



# EAGLE SCHOOL

## Aerie-Gram

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**EAGLE School of Madison is an independent school dedicated to serving the educational needs of gifted and talented children, kindergarten through eighth grade, in the greater Madison area.**

### Looking Ahead

Sa	4/2	Science Olympiad State Competition
W	4/6	Wice Kwispy Wednesday
R	4/7	Nest-3/4 Music Concert, 6:30 pm
F	4/8	Rocky's Pizza lunch TGIF: Lucy and the Big Lie! (Nest-4/5) School service (5/6-7/8)
T	4/12	EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 am
R	4/14	EPO-Sponsored Internet Safety Program, Commons, 6:30 to 8:00 pm
F	4/15	Noodles & Co. lunch TGIF: 6/7 Musical
Su	4/17	8 <sup>th</sup> Graders leave for Washington, D.C.
M	4/18	Nest & Primary to <i>Moon Mouse: A Space Odyssey</i> , Overure Center, 9:15 am
T	4/19	Student Council School Store
W	4/20	Culver's lunch
R	4/21	4/5 to Milwaukee Museum & Brewers Game
F	4/22	Nest to Hincheley's Farm, 12:00 to 2:00 pm TGIF: Earth Day celebration



### Save the Date for Family FUN!

Our Spring Family FUNdraiser will take place on **Friday, May 6, from 5:30 to 9:00 PM**. Please join us for a delightful evening of fabulous food, family entertainment, and good old-fashioned fun! And of course, bring your checkbook, as you will surely want to bid on several of the fantastic silent auction items. Funds raised during this event will support EAGLE scholarships, as well as equipment and technology purchases.



### FUNdraiser MacRaffle Kick-Off

This year's raffle winner will take home the light and compact MacBook Air! Raffle packets will be distributed to student lockers next week. We hope that each EAGLE family will sell at least 12 tickets (\$10 each or 3 for \$25). Please watch for your packet and be ready to sell, sell, sell!

### Spring FUNdraiser to Include ONLINE Auction

For the first time, our annual spring FUNdraiser will include an **online** auction! From your computer or mobile device, bid early and often on many of our great items including gift certificates from local businesses, symphony tickets, and a two-night stay at a luxury waterpark resort. Bidding opens on Friday, April 22, and continues through May 5. Don't worry! We're saving plenty for you to bid on in person when you come to the FUNdraiser the evening of May 6th. Instructions and a link to the auction website will be published in an upcoming Aerie-Gram and also forwarded by unit parents.

We are still hoping to gather a few more items for our silent auction on May 6. If you are willing to donate a unique experience (home-cooked ethnic meal, boating excursion, music lessons), event tickets (sports, theater, museum), or have any other ideas we might have overlooked, please let us know! We would like to have all contributions in hand no later than April 22. Thank you!

~ Rochelle Engel ([cmrwengel@hotmail.com](mailto:cmrwengel@hotmail.com))

~ Stella Krall ([stellakrall@gmail.com](mailto:stellakrall@gmail.com)).

Auction Chairs



### EAGLE Summer Enrichment

During July 2016, we are excited to offer a variety of one-week enrichment courses that focus on science, math, technology, chess, and the arts. Please check out the flyer that is being forwarded with this newsletter. Courses, limited to ten students, are filling up fast. Register in the Main Office today!



### Spring FUNdraiser Silent Cake Auction

If baking is your passion, this is your opportunity! Create your delicious, stunning creation and donate it for auction by contacting Chris Turner at [cturner412@gmail.com](mailto:cturner412@gmail.com) or (608) 203-9123. All types of cakes will be accepted, but space is limited. Reserve your spot today!

### **Yahara Contest: County Winners Announced**

Congratulations to the following students whose work has been selected as among the top ten in their grade level and genre in the county-wide Yahara River Writing contest. In addition to having their work published in an anthology, these writers and cartoonists are invited to participate in the Yahara Top Ten Workshop and Conference to be held May 4 at the UW-Madison.

### **Editorial Cartoon**

Reena K. (Grade 5)

Ben L. (Grade 8)

### **Editorial**

Quinn K. (Grade 5)

Zadan M. (Grade 6) **Second-place winner**

Matthew B. (Grade 7)

### **Poetry**

J.R. C.-F.. (Grade 6) **First-place winner**

### **Short Story**

Daisy H. (Grade 5)

Ananya K. (Grade 6)

Stella L. (Grade 7)



### **Haiku Winners Announced**

Congratulations to Jr. 3/4 students Justin D., Geoffrey H., and Ava K., whose Haiku were selected for this year's *Dane County Anthology of Haiku*. They will be honored at a county-wide evening celebration hosted by EAGLE School on Monday, April 27, at 7:00 PM.



