

April 2021



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Principal's Message

There is a feeling of optimism as we enter the final Quarter of this school year, and spend many lunchtimes and afternoons in the warm sunshine and open air. It is amazing how far we have come since September, and we are grateful for the resiliency that has been demonstrated by our students and our staff. Thank you to all of our students and our parents for supporting us through the many changes in health and safety protocols that have allowed the students to stay in school this year.

You should have received the Third Quarter formal report card, which was posted for students and parents in MyEdBC on **Friday, April 23rd**. This year, all students will be working in their final quarter classes until **Friday, June 18th**, with an opportunity for **completion activities with their teachers June 21st – 24th**. Completion days are opportunities for students to complete missed exams, and finish off final assignments. **The Grade 10 Literacy and Numeracy Assessment** is scheduled in the last week of school, with final report cards published on Thursday, June 24th. This has been a very unusual year, with many changes and protocols, but there is always time to engage with your final two courses, and finish the year off with success. Please use all of the supports available at the school to stay focused and organized. If there are any questions or concerns about your son or daughter's progress, please contact your teacher directly through email.

Similar to last Spring, there were many events on our school calendar that have now passed us by, and many more to come where we will not be able to gather as we typically would. Our staff is busy planning two final events for the students: **Student Recognition Evening** and a **Commencement Event** for our Graduates, to honour them and celebrate this moment in their lives. We hope that, like last year, it will be a day to remember, if not exactly like they had imagined. It is important to remember that, despite all of the 'things missed', plans are moving forward as they should for many of our students and our Grade 12's in particular. We have received news that several of our students have been offered tremendous scholarships, and this month many will begin to receive letters of acceptance to University and post-secondary programs. Stay tuned for more information to come on **Commencement 2021...**

Upcoming in May

- 7 Non-Instructional Day**
- 14 Early Dismissal**
- 21 Interim Report Card Published in MyEd**
- 24 Victoria Day—no classes**
- 26 Grad Commencement**
- 31 Non-Instructional Day**
- 31 Virtual PAC Meeting @ 7pm**



Timetable and Registration 2021/2022 – We are continuing to move forward with our timetable building for September 2021. All of our students chose their courses prior to Spring Break, and will receive a verification of their courses prior to the end of the school year. The timetable is being constructed in the same format as this year: classes scheduled in the Quarter system, Grade 8 and 9 students scheduled in cohort groups, Grade 10 -12 students in afternoon Blended classes. Our hope, along with everyone, is that we will be able to return to full classes and the semester system before the year is through. We have met online with our Elementary teachers and Admin to prepare for the welcome of our Grade 8 students next year. As always, if you have concerns or questions about your courses, please contact your alpha counselor. Students and families new to the Earl Marriott area may complete a registration form online, which can be found on our website.

Our School District has implemented new Health and Safety protocols since Spring Break, in response to the increase in COVID numbers in our surrounding community. Schools that are more affected are also implementing targeted and intensive measures. At Earl Marriott, we have maintained many of these protocols since the beginning of the school year, with the support of our staff and students. The following **one-hour early dismissal dates** for 2020-2021 were approved by the Board at its meeting on April 14th, 2021:

April 30th, May 14th, June 7th, 2021

These early dismissal days are to provide an opportunity for school-based health & safety committees and school staff to review and revisit health & safety plans, discuss recommendations, and implement or adjust any COVID-19 mitigation strategies. Students will be dismissed from classes one hour earlier on each of these days.

We recognize that there are many exams and deadlines for the students as we move quickly through Spring. Please use all of the supports available at the school to stay focused and organized and check the website regularly for information about upcoming events.

- Mariner Rugby, Ultimate and Track Skills program will run throughout April, May and June. The Athletic Dept. has organized the skills program into small groups and allowed for skill building activities that maintain social distancing and safety. Please check the QR code posters around the school for more information.
- Professional Day May 7th and 31st – Classes not in session
- Commencement Event, May 26th

As I write this message, there are only **40 school days** left. Students should now be thinking about how they can plan to finish strong and meet their personal goals for the year. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact your teacher directly through email or by leaving a message through the main office.

Sincerely,

Ms. Claudine Davies

Proud Principal of École Earl Marriott Secondary

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May 2021

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 25	26	27	28	29	30	May 1
2	3	4	5	6	7 Non-instructional Day #5	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Early Dismissal Sr's 1:25 Jr's 1:55	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Interim Report Cards Issued	22
23	24 Victoria Day	25	26 Commencement	27	28	29
30	31 Non-instructional Day #6 PAC Meeting 7pm	Jun 1	2	3	4	5

Unofficial Instagram Sites

Thank you to everyone for the support with our **Social Media focus** prior to Spring Break. We are still concerned with the popularity and damage caused by **Instagram sites** that appear to be EMS sponsored, usually using one of our logos to promote their use by our students. Often the posts include racist and homophobic language, and many specific students are named in a negative way. This creates issues in the classroom and around the school through bullying and intimidation. Concerning sites include: emstea, officialemstea, ems_tea_allgrades, earlmarriotttea, real.ems.tea, ems bathroom quotes, etc.

