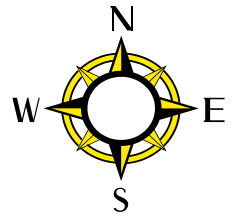


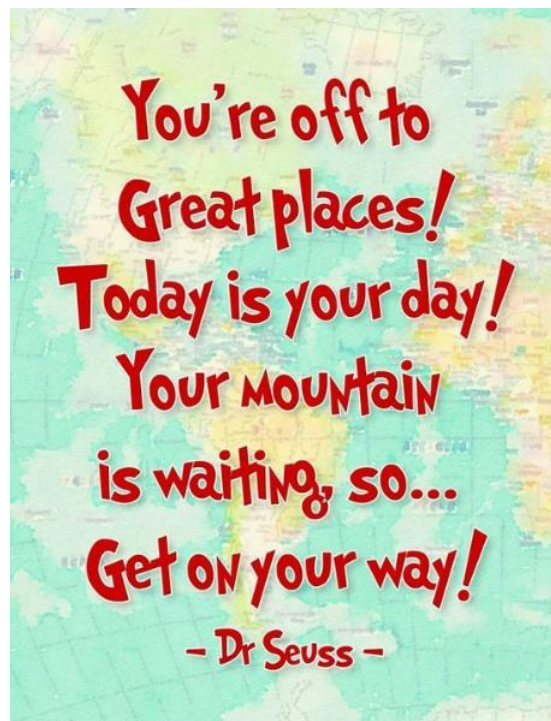


FRIDAY COMPASS



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Quotation Of The Week:



The Week Ahead:

Monday, July 3, 2017	School Closed – Statutory Holiday
Tuesday, July 4, 2017	School closed for the summer. Office Hours: 8:00am – 2:00pm
Wednesday, July 5, 2017	School closed for the summer. Office Hours: 8:00am – 2:00pm
Thursday, July 6, 2017	Report Cards distributed online through Parent Portal School closed for the summer. Office Hours: 8:00am – 2:00pm
Friday, July 7, 2017	Student Pick-up of Honour Roll certificates and attachments School closed for the summer. Office Hours: 8:00am – 2:00pm

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Upcoming Events:

Parent Portal



This is an important message to parents/guardians regarding the distribution of final report cards.

Report cards will be distributed online through the new MyEdBC Parent Portal. Report cards will be available on Thursday, July 6th.

In order to access the portal, parents are required to log in to set up your account and reset the temporary password. All parents received an email on June 12th with your login and password. The email was sent from sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca

Please look for this email and set up your account. If you did not receive this email, please contact the office for assistance.

This Week at EMS - Principal's Message: June 26th – June 30th:

Hello Mariners!

It is June 30th, the final day of the 2016-17 school year, and I would like to wish the entire Earl Marriott family the very best for a wonderful summer! Over the past year we have accomplished so much as we have all worked and learned together. We can all be very proud of the 2016-17 school year at EMS. The school has been a gathering place for our community and has played such an important role for us all.

As this is my final official day as Principal of Earl Marriott Secondary, and as I reflect upon my last 3 years as a Mariner, I am reminded of the critical importance of our public education system. I am reminded of the influence that our school plays in the lives of our students and their families. I am reminded of the value of "The School As Community"...

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This verse speaks directly to this value, and of the power and importance of our Mariner community.

Somewhere, there are people to whom we
Can speak with passion, without having
the words catch in our throats.
Somewhere a circle of hands
Will open to receive us,
Eyes will light up as we enter,
Voices will celebrate us whenever we come
Into our own power.
Community means strength that
Joins our strength
To do the work that needs to be done.
Arms to hold us when we falter.
A circle of healing.
A circle of friends.
Someplace where we can be free.

*Starhawk, DREAMING THE DARK
From Calling the Circle, Christina Baldwin*

Over the final week of the school year, we have been completely absorbed with year-end activities and celebrations.

On Saturday afternoon through Sunday morning we joined our graduating students and their families and guests to our first ever Family Celebration, and then at the Graduation Banquet, and then Dry Grad and then the Grad Breakfast. It was a long and very special evening of celebration. I would again like to thank the many staff and parent volunteers who put in countless hours of time to plan and host these graduation events. Our EMS grads of 2017 looked wonderful and were very fortunate to celebrate in such style!



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On Monday our Humanities Co-Op students, “The Co-Operators” held their annual Awards and Celebration night. This has been such a positive program and tradition in our school. Thank you to Ms. Coulas for your caring guidance and support of our Co-Op students.

On Tuesday afternoon, EMS held our first ever “minimal garbage” locker clean-out. Thank you to all students for your high levels of environmental friendly cooperation as we were able to clean out our lockers while diverting most items to recycling. Great work everyone!

On Tuesday, the sun was shining, and our PowerTech 9 class were launching their rockets. Great fun had by all!



The last day of regularly scheduled classes was on Wednesday. We noticed many smiles across the building and throughout the day as students and staff considered their summers ahead. It was an exciting day of farewells and best wishes. We held our annual Awards Ceremony on Wednesday evening recognizing close to 400 students with departmental awards of excellence. Again, this year, our gymnasium was full of proud family members and happy students. It was an honour to congratulate our students for a year of hard work and great success.

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And after a very busy semester completion day with student tutorials, report card creation, cleaning, moving classrooms, and many other year-end tasks we have arrived at our final day of the year.

Our Staff meeting today provided a very important opportunity for us to recognize the importance of our work, of our colleagues and of our school. I would like to take this final opportunity to recognize the hard working and dedicated staff of Earl Marriott Secondary. You are difference makers; you change lives and you build community. Our students are so fortunate to belong to this family of Mariners. Thank you for all you do; I wish you all the very best.

To our students; enjoy your summer. Rest, relax, have fun, and be safe. Enjoy all that summer offers. Know that the Earl Marriott Secondary family will be ready to greet you in September for another year of learning and celebration.

All the best,

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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