

JUNE
2019



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 6
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

August 29
EHSI Open House
6-8 pm

September 3
First Day of School

September 16
EHSI Parent Information Night
5-7:30 pm

Have a fun and safe
summer!

INTERN UPDATE HASTA LUEGO...

While I am sad to see this intern group go, I can't help but be excited for them as they get to return home to family hugs, family-cooked favorite foods and get acclimated back into their routine. I am proud of them and excited for them as they are bringing back a skill set to their countries that the students in their future classrooms will benefit from. I'm thankful for all of the connections they have made with the students in their classes, all of the culture that they shared through their lessons and lives, and the impact they have left on the immersion program.

We got to spend some last time together as a whole intern group a few weeks ago. We had burgers, s'mores, and time to talk and share with each other. It was so much fun to hear the interns share their reflections and about their experience here. Some of the things I heard were:

"I learned so much"

"I loved sharing my culture with students"

"I can't wait to use some of the strategies in my own classroom!"

"I've made lifelong connections with both families, staff, students and other interns!"

Intern group of 2018-2019, I am so proud of all you have done, how you have grown, what you have shared, and what you have taught both me and the students you had in your classes. ¡Buena suerte en tu siguiente aventura!

Marin Lindberg, *Intern Program Coordinator*



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INTERN UPDATE

HOST & BUDDY FAMILIES FOR NEXT YEAR

The SEF Intern Program relies completely on the financial and volunteer support of our parent community to continue from year to year. Thank you to all the families who have committed to hosting an intern or being a buddy family for next school year. Your generosity and willingness to open your heart and home to an intern is important to the program and rewarding for you and the interns.

HOST FAMILIES

If you have ever wanted to experience a new culture, create lifelong friendships and make a positive impact on a young adult, consider applying to be a **Host Family** for next school year. If it seems daunting, host families can commit to a half year or a full year. We can only host as many interns as we have families, so your support is greatly needed and appreciated. If you are interested in hosting, please fill out the [Host Family Application](#) and return it to Cammy Bahner at SEFhostfamily@gmail.com. Please contact Cammy with questions about hosting.

BUDDY FAMILIES

Do you ever get to the end of the year and wish you would have been able to get to know an intern better? Here's your chance! Sign up to be a **buddy family** for next school year. Being a buddy family is a fun way to get to know an intern and learn about their culture, hobbies and traditions. Share your traditions and favorite things to do in Minnesota, have them over for dinner or take them to your children's events. Open your student's eyes to a bigger world!

If you are interested in being a Buddy Family, please fill out the [Buddy Family Application](#) and return it to Kim Pederson at sefbuddyfamily@gmail.com or mail it to the address at the end of the form. Have questions? Please contact Kim Pederson at sefbuddyfamily@gmail.com.

FUNDRAISING

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS CAMPAIGN

August & September

A very big thank you to all the families who contributed to the SEF Intern Program through the Annual Contributions Campaign this year. Through your generous support, we can provide this unique educational resource to our students and teachers. As the school year comes to a close, we would like to remind families to mark their calendars for the **EHSI Open House on Thursday, August 29**.

The SEF has set up the option to make a one-time payment or monthly payments towards the Annual Contribution via PayPal on the SEF website. The monthly payment option is an automatic draft allowing families to spread out their contribution throughout the year. This is great for families with multiple students at Eagle Heights since the start of the school year can be financially demanding. Check out the options [here](#) and set up your contribution now so you can check one thing off your fall to-do list before summer even starts! Just scroll down to the "Donate Now" options on the right hand menu.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SEF COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Due to new roles in my job, I am stepping down as the Communications chair. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of this incredible organization. It has been so rewarding to be part of the efforts to bring interns to our school and to spread our message via newsletters and fundraising events. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Toni Alcantar at tma@bluedoglaw.com.

Katie Foley, *Communications Chair*