### **Baby Aylín is Here!**

Weighing in at 8 lbs., Aylín Isáli Ávalos-Cano arrived on March 27, 2016 at 10:45 PM. Congratulations to mom Yazmín (Spanish teacher), dad Jorge, and big brother Aarón on this lovely addition to their family. Both mom and baby are doing well!



### **Bienvenido, Jessica!**

The EAGLE staff welcomes Spanish teacher Jessica Blatter, who is filling in for Yazmín for the remainder of the school year. Jessica holds a degree in both Elementary and Spanish Education and has studied at the Universidad Andrés Bello in Santiago, Chile. She has also had the opportunity to teach English in Mexico in an indigenous village called Xiloxochico. In her free time, Jessica enjoys traveling, spending time with family, and being outdoors. She looks forward to sharing her experiences and passion for Spanish with our Nest through 3/4 students.

### **April Study Club**

EAGLE's after-school Study Club provides students with two hours of teacher-supervised time (3:25 to 5:30, M-F) for study and recreation. Participants may stay for one or both hours at a cost of \$10.00 per hour.

The Study Club sign-up for **April** is now available and can be accessed by going to the EAGLE School website ([www.eagleschool.org](http://www.eagleschool.org)) and clicking on the *Parents* tab.



### **EAGLE Parents Spoil Us Again!**

Our EAGLE staff was once again treated to a wonderful meal on Parent-Teacher Conference Day. A scrumptious soup, salad, and sandwich dinner, provided by parents, offered teachers a much appreciated break in the midst of a hectic and tightly scheduled day. We sincerely thank dinner coordinator Jenna Boyd and her fantastic team of volunteers. (*Parents, if you brought in items for the dinner and have not yet claimed your dishes, crockpot, or utensils, please stop by the staff lounge to pick them up.*)



### **Internet Safety Panel Discussion**

Are your kids on social media, or asking to be? Do you know what Instagram, Snapchat, and Facebook are? Do you know why someone would want to use them, and what security to be aware of? Join us to talk with local experts on Social Media at this EPO-sponsored event for all EAGLE parents. On Thursday, April 14, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the EAGLE Commons, our panelists will provide an overview and discuss internet safety, good citizenship, and responsible use of social media. The panel will include:

Robin Tolochko – UW-Madison graduate student and Teaching Assistant for Interactive Cartography; former Cartography & Programming Intern at Development Seed

Katie Kowalsky – UW-Madison senior and Social Media Coordinator for North American Cartographic Information Society; former Teaching Assistant for Girls Who Code

Jack Maloney – EAGLE School IT instructor and manager

Susan Findley – EAGLE School guidance counselor

EPO vice president Tanya Buckingham will moderate the discussion.

### **Get Involved in the EAGLE Parent Organization!**

The EPO is looking for parents to join the Board. EPO meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month during the school year, from 8:30 to 10:00 AM, in the Commons. EPO is responsible for fundraising and community events. If you're interested in becoming a member of the EPO Board, please contact vice president Tanya Buckingham at [tanmabuck@gmail.com](mailto:tanmabuck@gmail.com).



### **Earth Day Celebration**

EAGLE School will be celebrating Earth Day in a big way! We are planning a few activities and events leading up to Earth Day including the return of the very popular Swap Meet. As part of our Earth Day celebration on April 22, students may visit our swap meet during TGIF and choose items donated by other students, teachers, and EAGLE families. Beginning Monday, April 18, students may bring in gently used books, games, toys, sports equipment or other non-perishable items that can be swapped at the meet, but we ask that no one bring in more than five things. For every item a student donates, s/he will receive one ticket that can be used to "buy" an item. (Everyone will receive at least one ticket, with or without a donation.) Items remaining after the meet will be given to families in need in our community.



## Student Council Corner

**Wice Kwispy Wednesday** ⇒ On April 6, during lunch, buy freshly-made Rice Krispie Treats from Student Council for \$1 each.

**School Store** ⇒ Smencils, smickers, and fun erasers are back! Plan to shop on Tuesday, April 19. \$1 per smencil and smicker, 50¢ per eraser.



