

Earl Marriott Secondary

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Principal's Message

To the Earl Marriott School Community,

It has been a quick trip from the beginning of school to yesterday's Halloween celebrations. The kids have now hit their stride though. We have already celebrated successful athletic events, recorded academic milestones and engaged kids in more clubs than one could count. Thank you to the entire community for supporting this year's school start up.

Last week was our Informal reporting week and you should now have some sense about how your students are doing in their classes. Our next report will come on November 22nd and will include proficiency scale indicators and letter grades where applicable along with strength-based descriptive comments about student progress. As usual, these reports will be available through MyEDBC. If you are having difficulty logging on now, please connect with the school prior to November 22nd.

This week we also hosted our first Parent Learning Evening on the topic of Artificial Intelligence. Thank you to those parents who attended. We hope it was worthwhile. Our next Learning Evening will be on Tuesday, November 28th at 6pm on the topic of social media. Our guest speaker, Mr. Jesse Miller will also be speaking to Grade 8 students on this same topic during the school day.

The 2024/25 Parent Advisory Committee also met and elected an executive this week. Thank you to all those that volunteered to be part of this vital group. Meetings are monthly and always open to EMS parents and families. It's a great way to keep up to date on school events and the issues we are tackling. I also report out on various aspects of the school at each meeting. The next meeting is in our school library at 7pm on November 25th . See you there!

All the best.

Graham Magnusson

Proud Principal

Upcoming in November:

- **6** Gr. 9 Take Our Kids to Work
- 7 Remembrance Day Assemblies
- 8 Non-Instructional Day—no classes
- 11 Remembrance Day—school closed
- 14 Early Dismissal @2:03
- 21 Grad Pasta Dinner
- 22 Formal Learning Update Published in MyEd
- 25 PAC Meeting @7:00 pm—Library
- 28 Jesse Miller Presentation @6:00—Theatre

Upcoming in December:

- 2 Football Banquet & Awards
- 4&5 One Act Play Festival
- 10 Winter Jazz Band Concert
- 11 Winter Athletic Banquet
- 17 Winter Concert Band
- 18 Holiday Craft Market 2:00-5:30
- 20 Waffle Breakfast/Last Day before Winter Break

Upcoming in January:

- 6 School Re-opens
- 14 Gr. 7 Parent Night @ 6:00 Theatre
- 24 Semester 1—Last Day of Classes
- 27 PAC Meeting @7:00 pm—Library
- 27&28 Course Completion Days
- 29 Semester 2 -First Day





We would like to thank our new Vice Principal, Ms. Pam Sandhu for investing in school culture with the recent addition of our school signs for events at EMS! The signs were on display at our recent volleyball games this week and will become a permanent fixture at all our events promoting positivity and school spirit! This along with the energy of our parents and students at events has enhanced the environment in the gyms around the District helping support youth sport.







pejbjerglund Danish Gymnastics

In the summer of 2023, I was contacted by Sophie Gronmyr of South Meridian Elementary School about the Danish Gymnastics travel team, Dejbjerglund seeking local schools to visit and perform for along their tour of Western Canada and USA.

We met numerous times via Zoom meetings to discuss the concept and plan the details together of a single performance in October 2023 and this year we extended their visit to include two nights and one full day together.

Their most recent visit was extended to include billeting athletes for two nights and two performances including the elementary schools involvement in a practical workshop where students in grades 2-7 were invited to join the team on the floor for gymnastic activities and dance.

We would like to thank the host families in opening their homes to the athletes and all local schools for joining us in sharing in this special event which has created so many happy memories for the future Mariner students!

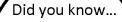




SCHOOL-WIDE

Reading Challenge

- √ Any grade!
- ✓ Any book! (over 100 pages)
- √ Read books!
- √ Win prizes!
- √ Get smarter!



The **navigator** is the person who steers the ship or directs the driver.

The navigator is usually the smartest person in the group.

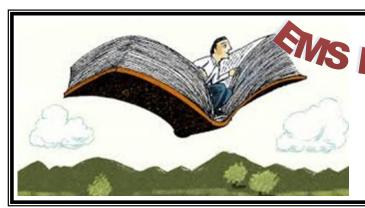




Instructions:

- 1. Scan the QR code
- 2. Fill out the form for **every** book you read.
- 3. Check outside Room 105 every month for status updates.

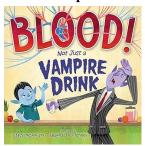
Questions? Ask Ms. Ganshorn in room 105 or email ganshorn_s@surreyschools.ca



Vis Learning Commons

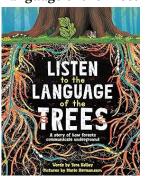
New Books

Blood: Vampire Drink



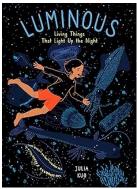
A illustrated book about a thirsty vampire who just wants a pint of Opositive. With a little help from a friend, he'll realize that blood isn't a beverage. Humans need it! Blood delivers oxygen and nutrients, helps fight off infections, and so much more.

