



**June 2023**

# Earl Marriott Secondary

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## Principal's Message June 2023

The school year of 2022-2023 has brought many moments of accomplishment for our students. I am constantly in awe of the many ways that Earl Marriott students demonstrate their personal learning and achievement on a daily basis. 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 in a positive way, and we celebrated the graduation of our Grade 12's this past month with all the ceremony and celebration they had hoped for since Grade 8.

I want to say how proud I am of the graduates of Earl Marriott Secondary. As seen at our Commencement, the Grade 12 students of 2023 have stood out for their commitment to the school, and their service to the teams, clubs and programs that make up our community. At every event this year, our Grade 12's have been complimented by the community for their positive attitude, and maturity. This is a group of students who will be well remembered by their teachers, and missed by the school. 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, Ms. Speechley for overseeing and organizing the event. Thank you also to Ms. Canino and the Grad Council team who supported the students with the best Duke of Earl night ever, and finally, helped them celebrate with the Dinner Dance this month. Thank you also goes to Mr. Haffner and Ms. McLean who have been working all year with the Grade 12's to organize tickets, busses, events and newsletters.

I would like to thank all of the parents on our PAC for volunteering their time to our school, in particular our Executive, for their support of our community during through this year of change. 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. Our PAC Hot Dog Day was a fantastic event that brought our entire school together in celebration. We would like to thank our sponsors for the event, Save-on Foods from Semi-ahmoo Center and Direct Plus Food Group, for their donations of food and drinks to our event. Thanks also to our PAC organizing parents, and all of the parents who came out to volunteer. I encourage everyone to come out to the first September PAC meeting and be part of the discussion and decision-making process in the 2023/24 school year.

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: Ms. Larkins, Ms. McNeill, Ms. Hermann, Ms. Gomez, Ms. Kelly, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Awasthi, Ms. Catalfamo, Ms. S. Gill, Mr. Jaggernathsingh, Ms. Khan, Mr. Klein-Laufer, Ms. Miller, Ms. Schmidt, Ms. VanDonkersgoed, Mr. An, Ms. Ewacha, and Mr. Panasyuk. 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 future. Special congratulations to Ms. Bensley, who will be leaving Earl Marriott this year, and taking a Vice Principal position at Guildford Park Secondary.

I will also be saying good-bye to Earl Marriott as I retire from Principal life. I have enjoyed every year at this exceptional school, including the time I spent here as a Vice Principal in 2008, and feel privileged to have worked with some of the most amazing students and supportive parents. It has been a great honour for me to be part of such a transitional moment in the lives of so many young people. I cannot speak highly enough of the wonderful people who work in this building, and the care that they show each day for the students. I will miss hanging with my incredibly hard-working and compassionate team, Mr. Haffner and Mr. Campbell. Best wishes to the new Principal, Mr. Graham Magnusson. We would like to welcome him to our Administration team for 2023-2024.

In this newsletter, you will find important information on final report cards, summer office hours, the upcoming September calendar, 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 28<sup>th</sup>. School begins again on Tuesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, with Grade 9-12 students coming for one hour at 12:00 – 1:00. Grade 8's will come earlier from 10:00 – 11:00.** Please make sure that we have a current home address and email 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 hearing about all your success in the next year.

Sincerely,

Claudine Davies

Proud Principal of Earl Marriott Secondary

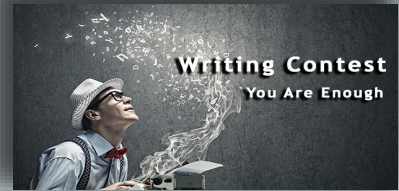
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## WINNING WRITERS 2023



### CBC NOVEL CHAPTER ONE CONTEST

Congratulations to Ruby for being shortlisted in the CBC Novel Chapter One Contest. One of hundreds of contestants Canada-wide, Ruby was shortlisted as one of the top ten entries in Canada.

### ANNUAL EMS WRITING COMPETITION

Thanks to our many writers who entered the annual writing contest this year. Our awards were held Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> in the Wheelhouse Theatre. We'd like to thank our sponsors, including Daniel To and Surrey District Mental Health and our Parent Advisory Committee for their generous contribution. We'd also like to thank Arts Umbrella South Surrey/Granville, who provided a full scholarship summer program to our overall winner, as well as summer scholarships to our top writers in each division.

