

# EARL MARRIOTT SECONDARY

## NEWSLETTER

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### Message from the Principal:

It was a jam-packed few months since our last newsletter! Mr. Magnusson has sent out a letter to all parents this morning (Friday, February 6). Please refer to that for his update this go around 😊

### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- January 28<sup>th</sup> – First Day of Semester 2
- February 6<sup>th</sup> – Semester 1 Final Learning Update Published (4pm)
- February 11<sup>th</sup> – Junior Dance (Grade 8-9) @ EMS 6:30pm
- February 16<sup>th</sup> – Family Day – No classes
- February 20<sup>th</sup> – Pro-D Day – No classes
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> – PAC Meeting
- March 4<sup>th</sup> – Grad Fashion Show – 7pm
- March 11<sup>th</sup> – Senior Dance (Grade 10-12) @ EMS 6pm
- March 16<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break – No classes
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal (@ 2:03pm)
- April 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> – EMS Theatre presents “A Midsummer’s Night’s Dream”
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Semester 2 Learning Update #1

## From the Theatre Department:

Earl Marriott Theatre Company is very proud to present ...

### ***A Midsummer Night's Dream***

**By William Shakespeare**

We are thrilled to announce that SHAKESPEARE is back at EMS! We are very happy to welcome audiences to see our exciting production of, ***A Midsummer Night's Dream*** from April 14-17, 2026.

As a teacher and director I am truly excited to be working with our students on Shakespeare's greatest comedy. We are looking forward to welcoming audiences to our production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, a play that sparkles with comedy, magic, and just the right amount of mischief. This story invites you into a world where fairies meddle, lovers get delightfully mixed up, and nothing goes quite as planned—often with hilarious results. Beneath the enchantment and laughter is a genuinely relatable story about the foolish things we do because of love and jealousy. It is a tale filled with characters we can't help but root for, as they long for love and adventure and to make their dreams come true. These themes feel just as relevant today as they did in Shakespeare's time. In a world that can often feel heavy, this play offers a joyful escape and a chance to laugh at the beautiful absurdity of being human. To heighten the fun, we've woven in touches of 1980s pop music, adding energy, nostalgia, and an extra layer of playful surprise. Our hope is that you will leave the theatre smiling, lighter than when you arrived, and reminded that magic, laughter, and love still have the power to bring us together.

We invite you to join us here in our own Wheelhouse Theatre for this effervescent and hilarious production. You won't want to miss it!!

**Show Dates:** April 14-17, 2026

**Doors open at:** 6:30p.m.

**Curtain:** 7:00 p.m. sharp!

**Tickets:** \$15

Tickets go on sale starting April 1<sup>st</sup> , 2026!

Tickets are available at the Box Office of the Wheelhouse Theatre at lunch and after school, on school days.

**To reserve tickets, email us AFTER APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> : [emstheatreco@gmail.com](mailto:emstheatreco@gmail.com)**

## 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 December Student of the Month :

### **Awards:**

Block A – English 9 – Kaitlyn L.

Block B – English 9 – Grego L.

Block C – English 11 FP – Aimen M.

### **Students of the Year Awards**

Block A – English 9 – Grace H.

Block B – English 9 – Zara D.

Block C – English 11FP – Gabby A.

### **January Student of the Month Awards:**

Block A – English 9 – Annabella M.

Block B – English 9 – Danaia M.

Block C – English 11FP – Max G.

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 were treated to a pizza lunch on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **From Our PAC Committee:**

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

**February 23 .. April 20 .. 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 Dry Grad Committee:**

Class of 2026 DRY GRAD Update

With the start of a new semester, we are already starting to look towards the end of the year. This half of the school year is filled with many exciting fundraisers to support our Class of 2026 and their Dry Grad event – we encourage any and all to attend these events!

### **March 4<sup>th</sup> EMS Fashion Show**

Many students from the graduating class of 2026 will take to the stage (or runway!) for the long-standing and much-loved tradition of the Earl Marriott Fashion Show. Watch your inboxes for further information about this much-loved event and ways to support it.

### **May 9<sup>th</sup> EMS Plant Sale**

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

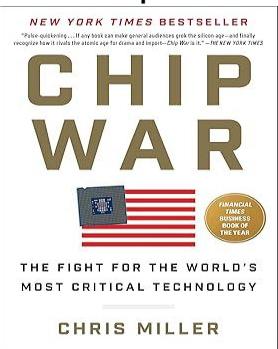
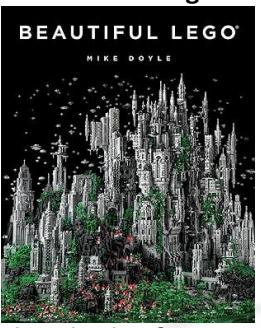
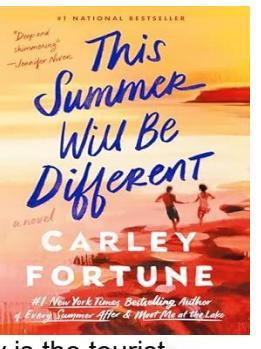
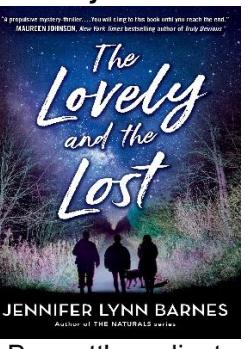
### **June 3<sup>rd</sup> Duke of Earl**

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](mailto:emsdrygrad2026@gmail.com)

## 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!!

<p><b>Chip War</b></p>  <p>You may be surprised to learn that microchips are the new oil—the scarce resource on which the modern world depends. Today, military, economic, and geopolitical power are built on a foundation of computer chips. Virtually <i>everything</i>—from missiles to microwaves—runs on chips, including cars, smartphones, etc..</p>	<p><b>Beautiful Lego</b></p>  <p>Mix hundreds of thousands of LEGO bricks with dozens of artists, and what do you get? <i>Beautiful LEGO</i>, a compendium of LEGO artwork that showcases a stunning array of pieces ranging from incredibly lifelike replicas of everyday objects and famous monuments to imaginative renderings of spaceships, mansions, and mythical creatures.</p>	<p><b>This Summer....</b></p>  <p>Lucy is the tourist vacationing at a beach house on Prince Edward Island. Felix is the local who shows her a very good time. The only problem: Lucy doesn't know he's her best friend's younger brother. Lucy and Felix's chemistry is unreal, but the list of reasons why they need to stay away from each other is long.</p>	<p><b>The Lovely and the Lost</b></p>  <p>Kira Bennett's earliest memories are of living alone and wild in the woods. She has no idea how long she was on her own or what she had to do to survive, but she does remember the moment Cady Bennett and one of her search-and-rescue dogs found her.</p>
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## From Our Pow Wow Committee:

### Earl Marriott Semiahmoo First Nation Community Pow Wow

**March 6-8, 2026**

Earl Marriott Secondary has a long and proud history of Indigenous learning and community pow wow celebrations, which it has been hosting in partnership with the Semiahmoo First Nation since the 1990s. This year's pow wow takes place from March 6 to March 8, 2026 here at Earl Marriott. All members of the Earl Marriott, South Surrey and White Rock communities are invited and welcome to attend this important event. For more information, including doors open and grand entry times, please visit the pow wow website at [www.emssfnpowwow.ca](http://www.emssfnpowwow.ca).