Please talk together in your families about these sites, and examine if they have any purpose other than to create harm and spread malicious content. These sites only continue to exist because they have followers, so we encourage all of our students to unfollow any Instagram sites that are designed to support cyberbullying. The sites are definitely not EMS approved sites, and they do cause harm.



Recently, Ms. Oamen's Anatomy and Physiology 12 did a sidewalk chalk outdoor lesson for reinforcement of learning the circulatory system





FROM YOUR THEATRE DEPARTMENT:

We have been busily finding ways to keep Theatre alive here at EMS! The adventure continues with the release of our Junior One Act Play Festival on April 30.

The EMS Theatre Company proudly presents...

The Fun Acts!

A collection of 3 short plays written and directed by Grade 12 students. All starring Grade 8 and 9 students!

Please view the Fun Acts in our virtual theatre any time between April 30, 2021 to May 30, 2021

<https://emstheatre.myportfolio.com/>

The EMS Theatre Company is hosting a meeting this week to find Grade 10, 11 and 12 students who would be interested in AUDITIONS for a collection of scenes and monologues to be released in May. Students can sign up in the week of April 27. Auditions will be online on May 4. Contact Ms Radcliffe if you have questions.

All Theatre projects have been rehearsed and performed at a safe social distance, with masks on and in very small groups. We have been creative in our writing and staging to ensure that all Covid Safety protocols have been maintained.

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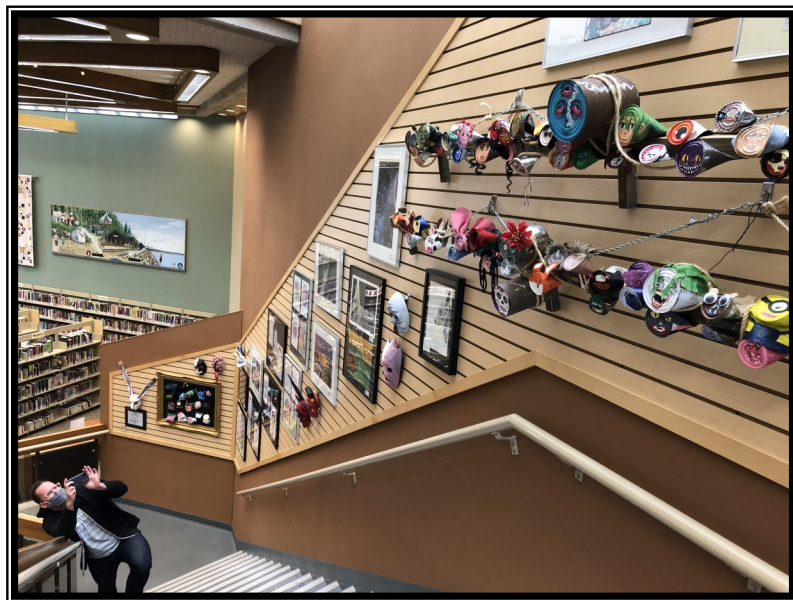




There is a Secondary student Art exhibition at the Surrey Art Gallery. This show will be open until May 16th. The Surrey Art Gallery is currently open with Covid restrictions. A video has been produced featuring student voices as well as some of the art teachers in the Surrey School District. Here is the link for a video produced to highlight this important show:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t09JesmxV0o>

