



Environmental & Adventure School Bulletin

Friday, April 5, 2019

Scrip Funds for Wednesday Electives - due Friday, April 5th

If you would like to use your Scrip funds to pay for your student's Wednesday Elective fee, please send an email to easscrip@yahoo.com by Friday, April 5th with the following information:

- Your student's name
- Name of Wednesday Elective
- Wednesday Elective Fee

Summer Canoe Trip – just 3 spots left

Dear EAS families, there are 3 spots left for the current EAS student canoe trip June 30-July 4. Both the previously offered Ross Lake hike and the alumni canoe trip are now filled. Please contact **John Hamilton** (jhamilton@lwsd.org) for more information if you have any interest in this summer adventure opportunity.

Attention Parents of 8th Graders headed to Juanita HS this fall!

JHS PTSA welcomes you in advance. We hope you'll be part of our PTSA.

It's a great way to jump right in and get to know the school and other parents. If you'd like to consider a role on the Board, we are looking for a Treasurer for 2019-20. There are also various committee positions opening up. If you'd like to know more about these open positions, please contact **Susan** at vosslers66@gmail.com. Thank you! We look forward to having you as part of our Rebel community!

Spring Break April 8-12

Goodbye February snow and March Madness, hello Spring!!

Wishing all our EAS families a very rejuvenating week of those things that bring you the greatest happiness.

Enjoy your break!

The EAS Staff

Previous announcements...

Pre-Planned Absences

Parents, we'd like to remind you of the procedures related to preplanned absences.

EAS strongly recommends that parents avoid taking students out of school for family vacations at times other than LWSD holidays. Missed class time affects student learning and may negatively impact grades. Not only is the absent student impacted, but the entire class group is affected when other students miss school. Students who are pulled from school for more than one day for a pre-planned absence are expected to follow these procedures:

1. Student picks up a **LWSD Secondary Pre-Arranged Absence Form*** from the EAS Office (**Note: EAS has an enhanced version of this form and it is important that the EAS version of the form is used rather than the standard form found on the district website.*). EAS office staff will fill in the number of absences student has to-date and student will take this form home for parent's completion and signature. The signed and completed form must be returned to the EAS office before the absence takes place.
2. AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF THE ABSENCE, student picks up **Pre-Arranged Student Absence Assignments** forms (one for each class) in the office and gives them to each of his/her teachers. Teachers will fill in assignments that student must complete during his/her absence and return the form back to the student.
3. All assignments are due the date the student returns to school unless otherwise arranged with individual teachers.

Assignments teachers provide for a pre-arranged absence will be those that the student can reasonably accomplish on his/her own. Students are expected to turn in these assignments upon return to school or by the due date established with individual teachers. Students will be graded on these assignments. If an assignment is missing, they will receive a "0". Teachers will not hold make up classes or set up labs or projects for missed class work that is deemed "irreplaceable".

Season 4 Sports

Season 4 sports begin April 15th and run through June 7th. EAS students are welcome and encouraged to participate. Options are:

Boys – Track

Girls – Track, Tennis, Volleyball

Sports forms can be picked up in either the EAS or Finn Hill office. They can also be printed from the [Athletics](#) page of the Finn Hill Middle School website.

Your PTO Needs You – Open PTO Positions

We are looking for a person to serve a 2-year term on the PTO as the **VP of Student Activities**. This VP coordinates with Chairs for Yearbook, Student Socials, 8th Grade Lunch after graduation, and Bingo. The VP attends PTO meetings (Mondays at 9 am about 6 times a year) and manages the PTO budget for Student Activities. Some VPs also choose to fill one of the chair roles. Chairs are in place already for next year for yearbook, Bingo, and student socials. The VP will recruit an 8th grade graduation chair from the 6th grade families.

We also need a current 6th grade parent to shadow the **8th Grade Graduation Lunch Organizer** this year and run it next year.

If interested in either position, please contact **Mary Oemig** at mary@oemig.com.

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...

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