

Seahawk Families:

I know you have been inundated with messages from me this week, but just think how sad you will be when you do not hear anything from me at all here in a couple weeks :). Next week is VERY busy as we wrap things up - including an added opportunity for our 8th graders to say goodbye to Earl Warren!

Promotion

Our Virtual Promotion Video is nearly completed - thanks to the hard work of Mr. Roskopf, Ms. Becca, Mr. Nesseler and MANY others. We are excited about the keepsake we have created. We are still planning on releasing on YouTube on Friday, June 12th at 10:30 am. We will keep the video on YouTube for a few days, then will make the video available through Google Drive for anyone who wants to keep their own copy before we take it down.

NEW

New county health orders regarding graduations now allow us to have one student at a time exit their vehicle for a photo opportunity. We are working with PTSA to create that opportunity between **11:30 and 1:30 on Friday, June 12th**. We will have [our step and repeat banner up](#) in front of the admin building, and one family will be able to exit their vehicle at a time if they would like to get one last photo at EWMS - so this will be a "drive-up" process. It is still essential that individuals are wearing masks when the photo is not being taken, and that others stay in their cars while they wait their turn. We will have some parent volunteers to help with the process, so please respect the guidance they give to keep everyone safe. While Ms. Wood and I will be around for some of the process, our staff will not be on hand otherwise.

Pick-up and Drop-off next week

I am not going to belabor this one. I have sent you too many emails on it already. Below is the schedule. If your student had contents in their PE locker, we have all of those bagged and ready (clearing out the boys' locker room with Mr. Parrington was not the highlight of my Spring :). PLEASE bag any textbooks/novels you are turning in with your student's name on the bag, and keep them in your trunk / backseat. We want to make contact as absolutely limited as possible to support our staff and families. Yearbooks, awards, Promotion certificates, medication pick-up...we have it all ready to go!!

Schedule based on last name

Monday, June 8th - 8th graders:

A-B - 8:00-9:30

C-D - 9:30-11:00

E-H - 11:00-12:30

I-L - 12:30 - 2:00

Tuesday, June 9th - 8th graders:

M-N - 8:00-9:30

O-R - 9:30-11:00

S-T - 11:00-12:30

U-Z - 12:30 - 2:00

Wednesday, June 10th - 7th graders:

A-B - 8:00-9:30

C-D - 9:30-11:00

E-H - 11:00-12:30

I-L - 12:30 - 2:00

Thursday, June 11th - 7th graders:

M-N - 8:00-9:30

O-R - 9:30-11:00

S-T - 11:00-12:30

U-Z - 12:30 - 2:00

Finally, as a follow-up to the email I sent out earlier this week regarding our role as a *No Place for Hate* school, I want to be clear that was not a singular commentary. I will be working with staff, students, and parents to ensure that our own policies and practices at Earl Warren breed proactive responses to acts of injustice. We must turn a lens inward and reflect on how we can contribute to a shifting narrative that acknowledges that we still have much work to do to fight racism in our society. I look forward to that work.

Best,

Justin Conn

Principal

Earl Warren Middle School

Communication from 6/2 re: Superintendent Haley's message to families:

Seahawk Families:

I wanted to follow up on Superintendent Haley's message he sent out to the community. As I have mentioned before, Earl Warren Middle School earned designation as a "No Place for Hate" school by the Anti-Defamation League this year. I believe this only furthers our need to be leading voices against the racism, intolerance, and injustice that continues to plague our nation and our community.

At our staff meeting Monday morning, I broke down talking about my attempts to explain recent events to my nine and ten-year old children. I know how difficult it can be to talk with kids about these troubling topics, so I wanted to share with you all a resource that was created by the San Diego County Office of Education. They have created a page to house equity resources, including a section for parents. I appreciate all of you who have reached out to me with additional resources as well. The reality is that this will have to be an ongoing conversation in the Fall, and well beyond. We will continue to look for best practices to ensure that our school is a place of inclusion that proactively addresses institutionalized - and individual - acts of racism.

The challenges of addressing these issues is further complicated by distance learning; however, I know several of our staff members found ways to incorporate discussions into their "classrooms" this week that address some of these issues since those conversations fit naturally within our California Core Standards. I applaud our teachers who have taken on that challenge. As we head in to the next school year, we will strive to keep our designation as a "No Place for Hate" school, and we will continue to work with our students as they become thoughtful, caring members of our society.

Best,

Justin Conn
Principal
Earl Warren Middle School