

EARL MARRIOTT SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal:

To the EMS School Community,

Our Mariners are in the think of it in terms of learning, playing, performing, and engaging with the community. As May begins and we accelerate towards yearend, we can see excellence and achievement on all sides. Since my last message, Mariners have participated in Math contests, written literacy and numeracy assessments, and organized some wonderful student conferences. All of this on top of the day-to-day learning that Mariners do in their classes. We celebrate them in their efforts and admire them for going above and beyond.

Mariners have also travelled around the globe in search of rich learning experiences. School trips to Spain and Portugal to expand language learning opportunities were well attended and represented the school well. The EMS Junior and Senior Bands also made trips to Sun Peaks and Victoria respectively. These experiences allow Mariners to harness their strengths and engage with the world in a way that allows them to grow. They were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to the EMS staff who worked tirelessly to make these experiences memorable.

Mariners also put on a wonderful spring production, A Midsummer's Night's Dream. Having seen it firsthand this performance was outstanding. The entire cast wowed the crowd from top to bottom! We look forward to what next year has in store.

Finally, EMS will host its 52nd Commencement Ceremony on May 20th at the Chandos Pattison Auditorium. The entire staff congratulates the 300+ grads that will be crossing the stage into the next phase of their lives. We are grateful for the many many hours of work of our volunteer team that come together each year to make this culminating event happen.

Let's finish strong, Mariners!

Sincerely,

Graham Magnusson

Principal

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

May 1 – Pro-D Day, No Classes

May 7 – Jazz Café Concert 6:30-9:00 pm - Commons Area

May 9 – Dry Grad Plant Sale

May 20 – Commencement @Chandos Pattison Auditorium @6:30 pm (Grads arrived @5:45 pm)

May 25 – Pro-D Day, No Classes

May 25 – PAC Meeting 6:30 - Library

May 29 – TedX Inspirational Speakers 4:00-7:00 pm - Theatre

June 3 – Duke of Earl 7:00-9:00 pm - Library

June 5 – Relay for Life Cancer Event 3:00-8:00 pm – Lower Field

June 11 – Spring Band Concert 6:30-9:00 pm – Main Gym

June 12 – Yearbook Distribution/PAC Hotdog Day

June 13/14 – Family Celebration, Grad Dinner/Dance & Dry Grad

June 19 – Last day of Classes

June 23 – Student Recognition Evening 6:00-8:00 pm – Main Gym

June 24 – Grads Who Inspire Us Luncheon 12:00-1:00 pm - Library

From Randy J's Student of the Month:

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:

February Students of the Month Awards:

Block A – English 8 - Heena B.

Block B – English 8 – Eve M.

Block C – English 11FP – Heya M.

Block D – English 11 FP – Anna M.

March Students of the Month Awards:

Block A – English 8 – Khalena L.

Block B – English 8 – Emma M.

Block C – English 11 FP – Aaliyah C.

Block D – English 11 FP – Yara P.

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! Also, students will be treated to a pizza lunch at the end of the semester.

From Our PAC Committee:

Reminder of the last EMS PAC meeting for this school year, at 6:30pm in the EMS library:

May 25

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) monthly meeting, 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. PAC is also a place that can support parents whose child may be having trouble at school. PAC being a place where parents can share their experience with other parents.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Support Student Success:** The PAC supports programs and activities that enrich students' academic and social lives. Your involvement helps provide valuable resources and opportunities for all students.
- 4. 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! We are looking for volunteers for the EMS BBQ in June.

From Our Learning Commons:

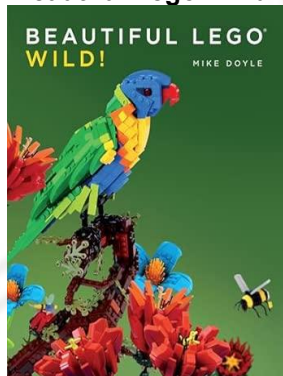
Check out our featured books from our resident Librarian, Mr. Schmidt. Students are encouraged to utilize the many resources at our Learning Commons!!

Made in Korea



There's nothing Valerie Kwon loves more than making a good sale. Together with her cousin Charlie, they run V&C K-BEAUTY, their school's most successful student-run enterprise. With each sale, Valerie gets closer to taking her beloved and adventurous Halmeoni to her dream city, Paris.

Beautiful Lego: Wild!



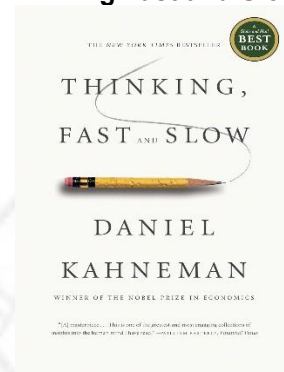
Scenes from nature spring to life in Mike Doyle's latest curated collection of LEGO art, *Beautiful LEGO: Wild!* From botanical marvels to adorable critters—such as a sea otter family made from 3,500 LEGO pieces—every page is sure to delight the artist and naturalist in all of us.

Padawan



Obi-Wan sets out on a mission alone, determined to prove himself. He encounters a pack of feral, Force-wielding teens who seem to be the mysterious planet's only inhabitants. As he experiences wild freedom, Obi-Wan can't escape the nagging sense that something is wrong with the Force there.

Thinking Fast and Slow



Two systems drive the way we think and make choices, Daniel Kahneman explains: System One is fast, intuitive, and emotional; System Two is slower, more deliberative, and more logical. Examining how both systems function within the mind, Kahneman exposes the extraordinary capabilities.

From Our Dry Grad Committee:

Class of 2026 DRY GRAD Update

The end of the school year is in sight – we will be capping off with our EMS Grads of 2026 with their Dry Grad event on June 13/14 at the Rec Centre following the dinner and dance. We have two last main fundraisers that support our Class of 2026 and their Dry Grad Event - we encourage any and all to attend these events! Please accept our heartfelt thanks for supporting our fundraising thus far. Our fundraisers at EMS are long standing traditions and great fun.

May 9th EMS Plant Sale

Time to stock up for all your spring flower needs – there will be online and in person shopping options. See the poster for details.

June 3rd Duke of Earl

Then we will cap off the year with the much-anticipated Duke of Earl – a Saturday Night Live type of talent show. This is a night not to be missed.

Any questions about anything Dry Grad related, please connect with us at emsdrygrad2026@gmail.com. Send us your email so we can add you to the list for up-to-date information.

