



The Marriott Messenger

November 2017

The month of November has been an active one at Earl Marriott Secondary. The highlight of this month was our **Remembrance Day Assemblies** on Nov. 9th. Our students presented a beautiful performance of reading, music and the traditional laying of the wreath. We would like to thank our own Earl Marriott Concert Band for their moving performance during the Assembly, our student hosts and presenters, as well as all the teachers and students who helped with technical support and organization.

On Nov. 16th, our school had the honour of hosting the Holocaust Symposium, with support from the Vancouver Holocaust Education Center. We welcomed guest speakers and Holocaust survivors, Mariette Doduck and Alex Buckman. Guest lecturer Sebastian Huebel began the program with his presentation entitled "Trying to Comprehend the Incomprehensible". This was a fantastic opportunity for our students and our thanks goes to the Vancouver Holocaust Education Center for their support, and the organization of our own Mr. Figueira in bringing this opportunity to Earl Marriott.

Our Grade 8 and 9 students were invited to attend the Justice Theatre presentations earlier this month. The focus of the interactive presentation was Social Media and Bulling. Students also learned a lot of interesting information about our justice system, and how things work in a court of law.

Earlier this month, our Grade 9 students participated in **Take Your Kid to Work Day**. Our Career department works successfully to ensure that all students at Earl Marriott participate. Thank you to Ms. Garrett and Ms. Brabenec for all of the work they also do for our Grade 12's hosting lunch time University visits and publishing information through @emsscholarships.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Fall coaches and players. Earl Marriott had a great season with volleyball, swimming, football and cross country. The banners for our school are filling the office, with hopefully more to come. The teams were celebrated for their achievements at a Pep rally on Nov. 21st. Thanks to our Student Council for their work in building school spirit and community. Of special note this month is our volleyball teams moving forward to the Provincials at the end of the month. Parents and students can get all of the team news through the Mari-time App. Come out and support the Mariners as they play for the school at the Provincials in the last two weeks of November.

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This month you will be receiving the first formal report of the school year. **Report Cards will be published through the MyEd parent Portal on Nov. 22nd.** Grade 8 and 9 students will be receiving letter grades only on their reports, in line with the new assessment practices and reporting order. Please take this time to review the report card with your son or daughter, and create a plan for the remaining final weeks of the semester, which ends on **Wednesday, January 24th.** Students who have outstanding work or need extra support time to complete courses will be asked to come to Completion Days on Thursday January 25th and Friday January 26th. If there are concerns or questions about your child's progress, please contact teachers directly by email or by leaving a message at the school.

On Friday Nov. 3rd, our teaching staff participated in a full day of conversation and activities focused on **curriculum planning and implementation.** The curriculum is now fully implemented at Grade 8 and 9, will begin implementation for Grade 10 next year, and have full implementation for all grades by Sept. 2019. It was a wonderful opportunity to have time to focus on the changes, and collaborate with each other and teachers from around the District. Some of the highlights of the new curriculum include **a focus on core competencies of critical and creative thinking, communication and personal and social responsibility.** Core competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social/emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deeper learning.

Already we have begun planning for December events and Earl Marriott traditions. For this year's Grads, the Dry Grad Parent Committee and Grad Council are hosting our Annual Grad Fashion Show on Nov. 23rd, followed by the Grad Cruise on Nov. 28th. The calendar is full with our Christmas Music Concerts, EMS Talent Show, One Act plays, the Pancake Breakfast and the Annual Winter Hoedown. **The last day of classes before Christmas Break will be Friday Dec. 22nd.** Our Bell Schedule will be different that day to accommodate the Pancake Breakfast and Lunchtime Hoedown. Bussing students will be picked up as per usual, but the early dismissal schedule will be used for the trip home. Please check the Dec./Jan. calendar carefully as the end of semester will be fast approaching once we return from Christmas Break.

Claudine Davies
Proud Principal
Earl Marriott Secondary

Upcoming Events

December Calendar

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| 5 | Football Banquet |
| 6 & 7 | One Act Plays |
| 6-8 | Grad Transitions Interviews |
| 11 | Talent Show |
| 12 & 13 | Band Concerts |
| 21 | Locker Clean-out |
| 22 | Pancake Breakfast |
| 22 | Last Day of Classes |

Earl Marriott's Got Talent!

