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Principal's Message

Welcome to Quarter 2 at Earl Marriott! Our students have now all switched to their second quarter term classes, and have quickly turned their focus to their new subjects. Thank you to everyone for working hard to maintain this new pace. We learned in the first few months of school that the quarter system goes remarkably fast, and it is more important than ever to stay on top of the lessons and homework. Please reach out to your child's teachers for support and information. All email addresses can be found on our school website, <https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/earlmarriott>.

As we head into the last few weeks before Winter Break, our focus is on keeping the school safe and doing everything in our control to keep moving forward. I want to thank all of my staff for the extra effort that they take to keep students up to date during absences, the additional efforts in the classrooms to maintain the protocols for Health and Safety, and the many changes and adjustments they have made over the last few months to teach their classes in new ways and on new schedules. Every day, we continue to ask those entering our building to check their health, wear their masks and sanitize their hands regularly. Please check the Surrey School website regularly for updates. This month, our superintendent Mr. Jordan Tinney focused his message to Secondary families <https://vimeo.com/482689740>

The highlight of this month was our **Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly** on November 10th. Our students shared beautiful performances of reading and music, along with the traditional laying of the wreath. This year, the Remembrance Day Committee chose to honour the service of our Indigenous veterans, and share their exceptional stories of sacrifice and valour. We would like to thank the Semiahmoo First Nation and Councillor Joanne Charles for sharing their stories with us. We would like to also thank our own Earl Marriott Concert Band, our student council hosts, our student technology team, as well as all the teachers and students who helped to create the video script and the visual presentation.

Upcoming in December

- 18 Last Day of Classes**
- 18 Report Cards Published in MyEd**



I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight all of our Fall coaches and players. They have shown exceptional commitment to their sports, as they participate in our Athletic skills program. Our cross-country team ran in the Virtual Provincial Cross-Country Challenge. Special thanks to Ms. Ginther for supporting her group of runners throughout the season. The Volleyball and Football season has been extended, and our students are still practicing on a regular basis. Thank you to the coaches for adhering and practicing the BCSSA COVID safety rules that allow our students to play. Parents and students can get all of the sports news through the Mari-Time App and on the Athletics website, emsathletics.ca.

This month you should have received notification that the first formal report of the school year was available on November 20th. **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 second quarter, which ends on **Wednesday, January 27th**. 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 28th and Friday, January 29th. If there are concerns or questions about your child's progress, in this new quarter, please contact teachers directly by email or by leaving a message at the school. We will be having a Quarter 2 interim report on December 18th before Winter break.

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, in January. 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/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

Next month and continuing into January, important information will be given regarding course planning for 2021/2022. At the same time as our students at EMS, future Grandview students will be supported in choosing courses with their school administration. Grade 9-11 students in particular should start 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 www.educationplannerbc.ca.

Please check the December/January calendars carefully, as the end of Quarter 2 will be fast approaching once we return from Winter Break.

Claudine Davies

Proud Principal

Earl Marriott Secondary

Mari-Time



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December 2020

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Winter Break						
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Winter Break						

January 2021

January 2021							February 2021						
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	PAC Meeting 7pm		Last Day of classes in	1 Day #1	1 Day #2	
					Quarter 2 Ends	
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Grad Assessment – January 25-29, 2021 (Literacy Assessment)

The second session of the Grad Assessment Schedule is planned for Monday, January 25th – Friday, January 29th, 2021.

At Earl Marriott, we will be scheduling our current Grade 10 students to write their Grade 10 Literacy Assessments during this week.

Some of these students will be required to write their assessment on Thursday, January 28th and Friday, January 29th, which are considered Completion Days at the end of Quarter 2.

A schedule detailing the exact times when students will write at, (based on students Q2 – C-Block classes), will be published prior to the Winter Break. Parents will also receive an email, in January, indicating when their child is scheduled to write this Literacy Assessment.

Please use the following link to access more information about this assessment and to find an example of a previous exam that students may use to prepare for this assessment.

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

Students in British Columbia must complete this assessment in order to graduate with a Dogwood Diploma.

** Please note: The Grads of 2021, are not required to complete the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment, as a graduation requirement. **

Counselling Department



As we move deeper into the winter months and the pandemic continues, we are noticing an increase in mental health concerns. If your student is struggling with their mental health please reach out to their alpha counsellor so they can help to get resources and help in place.

Parents of grade 12 students, please have your student complete the Student Verification System process on line if your student is planning on going to a post secondary institution for September 2021. The instructions for this process have been handed out to grade 12 students in their A Block classes and have also been emailed to them. Furthermore, if there are questions about post secondary schools and applications please reach out to the alpha counsellor. Please follow @EMSCounselling for post secondary updates.

