



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

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| R | 9/3 | 3/4-7/8 Band/Strings Meeting,
Auditorium, 7:00 pm |
| F | 9/4 | September lunch orders due
TGIF: Rope Warrior / Service |
| M | 9/7 | No School (Labor Day) |
| T | 9/8 | EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 am |
| W | 9/9 | Back-to-School Night, 7:00 pm |
| F | 9/11 | Rocky's Pizza lunch
TGIF: Stoughton Jazz Collective |
| W | 9/16 | Culver's lunch |
| R | 9/17 | Ice Cream Social Fundraiser at Fitchburg
Farmer's Market, 3:00 pm |
| F | 9/18 | TGIF: Clubs |
| F | 9/25 | October lunch orders due
Coffee with Carole, 8:30 am
Noodles & Co. lunch
TGIF: Wonders of Physics / Service |
| W | 9/30 | Picture Day |

Mark Your Calendars!

Please join us for **Back-to-School Night** on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 7:00 PM. This is a **parents-only** event during which you will meet teachers and gain important information about curriculum, homework, and grading policies. (The evening's schedule will be forwarded with next week's Aerie-Gram.) Refreshments will be provided by the EPO in the Commons.

Dismissal Time

Students are dismissed at 3:10 PM and should be picked up no later than 3:25 PM. At 3:25, all students waiting to be picked up will be taken to the doors near the main office. At 3:40, all students who remain will go to Study Club in the Multi-Purpose Room (back entrance), and their parents will be charged a \$10.00 fee. Promptness at pick-up time is greatly appreciated!

One Call Now Emergency Messaging

EAGLE School will be using **One Call Now** for our emergency messaging again this year. For our new families, One Call Now is a messaging service that allows its recipients to control the way in which they're contacted. Parents may choose to be notified through a combination of phone, email, text messages, or the One Call Now mobile app.

Soon, you will receive an email with instructions on signing up or modifying your preferred contacts. We will be sending a test message through the system on Tuesday, Sept. 8, during the afternoon.

Questions regarding One Call Now may be directed to Wade (wade@eagleschool.org) in the main office.

Hot Lunch Orders Due Next Friday

EAGLE's hot lunch program is gearing up for the new school year. Our lunch program, run by the 8th grade students and parents, offers the treat of a hot lunch to all students and staff while raising money to send the 8th grade class to Washington D.C. in the spring.

Instructions for how to place your students' orders using the EAGLE Spirit Order System are included with this newsletter. Please read these directions carefully (you will need a **new password**) and order your September hot lunches by Friday, Sept. 4. The first hot lunch of the year, Rocky's Pizza, will be served Friday, Sept. 11. October lunches must be ordered by Friday, Sept. 25. Our online ordering system allows you the flexibility of ordering lunches by the month or through the end of January. If you have computer-related questions about placing an order, you may contact Nancy Barabas (nancy.barabas@outlook.com).

Parents, please note that on "hot lunch days" extra snacks, dessert items, and various ice cream treats are available for purchase at a cost of \$1.00 per item.



We Need Paper!

Can you believe it? We forgot to request loose leaf paper on our school supply lists!

Therefore, we are asking each student to bring in one package of lined, loose leaf paper sometime next week. Nest-4/5s should bring wide-ruled, and 5/6s-7/8s should bring college-ruled with reinforced holes, if possible. Paper collection boxes will be placed in each lobby--one by the main entrance and the other by the Auditorium entrance. Thank you!

Many Hands, Many Thanks

On Saturday, Aug. 22, our wonderful EAGLE "spirit" was in full force as more than forty parents worked steadily for several hours painting, cleaning, and organizing to prepare our building and grounds for the new school year. We sincerely thank all of these hard-working volunteers who helped us get ready for another terrific year. We couldn't have done it without you!

Ice Cream Social a Big Success!

We had a terrific turn-out for our sixth annual *Back-to-School Ice Cream Social* that was held last Sunday at McGaw Park. We are pleased to have had the opportunity to meet so many new families and reconnect with returning families. Many thanks to Rochelle Engel for coordinating the mentors who made our new families feel welcome. We extend a special thank you to Culver's (Todd Drive) for generously donating delicious frozen custard and to Peter Lee for providing so many different toppings for this welcome-event. We also appreciate the efforts of event coordinator Tiffany Lim-Lee and her fantastic team of volunteers who helped make our social so enjoyable. What a great way to start off the new school year!

