



Environmental & Adventure School Bulletin

Friday, March 15, 2019

EAS Calendar Update

Based on the LWSD calendar revisions due to snow days, the following changes have been made to our EAS calendar:

- Wednesday, May 1st and Wednesday, May 8th – Full school days: Normal Wednesday Electives with students returning to EAS for Xello career-investigation lessons and end-of-year project work.
- Friday, May 24th and Tuesday, May 28th: Full school days with normal daily schedule
- Monday, June 17th: EAS Celebration of Learning (unchanged)
- Tuesday, June 18th: 8th Grade Graduation (unchanged)
- Wednesday, June 19th: Full day of school (8th graders excused) – activities TBD
- Thursday, June 20th: Last day of school (half day)

8th Grade After-Graduation Party to carry on as originally planned!

8th Graders, be sure to mark your calendars for "A Grand Adventure Awaits" 8th Grade Party, which will carry on as originally planned - **Tuesday, June 18** from **12:30 pm to 9:15 pm**. More details to come...

Summer Adventure Treks – just a few spots left

Summer Adventure Treks is a wonderful way for your child to spend some days in the out of doors with good company, good food and making lasting memories. Join us today, a few spots remain open for the canoe, and one for the hike. Contact **John Hamilton** (jhamilton@lwsd.org) for additional information.

Reminder - Scrip order due Sunday, March 17th at 8pm

Our next order for the school year is due **Sunday, March 17th @ 8:00pm** pacific time. Physical gift cards will be delivered via your student on Friday, March 22nd. There will be no April card order so stock up now! Again, please help us order as many QFC/Fred Meyer gift cards as possible to have the minimum \$5,000 needed to receive the 5% rebate. Rebates earned from the March physical card order can be applied to spring trips upon request. Email easscrip@yahoo.com.

Donations Needed for EAS Art Fair

This year Art Club is hosting the 2nd Annual EAS Art Fair on **Friday, March 29th** in the **EAS Commons** from **3:15-4:15 pm**. For the art fair, we are accepting students' artwork from the following 5 categories: Painting, Culinary, Photography, Ceramics, and Drawing. A student can submit a total of two pieces in two different categories or from just one. The art can be submitted in front of the EAS office to the Art Fair turn-in bin by the day of the event. At the event, the art will be showcased and voted on for Homework Passes as prizes. **We are looking for volunteers to bring in fruit and vegetable trays, cookies, chips, and drinks for the event.** If you would like to donate refreshments, please email **Colleen McLaughlin** at cmclaughlin@lwsd.org with your selected item(s). We hope to see you there!

Deadline Approaching - Final Payments and Permission Forms for Spring Trips **DUE BY MARCH 21st**

Payments:

Following are the final payment amounts due for each Spring Trip. Please make checks payable to "EAS".

Channel Islands with Ms. Andrada	\$675.00
Dominican Republic with Sra. Gibson	\$865.00
Amazing Race with Mr. Hamilton	\$250.00
Oregon Adventure with Mr. Healy	\$250.00
Yosemite with Ms. Minato	\$475.00
School of Rock with Mr. Rose	\$275.00

Final payments and the trip specific LWS D permission form can be turned in anytime between now and March 21st.

Permission Forms:

The required LWS D permission forms for all trips are now posted on the [Spring Trips](#) page of the EAS website.

Some teachers have asked that these be turned in at their Spring Trip parent/student meetings. **If you have not received this form for your child's trip yet, PLEASE PRINT THE FORM from the Spring Trips page of the website, complete it and turn it in with your child's final payment on or before March 21st.**

Please note:

Itineraries and Packing Lists specific to your child's trip will be disseminated to you well in advance of departure.

Previous announcements...

REMINDER: Submit Volunteer Hours – CSP, Wednesday Electives, etc.

Thanks to the many of you who assisted with our March Community Stewardship Projects (CSP)! We greatly appreciate your time and effort for this vital piece of the EAS curriculum. Now would be a great time to submit volunteer hours for CSP, Wednesday Electives and/or any other volunteer activities that you've completed but not yet submitted.

See **Quick Links** at the bottom of this bulletin to submit volunteer hours. You can also access the "Submit Volunteer Hours" link at any time on the EAS website under the Volunteering tab.

Please remember that this is the only method we use to track volunteer time throughout the year. You may combine and submit multiple volunteer activities in one entry – in fact, that's preferred (easier on you and us!). If you have any questions about volunteer hours, contact **Laura Bartoletti** at lbartoletti@lwsd.org.

