student records are forwarded to your new school.



## Summer Office Hours

July 1 - Canada Day - Office is Closed

July 2—August 19 - 8:00a.m –2:00pm

August 5 - B.C. Day - Office is Closed

August 24 - September 4 - 8:00am-4:00pm



June 12, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, we are currently reviewing our transportation services to ensure the health and safety of our students remains our top priority.

Given the uncertainties of our ongoing review and possible directions yet to be received from our provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry, we will likely be unable to confirm our bus capacity or ridership until some point later this summer. We anticipate that the district will continue to have a reduced overall capacity available and this could impact the number of students we are able to approve for ridership. It is likely that we will not have spaces available for paying courtesy riders.

At this time we are moving forward with bus registration for the 2020-21 school year. The registration period will be June 17, 2020 – July 17, 2020. Confirmations of seat assignments will be sent later in the summer. Should you wish to register a student that is not eligible, your request will be put onto a waitlist only. Please see the Bus Services FAQs for September 2020 document for more details regarding eligibility.

We have a new on-line application form, and we ask that all requests be completed using this method. The form can be located on your school website, or you can search the Surrey School District website by selecting Schools - Bus Services – Bus Registration Form.

The direct link is <https://www.surreyschools.ca/departments/FACL/BusServices/Pages/default.aspx>

Please note, the on-line application process will close after the deadline date of July 17, 2020.

Kind Regards,

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## School District No. 36 (Surrey) Bus Services FAQs for September 2020

### Who is eligible for free busing during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Every effort will be made to provide transportation, free of charge to areas where eligible students reside.

Grades K-3: Students that live in a residence that is located **more than** 4.0 kms from their catchment school.

Grades 4-12: Students that live in a residence that is located **more than** 4.8 kms from their catchment school.

### If my child is not eligible for free busing, is there a paid option to ride during the COVID-19 pandemic?

In order to adhere to physical distancing guidelines and safe procedures on the school bus during the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of students we are able to have on a bus will be greatly reduced. During this time we will be limiting our routes to serve eligible riders and those that currently receive busing due to unsafe walking conditions only.

### Does my child need to show a bus pass every day?

Students will be required to show their bus pass to confirm they are a registered and authorized rider. We must continue to adhere to the laws and regulations that apply to the operation of a school bus.

### Can my child bring a friend home with them on the bus?

Friends will not be permitted on the bus during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### What Exposure Control Measures have you added to the bus?

In the midst of COVID-19 the K-12 sector is taking direction from a number of governing bodies:

[Government of BC – Response to COVID-19](#)

[BC Canadian Centre for Disease Control](#)

[WorkSafe BC](#)

*Cleaning:*

- Clean and wipe down all high touch surfaces with disinfectant spray between all runs
- Full daily clean and disinfect of all areas of the bus
- Hand sanitizer will be available when entering and exiting the bus

*Loading/Unloading*

- Students sit in their own seat
- Students should be separated side to side and front to back
- Students from the same household can share seats if space is limited
- Students will enter the bus one at a time with distancing between
- Students will sit in seats identified for use and will fill the bus from the back to front to avoid passing others
- Students will exit from the front to avoid passing others
- Students are responsible for maintaining physical distancing while waiting for the bus
- Wearing a mask is a personal choice

**When can I register for busing for the 2020-2021 school year?**

*Bus registration for the 2020-2021 school year will be June 17, 2020 to July 17, 2020. If registered by the established deadline date, eligible riders will be considered for a seat in September. Seat confirmations will be provided as soon as possible before the start up of school. Those that do not register by the established deadline date may be placed on a wait list for September.*

**Where can I find more information about bus service?**

*Information is located on our Bus Services page of the Surrey School District website at:*

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/departments/FACL/BusServices/Pages/default.aspx>

**What about students with Special Needs?**

*Students with a special needs designation may be eligible for free busing on our special needs buses. Please contact your school principal for more information.*