### Math Workbooks for Summer

Parents who would like their children to practice math skills over the summer should consider ordering a *Summer Math Skills Sharpener* from Tri-C Publications. These workbooks are intended as a review program that does not put the burden of instruction on the parent. Students work in the book of the grade level just completed. To preview workbook pages or place an order, click on the following link:

[http://www.summerskills.com/summerskillsbooks/math\\_books](http://www.summerskills.com/summerskillsbooks/math_books)

Questions? Contact your child's math teacher.



### More Origami Classes Being Offered

Due to popular demand, Tuesday origami continues! Upper Primaries through 7/8s, newcomers included, are invited to participate in after-school classes (3:25 to 4:20 PM) on April 5, 12, 19, and 26. Origami Master Ruthanne Bessman and EAGLE art teacher Rebecca Finster will help students make modular origami creations during these four 55-minute sessions. See the attached sign-up sheet for details. If interested, please register with payment of \$40 **by Monday, April 4**.

### Basic Papermaking 101

On Monday, April 11, in Art Room 22, Intermediates, 4/5s, 6/7s, and 7/8s will participate in a paper-making workshop led by retired art teacher Dan Slick.

To facilitate this workshop, EAGLE art teachers Rebecca Finster and Marcia Beckett are in need of recycled paper donations and help from parent volunteers.

Paper donations could be used envelopes or colored paper left over from projects. Used and/or unwanted thicker drawing or watercolor paper scraps/sheets would be ideal! If possible, the scraps should be ripped into small bits like snow, or put through a shredder (ultimately to be ground up in blenders); however larger scraps/sheets will gladly be accepted. No plastic, please! All donations should be brought to the art rooms by **Friday, April 8**.

From 9:10 AM, on April 11, and throughout the remainder of the day, at least one parent volunteer is needed at all times to run blenders and assist students with all of the papermaking steps. If you are available to help, please contact [mrsfinster@eagleschool.org](mailto:mrsfinster@eagleschool.org).

### Scholarship Forms Available

Scholarship application forms are available in the Main Office. If you wish to apply for financial aid for next school year, please complete the forms and return them to Wade by Friday, April 29.

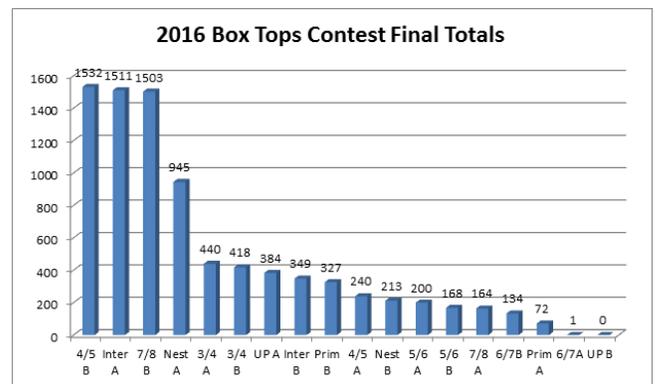


### Three Homerooms Earn Box Tops Party

Our contest is complete, the final totals are in, and we are pleased to announce that three homerooms (4/5 B, Int. A, 7/8 B) have earned a party, with each unit contributing more than 1,500 Box Tops to our annual collection. We especially congratulate this year's contest winner, homeroom 4/5 B, whose members submitted a total of 1,532 Box Tops.

Some of the proceeds from this year's contest will be used to purchase special lighting (think disco) for Student Council dances.

Over the past seven years the Box Tops program has raised \$7,510 for various school initiatives including our new playground, scholarships, and equipment. Many thanks to all who have contributed to the success of the program over the years and keep up the good work!



### Help Us Streamline Bus Pass Sales!

As many of you know, the EAGLE School bus program is not run from the school office, but is a parent-coordinated, parent-led initiative. Therefore, families whose children ride the bus on occasion, may use the self-service system available in the Reception Office to purchase bus passes as needed.

We ask that you purchase bus passes in advance of the date your child will be riding by following the steps outlined below:

- Fill out the bus pass log sheet.
- Take bus passes and note the pass numbers in the log sheet.
- Whenever possible, leave the **exact** amount of money or a check (payable to EAGLE School Bus Fund) in the bus pass envelope. Passes are \$7 each.
- Buy a few extra passes for future use so that your child does not need an "IOU." ("IOUs" should only be used in an emergency.)
- If your child is purchasing passes independently, help her/him calculate how many bus passes s/he can purchase with the money s/he has, or better yet, send in a check for the appropriate amount.
- A parent must sign a bus pass before a child may ride the bus, so please plan ahead and have some extras in your child's backpack for emergency situations.

Thank you for supporting the EAGLE Bus!