

March 18, 2026

8:45 – 9:30 AM via MS Teams

1. Bengu Bostanci, President of the Association of Parents and Guardians (APG)

- **Faculty & Staff Appreciation** (Leela Rao, Ruchi Bhutani, Tamara Reznik and Richa Rai)
 - Bengu presented photos of the Valentine’s Day Krispy Kreme treats and coffee cart offered to faculty and staff
 - Decorations were beautiful and staff members were delighted
 - Thank you, EPS Parents, for your support in making this happen!
- **Athletics** (Ayesha Affan)
 - Thank you to those of you who volunteered as basketball and rowing team parents. Hungry athletes greatly appreciate post-practice snacks and thirst quenchers!
- **Arts** (Brenda Bown and Jeannie Kleinpeter)
 - Hosted a reception for the Upper School play “Our Town”
 - Snack tables were decorated beautifully with autumn leaves and flowers
 - Performer photos were on display
 - Thank you to the parents who supported the cast and crew
- **Class Rep Coordinators** (Adam Milam and Polina Mokshina)
 - Bengu shared photos of some of the winter trimester socials hosted by the reps
 - Stay tuned for emails and WhatsApp communications regarding upcoming parent social events
- **Upcoming Events**
 - EBC Week: Monday, 4/6 – Friday, 4/10 or later
 - Spring Break/PDD: Monday, 4/13 – Monday, 4/20 (No School)
 - Spring Tailgate: Friday, 4/24
 - Student-led Conferences: Friday, 5/1 (No School)
 - Senior Prom: Saturday, 5/2
 - MS Spring Social: Friday, 5/8
 - 9th and 10th Grade Spring Social: Saturday, 5/9
 - All-School Musical: Thursday, 5/14 – Saturday, 5/16 7 PM – 8:30 PM with a Saturday matinee 2-4:30 PM
 - Memorial Day Weekend/PDD: Friday, 5/22 – Monday, 5/25 (No School)
 - Senior Retreat: Thursday, 5/28 – Friday, 5/29
 - APG General Final Meeting: Thursday, 5/28 (In person in the TALI Theater!)
 - All-School BBQ & ArtsFest: Saturday, 5/30 from 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM
- **How Can You Volunteer?**
 - Spring **Athletic Team Parents** are needed for:
 - MS 5/6 Boys Ultimate Blue
 - MS 5/6 Boys Ultimate Gold
 - MS 5/6 Girls Ultimate Blue
 - MS 7/8 Girls Ultimate
 - US Boys JV Soccer
 - If your student will perform in the **Spring Musical**, please look for an email from Brenda Brown and Jeannie Kleinpeter with volunteer info

- **Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week** (beginning May 4th) will require volunteers to purchase supplies, assemble items, decorate and clean up. Stay tuned for a link to Sign-up Genius coming soon.
- **All-School BBQ and ArtsFest** volunteer needs will be communicated in early May
- The **Association of Parents and Guardians** (APG) is seeking new members to serve on the Class Reps, Hospitality and Faculty & Staff Appreciation Teams. Please contact Bengu at bengubostanci@gmail.com if you're interested.
- Check the **EPS Weekly** every Friday for more details and sign-up links!
- For a full list of volunteer opportunities, visit <http://www.eastsideprep.org>. Log in, click Current Families, then click Parent Association. Scroll down the page to "Click HERE to learn more about a variety of volunteer opportunities."

2. Cheryl Schenk, Director of Enrollment Management

- It was another busy year for the EPS Admissions team. We received **860** completed applications for all grades!
- New students by the numbers:
 - 5th: 36
 - 6th: 18 (54 students total)
 - 9th: 38 (90 students total)
 - 10th: 1
 - 11th: 1 (a recent transfer to 10th grade)
 - Total: **94 new Eagles**
- Admissions team held a New Family Welcome Event on 3/12 for parents and guardians of accepted ninth-grade students. Thank you to the volunteers who extended a warm welcome to these families. We will host a similar event for new Middle School families on March 25th.
- We are about to release our Middle School decisions via Ravenna
- "Welcome Future Eagles" signs on campus indicate we're in the process of welcoming new students and their families
- Admissions work doesn't wrap until the first day of school when everyone arrives!
- Parents/guardians who know applicants personally are welcome to email Cheryl with feedback
- Being able to watch our students develop and grow during their EPS journey is an incredible honor. For example, our chamber music choir is participating today in a judged performance.
- We're beta testing a new application platform with five other schools. Stay tuned for this release in the fall. This will replace Ravenna.
- "New Eagle Day" for new sixth and ninth graders is our effort to build a community within a community. We're creating a cohort of new students.
- Students in leadership roles are participating in a compassionate leadership camp so they can learn how to mentor New Eagles
- Most applying families hear about EPS from their friends, neighbors and co-workers – thanks to all of current parents for spreading the word about our community.