Grade 8 Prose: Feifan, Lucy, Evy, Anna, and Gabby

Grade 8 Poetry: Lucy

Junior Prose: Aiden, Jaden, Lauren, Dhruv, Sara

Junior Poetry: Cadence, Prabhnoor, Dhruv, Alexis, Maya

Senior Prose: Audrey, Aidan, Marley, Kristina, Lowan, Khadija

Senior Essay: Andrea, Connor, Abigail

Senior Poetry: Sahara, Daedalus, Josie, Audrey, Trinity, Cadence, Khadija, Danika, Stefan, Sameera

Arts Umbrella Scholarship Recipients: Grade 8 - Lucy; Grades 9/10 Dhruv; Grades 11/12 Aidan  
Overall Earl Marriott Writing Contest Winner 2023, Mr. Earl Marriott Prize Recipient, and winner of full scholarship for summer course of their choice: Audrey

### PEACE ARCH NEWS/ROTARY CLUB

Thanks to Rotary and Peace Arch News for their South Surrey/White Rock Grade 11 Student Essay Contest. Earl Marriott competed against the other high schools in our area. We placed first and third. Daniel (Danny) received one thousand dollars, and Cassandra three hundred dollars. Our English department will also receive thirteen hundred dollars.



Earl Marriott Secondary student Dhruv Mehta wins First Place in the National Concours d'Art Oratoire!

Earl Marriott Secondary is pleased to announce that Grade 10 student Dhruv Mehta is the first place winner of the Canadian parents for French 2023 national finals of *Concours d'Art Oratoire*. A total of 28 students from seven provinces and territories were eligible to participate in the national finals taking place virtually. First place winners from each provincial or territorial competition submitted an original video speech to compete among students from across the country in one of five categories. This is a fantastic accomplishment for one of our students. Dhruv has placed first in Core French on the National stage, and we are so proud of him.

Dhruv's award winning speech can be seen on Youtube, following this link:

<https://cpf.ca/en/concours-dart-oratoire-2023/>



## Earl Marriott Secondary Student Awarded Prestigious Scholarship

Surrey (June 22, 2023) – Melissa Christianson, a student at Earl Marriott Secondary School, has been awarded a \$45,000 post-secondary scholarship with The Cmolik Foundation in recognition of her achievements in overcoming adversity and excelling in her studies. The Selection Committee was impressed with Christianson’s application, her academic goals, and her future career aspirations. The award recognizes and honours Christianson’s hard work and commitment with this financial award and is keen to support Christianson pursuing interests in degree in Nursing.

*Ms. Ashleigh McNeill, secondary counsellor at Earl Marriott Secondary School describes Melissa’s character as “what sets her apart from other students. She shows a level of maturity far beyond her years. Melissa understands the value of giving back to her community which is shown through her role as a student coach, as well as her volunteer work in her local community. This clearly demonstrates her leadership abilities as well as her ability to work with others in a cooperative environment”, Ms. McNeill adds, “I have thoroughly enjoyed working with such a conscientious, self-aware, mature and motivated individual.”*

*Ms. Christianson plans to, “obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Vancouver Island University, I choose the healthcare field because I want to help and care for others, and nursing offers the opportunity to make a real difference in people’s lives.”*

The Cmolik Foundation believes in the power of education to transform a student’s life journey. In addition to providing students with the funding to realize their dreams, the Foundation provides students with a Mentor, a supportive community of scholarship peers and alumni, as well as access to ongoing special events and professional opportunities. Students become part of a larger community dedicated to their post-secondary success.



# Navigators School-Wide Reading Challenge

Congratulations to our top readers of the 2022-2023 school year!

Get your books ready for September, Navigators, and check outside Room 105 for how to win prizes for reading. All students in all grades are welcome to participate!

<b>Navigators</b> <i>School-Wide Reading Challenge</i>				
<b>LEADER BOARD</b>				
<b>Overall Rankings 2022-2023</b>				
<b>Ranking</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b># Books Read</b>	<b># Pages Read</b>
1	Chanelle H	12	43	17394
2	Claudia P	10	24	8230
3	Mirabel C	9	20	7571
4	Warren S	12	16	4767
5	Summer O	9	21	4605
6	Lily O	10	8	3387
7	Tanveen S	10	11	2955
8	Abby D	11	7	2301
9	Kate H	11	5	1919
10	Inaya J	10	4	1354
11	Leon Z	9	4	1347
12	Hannah I	10	4	1089
13	Brianna S	10	3	786
14	Jeremy D	10	2	690
15	Sofia H	10	2	590
16	Jack D	10	2	527
17	Ella B	12	2	414

The Grassroots Green Club is pleased to have met their goal this year in establishing four self-watering garden boxes in our school's courtyard! The boxes contain native plants that enhance the beauty of the space and provide students with the opportunity to learn more about their natural surroundings. This goal could not be achieved without the dedicated club members, the LEO Club, the generous contributions of our school's PAC, and community members from Sunnyside Acres Heritage Society, especially Roger and Cynthia. The club would also like to thank Ms. Davies for her guidance and support.



