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Principal’s Message

Welcome Earl Marriott students and families! We have had a busy start to the school year, as so many aspects of school life get up and running, and we learn to work with the new normal in our building. As we settle into Fall, it is so exciting to have the building full of people eager to learn and get involved in school life. We are so happy to have the students back working with us in the building. Earl Marriott Secondary is known as a place where people work with energy and dedication, and the pursuit of personal excellence is evident in all of our classrooms.

Thank you to all of the parents and students for their patience as we adjusted to new timetables, new courses, sorted out bus schedules and got students quickly into their learning cohorts and classrooms. This year, our students were well on their way by the end of the first week, as each week is the equivalent of 2 full weeks in the typical school year. I want to thank my staff for all of their time and dedication in creating new instructional strategies and activities that work in compliance with the Health and Safety standards, and with the Provincial Health Officer.

Surrey Schools continues to send out Health information to parents through Video and Twitter communication. For the latest information regarding Surrey Schools, Health and Safety, and COVID please subscribe on Twitter to @Fraserhealth, @Surrey_Schools and @jordantinney.

Our dedicated PAC parents will hold their first meeting of the year to welcome new families to our school on **Monday Sept. 28th**. More information and a link to the meeting is contained in this newsletter. Please continue to check our website, www.surreyschools.ca/earlmarriott regularly for the most current information on events and messages from the school and make sure that we have an email for your family to receive notifications. Families can also get up to date information from **Twitter @EarlMarriottSec, and by downloading our free App, Mari-Time.**

Upcoming in October

- TBA Photo Retakes**
- 12 Thanksgiving - no classes**
- 23 Non-Instructional Day**
- 28 Virtual PAC Meeting 7:00 pm**

Monday, September 28th
Non-Instructional Day - no classes



Although we are not holding events with large groups, the school is seeking ways to engage the students and recognize the traditions that have become annual markers each year. Our Leadership class is busy planning a safe and distanced Terry Fox Run for the students, and we hope that as the year progresses, we will be able to refashion many of our longstanding traditions. The creativity of the staff and students is endless.

This year we will celebrate with over 350 graduates. I want to thank our Grade 12's for the maturity they have already demonstrated this year in supporting the work we do to keep the students and staff safe. Ms. Canino has been regularly sending out Scholarship information to students, and the applications have begun. If you are a Grade 12 student, please make sure to sign up for notifications on Twitter, @gradEMS

We are still revising and working through the changes for this school year. October is traditionally the time we send out our first interim and meet with parents. Please watch for a notification on how we hope to communicate student learning with parents this October, in lieu of face-to-face meetings. At any time, if you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, please email your teachers for information. Our staff email list can be found on the EMS website and the Mari-Time App.

I am looking forward to a great year!

Claudine Davies

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UBC Online Information Sessions

UBC is hosting a series of online information sessions that students and families can register for. UBC has adjusted its approach to offer many online sessions at multiple dates and times from September – December.

These are listed via this link <https://you.ubc.ca/tours-info-sessions/ubc-visits/canada/#british-columbia>, with more dates to be posted soon.

They feel this is the best option for students to access the UBC presentation as it offers flexibility and access for students and their families- given the uncertainty of how the school year will continue.

Students need to create an account to register for these sessions. It can take up to 48hrs from the time a student creates an account until they are able to see and register for the events while logged in. Only students (not parents) are able to register, but their families are welcome to join them.

If students have any further questions they can email their alpha counsellor at EMS.



This year the Terry Fox Run will look different and may not have the same energy as in previous years, however the message and importance will remain. The objective this year is to commemorate the 40th year of the Terry Fox Run while raising funds to support cancer research!

From October 6th to 8th we will be providing time slots staggered 10 minutes apart between 9:00am and 11:00am for classes to participate in the Terry Fox Run/Walk.

Donations can be made directly:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/EarlMarriottSecondary>

Cash or Cheque will be accepted as well by the students' Block A teachers.

