



**Board News:**

- Health and Safety plan update: No masks will be required by adults on campus while outside. Masks are still required in all buildings and while riding the bus.
- Classroom volunteers will be allowed as long as they follow the vaccination policy. Talk to Mr. Buss for details.

**COVID Stuff:** Over the past few weeks there has been many families affected by COVID. From those conversations, the following information covers most of the common questions or information we share with families. If you would like more information, request a copy of the Health and Safety Guidelines Handbook from the office.

- When communicating to school about your student's absence (COVID related or not), please include both the teachers and the office in your emails. This helps assure everyone is aware of the absence and we can all work together more effectively. Thank you!
- Covid testing and communications: The Whatcom County Health Department is doing its best to help schools mitigate the number of cases of COVID in the area and limiting the number of classrooms/cohorts/buses that would need to quarantine in the event of a positive test. Please let Mr. Buss know immediately if anyone in your household has been exposed to COVID or is being tested for COVID. If a test is pending for any of your family members, keep all your children home until the results are known. Thank you in advance for doing your part to keep the Kovid Kooties away from school!
- Quarantines: Many questions about quarantines and protocols. As listed in our Health and Safety Guidelines Handbook, which follows the latest information for schools, any positive COVID case in the household starts the initial 10-day isolation/quarantine for the family. After the ten days, students who have had no symptoms and are fully healthy have three options, starting at the end of the 10-days initial quarantine:
  - Return after 7 days with a negative PCR test
  - Return after 10 days with or without at test (we support the additional assurances of a test!)
  - Return after 14 days, no test required.
  - Contact Mr. Buss, Rob Dykstra, or Kelly Tolsma, members of our Health and Safety Team.

**Calendars:** Good work on the calendar sales! The Long Range Fundraising Committee would like to congratulate the top sellers: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Brylee Jo Roorda, 8<sup>th</sup> grade; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Coleson Roberts, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Jillian Bovenkamp, 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Thanks to all the students for doing an outstanding job! We still have calendars left, so if you would like to purchase one

you can do so at the school office, Ace Hardware or all Edaleen Dairy locations for \$8.00 each. Any questions? Call Gene or Lillian Van Beek at 360-354-2292.

**School Cleaning:** This month's cleaning is scheduled for next Tuesday, October 19, organized by the Bouma and Tolsma families. Check the schedule in the back of the Directory for the entire year's schedule. If you have any questions or concerns about your time and service, please contact our janitor Brenda Sprague.

**Fall Spirit Week:** Our Fall Spirit Week is scheduled for October 25-29. It will be a week where students can show their Eagles pride by dressing up so student's - **SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!!**

**Monday** - PJ or Comfy/Cozy Day

**Tuesday** - Wacky Tacky Day

**Wednesday** - Red, White & Blue Day - show us your American pride!

**Thursday** - Mathlete vs. Athlete Day

**Friday** - Green & White Day - Ebenezer Squeezer pride day!

More information to come! (Note the slight change in days from the recent Eagle Boosters Meeting notes)

**Chapel:** Our next chapel will be, Wednesday, October 27, at 9:00a.m. This chapel will be hosted by the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes in the school gym. **ONLY the parents of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend in person and masks are required.**

**Eagle Boosters:** The next Eagle Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 1 at 8:45a.m. in the gym. We extend a warm welcome and invitation to all parents. This is a great way to get acquainted with other supporters and help the school out at the same time! There is no nursery provided at this time. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Eagle Boosters president Liz Dykstra a call at 360-220-0802.

**Book Fair!!:** We will once again be having the Scholastic Book Fair here at school, Monday - Wednesday, November 1-3! Students will have the opportunity to purchase books during lunch and afternoon recess times. Parents will be invited to come to school to shop the Book Fair from 3:15 - 4:00p.m. those days and also Thursday, Nov. 4 during conferences. There will be an online link provided as well to be able to shop online. Be watching! All purchases earn rewards for our school!

Volunteers are needed to help with shopping during student recesses.

Time Slots available are:

Monday, 12:00p.m. - 12:40p.m. or 1:45p.m. - 2:30p.m.

Tuesday, 12:00p.m. - 12:40p.m. or 2:00p.m. - 2:30p.m.

Wednesday, 12:00p.m. - 12:40p.m. or 1:45p.m. - 2:30p.m.

Please call Becky Henry to sign up or with any questions, 360-739-0175.

**Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences:** An informational sheet was sent home to K - 8 families last week to sign up for either the afternoon or evening conferences. Conferences are held for **one**

**day only** (Thursday, November 4) starting at noon for the afternoon session. Teachers will have a break then will resume again at 5:00p.m. for the evening session. If at all possible, try to sign up for the afternoon session to alleviate the very busy evening. Please note that class sizes mean conferences are limited to 10 minutes. If you feel this is inadequate for your student, please contact your teacher. If you have any questions regarding conferences, please feel free to give Mr. Buss a call. Please return your forms by October 15 even if you don't plan on attending.

**Note:** There will be **NO school on Thursday, November 4** for conferences or the following day, **Friday, November 5**. Enjoy a planned long weekend with your family.

**No School:** There will be **NO SCHOOL on Thursday, November 11**, in observance of Veteran's Day.

School will also not be in session on **Friday, November 12**, so our teachers may virtually attend the NWCSI convention. Teachers, administrators and board members from Washington, Alaska and British Columbia will be attending. Pray for the staff that they will be blessed with encouragement and new information that enables them to enrich our children's lives and education here at Ebenezer. Take time to enjoy this long weekend with your family.

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual ECS Golf Tournament:** This year marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our annual Golf Tournament and we want to say a huge **thank you** to the entire group of volunteers that make up our Long Range Fundraising Committee. Their hard work and dedication along with our community raised a little over \$15,000.00 for future projects that will benefit our school.

To celebrate this year's tournament, they had 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golf Shirts made and they have a few extra sizes (XLG - Small) which are available for a donation of \$15.00 on a first come first serve basis. See Jim, Susan or DeeDee in the office and they can help you.

**Collecting for Ebenezer:** Remember you can support ECS by participating in on-going fundraising programs.

- **Amazon Smile** - If you already shop on Amazon, simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose Ebenezer as your non-profit organization to support. You will see "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on the product detail page if it qualifies. You are able to use your existing Amazon.com account
- **Fred Meyer:** If you are a Fred Meyer customer you can link your Rewards Card to Ebenezer Christian and you will help us earn a donation. You can do so by following the link on their website and choose ECS as your favorite nonprofit.
- **My Coke Rewards:** Help the school by bringing in the Coke rewards codes from Coke products. For Coke product bottles, just collect the bottle cap. For Coke product boxes (like 12-packs), send in the inside part of the box that includes the 14-digit code for "My Coke Rewards".
- **BOX TOPS:** Box Tops is now a digital-only fundraiser. Get the Box Tops app and simply scan your store receipt each time you purchase groceries and household products (within 14 days of purchase). The app will find any participating products and instantly add Box

Tops to our school's earnings.

**\*\*If you have any remaining physical Box Top labels, check the expiration date and turn them in to the office. Any questions please contact Amy Petree.**

**Upcoming Calendar Reminders:**

**October 19:** School Cleaning

**November 1:** Eagle Boosters

**November 4:** Parent/Teacher Conferences; No School

**November 5:** No School

**November 11:** No School, Veteran's Day

**November 12:** No School, Teacher's Convention



*"Thus far has the Lord helped us"*

*1 Samuel 7:12*