

## Grade Level Representatives Notes

Dear ECS Families and Faculty,

We wanted to let you know about a collaborative initiative amongst the school administration and Parent Community of ECS - the Grade Representatives Committee. This committee is comprised of school principals and volunteer representatives from each grade level.

The purpose of the Grade Reps program is to collect trending concerns and feedback from each grade to share with the administration with an eye toward problem solving when needed. We welcome your questions and concerns and look forward to addressing them during these monthly meetings. Feedback / notes will be shared through the room parents and can also be found online: <http://ecspco.org/volunteer/grade-representatives/>.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your Grade Level Rep or the Board.

## Notes from Wednesday, February 6, 2019

### CAMPUS WIDE

- Q: Why is there not morning club? Students miss it and it's good to get the energy out.
  - A: Megan Gregory was given new morning duties this year, so her schedule does not allow for it.
- Q: Why aren't there more after school clubs?
  - A: Middle school middle of day clubs -
    - With expansion on the horizon we are exploring more options of when clubs are and what they are. In addition, at Rogers next year, the plan is that our activity time during the day will be utilized for clubs to meet as well as a lot of other offerings that students will then be able to choose from throughout the week. Some activities examples will be: drama, orchestra and band, Hip Hop on Lock, Assemble and more.
    - To date the after school dept focuses on clubs for k-3 and on occasion 4/5. After school dept provides support to teachers that want to offer clubs for grades 6-8. No teachers came forward to offer any after school club this session.
    - In other school districts parents act as club leaders. If you have an idea of a club you want to see and would be willing to lead please email [clubs@ecspgh.org](mailto:clubs@ecspgh.org)
  - A: Athletics
    - Notes from [Aaron Coleman](#), Athletic Director:
    - For the Fall of 2019, we will still continue with Cross Country for grades 3-8. More sports for grades 6-8 are still being finalized and more information will be available later.

- For Fall 2019, all students, grades 3-6, that are interested in playing sports will need to complete a Health Survey, in addition to other forms, in order to be able to participate. No student will be permitted to practice until all forms are completed and turned in to me.
  - One of the biggest changes will be for students grades 7-8 will now be required to complete the CIPPE Physical Form in order to compete in any sports that ECS offers. This physical form can be used as the annual physical form needed for school, but any other physical form will not be able to replace the CIPPE physical for sports. This form will also be useful for other sports that are not offered by ECS, but are offered at your home district. All of this information will be available to families before the end of the current school year.
  - Lastly, I am currently working on a Sports Reference List. This list will be available on the school's website and will include the following; PIAA information, CIPPE form, ECS Student-Athlete Forms, Volunteer Safety Trainings, and Sport-specific programs around Western PA.
- Expansion communications are going out on Wednesday afternoons with a different focus areas each week until the end of April.
- Problems getting into HAC
  - [There is a new link! Visit our website](#) and click the parents tab for the updated link.
  - Email [helpdesk@ecspgh.org](mailto:helpdesk@ecspgh.org) if you still have problems accessing your account.
- Sometimes grades on HAC don't reflect letter grade
  - We will look into this, but please email your teacher about missing grades or if they are miscalculated.
  - Progress reports- teachers reaching out if a child goes from a B to a D? Teachers also should be communicating if the grade is a C or lower.
- There will be no make up days because of cancelled days the week of January 27 - February 2.
- Lower and Upper School Winter concert- AMAZING!
- Q: Supervision needed in balcony for concerts- students and children were running around during the concert which can be distracting and frustrating for some parents. Maybe admin can supervise next concert.
  - A: For the next concert ECS will share out concert information asking families to sit together and that young audience members stay seated with their families. That way we can be respectful to everyone watching and listening.
- We really enjoyed watching Corey's hiking and biking videos. If you haven't seen them yet, [CHECK IT OUT!](#)

#### **LOWER SCHOOL- nothing to report**

- **Kindergarten**
- **First**
  - First grade room updates: floor is in, there is new ceiling tile and carpeting.