Robotics Season Kick-Off

The First Tech Challenge robotics season kicks off on Saturday, September 12, and we will be having a kick-off party here at EAGLE from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. All interested students and parents are welcome; please email robotics@eagleschool.org if you plan to attend. There will be several changes to the competition this year. The Lego Mindstorms equipment will be replaced with Android cellphones and compatible sensors and controllers and will be programmed using Java or MIT App Inventor.

Our first team meeting will be held on Friday, September 18, from 3:25 to 4:30 PM, and throughout the season, we will continue to meet on Fridays from 3:25 to 5:30 PM. The competition is open to 7th and 8th graders, although students in 6th grade are welcome to attend as part of the junior team. The cost of participating will be \$100 for the entire season, September to April, which covers the cost of the team T-shirts and refreshments. Parents are still welcome to assist at meetings--no robotics experience required. Interested students, including returning team members, should complete the attached FTC sign-up form. Email robotics@eagleschool.org for further information.



Fall Sports Sign-Up!

Come enjoy another fun season of fall sports at EAGLE! We have at least one offering for students at each level-- Junior 3/4 through Middle School 7/8: Volleyball (team), Frisbee (team), Cross Country Running (club) and After-School Basketball: Skills, Drills & Scrimmage (club). See the attached form for details. Registration forms and payments are due in the Reception Office by Friday, Sept. 4. Questions regarding fall sports may be directed to jack@eagleschool.org.

Who's New at EAGLE?

In addition to welcoming 32 new families to our EAGLE community, we are pleased to introduce three of the five new members of our fabulous EAGLE Staff:

Rebecca Frost, our new music teacher for the Nest through Intermediate Units, holds a B.M. in Music Education from UW-Whitewater with an emphasis in general and instrumental music. Rebecca graduated summa cum laude in May and is very excited to be teaching at EAGLE! She completed her student teaching at Kegonsa Elementary School in Stoughton and at Oregon High School. Previously, Rebecca has been head counselor at the UW-Whitewater piano camp, as well as a woodwind specialist for the Oregon High School Marching Band. In addition to teaching at EAGLE, she maintains a private piano studio and accompanies many instrumentalists and vocalists on piano. When not teaching, Rebecca enjoys hiking with her husband and spending time with her family.

Kelly Wehrle, who has joined the Guidance Department as our second counselor, holds an M.A. in School Counseling from New York University and a B.A. in Writing & Religion in the U.S. from Hampshire College. She moved to Madison in May from New York City, where she was working in two Brooklyn schools as a counselor and a teacher's assistant. She has taught math, writing, SAT prep, and P.E. at enrichment programs in Madison, New York City, and Washington D.C.; she has also worked as a housing counselor for New York City tenants facing eviction. Kelly is excited to be a part of the EAGLE community and looks forward to meeting all of the students and families.

Jimlene Pleva, a familiar face to many, is excited to join EAGLE's staff as our Study Club & Parent Volunteer Coordinator, and one afternoon per week, she will also continue to serve in her long-time role as a parent aide. Jimlene holds a B.S. in Accounting from Arizona State University and has been a licensed Certified Public Accountant since 1994. Her previous work experience includes 16 years of accounting and financial planning & analysis, primarily in the banking and aerospace industries. She has two children, the eldest a sixth grader at EAGLE. In her spare time, Jimlene enjoys spending time with family in the great outdoors of beautiful northern Wisconsin.



EAGLE Bus News

EAGLE families are scattered throughout Madison and beyond, so while the bus cannot provide transportation for all families, our west and far west service may be convenient for you! We have two morning routes and one afternoon route. Families may use the bus half-time (morning or afternoon) for \$300, or full-time (to and from school) for \$600. Occasional riders may purchase bus passes at school for \$7. To learn more about the route that is in place for the fall semester, please contact Moira Fitzgerald at moira@fitzgeraldconsultancy.com.

Early Bird Gym is Officially Up and Running

Monday through Friday, students who arrive early to school are invited to head into the gym for a short time of physical activity, supervised by P.E. teacher Steve Helstad. Students who wish to participate may enter the gym after 8:00 AM if the adult supervisor is present.