As a family, if you are struggling due to the pandemic because you have loss of income or work, and you are worried about the holidays, please contact Nina Sidhu in the Counselling Dept. The EMS community is committed to helping each other through this time. Please know that your request will be anonymous. We want to ensure that we are helping to make the holidays joyful for all students of our school community.

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Attention All Grade 8 Students

Over the next few weeks we will be verifying that the email addresses we have listed in MyEd for our grade 8 students are accurate so we can set up each student with their own MyEd student account. This will give each student access to the student portal to view things like their schedule, report cards and attendance records.

Grade 8 students are asked to please use this link to complete this short survey to ensure we have the correct email address entered into MyEd . Please note that this link is for student email addresses only. We have up to date records for all of our parents but require an email that the students themselves use regularly.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=z-m0CBOBDUK6B1L31N-KzWxFzrYqcuFKmitfvbNZZARURFQxSU1GM0hQWjNRTENPUEZaMIZaOFhBNy4u>

EMS Theatre is thrilled to announce our new Theatre clothing coming very soon. Finally! You can proudly wear your very own EMS Theatre hoodies, t-shirts and masks. Just in time to be the perfect Christmas gift for the EMS Theatre fan in your house.

Simply place your order by email with Candace Radcliffe at:

radcliffe_c@surreyschools.ca and then pay with our School Cash Online system. Hoodies - \$35. Masks - \$8 T-shirts - \$15. Long Sleeve t's - \$20



Our EMS Theatre Company is proud to present a holiday radio play...

Christmas Carol: A Ghost Story

This script is an inspired adaptation of the holiday classic, reimagined through joyful and theatrical storytelling. It is a classic and beloved Christmas tale told with joyful and sinister effect and it has a fresh and energetic feel. Our recorded audio production will also feature carols sung by our Musical Theatre class! AND we are excited to bring you a special 'bonus track' of our own Admin Team sharing a wonderful holiday performance piece.

Our production recordings will be streamed 'on demand' through the company, "Broadway on Demand" on December 16th and 17th for a \$5 ticket. Simply go to: broadwayondemand.com and create a free account to access our show. It is simple to do and we hope it will bring you some holiday joy in this most challenging year.

Happy Holidays to everyone from the EMS Theatre Department!



Remembrance Day Ceremonies were virtual this year at EMS with all staff and students participating in their classrooms on November 10th. This year's theme centered on deepening our understanding of the tremendous contributions made by First Peoples throughout Canada's history of war and peace keeping. We would like to thank Councillor Joanne Charles for sharing stories of veterans from the Semiahmoo First Nation and laying a wreath on their behalf. We would also like to thank Trustee Laurae McNally and Assistant Superintendent Lynda Reeve for participating. The ceremony also included a remembrance of the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. The video featured our senior wind ensemble and many contributions by staff and students in writing and video production. If you are interested in viewing this year's ceremony you can follow this link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Y95rpuyVhE&feature=youtu.be>



The Earl Marriott XC Team, led by Ms. Ginther, participated in a Province-wide challenge created by B.C. School Sports in an effort to engage students to get outside, to be physically active and virtually competing against other student-athletes from around the Province. The goal was to promote school-sport and the ability of sport to bring people together through competition, even if it was virtually and different than a traditional competition. The event had close to 2000 participants from 91 schools. Earl Marriott was proud to have 19 student-athletes compete. We were one participant short from Walnut Grove Secondary for the most participants in an A-Category school.

We are particularly proud of our Top 20 Finishers, they include:

Girls 3.0km Junior - Mia in 17th place;
Boys 5.5km Junior - Hudson in 4th place;
Girls 3.0km Senior - Julia in 11th place;
Girls 5.5km Senior - Kylie in 15th place and Grace in 17th place;
Boys 3.0km Senior - Colton in 14th place.

The XC team was very fortunate for the opportunity to train and compete this season. Many thanks go out to B.C. School Sports for their leadership in this initiative, Ms. Ginther for sharing this opportunity with our school community and the parents who supported their children in getting them to training and competition at Crescent Park. We are already looking forward to the Track Season in the Spring... hope to see you there!



Basketball



Attention Interested Basketball Athletes,

The Athletics Department is excited to announce that we are close to getting our Winter Season underway and would like to encourage students interested in basketball to sign up starting at lunch this week!

You will find specific QR Codes around the school for Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball programs, please use your phone camera to sign up via the link provided on the QR Code. Alternatively, you can visit emsathletics.ca and sign up under the Winter Season Information tab.

It is important to complete the sign up as we will be communicating with our interested athletes via the contact information provided on the digital sign up form. If you have any questions or difficulty accessing the QR Codes, please connect with Mr. Clift before school or after school in the Athletics office in between the Welcome Posts.