Furniture will be returned/relocated, and a space cleaning is scheduled for the coming days.

- **Second**
- **Third**
  - Q: Is there an alternative to tallys? Is recess the last thing that gets taken away?
    - A tally is given after multiple warnings, redirections, reminders and reflections on a specific behavior. Yes, recess is the last.

## **UPPER SCHOOL**

- **Fourth**
- **Fifth**
  - Q: Do students still has assigned seats in lunch for behavior, is there a way they can earn that back?
    - A: Students in 5th grade do receive assigned seats from time to time due to lunchroom behavior. 5th graders always have the opportunity to earn it back. Assigned seats mean that students don't run to their seats to get the best seat or save a seat. It makes the lunch buyers line more manageable because students aren't in a hurry to get a seat. Therefore budging in line is less of an issue. Students also keep their area cleaner when they know that I know who is sitting where. Students also return to their seats more quickly after clearing their trays. When they do not have assigned seats, students tend to clear their trays and then go and find a friend or a new place to sit. This creates more overall traffic and walking around in the cafeteria which often leads to a messier space. When students have assigned seats, they tend to eat more, talk a little less, and keep their table more tidy. A lot less water pitchers spill with assigned seats. After a few days of limited chaos and a good volume, students can choose their seats again.
- **Sixth**
- **Seventh**
- **Eighth**

## DRESS CODE REMINDER:

### School Dress Code/Uniform

The ECS uniform policy and dress code guide support the work that we engage in each day at school. Your support of this guide helps to ensure that our students are comfortable and safe. Thank you for your support of our school uniform policy and dress code guidelines.

Pants, Shorts, Skorts, Dresses or Jumpers	Khaki or navy(including cargo style, excluding sweatpants and yoga pants) <i>Proper length of skirts, dresses, and shorts is determined by the fingertips being able to touch materials, not skin, when a student's arms are extended at his or her side.</i>
Tights, Leggings or Knee Socks	May be worn <b>under</b> uniform skirts or dresses and should be white, Khaki, light blue, navy blue or gray. Leggings can not be worn as pants.
Shirts (warmer weather)	White, light blue or navy blue polo or oxford style, long or short sleeved (No sleeveless tops or t-shirts).
Shirts (colder weather)	White, light blue, navy blue or gray sweaters, sweatshirts or turtlenecks. Hooded sweatshirts may be worn but hood must be kept down when in the school building. ECS sweatshirts are acceptable.

All tops, tights and leggings must be solid in color and plain (without non-ECS logos larger than 1 inch)

- All ECS sweatshirts and polo shirts are acceptable at all times
- If additional clothing items are worn or brought for gym class, they must follow our uniform guidelines.

### General Guidelines

- Students are expected to wear school uniforms each day. The ECS Shared Calendar designates *ECS Spirit Day or Dress Down Days*.
- *On ECS Spirit Day* students will be permitted to wear an ECS t-shirt with uniform bottoms.
- *On a Dress Down Day* students will be permitted to wear an outfit of their choice that is school appropriate (no ripped clothing, appropriate length dresses/skirts/shorts/skorts, no tank tops) and appropriate footwear (see below).
- Students are to wear flat shoes; no light-ups, Heely's, crocs, flip-flops, open-toed or heeled shoes. Shoes may be any color.
- No hats, hoods, bandanas, or scarves can be worn inside of the school.
- Students are subject to applicable discipline for violations of the uniform policy.

### Come to School Prepared to Engage in Outdoor Learning

ECS students engaged in 1,800 outdoor learning experiences last year. Due to the nature of our curriculum and the amount of time spent outdoors, we suggest that each student keep one extra

uniform outfit and one pair of old shoes/rain boots at school at all times. This ensures that students are prepared, even when an impromptu lesson develops. Families may also choose to send students to school in footwear that is appropriate for daily outdoor experiences.

*\*We know that fashions change throughout the year so administration reserves the right to determine if a student's attire meets ECS dress code standards.*