



Environmental & Adventure School Bulletin

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Come Celebrate this Friday!!! – EAS Turns 20!

The EAS staff invites you to join us in celebrating 20 years of EAS, coming up this Friday. Details are as follows:

- **Who:** All current EAS students, EAS alumni still in high school, and their parents
- **Where:** at EAS, in the Finn Hill Cafeteria
- **When:** Friday, May 17, 2019 from 3:30-6:30pm
- **What to bring:** help us cut down on waste...
 - Bring your mess kit and a reusable cup
 - Bring a potluck item to share:
 - Last names A-J — a savory food item (salad, main dish, snack)
 - Last names K-R — a sweet food item
 - Last names S-Z — a beverage (sodas, juices, and/or sparkling water)
 - Bring an instrument or a song to share.... campfire will be happening!!

We're trying to reach as many alum as possible, so feel free to spread the word to former EAS students. You can also follow us on Instagram (environmental.and.adventure) and share from there too.

We look forward to seeing you here!!

Be Prepared for SBA & WCAS Testing – **NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR WCAS (moved to Monday, May 20)***

All EAS students will be participating in standardized state SBA testing (Math and English Language Arts) on these dates: **May 13, 14, 16, 17**. Additionally, all EAS 8th graders will also be taking the state WCAS (Science) test on **May 20**. Please try to avoid scheduling appointments for your student on these dates. Missed tests must be made up and will cause your student to miss regular instructional time to do so. Thank you!

Students should come to school well-rested for these tests. Additionally, they should bring the following with them each testing day:

- FULLY CHARGED laptop
- Laptop charger
- Physical reading book
- Healthy snack

No Kindle Readers Allowed during SBA testing

This week all EAS students will participate in state SBA testing. Students have been informed that they should bring a reading book to keep themselves occupied if they finish testing early. Because no electronic devices other than school issued laptops are permitted in the testing areas, students may not use kindle readers for post-test reading. Students, please be sure to bring a physical book.

Previous announcements...

Bowman Bay Permission Forms and Camp Fee – due Wednesday, May 22nd

Today all students will receive a salmon colored permission form for Bowman Bay that must be filled out, signed and returned to the office by Wednesday, May 22nd. In addition, the \$75 camp fee (check payable to "EAS") is due at the same time. Additional information about this excursion, including itinerary, packing list, and parent information letter, can be viewed on the [Bowman Bay page](#) of the EAS website.

Important info regarding Medications for Bowman Bay

All medications your student will need for Bowman Bay are due in the EAS office by May 22nd. With that said, please pay attention to the following clarifying information...

If there are no changes to your child's meds since Spring Trips, the same medication forms can be used for Bowman Bay. If there are any new medications your child will need, whether prescription or over-the-counter, we will need the appropriate district form completed and turned in by May 22nd, along with the medication. Please note that no student is allowed to self-carry / self-administer any medication, prescription or over-the-counter, unless proper documentation has been submitted and approved by our district nurse. Please contact the EAS office if you need any further clarification regarding district medication policies.

Volunteer Opportunity

Community Stewardship Projects coming up!

Our final block of Community Stewardship Projects (CSP) takes place soon – **June 10 & 11**.

Many drivers and/or chaperones are needed. Good news- all locations are either Kirkland or Redmond, very convenient for volunteers. Volunteer today and get first choice of day, location, or shift! Click the link below:

[JUNE 2019 CSP Driver & Volunteer Sign-up](#)

Several groups are at off-site locations and require transportation. All students leave from and return to EAS. Generally morning drivers must be at EAS at approximately 10:30 am and afternoon drivers meet at the off-site location at approximately 1-2pm for the return drive. Chaperones stay onsite between dropoff/pickup times. Every effort will be made to match drivers/chaperones with their students, but please note this is not always possible (for example: if you are a volunteer driver and your student is remaining on campus).

Student groups are posted shortly before CSP begins in June; parents, as well, will be notified of assignments and given directions and pertinent information. This is a great way to satisfy volunteer hours and contribute to our learning community! Help us finish a great year of CSP's! Any questions? Contact **Laura Bartoletti** at lbartoletti@lwsd.org.

8th Grade Dinner / Dance – save the date and payment due

8th Grade families received an email last week regarding the annual 8th Grade Dinner / Dance on Wednesday, June 12th at Bear Creek Country Club. \$40 checks are due in the office in order for your 8th Grade student to attend. Please make checks out to "EAS" to reserve your student's spot. 8th Grade families, please refer to your email for further details or contact lbartoletti@lwsd.org.

Volunteer Opportunity

Parent Volunteers and Donations needed for 8th Grade Graduation

6th and 7th Grade Parents, we need you! Donations and several volunteers are needed for 8th grade graduation. Click [here](#) for full details on how you can help.

Volunteer Hours Statements Sent Home May 9th

This week all students received a Volunteer Hours Statement (pink half sheet attached to detailed report) to be given to their parents. These statements reflect volunteer hours that your family has electronically submitted as of **May 6th**. Please note that your submissions are the only method by which we track volunteer time. If you have actually volunteered and your statement reflects "0" hours, it may mean that you have not electronically submitted your time. As a reminder, all families are expected to contribute a minimum of 25 hours volunteer time each school year. Please continue to submit your time even if you exceed 25 hours. It gives us an accurate picture.

Review your statement and if there are hours you have not submitted, now is a great time to do so. We will tally hours again in June. While we will continue to provide periodic reminders throughout the year via Bulletin announcements, you can access the "**Submit Volunteer Hours**" link at any time on the EAS website homepage under "**EAS Important Links**". Or, see **Quick Links** at the bottom of this bulletin to submit volunteer hours. If you have any questions about volunteer hours, contact **Laura Bartoletti** at lbartoletti@lwsd.org.