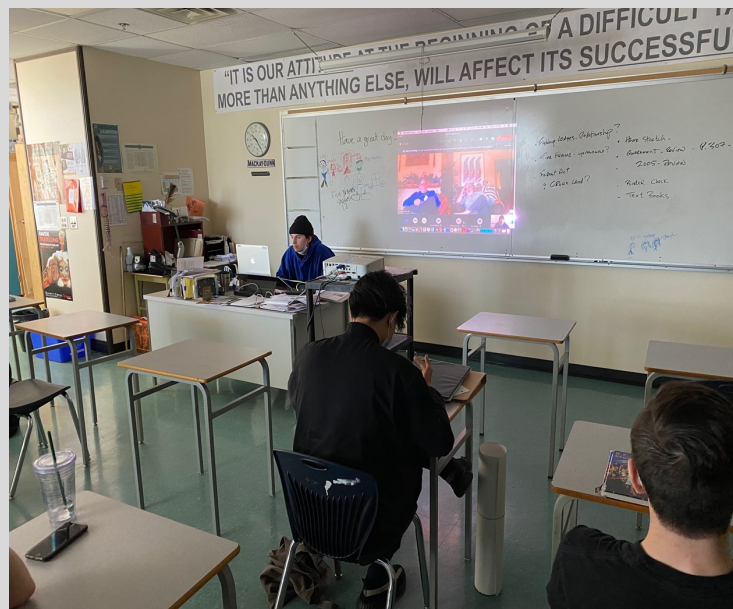
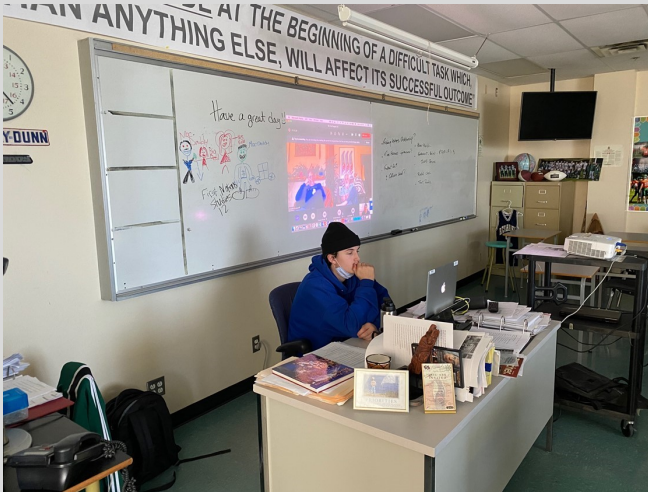
As well, Earl Marriott Secondary art and photos students have also had a show up in the White Rock library on their beautiful Art Wall for the month of April.





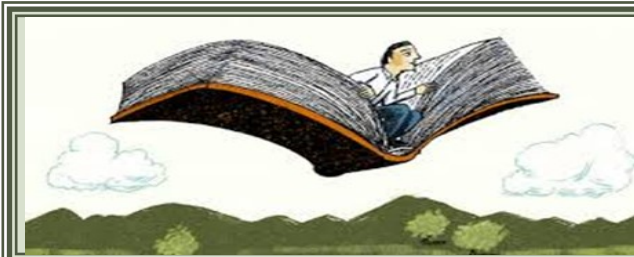
First Nation Studies

Our Earl Marriott First Nation Studies class hosted a live session this last Wednesday with Guujaaw, Hereditary Haida Chief of the Raven Clan, and Dale Lore, Port Clements, Haida Gwaii. This was the last of the three online sessions with these gentlemen. We are so grateful to them for their generosity and sharing their story with our students.





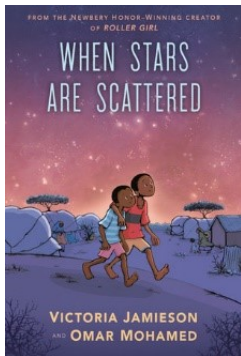
The MariTimes Newspaper is back! Every two weeks, there will be a new QR code posted on Instagram and around the school so that you can read our latest articles and writing (@maritimesnewspaper). Our school newspaper is 100% student-run, so if you want to get involved, be a published writer, an editor, a photographer, or a reporter, send us a DM on Instagram and join our club!



EMS Learning Commons

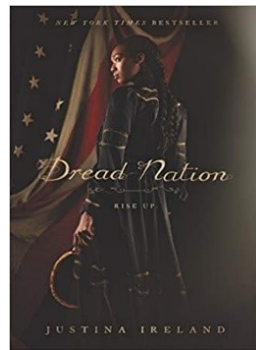
New Books

Graphic Novel: When the Stars are Scattered



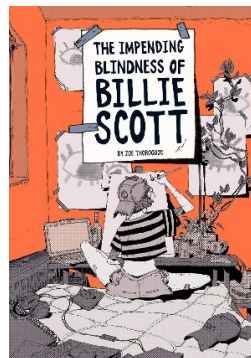
"Omar and his younger brother, Hassan, have spent most of their lives in Dadaab, a refugee camp in Kenya. Life is hard there: never enough food, achingly dull, and without access to the medical care Omar knows his nonverbal brother needs."

