

## **EPS PA General Meeting**

**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

### **PA President**

Claudia Bayer, current PA President, welcomed over 100 parents to the second virtual PA General Meeting of the school year. She talked about the work of the PA so far this year. There was the Fall Event – ‘Journey to a Joyful Place’ organized by the Hospitality Committee consisting of Xixi Shakes, Cindy Goetzmann, Shairose Gulamani and Bengu Bostanci. Claudia gave special thanks to Jonathan Briggs, Brittany Williams, Vickie Baldwin and all of the PA channel hosts for the evening to help make this a successful event.

Claudia said PA Parent Reps have been busy planning many inventive virtual meetings including virtual coffees, book clubs, bingo nights, Halloween parties and a disaster preparedness talk. Claudia thanked volunteer coordinators Stephanie Brown and Katharine Pike and all of the PA Parent Reps for all of their hard work in trying to keep a community feel to EPS while we can't all be together.

PA Faculty and Staff Appreciation Committee are busy preparing the Holiday Pause Bags. Claudia thanked all the parents who donated items for these bags. She also thanked the members of the Appreciation Committee (Dorian Bell, Joumana Hoballah and Dianne Melling), for all of their hard work in getting these bags put together.

If parents are interested in sending cards, notes, or gifts to the faculty and staff these can be dropped off at EPS or mailed. These must be received by December 16<sup>th</sup> to ensure receipt before the holiday.

Upcoming EPS events include the Holiday Pause Bags, Winter Celebration (Jan 21), Valentine Event for Faculty and Staff (Feb 11), Senior Parent Reception (Dec 9), Resilience Parent Series (Dec 16, Jan 13, Feb 10), Re-enrollment Contracts are out on Jan 8<sup>th</sup> and due back by Feb 5<sup>th</sup> and the Sophomore College Counseling Meeting on Jan 12.

### **Paul Hagen – Director of Student Well-Being**

Paul talked about the well-being team consisting of 3 counselors, nurse Stephanie Hinson, outdoor and experiential ed coordinator David Kelly-Hedrick and clubs organizer Sam Baldwin. Paul said the counselors are busy organizing social and emotional work in advisory meetings.

Paul also talked about EBC Week and how it will be different this year. EBC week stands for Education Beyond the Classroom and is a long-standing commitment by the school to do this yearly. This year it will be held the week of April 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be special considerations this year due to COVID-19. There will be no air travel for EBC Week 2021. The plans are still a work in progress but there are 3 working plans so far.

- Greater Seattle projects with no overnight component
- Remote projects will be offered to those who are not able to attend in-person projects
- NW regional adventures would be overnight trips with the students gone for 4-6 nights somewhere in the NW. These trips may not happen at all, depending on the virus.

The final trips will be published by mid-January with about 2 weeks to decide what trip your student may be interested in.

Paul also talked about lunch discussions hosted by faculty on various topics that are offered for students to attend. They have been well attended so far this year and if your student is interested, they can find the schedule in the student weekly email.

There are also a couple of things for students coming up soon. Next week is Spirit Week and there will be a gingerbread house competition as well.

### **Kim Eng – Athletics Director**

Kim said that 250 students participated in the small pod fall sports. Kim is hoping they can pick these back up sometime in January depending on what the state rules are at that time. As of this point, basketball will begin on February 1<sup>st</sup>, Girls volleyball, Girls Soccer, Boys ultimate, Cross Country and Boys tennis on March 15<sup>th</sup> and Girls Ultimate, Boys Soccer and Track on April 26<sup>th</sup>. These schedules are unfortunately a moving target and Kim will be giving parents information on any changes to this schedule as soon as it happens.

### **Terry Macaluso – Head of School**

Terry said the school is remote until at least January 22<sup>nd</sup> and the school daily schedule is to remain as is through the end of the second trimester. One parent asked about whether students could start small tutoring pods and Terry said she will discuss this with faculty.

Claudia thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting adjourned 9:30AM.