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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

Su	4/17	8 th 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
M	4/25	Culver's Benefit Night, 4:30 to 7:30 pm
W	4/27	5/6s to MMOCA, 9:10 to 11:10 am
R	4/28	6/7 & 7/8 to <i>Compahnia Urbana de Dance</i> , Overture Center, 10:00 am MYC Boys' Choir Concert, 10:30 am 6/7 Musical, Auditorium, 7:00 pm
F	4/29	May lunch orders due Quiznos lunch TGIF: Clubs
T	5/3	Science Mentor Lunch, 11:20 am to 1:00 pm
F	5/6	Rocky's Pizza lunch TGIF: Band, Strings, Pitch Perfect Performance Family FUN Night, 5:30 to 9:00 pm



Attention: Parents of Eighth Graders

Mark your calendars! This year's recognition ceremony in honor of our graduates will be held on Friday, June 3, 2015 at 5:30 PM, in the EAGLE Auditorium. Invitations will be mailed shortly.



Culver's Fundraising Night

Please join us on Monday, April 25, anytime between 4:30 and 7:30 PM, at Culver's on Todd Drive, for an EPO-sponsored community-building event. Bring your friends and family for dinner and dessert and raise funds EAGLE School at the same time! Culver's will graciously donate a percentage of EAGLE sales back to our school. Hope to see you there!



Bon Voyage, Eighth Graders

Nineteen eighth graders will leave Sunday morning for a busy week in Washington, D.C., where they will participate in the Washington Workshops program. Staff members Angela Abbott, Jenn Sauer, and Wade Neitzel will accompany the group as they see the sights, meet our senators and representatives, attend committee hearings, and exchange views with young people from other parts of the world.

Parents, hopefully, your D.C.-bound students have shared with you information they received this week regarding their "last-minute checklist" and room assignments. Please remember that all travelers should be at the Madison airport outside the Delta Airlines counter at 7:00 AM on Sunday, April 17. Also, students will return from D.C. on Friday, April 22. Parents should be at the Madison airport by 2:00 PM to pick them up.

Students, be sure to pack your notebook with your questions!



Five Students Earn Spring Wings

Five deserving students have received Wings Awards in recognition of their outstanding efforts during third quarter. Congratulations to the following recipients:

- Creativity (Fine Arts) – Ezra R.
- Creativity (Problem Solving) – Sammy R.
- Citizenship – Dylan L-B.
- Leadership – Derek A.
- Consideration – Aoife K.



Student & Teacher Work Published

Congratulations to Primary students Keerath G., Erin S., Violet O., and Varnika A. for having their artwork published in the April issue of *Arts and Activities*. Their designs were chosen to accompany an article about flower painting written by EAGLE art teacher Marcia Beckett. To view the article, complete with pictures, check out the magazine hanging on the bulletin board in the school's upper hallway (across from the elevator), or click on the link below to see a digital version:

<http://pubdev.ipaperus.com/ArtsandActivities/AAApril2016/?page=24>

Director to Meet with Parents

Mark your calendars! On Monday, May 23, Carole will give the "Annual Report to Parents" from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Auditorium. She will offer her perspective on the accomplishments of this past year and discuss future goals and plans, both immediate and long-range. All parents are encouraged to attend. The EPO will provide light refreshments.



Summer Classes Now Open to Friends

Summer is just around the corner and EAGLE's summer enrichment program offers a great opportunity to keep your child's mind engaged mid-summer (July) in a fun academic way. We currently have several courses that could use a few more students in order to run; therefore, *enrollment is now open to friends of EAGLE students*. Friends who share your child's interest in science, math, technology, chess, and/or the arts might enjoy a glimpse into EAGLE learning this summer. Please feel free to forward the attached summer course brochure to friends. We still have openings in all courses.



Student Council School Store

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

Reception to Honor EAGLE Alumni

On Friday, May 6, at 7:00 PM, EAGLE School will host a reception in honor of EAGLE alumni who are soon-to-be 2016 high school graduates. Former students from all years are welcome to attend the reception and/or to join in the Spring FUNdraiser activities that evening.

Check out the video invitation from LA/SS/D teacher Matt Gallo on the EAGLE School Alumni Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/EagleSchoolAlumni>).