Important Message about the Wednesday Electives Direct Pick-up Policy

Parents, please remember that if you are planning on a direct pick up of your student from any of our elective sites, it needs to be communicated to **Amy Lofquist**, the Wednesday elective coordinator, prior to the pick up. Carpool drivers are being scheduled based on the numbers needing rides back to EAS, sometimes taking off work to drive students back. Please check the direct pick up list that comes out with the elective emails to confirm if it accurately reflects your plan on Wednesdays. Any questions, please email **Amy** at wed.electives@gmail.com.

Photos for the EAS Yearbook

Parents and students, please submit photos of EAS activities, especially **offsite Wednesday Electives** and **Health Fair**, Bingo and Dances. Please email them full-size to stephanie.develle@gmail.com or put them on a flash drive for your student to give to the office for uploading. Photos must be **full-size** to print well in the yearbook. Thank you!

Volunteer Opportunity

Parent Volunteers needed for Bowman Bay June 3-7

Hey Parents of EAS students. This June 3-7th we are heading to Bowman Bay for our final outing/ adventure educational trip. It is at this time that I make a request for parent involvement/chaperones for this final camp of the year. Not only is this an outstanding volunteer opportunity (need more hours?), it is a chance to engage with the EAS students at their best and to gain some insight on this middle school age and possibly your own child.

Here is a listing of what is available to you for this coming adventure ed outing: [click here for details](#)

Quick Links

The quick links below are included in every edition of the EAS News Bulletin. Both can also be accessed at any time on the homepage of the [EAS website](#).

[Submit Volunteer Hours](#)

Use this link to submit volunteer hours for the current school year. Feel free to combine and submit multiple volunteer activities in one entry.

[Amazon Associates](#)

Any purchases made through Amazon.com via this link will generate a 4% rebate back to EAS PTO. All funds generated through the Amazon Associates link will be used for programs that benefit all EAS students.

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Volunteer Needs for Bowman Bay

1. **I need 12-18 parents to run or assist in running a rotation for the four full days at camp.** There will be some EAS alumni that will be coming to help and/ or run a few of our rotations as well. (Rotations are 2 hour long classes that you teach 8 times over the course of the week). If you have any ideas to lead an activity then please send in what it is you would like to propose. Here are some of the rotations we have done in the past (and continue to do...) to help you figure out where you might be of assistance:
 - a. pioneering- creating large wooden structures with the kids- think catapults and log bridges
 - b. crafts- we have had many of varying topics over the years
 - c. grilling- teaching the kids about the art of grilling (may already be claimed by Rick McManus, but who knows....)
 - d. kite making- build and fly your own amazingly cool kite from scratch
 - e. sailing (only one to two adults needed) assisting aboard our hired sailing vessels and running program aboard said vessel.
 - f. initiatives: creating and hosting games, challenges and whatnot to students
 - g. stewardship: Hands on activities that help the state park.
 - h. dutch oven; give them that old style cooking technique.
 - i. beach games/ Athletics/ other full body infused activities... your imagination is your only limitation....
 - j. Other ideas: work up a program or copy already used ideas of these rotations that we have used in past years; navigation, marine biology, hiking and sketching, felting and soap making, fire starting and camping skills, carving, traditional field games, geography/geology, NW native histories, drama, dance, and more...

2. **I need One head kitchen cook and three assistants:** Traditionally we have three camps at BB to help feed the masses while we camp there. Each camp is directed by one or two of the EAS teachers, and supported by the parents, alumni and most important a head cook. In addition to the head cook job, three assistants that help run some of the rotational activities during the day, also are part of their camps kitchen to assist the main cook.

What to do: If you are interested in being up at BB for the week, then I would like you to contact me in the next couple of days or so stating whether you would like to

- a. run a rotation (give idea(s))- I am available to help you plan your lesson!
- b. assist in a rotation (list skills if you have a preference)
- c. assist in a rotation but also help as assistant cook
- d. or be my third head cook of one of the camps

If you are unable to be there for a full week, I would ask that you partner up with a fellow EAS parent to split the week with them. If you are unsure of who to contact to split the week, then tell me if you are available from M-W or W-F and I will work on pairing you up.

If you are only interested in driving to and from BB: Laura Bartoletti will be asking for some parents to help get us to and from Bowman Bay (an hour and 15 min north of EAS)- She will be in touch in a month or two with requests to help transport students. No need to reply here if this is all you can do.

Cheers to all of you and for all of your work this year to make this an amazing place for our students and campers.

John Hamilton
Expedition Leader