We greatly appreciate the effort by the Student Leadership Class for organizing this year's event.

Don't forget to follow @earlmarriottathletics for updates and daily reminders!



Orange Shirt Day will be held on Wednesday, September 30th.

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in May 2013. It grew out of *Phyllis' story* of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It also gives teachers time to plan events that will include children, as we want to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations.

Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.



Two-Way Video Conferencing Parent Consent Form

On the following page of this newsletter is a consent form with regard to two-way video conferencing.

Please sign and return this form to the school if you consent to your child participating in two-way video conferencing as described in the form.

Beginning Tuesday, October 13th, IMS will begin the procedure of turning off Two-Way Video Communication for students who have not returned their consent forms.

The completed form is to be returned to the school by Friday, October 9th.



PARENT CONSENT FOR TWO-WAY VIDEO CONFERENCING BETWEEN SCHOOL STAFF AND SECONDARY STUDENTS

Your child's learning at home would benefit from opportunities for two-way video conferencing with school staff. Two-way video conferencing may also include small group or whole class participation.

With your consent, the times and manner of the video conferences will be set by the school staff in consultation with you, and these sessions will be communicated through the method decided by the school staff. Our top priority is to ensure that the best supports are in place while protecting the privacy of families, students.

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate this new reality in education. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact office administration.

Please complete the following in full and return to your child's school if you consent to your child participating in two-way video conferencing as described above.

Student Legal Name _____ Birth Date _____

School Name _____ Grade _____

I, _____, give permission for my child, _____
(parent/legal guardian name) (child's name)

to have two-way video conferences with school staff.

The following conditions are required in order to provide a safe working environment for students and staff.

I understand that:

- no video sessions shall be recorded nor any screen shots captured during any session.
- returning this completed form gives consent to two-way video conferencing between school staff and my child.
- I may revoke this permission at any time by notifying office administration via email.

Parent/Legal Guardian Full Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Telephone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Voici une annonce importante. Veuillez la faire traduire s'il vous plaît.

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이것은 중요한 통지입니다. 꼭 번역하여 읽으십시오.

Đây là thông báo quan trọng. Xin nhờ người phiên dịch.

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هذه الرسالة مهمة جداً. يرجى الطلب من شخص ما بترجمتها لك.

यह बहुत ज़रूरी नोटिस है इसका हिन्दी में अनुवाद करवाईये।

Ito ay importanteng impormasyon. Mangyaring isalin ito sa Tagalog.

To jest ważne zawiadomienie. Poproś kogoś żeby je przetłumaczył.

Noticia importante. Favor pedir que alguien se la traduzca.

請找人替閣下翻譯這重要通告。



Parent Advisory Council

Welcome Back! It is a new school year unlike any other. We all want to keep our family, friends, teachers, and administration safe and healthy. We hope all interested parents will join the first virtual PAC meeting of this school year on Monday September 28th at 7pm.

PAC Meeting Schedule

PAC meetings are typically the last Monday of the month. The proposed PAC meeting schedule for the 2020/2021 school year will be ratified at the upcoming PAC meeting on September 28th.

PAC Donations

We have the most incredible group of students, parents, teachers, and administration here at EMS. Donations to the PAC are greatly appreciated and it is your contributions that in part help make our school the wonderful community that it is. A huge thank-you to all the parents who donated to the PAC. Funds have been used to help support family's in need during this difficult time as well as a wide range of other in school initiatives such as for new equipment and additional resources to support teachers. Important decisions will be made in the coming months on where to allocate our funds please join the PAC and help guide the decision making process.

PAC Budget Committee

EMS is a large school and we are allocated substantial funds from the district annually to be distributed to support teachers and students. Requests are submitted by teachers for a wide variety of uses such as new equipment, learning initiatives, field trips, instruments, and many other items. Please attend our next PAC meeting and join the budget committee!

Any other comments, issues, topics or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the PAC earlmpac@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing everyone (virtually) on Monday at 7pm.

Meeting Link Below:

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)