Attention: 4/5s and Their Parents

We are making final plans for the annual 4/5 class field trip to Milwaukee, which will take place next Thursday, April 21. Upon arriving in Milwaukee, we will spend the first part of the morning at the Milwaukee Public Museum's exhibits before migrating to Miller Park to watch the surprising Brewers crush the hapless Minnesota Twins. Please pack a lunch for your student, as we'll tailgate in the parking lot, OR send plenty of money, so your child can eat expensive ballpark food inside the stadium. **Please check the forecast and help your student wear appropriate apparel.**

We will be leaving the EAGLE School parking lot at 7:20 AM sharp, so please be punctual. Stragglers will be left behind. We will leave the Miller Park lot at 2:30 PM and should be back at school around 4:00 PM. Please arrange to pick up your student at this time. Parents and chaperones have already been arranged and should know who is riding the bus and who will provide their own transportation. ~ Matt Gallo



EAGLE Family FUN Night

The EAGLE Parent Organization cordially invites you to our main event: the annual EAGLE Family FUN Night (and FUNdraiser) on **Friday, May 6, from 5:30 to 9:00 PM**. All are welcome; bring your family, friends, and neighbors, too! Enjoy delicious food, fun activities for the kids, and delightful entertainment, all while raising funds for important EPO initiatives at our school. The evening also includes a silent auction, where you will have the opportunity to bid on a huge selection of desirable items.

On **page four** of this newsletter, you can read all about the exciting activities that we are featuring this year. Many parent volunteers have been working hard to make Family FUN Night a success, but they need your help, too. Watch for a *SignUpGenius* link next week, and if possible, please volunteer to cover at least one shift at the event. It's FUN, it's our FUNdraiser, it's EAGLE Family FUN Night! See you there!



FUNdraiser MacRaffle Q & A

Q: Where do we get raffle tickets to sell?

A: Manila envelopes with instructions and 12 raffle tickets were placed in student lockers last week.

Q: Do we have to pay for the tickets?

A: Yes, in the sense that we are asking each family to sell 12 tickets (\$10 each or 3 for \$25).

Q: Are we required to buy tickets that we haven't sold to others?

A: No

Q: How many tickets do we need to sell?

A: As many as humanly possible! 😊

Q: Where can we get more raffle tickets?

A: In the Main Office.

Q: What do I do with purchased tickets and payments?

A: Turn in to the friendly folk in the Main Office.

Q: What's NEW this year?

A: Every student/family who sells 12 tickets will have an opportunity to enter a drawing for a \$50 cash prize and an extra recess for the student's unit. (There will be three winners distributed across the grade levels.)



Earth Day Updates

EAGLE School will be celebrating Earth Day in a big way on April 22, during TGIF!

Donate to the 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.

Recycle in the Lunchroom ⇒ Students, please help us reduce lunchroom waste by remembering to recycle empty milk cartons. You don't even have to rinse them; just drop them in the recycle bin.

Volunteer to Help ⇒ Parents who would like to help with Earth Day activities during TGIF on Friday, April 22, should contact Lena at madamelena@eagleschool.org. (We especially need someone who is skilled in origami.)

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 in the Main Office by Friday, April 29.

After-School Activities – A Quick Glance

To assist families with extracurricular planning, a quick-glance calendar of May's after-school activities is being forwarded with this newsletter. Please reference this guide when signing up for Study Club and other activities.

May/June 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 **May/June** is now available and can be accessed by going to the EAGLE School website (www.eagleschool.org) and clicking on the *Parents* tab.



Keep the Line Moving, Please!

At dismissal time, if you regularly pick up your child in either of our traffic circles, we ask that you keep the line moving out of consideration for all of the drivers behind you. When you see a space in front of you, please pull forward to allow other vehicles to join the line. In addition, please try to avoid blocking open parking spaces, as others behind you may want to pull in. As always, exercising caution and consideration keeps our students safe and our parents happy! Thank you in advance for your help!



Cool Ideas for Summer

At this time of year, we receive many brochures about different summer programs that may be of interest to our families. Several of these informational pieces are posted on the “Community News” bulletin board in the upper hallway, and additional flyers can be found in the “summer basket” on the shelves near the main (east) entrance of the school. We encourage you to look through this information at your convenience.

Summer Adventure Camps

Looking for an exciting, affordable, and educational experience for your child this summer? Check out the Aldo Leopold Nature Center's [Discovery & Adventure Summer Camps](#)! Campers will experience the best of the outdoors as they race through the prairie, explore the forest, discover pond critters, or unearth ancient artifacts on a dig site.



- Camps run Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (8:30 AM to 5:30 PM extended hours are available)
- Registration options include full-day or half-day, full week to one day, and everything in between
- Fun and diverse themes for all interests and skill levels

Camps fill quickly and space is limited. For registration information, visit aldoleopoldnaturecenter.org.

EPO Wants You!