Language of the Trees



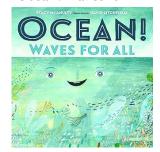
This captivating book explores the real connection and communication that runs underground between trees in the forest. The well-researched details about trees' own social network will help readers see that the natural world's survival depends on staying connected.

Luminous



When it's dark out, we need light to see. But what if your body could make its own light? An introduction to an extraordinary natural phenomenon, Luminous sheds light upon how truly wondrous the world is.

Ocean! Waves for All



Dude. Ocean is incredible. Atlantic, Pacific, Artic, Indian, Southern—it's all excellent Ocean! Not part of any nation, his waves are for all. And under those waves, man, he holds so many secrets. With characteristic humor and charm, Stacy McAnulty channels the voice of Ocean.

Mr. Jaggernathsingh's Student of the Month and 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 September Student of the Month Award:

Block A - CLC 12 - Emilie F.

Block B - Marketing 11 - Kaia G.

Block C - Social Studie 8 - Kushal B.

Block D - English 9 - Layne M.

Congratulations to the following students who have received the October Student of the Month Award:

Block A - CLC 12 - Marina G.

Block B - Marketing 11 - Kyan A.

Block C - Social Studies 8 - Dev B.

Block D – English 9 – Yier T.

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!

The EMS Dry Grad 2025 Fundraising has begun! We're back with the Purdy's fundraiser and encourage you to help make this the most profitable fundraiser yet!

This is the perfect opportunity to get a head start on holiday gift shopping while supporting our EMS dry grad (you can't go wrong gifting someone those delicious Sweet Georgia Browns!).

Placing an order is easy! Follow the link below, include your email address and make your selections... https://fundraising.purdys.com/1985404-121273

Deadline to order: Monday November 25th, 2024

On behalf of the dry grad committee, we thank you for all your support!







Our annual Grade 8 and 9 Hallowe'en Writing Contest was a great success. The scary scene set up by Mrs. Sahota's English Studies 12 students inspired nearly one hundred short stories to be entered into the contest.

The English Department would like to congratulate this year's winner, grade 9 student Kelly Oh. Her suspenseful short story, "Through the Glass", presented a creative storyline and utilized vivid, descriptive language. The judges were captivated by her well-written story. Congratulations Kelly!













The French Immersion grade 10 students in Mme LaRoche's class are asking questions on French CBC radio every morning with regard to our next BC elections! The Green party leader and the NDP leader have been answering their questions in French! You can listen back to their questions and answers via OHDIO – Phare Ouest 97.7 Radio-Canada

https://ici.radio-canada.ca/ohdio/premiere/emissions/phare-ouest/segments/rattrapage/1873487/entrevue-avec-remi-leger-questions-electorales-etudiants

Dear Parents,

Your child's high school years are some of the most formative, exciting, and challenging moments of their life. What if you could play a direct role in shaping that experience? By attending the Parent Advisory Council (PAC), you can!

Here's why you should consider attending:

- **1. Stay Connected:** High school can feel like a whirlwind, and as parents, we often feel disconnected. Attending PAC meetings allows you to stay informed about school events, policies, and changes that directly impact your child.
- **2. Be a Voice:** Your input matters! By joining, you'll have a say in school decisions and initiatives, ensuring that the concerns and needs of parents are represented.
- **3. Foster a Stronger Community:** The PAC brings together parents, teachers, and staff to create a supportive environment. By getting involved, you're helping to build a positive school culture where students thrive.
- **4. Support Student Success:** Through event planning and volunteering, the PAC directly impacts programs and activities that enrich students' academic and social lives. Your involvement helps provide valuable resources and opportunities for all students.
- **5. Set an Example:** Show your child the importance of being active in the community and taking responsibility. When they see you involved, they'll understand the value of participation and leadership.

Whether you have a little time or a lot to give, there's a place for you on the PAC. Your skills, ideas, and passion can make a difference!

Join us in making our school a better place for our students and their families. Together, we can create an environment where every student can thrive.

We look forward to welcoming you to the team!

Sincerely,

EMS PAC





3rd Annual Holiday Craft Fair!

Held by the Grassroots Green Club

Wednesday, December 18th from 2pm-5:30pm in the cafeteria



SCAN ME

Fresh baked goods! Handmade crafts!



Last-minute gifts!



Stop by with some cash or sign up to be a vendor (alone or with a group) with the QR code! 10\$ for a table and you can keep all the proceeds!

Students who would like to be vendors at this event:

Deadline is December 1st