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Dear ESR Families,

It seems that it was just weeks ago that I was writing my first newsletter as Principal of ESR school. The months have flown by and I am sad to say that this newsletter will be my last as Principal of this wonderful school. Due to a health condition I have made the difficult decision to retire early. This is not a decision I made lightly and being a school leader is something I will dearly miss.

Edwin S. Richards School of Integrated Arts is a very special school. I have never worked with such a talented, dedicated and intelligent staff. The families and the children at the school are delightful and it has been an honor to be a formal member of this community this year. I am fortunate that I will continue to remain in touch as an ESR grandma next year and I will see you all on the playground!

At this time the Principal position has been posted and as soon as I know who will be replacing me I will communicate this with you directly.

Melinda Dempster, Principal

June

1	Spring Musical – Doo Wop Wed Widing Hood
1	Elenis
2	Assembly – Optional – Intergenerational dance, chime choir, choir
5	Kindergarten Orientation 9:00 – 10:00
7	Div 7 & 8 to Reach Gallery
9	Kindergarten Orientation
9	Panago
9	Student books returned to library
13	Storybook Theatre Assembly from Hatzic middle – optional
13	Divisions 14 & 15 to zoo
14	Divisions 9 & 10 to Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve Chilliwack
15	Mission Library Assembly – Reading Link Challenge
15	Subway
16	Grade 6 Kayaking and after school BBQ
20	Division 7 to Griner Park
20	Booster Juice
22	Sports Day/Hot Dogs
23	Division 12 & 13 to Fraser Fiver Heritage Park
23	Division 2 & 11 to Reach Gallery
26	Divisions 6,7, 8 Swimming
29	Last Day – Year end assembly/flash mob 9:00 am

School Spirit

We have created School Spirit Teams at ESR. All students in the school have been placed in one of 4 teams. Siblings have been placed on the same team and if they have younger siblings entering school in the future they will be added to the same team.

Our student council chose the 4 teams from the list of animals from the Seven Aboriginal Teachings

Eagle	Buffalo	Bear	Saskquatch	Beaver	Wolf	Turtle
						
Love	Respect	Courage	Honesty	Wisdom	Humility	Truth

The ESR teams chosen by students are:

Buffalo – Respect

Wolf – Humility

Beaver – Wisdom

Turtle – Truth

Fittingly our School Mascot is the Eagle – Love

Sports Day

We plan on using our School Spirit Teams for Sports Day this year. In this way siblings will be together and parents will be able to watch their children have fun without having to run from one end of the field to the other! Each of the 4 teams will be divided up into groups of about 10 students grades K – 6 (keeping siblings together). The Buffalo and the Wolf teams will compete against each other and the Beaver and the Turtle will compete against each other. The grade six students will create a team cheer, team banner and lead each of their respective groups throughout the day. It is sure to be fun and we hope you join us! Rain or shine.

School Cash On Line

If possible we would really appreciate payment for field trips etc. using School Cash Online.

<https://mpsd.schoolcashionline.com/Registration/ProfileTabs>

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Convenient Make secure payments 24/7 from the comfort of your home

Easy To Use Online with various payment methods

Safe Your child won't be carrying cash or checks to and from school

Saves Time Manage your school expenses and view payment history in one place

Doo Wop Wed Widing Hood

Doo Wop Wed Widing Hood is a 1950's Rock n' Roll fairy tale that will have you tapping their feet and humming along! as the three Princes of Wychwood-Under-Ooze vie for the right to woo Wed Widing Hood. Some tickets will be available at the door. Hope to see you here, June 1st at 7:00 pm .

Proceeds from the play will be put toward the music department and purchasing a better sound system so that audiences may better enjoy Christmas Concerts, Spring Celebrations and other events. Donations gladly accepted (as always, we can provide a tax receipt for donations).

Classroom Requests

As communicated in the last school newsletter the deadline for class requests is May 31st .

Parent Advisory Council

We are looking for some volunteers to help with the teacher appreciation tea. Contact: esrpac@yahoo.ca