## EMCS Weekly Message for September 9th, 2016

Welcome back to all of our students and families as we begin what we hope will be another great year at EMCS. This is an exciting time for all of our students, whether they are just starting grade nine or returning back to routines, friends and new learning. We would like to commend all of the students for their excellent behavior this week. We saw fine manners and lots of patience from our students as we worked through the challenges that come with every school startup. Our numbers are up a little this year, which is good news for our school.

We had our Welcome Back BBQ Thursday morning. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers that helped start the year off in a positive way and fed us all a yummy lunch. It was fun flipping burgers and nice to see staff and students in relaxed conversation. Robotics, cross-country, and girls' volleyball all start up next week. A reminder to students that there are announcements every day with new sports teams and club start up dates so they need to listen closely, check the website, or come down to see the hard copy posted in the office.

We are excited to report to you that we will be opening a medical clinic in our school next week. This is a partnership between Island Health and School District 62 that will see a Sooke doctor in our building every Wednesday afternoon starting next week. This has the potential to be a great resource for our youth. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the school if you have any questions about this wellness center.

The dates below will help keep you on track for September. Check the website for details or do not hesitate to call.

Enjoy the sunny summer weekend and encourage students to complete their homework! If you are ever unsure about what assignments are in progress or due, just email the teacher and ask.

- Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> PAC Meeting 6:30pm
- Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> School Photos (AM)
- Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> Non-instructional Day
- Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> Cops for Cancer Spin-A-Thon
- Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> Meet the Teacher night
- Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> Cops for Cancer Bottle Drive
- Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> Orange Shirt Day (A day to recognize the impact of the residential school system)