This year's annual talent show will take place on Monday, December 18th. Tickets cost \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. Doors open at 6:30pm and the show starts at 7pm. Ticket sales will be at lunch during the week leading up the talent show.

Winter Concerts

"Mariners Music Winter Extravaganza" will feature the EMS Wind Ensembles at the Wheelhouse theatre on Tuesday, December 12th at 7 pm.

"A Jazzy Christmas" will feature the EMS Jazz bands on Wednesday, December 13th at 7 pm.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased through the music department.



Football Banquet

Earl Marriott Football celebrate their Season at their annual Football Awards Banquet on Tuesday, December 5th @ Earl Marriott. All parents and fans are welcome to attend. Please contact Coach MacKay-Dunn @ mackaydunn_m@surreyschools.ca for tickets. Banquet begins @ 5:30 pm.

Grad Events

Grad Transitions:

Interview Extravaganza is Dec 6-7-8th in the Library.
Please see Mr. Roberts if you missed the sign-up November 15-17.

MariTimes Newspaper

The MariTimes Newspaper is published every two weeks online at www.maritimesnews.com and in print! Don't miss our big Christmas issue, coming out on December 11!

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EMS Athletics

It has been a wild month here in the Earl Marriott athletics department. With our Jr. girls and Sr. boys hosting the Fraser Valley's our school spirit was really put to the test. Earl Marriott led the Sr. boys final game in out-cheering the opposing team, Delta Secondary. Unfortunately the Sr. boys were not able to pull out a win in a tough loss of 5 sets, however they still came home with a medal, congrats on 2nd place! As for the Jr. girls, who battled a strong final game and took home 1st place, they showed exemplary team work and leadership. Way to go girls! Our Sr. girls played all the way out in Mission and remained undefeated through Fraser Valleys, which took them to the finals where they won in 3 against hometown rival Semiahmoo. Our athletics department is thriving and we cannot wait for the teams to hit their peak! Keep it up Mariners! Submitted by Ruby D.

BC SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOOTBALL AA CHAMPIONS !!!

Our Crazy 8's Football Team sealed the deal yesterday in a dominating 32-0 win in the rain over Pitt Meadows Marauders. Our Mariners finished the season undefeated going 8 & 0 and outscoring all opponents for a season total of 294 points for while allowing only 40 points. The team rang up 5 shut outs over the season. An absolutely remarkable season, congratulations to all the players. In game action yesterday, Lachlan S. scored twice on the runs as did the Big Panda Bear, Eisa I. lumbered in two touchdowns as well. The darting Sean C. also scored on a 30 yard touchdown reception from Carter F. Jeff B. also chipped in on a convert as well shone on defence with 3 QB sacks along with Ryan B. adding 3 more. **Well done Mariners!**



Are you ready for the HO, HO, HO-LIDAYS?



Come out to the EMS Annual Pancake Breakfast!

When? Friday, December 22

7:30 -9:30 AM followed by 45 minutes class periods

Where? The Cafeteria

What? Enjoy delicious pancakes, sausage & hot chocolate

Don't forget to bring your own mug, wear an ugly holiday sweater and stop by the gym at lunch for the Hoe-Down!

We will also be accepting non-perishable food donations for the Food Bank

Yearbook

Our Yearbook students continue to work diligently in putting together this year's edition. Your child may have already noticed our Yearbook photographers at many school activities and functions, as well as classes, capturing the moments that make our students, our school, our community so lively and inclusive. A yearbook celebrates and memorializes school life for years to come. **This year's book is again available for \$50 this semester**, a fantastic price considering the size of our school population. Please consider ordering early, as there will be a limited number of books available. Our group must decide on the number of orders well before Semester 1 has finished. The \$50 price will go up in Semester 2, so act now!

There are three easy ways to order a yearbook:

- 1) Directly through Jostens: www.jostens.com This is the best way to purchase, as there are customizable options online.
- 2) Through Earl Marriott's "School Cash Online" system: <https://surreyschools.schoolcashionline.com/>
- 3) Students may bring a cheque or cash in the amount of \$50 to the Yearbook room (120), preferably at lunch, after school, or during Block D. Receipts will be issued.

Thank you for your continued support. An extra "thank-you" goes out to all the students and parents who have already purchased a yearbook for the 2017-2018 school year.