3. Sam Uzwack, Head of School

- **Gratitude:**
 - Sam expressed his thanks to the Admissions team, APG and volunteers in our community
 - We are privileged to enjoy a strong culture of care, compassion and connection
 - Students thrive when the partnership between school and families is strong

- **Values:**
 - Sam and team conducted four listening groups recently to discuss EPS values with parents and guardians. We've taken input from faculty and staff and are about to meet with alums and students as well.
 - Our goal is to make our values as top of mind as our Mission and Vision are within the community
 - An organization's values guide the execution of its mission which leads to attainment of the vision
 - Sam will aggregate the input he receives and present a proposal to the EPS Board
 - The strength of our community is one of our greatest assets. Visitors are blown away by the kindness and professionalism our students show.
- **EBC Week:**
 - EBC week is fast approaching in 2.5 weeks! We will host 23 experiences.
 - We had our EBC Info Night yesterday both in person and online. EBC emails and TeamSnap are a great way to keep abreast of trip pre-requisites and packing lists.
 - All kids attend EBC the same week which presents a major logistical challenge, but we are expert at managing it
 - EBC is a time for students to move out of their comfort zone and have new experiences
 - Travel hiccups happen from time to time, but build resilience in kids
 - To view your student's EBC TeamSnap, your student must invite you and grant you permission
- **Sheila Stanton Place (F/K/A PSH, La Quinta):**
 - There are about 15 current residents with a plan to ramp occupation gradually through the summer until the max capacity of 100 is reached. The County took our recommendation to start small, establish culture and then grow.
 - Plymouth (operator) has fenced and gated the property. Residents must buzz in to enter.
 - EPS leadership will attend the community meeting hosted by Plymouth next week.
 - Plymouth now hosts the neighborhood meetings we used to lead
 - We continue to examine our own campus safety while striving to act as a supportive neighbor
 - There have been some social media posts about issues at the facility. When we learn of an issue, we go directly to the source and have candid conversations.
 - Our students have assembled welcome kits for residents and are very interested in volunteer service, but are not permitted onsite until they are 18
- **EPS Ventures and Partners:**
 - This summer, we're offering an Alaska backpacking trip with NOLS. NOLS focuses on building student leadership and outdoor skills.
 - Community partnerships are core to EPS. In addition to NOLS, we partner with Rainier Scholars and UW EDU
 - Ashland, Oregon was another EPS Venture Pilot opportunity

4. Q&A

- **Question:** Is there any construction planned on campus in the near-term?
Answer: No. We occupy buildings 5 (Colleague AI), 6 (Environmental Sustainability Hub) and 12 (Student Life Hub).
- **Question:** Did we consider making the fence between Sheila Stanton Place and EPS taller?

Answer: The County installed an 8 ft. tall metal fence around their property. In addition to their fence, we have our own 8 ft. tall chain link fence. After having done research, we concluded that having some transparency to the fence (vs. opaque concrete) is safer for our students.

- **Question:** Is there security on campus after-hours for athletes and those attending events?
Answer: Yes. We have two security guards (James and Bo) present until 11 PM. We have a relationship with a vendor such that we can easily add security staff if needed. We are working also to augment our security lighting and landscaping for privacy screening.
- **Question:** Has the security phone number been shared with all students?
Answer: Yes, it has, but we will share it again and post it in the school. Again, that number is: **425-625-6761**. Please ensure your students add it to their phones.
- **Question:** What is the maximum capacity of Sheila Stanton Place?
Answer: 100 residents.