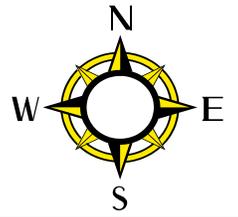




## FRIDAY COMPASS



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### Quotation Of The Week:

*"The principal goal of education is to create individuals who are capable of doing new things, not simply of repeating what other generations have done."*

*Jean Piaget (1896-1980) Swiss cognitive psychologist.*

### The Week Ahead:

<b>Monday</b> , May 29, 2017	Professional Development Day PAC Meeting: 7:00pm - Library
<b>Tuesday</b> , May 30, 2017	Term 4 begins Grade 7 Tours: 9:00am Staff Meetings: 2:30pm/3:45pm
<b>Wednesday</b> , May 31, 2017	Grade 7 Tours: 9:00am Aboriginal Honouring Ceremony: 5:00pm – Bell Theatre
<b>Thursday</b> , June 1, 2017	Grade 7 Tours: 9:00am
<b>Friday</b> , June 2, 2017	Grade 7 Tours: 9:00am Grade 7 Parent Tea & Tour, 10:00 – 11:00 am

## **Upcoming Events:**

Thursday, June 8 – Athletic Awards, 5:30 – 8:30pm

## **In the News:**

### [South Surrey grad writes a winner](#)

Peace Arch News

Posted May 25, 2017

Earl Marriott Secondary's Cindy Zhang earns top spot in national writing contest.

### [Earl Marriott Mariners edge Lions for Fraser Valley rugby crown](#)

Peace Arch News

Posted May 23, 2017

South Surrey senior boys move to quad-A level, set to face Shawnigan Lake in provincials.

## **Kudos to:**

Congratulations to Mr. Roberts and our Senior Boy's Rugby team on winning the Triple A Fraser Valley Rugby Championship against archrivals Yale Secondary. Well done team and all the very best in the quad-A Provincials!

## **This Week at EMS - Principal's Message: May 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 26<sup>th</sup> :**

The summer weather has arrived! It is a glorious Friday morning at Earl Marriott Secondary and our students and staff are enjoying all of the excitement of the season.

During the past week, we have been absorbed in planning and conversation regarding next year's structures for the school. The Bell Schedule Review process has been an important discussion across our entire school community.

On Tuesday evening, we hosted our 'Bell Schedule Review' Parent Forum. I would like to thank all participants for taking the time to join us and provide your feedback. The discussion was valuable with many questions surfaced and reviewed. We hope that everyone found the evening to be informative. I would also like to thank the staff for your significant engagement in this process and for your helpful feedback. The District will be communicating the decision regarding next year's Bell Schedule today. This will be distributed under a separate letter to the community and found on our website.

Tuesday afternoon was very exciting for the graduating class as we held our Commencement ceremony rehearsal. It was a very real reminder that their time as an EMS student is coming to a conclusion and their lives as adults is about to begin. All students practiced their part of the ceremony, received their graduation gowns, and staff had the opportunity to review important reminders about the upcoming graduation events.

On Wednesday evening, we held our 2017 Commencement Ceremony at Chandos Pattison Auditorium. This was a beautiful venue for our graduates and their families. I would like to thank organizing teacher Ms. Bakgaard for all of your work and leadership, and the many staff volunteers on the organizing committee for your dedication to this important evening. For me, Commencement is a highlight of the year. It symbolizes all that we do as educators, as families, as a community. It is so gratifying to see the successful results of our work together. I am always very optimistic when I see the EMS graduating class at the end of the year, and consider the influence they will have in our future world. It was a powerful celebration for public education.

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On Thursday, we held our Fire Drill. The weather was very cooperative, and the students and staff were all accounted. Thank you to all staff and students for your assistance with this drill.

On Thursday, I had the chance to participate in the final Code Blue Club workout of the year. This was another highlight for me as I did my best to keep up with our Code Blue students. I would like to thank Constable Derrick, Special Constable Caley, Ms. Gregerson and Mr. Lee for your participation and support of this special group. To all the Code Blue students - your efforts over the past year have inspired me. We can accomplish amazing things when we work together. Thank you for your commitment and encouragement. Good luck at the finale today!

This morning we hosted our Tea and Tour for Grade 7 parents. Next Friday at 10:00am will be our final tour. Parents/guardians of Grade 7 students are reminded to contact the office to pre-register if you would like to join us.

Monday will be a Professional Development Day. We will see students on Tuesday morning.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend!

Ken

**Mission Statement:**

*“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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