### **Mr. Jaggernathsingh's Student of the Month & Year Program**

Each month, a student in each of Mr. Jaggernathsingh's classes is selected as the Student of the Month.

The student stands out as exceptional by exhibiting excellent work habits, completing their homework, and making very insightful contributions to class discussions, and is a role model and leader in the class. Congratulations to the following students who have received the May and June Student of the Month Award and the Student of the Year Award:

Block A – Social Studies 9

May: Fenton P

June: Ryan H

\*\*Student of the Year: Finley E

Block A -Entrepreneurship 12

June: Sabrina B

\*\*Student of the Year: Ella C

Block D – Social Studies 9

June: Jiayi S

\*\*Student of the Year: Ibrahim S

Each student has had their picture taken, and the photograph is proudly placed on Mr. J's Wall of fame in our classroom for all to see! All Students of the Month and Year were treated to a Pizza Lunch on Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup>!

# Report Card



The final report card will be posted on MyEd BC on Thursday, June 29th 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

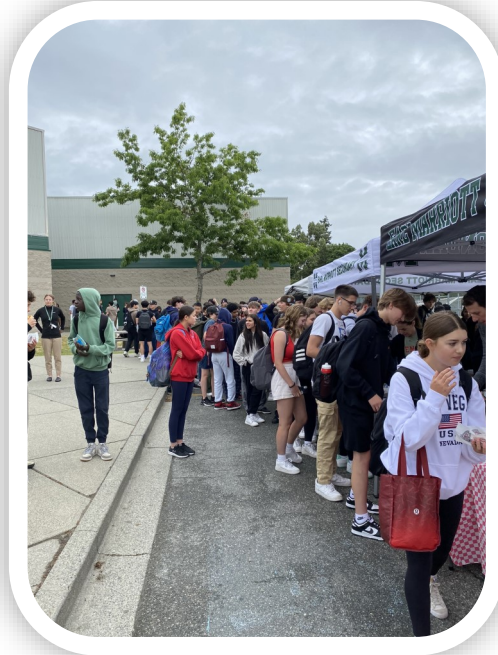
July 4—August 25 - 10:00am–2:00pm

July 3 - Canada Day in lieu - Office is Closed

August 7 - B.C. Day - Office is Closed

August 28 - September 1 - 8:00am-2:30pm

# June Events at EMS





# Information for Parents and Caregivers

## K-12 Student Reporting

**When you were in school**, were you asked to memorize information and repeat it on a test, only to forget it soon after? We now know learning is not just memorizing – it's being able to use what we know and apply it in real-world settings. Universities, colleges, and employers today care more about how students think than how many facts they can repeat.

### BC's Curriculum

The learning students do today is more complex than ever. British Columbia redesigned the provincial curriculum to respond to the needs of today's learners. The curriculum continues to give your child a strong foundation in reading, writing, and math. But it also teaches your child how to think critically, communicate, solve problems, and use their knowledge in ways that both matter in school and will matter in a rapidly changing future.

The new curriculum has been in place in all grades since 2019, but report cards and the way student learning is communicated haven't really changed for decades. Report cards are now changing to align with the curriculum and to help ensure that every student in the province is set up for success in their learning.



### Classroom assessment

You may remember getting a letter grade or percentage at the end of a chapter in your textbook or after a test, signaling to you that learning had come to an end. Today we know that learning doesn't stop when students hand in an assignment or complete a test.

### We also know that:

- student learning can be communicated in ways other than letter grades
- teacher feedback on student learning can help students continue to learn
- students are more engaged when they have a say in how they show their learning



That's why students will receive marks on a four-point scale from Kindergarten to Grade 9. Students in Grades 10-12 will still receive a letter grade and percentage to support their entry into post-secondary education. And reporting for all students will now include self-reflection and goal setting.

### Report Cards

These changes mean that report cards might not look the same as when you were in school. But the information you will now receive will provide a complete picture of what your child can do, where they need to improve, and how you can support their learning. Reporting in this way will ensure that students focus on learning instead of competing for marks.