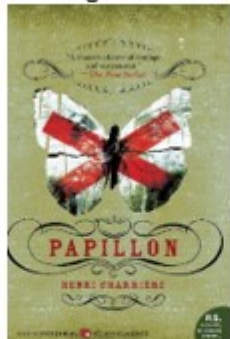
EMS Learning Commons New Books

Staff Favourite!



The story of ex-NFL star Pat Tillman, who walked away from millions and joined the US Army.

Exciting Read!



Wrongfully jailed in 1931, multiple escape attempts, will Henri ever be set free?

Coming Soon!



If you liked *Twilight*, then this is the book for you! Book 1, in a trilogy.

Audio Books & DVD's:



Based on the book by acclaimed writer Richard Wagamese & produced by Clint Eastwood.



The following items are in the lost and found bin outside the main gym:

- Black 2010 Winter Games jacket
- Green khaki –patterned coat
- Toronto Raptors sweatshirt
- Blue Helly Hansen jacket
- Zhanoa backpack
- Las Vegas sweatshirt
- Black Vans jacket
- JJ Core sweatshirt
- An assortment of runners

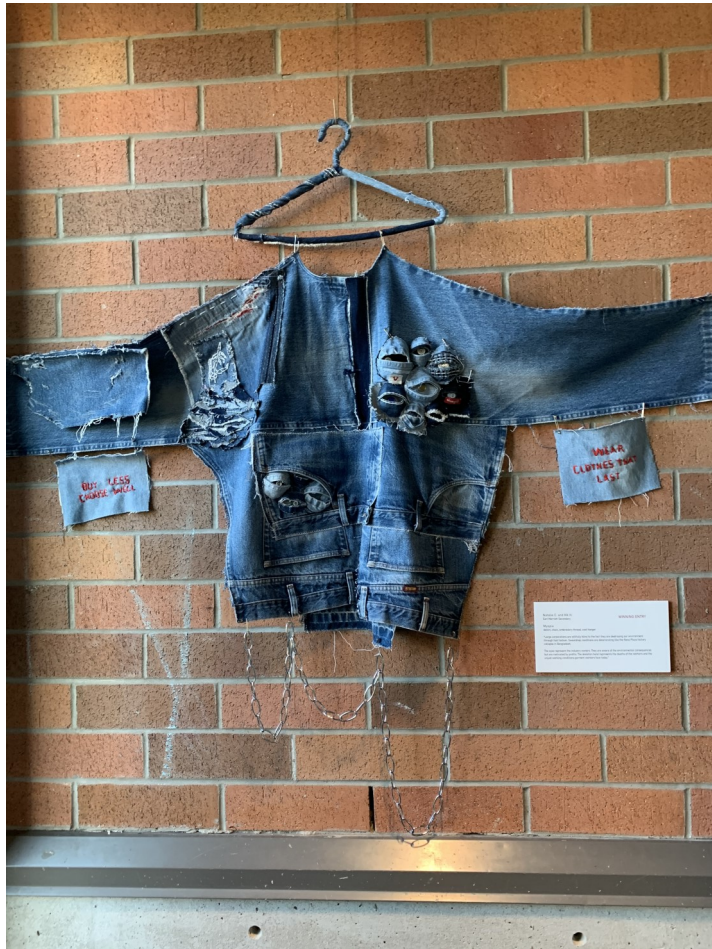
Textiles 8



Pajama shorts made by Grade 8 Textile's students. They worked hard and had fun constructing and sewing their pajama shorts.

From left to right, Lucas S., Matt H., Jacob B., Kade B., Gus S.,

Rethink Waste



In early 2020, the City of Surrey Diversion Program hosted a fun competition for students enrolled in grades 4-12. Students learned about textile waste and were then invited to get creative and use their artistic talents to make art out of old jeans.

The goal of the competition was to raise awareness about the environmental impact of producing clothing, and to discourage clothing being thrown into the landfill.

Four Surrey schools participated in the competition and collectively submitted a total of 23 projects in group and individual categories. Entries were judged by a panel of City of Surrey representatives including arts and culture professionals.

The Rethink Waste Program is one of City of Surrey's waste diversion goals. This display of contest winners and honorable mentions shows how by adopting good habits now, we can help protect our environment for the future.

Congratulations to Natalie C. and KK H. who were proud winners in this contest.

Natalie C. and KK H.
Earl Marriott Secondary

Myopia
denim, chain, embroidery thread, coat hanger

"Large corporations are willfully blind to the fact they are destroying our environment through fast fashion. Sweatshop conditions are deteriorating like the Rana Plaza factory collapse in Bangladesh.

The eyes represent the industry owners. They are aware of the environmental consequences but are motivated by profits. The skeleton hand represents the deaths of the workers and the unjust working conditions garment workers face today."

WINNING ENTRY