Library News

Before circulation begins next week, please create a routine with your student(s) for keeping track of books checked out from the EAGLE library. The check-out period is two weeks, after which, books should be renewed with Ellen or returned. When returning books to the public library, watch for the EAGLE library barcode on the front cover along the left spine to be sure that no EAGLE books are in the mix. Questions? Contact Ellen Bunn, the EAGLE librarian (ellen@eagleschool.org).

Study Club Moves to Online Sign-Up

We are pleased to introduce online sign-up for Study Club through *SignUpGenius!*

Study Club is two hours of teacher-supervised time (3:25 to 5:30 PM) for study and recreation, for a fee of \$10.00 per hour, per student. All students are eligible to attend.

To register, go to the EAGLE School website, click on the *Parent* tab, select *Study Club* from the drop-down menu, and click on the *Study Club Sign-Up* link. At that point, *SignUpGenius* will lead you through the process, but if it's your first attempt at signing up, click on the link (located on the sign-up page) to the step-by-step directions. Information found here will address questions that may arise as you work your way through the process. (It's really much easier than it sounds!)

We appreciate your patience as we attempt to resolve any glitches related to Study Club online registration. Comments and questions about Study Club registration may be emailed to studyclub@eagleschool.org.

After-School Activities - A Quick Glance

To assist all families with extracurricular planning, a quick glance calendar of all September after-school activities is attached. Please reference this guide when signing up for Study Club and other activities.

Tri4Schools Fall Mud Run Fun

Students have another chance for mud-run fun on **Saturday, September 26**, at Festival Park in Verona. This event is organized by Tri4Schools, a non-profit that promotes health and fitness for kids. Tri4Schools donates 75% of registration fees back to the participants' school for health and fitness purposes, which allowed EAGLE students to raise over \$1,000 for our P.E. program last year. Mud Runs have sold out in the past, so register soon. Early registration ends today, Friday, Aug. 28, at 11:59 PM. Regular registration will continue until Sept. 23 unless the race sells out before then. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

EAGLE Parent Organization

As an EAGLE School parent, you are automatically a member of the EAGLE Parent Organization (EPO). The EPO, which meets the second Tuesday of each month, focuses on community building and fundraising for the school. Our first meeting of the new school year will be Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 8:30 AM, in the Commons. Please join us if you can.

Our first event of the school year will happen on Thursday, Sept. 17, when the EPO will once again be sponsoring the Ice Cream Social/Fundraiser at the Fitchburg Farmer's Market. Please join us after school at the Agora pavilion on East Cheryl Parkway to participate in this fun and tasty way to support EAGLE School and the Fitchburg community.

This year's EPO board includes: Jodie Johnson (President), Tanya Buckingham (Vice President), Dia Caulkins (Secretary), Irene Ong (Treasurer), Amy Bina, Laura Dry, Patti DuBeau, Helen Lee, Mahr Malik, Scott Mason, Alperen Ozalp, and Chad Thums. Throughout the year, please feel free to contact any board member with questions. If there's an item you'd like addressed at a meeting, please call or text Jodie Johnson at [608-358-6289](tel:608-358-6289).

Band & Strings Information

Instrument Demonstrations and Trials ⇒ On Wednesday, Sept. 2, Mrs. Eckel, Laura Mericle, and Mark Bridges will conduct an instrument demonstration for all Junior 3/4s and any older students who are interested in joining band or strings for the first time. The demonstration will be held in the Auditorium from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. Instrument trials for strings and mouthpiece trials for band will take place throughout that day.

Parent Meeting ⇒ An informational meeting for the parents of Beginning Band students, new band students, and new strings students is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 3, at 7:00 PM, in the Auditorium. If you cannot attend a meeting but would like to inquire about lessons, please contact the respective directors/teachers. Christine Eckel (band) may be reached at ceckel@eagleschool.org, Laura (violin and viola) may be reached at laura.mericle@gmail.com, and Mark (cello) may be reached at cellobridges@gmail.com.



Strings for Young Players

On Thursday evening, Sept. 3, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM (an hour before the parent meeting), in Band/Strings Room 28, Laura Mericle and Mark Bridges will be available to give children, ages 5-8, the opportunity to try stringed instruments, and they look forward to speaking with interested parents about lessons for young students. If you cannot attend but would like more information, please contact Laura or Mark.