

# February 2021



## Earl Marriott Secondary

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### Principal's Message

The students and staff of Earl Marriott Secondary are well on their way with **Quarter 3 - 2021**. Congratulations to everyone for all of the hard work that went into studying and preparing for assessments, finishing final assignments and wrapping up Quarter 2 courses. The final days of January were filled with presentations and demonstrations of learning from our CLC Capstone students, students completing final assignments on Thursday and Friday, and all of our Grade 10 students writing the new Literacy Assessments. I am overwhelmed with the level of commitment and passion with which everyone at the school goes about their day.

The week of **Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>**, students celebrated **Acceptance Week**. In addition to the Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> supporting Anti-Bullying and Inclusiveness, each day this week was recognized with a different colour and a theme, encouraging all students and staff to show their kindness and school spirit. Students were asked to wear black to support anti-racism, wear blue to acknowledge Mental Health, wear green for the environment, and finish with rainbows for acceptance. Thank you to our Student Council for sponsoring this positive week at our school.

We are currently completing our **course planning** with students for the 2021/2022 school year. All students are completing their course selections this year through the student portal on line. Parents can view the course descriptions on our website with their child. This is a good opportunity for everyone to review goals and plans for the upcoming year, as well as celebrate and focus on a strong finish to the current school year. An interim for Quarter 3 will be available through MyEd BC on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. This is an early indication of any difficulties with work habits. In lieu of typical Parent Teacher Interviews, there will be an early dismissal on Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> so that parents and teachers can connect by phone or through TEAMS. At any time, if you have a question or concern, please contact the teacher through their email contact, which can be found on our website. Before too long, **Spring Break** will be here **March 15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**. Students return to class **Monday March 29<sup>th</sup>**.

This month, we will be focusing on **Social Media habits** with our Grade 8 and 9 students. A letter will be sent home to all of our Grade 8/9 parents letting you know the themes we will be addressing, and inviting you to work with us to develop positive social media habits for all of our students. There can be many good things that come from Social Media, including an opportunity for safe connection during the pandemic. However, we are noticing the increased use of devices at school, and more free time to access at home, is bringing some negative behavior and interactions online between the students. For the next three weeks, we would like to challenge all of our students to track the amount of time they are spending on Social Media sites, and be mindful of the messages that they are posting.

Our next newsletter will come in April 2021. I wish all of our students and families a happy, restful Spring Break. Let's also hope for sunshine, we are ready for it!

Sincerely,

Claudine Davies

Proud Principal of Earl Marriott



### Upcoming in March

- |        |                                |
|--------|--------------------------------|
| 4      | Interim Report Cards Published |
| 15– 26 | Spring Break/School Closure    |
| 29     | School Reopens                 |
| 29     | Virtual PAC Meeting @ 7pm      |

# March 2021

March 2021							April 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
7	1	2	3	4	5	6	4	5	6	7	1	2	3
14	8	9	10	11	12	13	11	12	13	14	8	9	10
21	15	16	17	18	19	20	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
28	22	23	24	25	26	27	25	26	27	28	29	30	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 28	Mar 1	2	3	4 Interim Report Cards Published	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Spring Break						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
School Closure Days						
28	29 PAC Meeting 7pm	30	31	Apr 1	2	3

# April 2021

April 2021							May 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 28	29	30	31	Apr 1 Early Dismissal - 1:55 (Jrs) & 1:25 (Srs)	2 Good Friday	3
4	5 Easter Monday	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Grad Assessment Session - Grade 10 Numeracy and Literacy Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, Literacy 12 Assessments						
				Early Dismissal - Sr's 1:25, Jr's 1:55	Completion Day Quarter 3 Ends	
18	19 Quarter 4 Begins	20	21	22 Report Card #3 Issued	23	24
25	26 PAC Meeting 7pm	27	28	29	30	May 1



February 16, 2021



## New App Simplifies Students' Daily Health Check

Thanks to a new app, it's easier than ever for your students or their parents to complete their daily health check each morning.

Developed in partnership with Public Health and the BC Centre for Disease Control, and a group of students, the [K-12 daily health check website](#) and [mobile app](#) help students and families make the best decisions on whether to attend school, stay home, or take other measures. Questions and answers are easy to understand and are based on current health guidelines. All content is written with the K-12 age group in mind.

As indicated in the [Provincial COVID-19 Health Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#), parents and caregivers should assess their children daily for illness before sending them to school. Please share the information about the new K-12 Health Check App with your students and families to make this process easier.



## Parking, Pick-Up and Drop-Off

Due to limited Parking, as well as Pick-Up and Drop-Off space at Earl Marriott, we ask that everyone continues to drive safely and respectfully while on school property.

### Parking:

- \* **STUDENT Parking** - is only available to Grade 12 students. Purchased decals will be required on all vehicles parked in the Student Parking Area after Spring Break. (All grade 12 students will be receiving an email in regards to this.)-
- \* **VISITOR Parking** - in the West facing spaces along the Mid-Entrance of the school are for official visitors only. Please do not wait in these spaces or use them for pick-ups and drop-offs. Visitors should get a “Visitors” ticket to place on the car dashboard from the Main Office.
- ◆ **STAFF Parking** - with Staff parking being limited, please do not use these spaces for pick-ups or drop-offs, or to wait in.

### BUS LOOP:

When dropping off, picking up or driving through the bus loop, please be aware that all vehicles must yield to the busses. Please ensure that students enter and exit vehicles safely and efficiently to ensure a safe flow of traffic through the Bus Loop.