Dread Nation: Rise Up



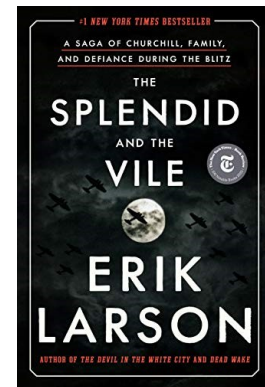
"Jane McKeene was born two days before the dead began to walk the battlefields of Gettysburg and Chancellorsville—derailing the War Between the States and changing America forever."

Graphic Novel: The Impending Blindness of Billie Scott



"Billie Scott is an artist. Her debut gallery exhibition opens in a few months. Within a fortnight she'll be completely blind."

The Splendid and the Vile



"On Winston Churchill's first day as prime minister, Adolf Hitler invaded Holland and Belgium. Churchill had to persuade President Franklin Roosevelt that Britain was a worthy ally. Churchill taught the British people "the art of being fearless."

Semiahmoo Pac Presents

Supporting our Youth in Distress



A School and Community Based Discussion

Are you a parent or young person struggling during this challenging time? Join us

May 4, 2021

6:30-8:30pm

ZOOM

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/61000145867?pwd=TzMzYVpvNFAzcWhBaGICYTZyQUJJZz09>

SPEAKERS:

Sonia Stewart - Youth with lived experience

Hear stories first hand from youth who have struggled.

Emma Carlson - SPEAC
(Suicide Prevention Education & Counselling)

Receive helpful takeaways

Asli Kucukbumin - START
(Short term assessment response treatment)

Have your questions answered by a Professional

Dr. Jennifer Mervyn - Registered Psychologist

LET'S KEEP OUR SCHOOLS SAFE

The Surrey School District recognizes the importance of face-to-face learning and is committed to ensuring our students can continue to learn as safely as possible by following all appropriate measures to limit the spread of illness.

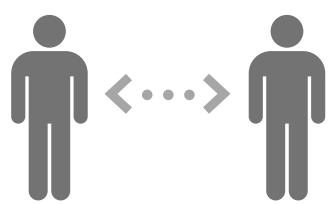
With the final quarter of the school year beginning and cases increasing in our community, it is so important that we continue to remain vigilant.

Staff and students should continue to follow health and safety protocols, including:



Check up

Do a daily health check and stay home if you are unwell. And if you have symptoms get tested.



Back up

Maintain physical distance where possible, including within your cohort.



Wash up

Wash or sanitize your hands regularly.



Mask up

All K-12 staff and students in grades 4-12 must wear a mask in all indoor areas.

Students in Kindergarten and grades 1-3 are encouraged to wear a mask.

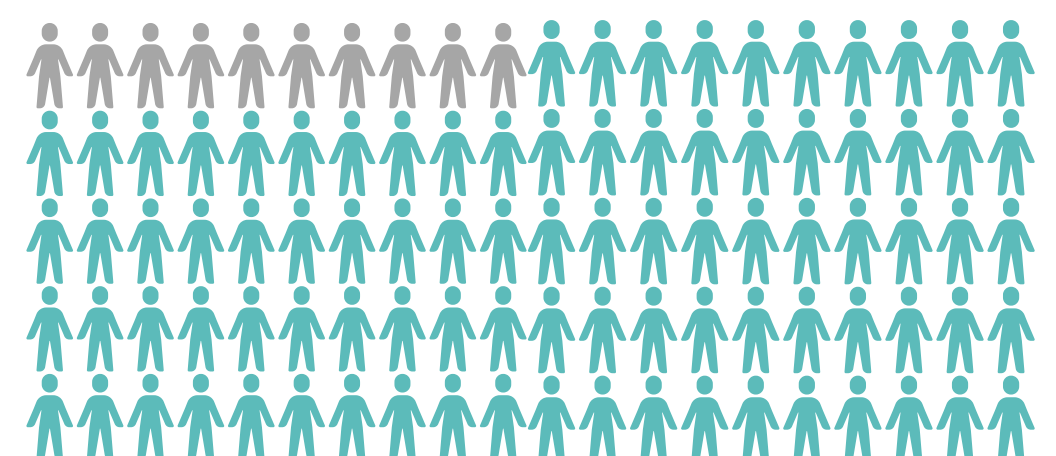
Wear your mask safely – ensure it is clean and dry, is a good fit, covers your nose and mouth fully. And remember, don't touch your face or play with your mask.

Thank you for everything that you are doing to keep our schools safe

Our schools have remained open through the pandemic. Keeping schools open keeps children and youth active and connected to their peers, which is vital to their well-being.

Our ability to remain open is a testament to the fact that our staff and students are protecting each other and following protocols consistent with public health guidelines and recommendations.

Thank you for all you do to keep our schools safe.



Over 90% of our school-based staff have received their first dose of vaccine.