Educational Film Event: Black Girl in Suburbia

The LWSD Opportunity, Equity and Inclusion Department will be hosting a free viewing of the film Black Girl in Suburbia on Friday, May 17. According to the film's website: Black Girl In Suburbia is a 55-minute feature documentary that looks into the experiences of black girls growing up in predominately white communities. This is a different look into suburbia from the perspective of women of color. This film explores through professional and personal interviews the conflict and issues black girls have relating to both white and black communities.

The event will be held at the Lake Washington High School Theater from 6:00—8:30 p.m. on Friday, May 17. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served. A panel discussion with the director of the documentary Melissa Lowery will follow the movie screening. Contact Icís Tirado with any questions. [View the event flyer.](#)

Volunteer Opportunity

Bowman Bay Drivers Needed

Bowman Bay is coming up – June 3rd – 7th. Many drivers are needed for both days, Monday and Friday. All students leave from and return to EAS.

- Monday June 3rd drivers must be at EAS at approximately 8am for a 1.5 hour drive to Bowman Bay.
- Friday June 7th drivers meet at Bowman Bay at approximately 12noon for the return drive to EAS.

For parents who are working at Bowman Bay during the week, please fill out the driver form if you are able to transport students (I do not know who has an open car for student transport and who may be hauling camp gear).

Every effort will be made to match drivers with their students, but please note this is not always possible (especially on the return trip when camp rotations finish at staggered times). This is a great way to satisfy

volunteer hours! If you can volunteer to drive on one or both days, please click the below link and submit the form indicating when you can drive. Any questions contact **Laura Bartoletti** at lbartoletti@lwsd.org.

Please fill out this form: [EAS Bowman Bay 2019 Volunteer Driver Form](#)

Attention Doctor Who Club members (and parents who pick up Doctor Who Club members)

Our schedule for the remainder of school year is as follows:

- Friday May 10 — 3:10- 5:45 (extended so you can stay until Game Night)
- Friday May 17 — No Doctor Who Club (go to the #EASturns20 reunion instead!!)
- Friday May 24 — 3:10-4:45 (regular schedule)
- Friday May 31 — 3:10-4:45 (regular schedule and **LAST** meeting of the school year)

Parent Feedback Requested for Adventure Ed Grant

We are in the process of writing our year end grant reports for Adventure Education grants received for the 2018-2019 school year. In these annual reports, we like to include reflections from both parents and students about the benefits they have experienced through the EAS Adventure Education program. These reflections are also part of our grant proposals for the 2019-2020 school year. Grantors have been extremely generous in their support of EAS. From the year 2000 through 2019, we have received over \$300,000.00 in grants that have been used each year to partially fund Camp Hamilton, Bowman Bay, and a small contribution toward Spring Trips for each student.

I invite you to take a moment to send me an email (bhealy@lwsd.org) noting the ways you have seen Camp Hamilton, Bowman Bay, or the Spring Trips influence your child and other students at EAS. And if you were a parent on one of these trips, what were the highlights of the experience for you as a parent/partner in the EAS Adventure Education program?

I look forward to reading your emails. As always, we thank you very much for your support.

Brian Healy, EAS Lead Teacher

Final Chance to Use Your Scrip Funds for This School Year

Here are the remaining opportunities to use your Scrip balances for the year:

- \$75 Bowman Bay fee
- For 8th grade students: \$40 for the dinner/dance

Please let me know (easscrip@yahoo.com) by Friday, May 17th if you'd like to use your funds for either of these items.

Any remaining funds for 6th and 7th grade families will be carried over until the next school year. You may purchase Scrip Now all summer long for back to school supplies, clothes or summer trips! First opportunities to use those funds will be for school fees: PTO dues/membership (\$225), Spanish/lab fees (\$15 for each) and Camp Hamilton (\$75).

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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A message from Brandi Comstock, 8th grade Graduation Chair...

Hello 6th and 7th Grade Parents,

Our annual EAS Graduation will be held on *Tuesday, June 19th, 2019* at St. John Vianney Church in Kirkland (a short walking distance from EAS).

It is a longstanding EAS tradition that current 6th and 7th grade families support the graduating EAS 8th graders by providing lunch for graduating families and our graduates' guests. EAS graduates, their families, and teachers are all treated to lunch after the ceremony. Our 6th and 7th graders pack their own lunches and join the 8th graders for celebratory cake and punch after the graduation.

We are asking 6th and 7th grade parents for cash donations to purchase food and beverage items for the graduation luncheon. Please leave your donation in the marked envelope in the EAS office. All donations go directly to the cost of providing lunch and refreshments after the ceremony.

In addition, in order for 8th grade parents to be able to enjoy the day, we ask for 6th and 7th grade parents to volunteer. *The graduation committee will need 8-10 volunteers to help with coordination, planning, set-up, serving and clean up.* There are several time slots and activities available for volunteers to accommodate their schedules, both before, and the day of the event. Parent helpers are needed to photograph students before and at the event, to purchase and donate supplies for the ceremony and luncheon, set up the church, supervise students, prepare and order food, as well as pick up and deliver items to and from the church. Volunteers may count this time toward their volunteer hours. Please contact Brandi Comstock if you are willing to volunteer.

Thank you very much for carrying on this honored tradition and creating a great experience for our graduates and their families.

We are also looking for a couple of people to serve on the committee to help coordinate and plan the Graduation event. Please contact **Brandi Comstock** at ComstockGirls@yahoo.com if you are interested in serving on the committee, as a volunteer the day of, or if you have any questions.

Thank you for helping us to carry on this amazing tradition !

Brandi Comstock
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