# Valedictorian

Every year a valedictorian is selected to speak at the Commencement Ceremony on behalf of the graduating students.

The Earl Marriott Secondary  
Valedictorian Selection Committee  
is now accepting applications for the

## Class of 2021 Valedictorian

Does the following description  
sound like you?



- ✓ You are an excellent representative of your Grad Class
- ✓ You have above average marks
- ✓ You are committed to your school and the community
- ✓ You have demonstrated leadership abilities
- ✓ You are a confident public speaker who looks forward to delivering a speech at your Commencement Ceremony on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

If this describes you, please put your name forward to be considered as Valedictorian. Application packages (see following page) must be submitted to Ms. Sahota (room 310) no later than 3:00pm, Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. No late or incomplete applications will be considered.

# Valedictorian Continued

If you wish to be considered for the role of Valedictorian 2021, your application must include the following two parts and be submitted to Ms. Sahota in room 310.

## Part One: Comprehensive Valedictorian Resume

\*Typed, point form; no longer than 3 pages

### Criteria:

- ✓ Good academic standing
- ✓ Demonstrates leadership qualities
- ✓ Exceptional citizenship at school and sustained community involvement



## Part Two: Valedictorian Composition

\*Typed, well written, maximum 500 words

### Criteria:

- ✓ Established representative of your graduating class
- ✓ A vision of what your role as Valedictorian looks like
- ✓ Evidence as a deserving candidate
- ✓ Theme/issue/topics your speech will address
- ✓ How your journey at EMS has influenced your experiences with your fellow classmates, memories, and life lessons

## Part Three: Short-listed Valedictorian Candidates

- ✓ Short-listed candidates will be invited to meet with the Valedictorian Selection Committee.
- ✓ Candidates will demonstrate their suitability as Valedictorian by presenting a mini-valedictorian speech.
- ✓ Themes/topics will be addressed in the mini-Valedictorian speech
- ✓ Finalists will be chosen from the Valedictorian Selection Committee
- ✓ The graduating class will vote for their Valedictorian

# MATH CHALLENGERS COMPETITION



Fun, challenging Math Competition

For grades 8, 9 or 10 students

March 8<sup>th</sup> (in the morning) in the EMS Library

(Socially distanced)

**SCAN THIS QR CODE TO REGISTER:**



See the Math Challengers Website for more information: [Math Challengers](#)

Mrs. Liang's Math Challengers Club Teams Code: cxp6xf2

# BE PART OF THE MUSIC

What does being part of the music mean? It doesn't mean you have to be an all-star musician, or even plan on going on in music after school. It means dedication, self-discipline, hard work, open doors, and opportunity. Being a part of the music doesn't just label you as a 'musician', we pride ourselves with music students who are well rounded: Valedictorians, star athletes, academic and artistically minded, all around good people. Students with goals and ambitions who support each other.

Being a part of the music means you are part of something essential to the human condition in all aspects of life. In challenging times and in times of celebration. Music is universal. It is not too late to sign up!

Email [Hermann\\_c@surreyschools.ca](mailto:Hermann_c@surreyschools.ca)



“In terms of brain development, musical performance is every bit as important educationally as reading or writing.”

- *Oliver Sacks*  
<http://ow.ly/Kagwd>

I AM  
PART  
OF  
THE  
MUSIC

#BePartOfTheMusic

Music students receive more academic honors and awards than non-music students. A higher percentage of music participants receive A's and B's than non-music participants.

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NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS, WASHINGTON D.C.

BEPARTOFTHEMUSIC.ORG



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## Parents as Education and Career Coaches

Tues. March 2<sup>nd</sup>

6:30 –8:00PM

Parents as Education Career Coaches is an interactive workshop designed to help secondary school parents become more effective career development allies for their children and to understand the post-secondary environment.

The workshop will include:

- \* A review of all the resources that are available on EducationPlannerBC.ca
- \* Supports available from post-secondary institution
- \* Tips on scholarships and financial aid
- \* Time for questions! Your questions will be answered in real-time during this virtual session.

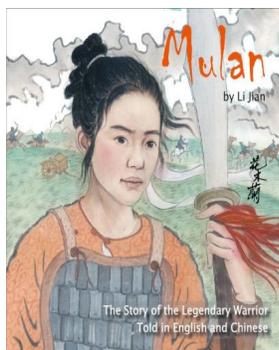
To register, visit: [https://sfu.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5Aud--hrzooH9b-8u2WxOf9r2\\_OxSVcSLqB](https://sfu.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5Aud--hrzooH9b-8u2WxOf9r2_OxSVcSLqB)



## EMS Learning Commons

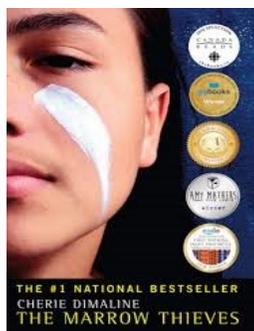
### New Books

#### Graphic Novel: Mulan



“The legend of Mulan and her bravery is captured in this book of beautiful ink paintings.”

#### The Marrow Thieves



“In a futuristic world ravaged by global warming, people have lost the ability to dream, and the dreamlessness has led to widespread madness.”

#### Set in New York City...



“*Now That I've Found You* is a YA novel about searching for answers, love, and your eccentric grandma in all the wrong places.”

#### Staff Favourite!!!



“...She helped create the most welcoming and inclusive White House in history, while also establishing herself as a powerful advocate for women.”