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. As an EPO board member, you will serve as a liaison between staff and parents. It is a wonderful opportunity to be a leader in the efforts that build community and support the financial needs of our school, as well as the academic, artistic, and social needs of our students. If you're interested in becoming a member of the EPO Board, please contact vice president Tanya Buckingham at tanmabuck@gmail.com.



FOODFIGHT
RESTAURANT GROUP

Anyone for a Food Fight?

Food Fight, a group of restaurants in Madison, offers a rebate program to nonprofit organizations that sell their gift cards. Purchasing Food Fight gift cards is an easy way to add funds to EAGLE School without costing you anything extra, and the cards make nice gifts for friends and business associates. For a list of participating restaurants go to <http://www.foodfightinc.com/>. You may purchase Food Fight gift cards in the Main Office.

EAGLE Students to Perform in Verona

Lauren S. (7/8 B), Libby P. (5/6 B), and Maeve S. (3/4 A) will perform in the Verona Area Community Theater's production of *High School Musical, Jr.* Shows are scheduled for Friday, April 15, at 7:30 PM, and Saturday, April 16, at 1:30 and 5:00 PM. For tickets, visit www.VACT.org or call 845-2383.

FUN DRAISER

EAGLE School Spring Family
May 6, 2016



Online Auction → Thanks to the generosity of many local businesses and EAGLE families, we have a wide variety of items for you to bid on in the new online portion of our FUNdraiser auction. There are hotel stays, restaurant meals, pet care services, orchestra tickets, flying lessons, and many more to choose from! Online bidding opens on April 22 and continues through May 5. Details and instructions will be printed in next week's Aerie-Gram, as well as in an email from the unit parents.



Silent Auction → Many unique items and experiences will be reserved for our Silent Auction at the event as well! Come to the EAGLE Family FUN Night for a chance to bid on a private dinner for eight from the master chef at Forequarter, or collaborate to create an amazing gunpowder painting with unique artist Stick Vega. Many memorable experiences with EAGLE staff and families will also be featured! How about some craft beer-brewing, hiking, or boating? Would you like awesome front-row seats for the next EAGLE winter concert or 7/8 musical? Bid on these and so much more at this year's Silent Auction.



Advance Ticket Sales → Save time and get right to the food and fun by purchasing your tickets in advance! These standard \$1.00 tickets are your "currency" for the evening to pay for food, beverages, and a few of the kids' activities. Discounted ticket blocks will be available for purchase online. Watch next week's newsletter for more details.



Main Stage → The Main Stage at this year's FUNdraiser will feature great entertainment for the whole family--from performances by our own Pitch-Perfect and music students to remarkable juggling fun by the Truly Remarkable Loon. You won't want to miss the shows! More details to follow.



Children's Activities → Children will have plenty of opportunities to connect with friends of all ages during the evening! Whether it's relaxing in the Salon, belting out their favorite songs in the Karaoke Room or taking their game to the next level in the Arcade, students are in for a night of fun. Our voracious readers will want to try their luck at the Book Walk, while the artistically-inclined can create a glittery craft. The Nest will be open for younger children to enjoy games and activities and (gasp!) a dinosaur! When your kids are in need of a slushy refreshment, they can stop by the Kona Ice Truck, and when they are ready for some downtime, they can visit the Cinema for a movie. And, NEW this year, older students will be welcome to chillax in the Middle School Lounge.



Food Sales → Join us for dinner! We will have a delicious range of adult and child-friendly food options including Great Dane burgers and brats on the grill, Sa Bai Thong curry and fried rice, Pizza Hut pizza, Swagat Indian food, as well as chips, potato salad, and soft drinks. Food and beverages will be served from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. Get it while it lasts! We'll also have take-out containers on hand to safely transport food back home, so you'll be able to enjoy a late night snack or lunch the next day.



EAGLE Café / Bake Sale → Please stop by the Commons to enjoy your meal at one of our café tables and then finish your dining experience with a wonderful dessert. To help make the café an overwhelming success, we will need donations of cookies, brownies, cupcakes, bars, and pastries (homemade or store bought). All Bake Sale items may be dropped off in the Commons kitchen anytime on Friday, May 6. Please contact Linda with questions (linda.best@charter.net). We are funding our children's education one cupcake at a time!



Cake Auction → Like to bake? Bake a cake! Donate a cake for the FUNdraiser (silent) Cake Auction. Make it stunning or unique and command a high bid! Only 15 spaces available, so don't delay! Contact Chris Turner at clturner412@gmail.com or (608) 203-9123 by April 30 to reserve your space.