## What is consistent?

5 reporting events (3 written and 2 informal reports, such as parent/caregiver-teacher conferences)

Letter grades and percentages at grades 10-12

Written feedback grades K-9

Student self-assessment of Core Competencies grades K-9

## What is evolving?

Inclusion of the graduation status update at grades 10-12 on the end of year report card

The consistent use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale by all districts at grades K-9

Written feedback at grades K-12

Student self-assessment of Core Competencies and goal-setting grades K-12



## The Provincial Proficiency Scale

If your child is in Grades K-9, you won't see letter grades on their report card. Instead, you will see information on where your child is on the Provincial Proficiency Scale. The scale uses the terms "Emerging," "Developing," "Proficient," and "Extending" to describe student learning. The scale maintains high standards for student learning.

### Emerging

Emerging means your child is beginning to understand something in an area of learning. They are still learning but may need more support to move ahead. Emerging doesn't mean your child is unsuccessful in this area.

### Developing

Developing means your child understands some things in an area of learning but still has other areas to work on. Like Emerging, it doesn't mean your child is unsuccessful in this area.

### Proficient

**Proficient is the goal for your child.** It's also the goal for all students. When your child is Proficient, it means they fully understand the required learning. But it doesn't mean their learning stops.

### Extending

Extending is when students show a deeper understanding. It's when your child is able to apply their learning in new and different ways. Extending is not the goal for all students in every area of learning.

## For more information:



Email

[student.reporting@gov.bc.ca](mailto:student.reporting@gov.bc.ca)



Website

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

## SEPTEMBER SCHOOL CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Schools open 10:00 AM Gr. 8 10:00-11:00 am/Gr. 9-12 12:00-1:00 pm				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			8:30 AM Student Photo Day			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		6:00 PM Gr. 12 Parent Night		11:20 AM University of Alberta - Career Centre	11:20 AM Vancouver Film School - Career Centre 2:00 PM Terry Fox Run	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Non-instructional day				Orange Shirt Day 11:20 AM Gustavson School of Business - Career Centre	



# Earl Marriott Secondary

## Bell Schedule 2023-2024



**(8:25 Warning Bell)**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 – 9:51	A	B	C 8:30-9:38	D	A-D
9:51 – 9:56			9:38-9:43		
9:56 – 11:18	B	C	D 9:43-10:51	A	A-D
11:18 – 12:01	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch 10:51-11:34	Lunch	Lunch
11:56-12:01			11:29-11:34		
12:01 – 1:23	C	D	A 11:34-12:42	B	A-D
1:23 – 1:28			12:42-12:47		
1:28 – 2:50	D	A	B 12:47-1:55	C	A-D
	(Day 1)	(Day 2)	(Day 3)	(Day 4)	(Weekly Rotation: Days 1-4)



# Earl Marriott Secondary

## Early Bell Schedule 2023-2024



**(8:25 Warning Bell)**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 – 9:36	A	B	C	D	A-D
9:36– 9:41					
9:41 – 10:48	B	C	D	A	A-D
10:48 – 11:31	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
11:26-11:31					
11:31– 12:38	C	D	A	B	A-D
12:38 – 12:43					
12:43 – 1:50	D	A	B	C	A-D
	(Day 1)	(Day 2)	(Day 3)	(Day 4)	(Weekly Rotation: Days 1-4)



## 2023-24 Surrey Schools calendar

Legend	
	Schools open/reopen
	Non-instructional day (no classes)
	Schools closed

Sept. 5, 2023	Schools open
Sept. 25, 2023	Non-instructional day
Oct. 2, 2023	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
Oct. 9, 2023	Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 20, 2023	Non-instructional day
Nov. 10, 2023	Non-instructional day
Nov. 13, 2023	Remembrance Day
Dec. 25 - Jan. 5, 2024	Winter break
Jan. 8, 2024	Schools reopen after winter break
Feb. 19, 2024	Family Day
Feb. 23, 2024	Non-instructional day
Mar. 18 - Mar. 22, 2024	Spring Break
Mar. 25 - Mar. 28, 2024	School closure days
March 29, 2024	Good Friday
April 1, 2024	Easter Monday
April 2, 2024	Schools reopen after spring break
May 3, 2024	Non-instructional day
May 20, 2024	Victoria Day
May 27, 2024	Non-instructional day
June 28, 2024	Administrative day/schools close

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