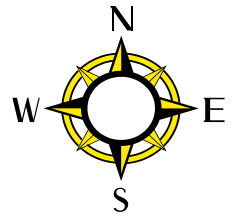


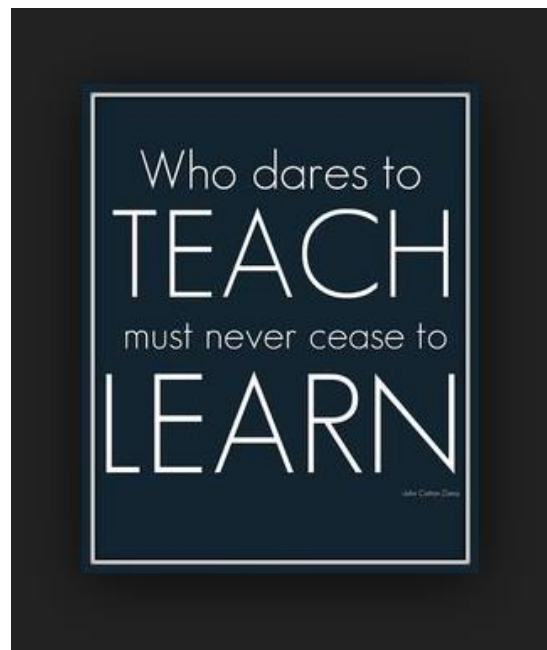


FRIDAY COMPASS



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Quotation Of The Week:



The Week Ahead:

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| Monday , May 15, 2017 | Articulation Meetings with Associate Schools |
| Tuesday , May 16, 2017 | Articulation Meetings with Associate Schools Duke of Earl: 7:00pm |
| Wednesday , May 17, 2017 | Articulation Meetings with Associate Schools Band Spring Concert: 7:00 pm |
| Thursday , May 18, 2017 | Articulation Meetings with Associate Schools Jazz Band Spring Concert: 7:00 pm |
| Friday , May 19, 2017 | Articulation Meetings with Associate Schools Grade 7 Parent Tea & Tour, 10:00 – 11:00 am |

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, May 13 – Dry Grad Plant, Manure and Trunk Sale, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Monday, May 22 – Victoria Day, no classes
Tuesday, May 23 – Commencement Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 24 – Commencement
Friday, May 26 – Term 3 Ends, Grade 7 Parent Tea & Tour, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Kudos to:

Congratulations to Julia Albert and Danika Unger at the recent Concourse D'Art Provincial Competition. Both girls should be very proud of themselves. Julia placed second out of a tough field of 13 very strong competitors. Well done girls!



Also, congratulations to Julia Albert, Danika Unger and Cameron McDonald, who have been chosen to participate in the 2017/18 Encounters with Canada Program. Encounters with Canada is the country's largest youth forum. Every week of the school year, 120 to 148 teens from across Canada meet in Ottawa where they discover their country, learn about Canadian institutions, meet accomplished Canadians, explore career options, develop their civic leadership skills and live an extraordinary bilingual experience. Congratulations to our students on being selected for this leadership opportunity!

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This Week at EMS - Principal's Message: May 8th – May 12th:

Good morning, I hope your week was full of interesting challenges and meaningful achievement! The pace of the school year always picks up at about this time, and this is certainly the case at EMS. Throughout the week we have been absorbed in thought and conversation and planning for next year, coordinating this year's various graduation activities, celebrating school spirit through special traditions, and continuing to provide meaningful and engaging educational experiences for our students. Life at EMS is full.

On Wednesday evening, the EMS Sr. Rugby team hosted this year's Junior Prom for our Grade 10 students at the Semiahmoo Fish and Game Club. The evening was a wonderful success. Approximately 140 grade 10 students, all dressed in their finest, enjoyed a delicious Greek dinner and an evening of dancing. The students were excellent ambassadors for our school and appreciated the chance to socialize with their fellow Mariners. I would also like to recognize Mr. Roberts and the boys Rugby team for your role modeling and hard work in making the event possible.



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On Thursday, we had an opportunity to meet with the District's MyEdBC team to learn more about the configuration of the new Family Portal. Our hope is to launch the family portal by the end of the school year. This will provide parents/guardians with much information on attendance, course requests, timetable, demographic records, report cards and more. Stay tuned for more information as we roll out this new functionality.

This week many of our students have been writing their Advanced Placement exams. The students have demonstrated discipline and academic excellence as they have worked their way through this very rigorous curriculum. We wish all of our AP students the very best on their exams! Good luck Mariners.

Today we begin the Grade 7 parents/guardians "Tea and Tour" meetings. The Tea and Tour is a great opportunity for me to meet with incoming Mariner Families in an informal and relaxed forum to talk about the qualities of our school. Parents/guardians have an opportunity to meet the principal and ask questions. This includes a walk through the school for parents to see Earl Marriott Secondary in action. There will be additional sessions offered over the next three Friday mornings. Please call the office to register in advance.

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This week I had the chance to drop by and visit our Power Technology 9 class. Students were constructing hydraulic arms. It is a fascinating project.



All staff, students, and parents/guardians are invited to join us tomorrow, Saturday May 13th in the school parking lot for the annual EMS Dry Grad Plant Sale. This is an important fundraiser for this year's Dry Grad celebration. Come out and purchase some plants for your garden and support our graduating class. (We are hoping for a sunny, dry day ☺... keep your fingers crossed!)

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I would like to conclude with a special Administrative Announcement and congratulate Vice Principal Ms. Diane Christensen on her reassignment to Vice Principal, North Surrey Secondary as of July 1st. Diane will be greatly missed at EMS. Her leadership and support of students and staff over the past 5 years has made such a significant impact on an entire community. Earl Marriott Secondary will greatly miss her caring, student-centred philosophy, friendship and strength. We wish her all the best in this exciting time of change and her new learning journey at North Surrey Secondary.

We welcome Mr. Doug Ratzlaff, current Vice Principal at North Surrey Secondary, to Earl Marriott Secondary who will be joining the EMS Administrative team. We know he will be warmly welcomed into our very special Mariner community.

Enjoy your weekend!

Ken

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“To value the most precious treasures of Earl Marriott Secondary School: the minds, hearts, and well-being of its people.”

“ Mettre de l'avant les valeurs qui font la fierté de EMS: l'esprit, le coeur et le bien-être de sa communauté”

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