



EAGLE SCHOOL

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Looking Ahead

Friday, September 1

- ◆ TGIF: Lessons from Geese

Monday, September 4

- ◆ No School (Labor Day)

Tuesday, September 5

- ◆ September lunch orders due
- ◆ 3/4-7/8 Band/Strings Meeting, Auditorium, 7:00 PM

Friday, September 8

- ◆ Rocky's Pizza lunch
- ◆ TGIF: Open Up & Say Ha! / Service

Saturday, September 9

- ◆ Robotics Qualcomm Season Kickoff, Commons, Time TBD

Tuesday, September 12

- ◆ EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 AM

Wednesday, September 13

- ◆ D.C. Meeting for Parents of 8th Graders, 6:30 PM
- ◆ Back-to-School Night, 7:00 PM

Friday, September 15

- ◆ Noodles & Co. lunch
- ◆ Nest to Eplegaarden, 1:10 to 2:50 PM
- ◆ TGIF: Clubs

Saturday, September 16

- ◆ 5/6 Breakfast Social, Commons, 9:00 to 11:00 AM
- ◆ Upper Primary Potluck, Commons, 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Mark Your Calendars!

Hot Lunch Orders Due Tuesday

EAGLE's hot lunch program, run by the 8th grade students and parents, offers a weekly hot lunch to all students and staff while raising money to send the 8th grade class to Washington, D.C. in the spring.

To place a lunch order using the EAGLE Spirit Order System, please follow the directions that have been forwarded with this newsletter. In addition, ordering instructions have been published in the Family Directory and posted on the EAGLE [website](http://www.eagleschool.org). Please read these directions carefully (you will need a new password) and **order your September hot lunches by Tuesday, Sept. 5**. The first hot lunch of the year, Rocky's Pizza, will be served **Friday, Sept. 8**. October lunches must be ordered by **Friday, Sept. 29**. 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 at nancy.barabas@outlook.com.

Parents, please note that on "hot lunch days" extra snack items will be available for purchase at a cost of \$1.00 per item. Ice cream treats will be sold during both lunch periods on Thursdays, beginning Sept. 7, also at a cost of \$1.00 per item.

Band & Strings Meeting Next Tuesday

An informational meeting for the parents of Beginning Band students, new band students, and new strings students is scheduled for **Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 7:00 PM**, in the Auditorium. If you cannot attend the 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 Mericle (violin and viola) may be reached at laura.mericle@gmail.com, and Mark Bridges (cello) may be reached at cellobridges@gmail.com.

Back-to-School Night – September 13th

Please join us for **Back-to-School Night** on **Wednesday, Sept. 13, 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. A copy of the evening's schedule will be forwarded with next week's newsletter. Refreshments will be provided by the EPO in the Commons.

Time to Say "Cheese!"

Two photographers from Inter-State Studio will be here on **Tuesday morning, Sept. 19**, to take student photos. This year, all picture orders must be placed online at www.inter-state.com/order using order code **19204XA**. If you do not order pictures, your child will still be photographed for the class composite. A picture make-up day will be scheduled in late October for all students who are not in attendance on Sept. 19. Questions? Email marykay@eagleschool.org.

Tri4Schools Fall Mud Run Fun

Ready for some good old-fashioned fun in the mud? Plan to join us on **Saturday, Sept. 23**, at Festival Park in Verona, for this year's *Family Mud Run*. This year parents/adults are welcome to register and run with their kids on all three courses! This event is organized by Tri4Schools, a non-profit that promotes health and fitness for kids and supports local schools. Tri4Schools donates 75% of registration fees back to the participants' school for health and fitness purposes, which in recent years, has allowed EAGLE students to raise over \$1,000 for our P.E. program. Mud Runs have sold out in the past, so register soon! Online registration should continue until Sept. 20, at 11:59 PM, unless the race sells out. If not sold out, same day registration will be available, but the fee will be higher, and a t-shirt for each racer is not guaranteed. For more information and to register, click [here](#). **Be sure to specify EAGLE as the school to which you would like funds donated.** Questions? Please email Dia Caulkins at djcaulkins@gmail.com.

General Information

EAGLE School Family Directory

Did you get your 2017-18 Family Directory? They were distributed to student lockers this past Tuesday, one per family. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with this booklet, as it contains important contact information, as well as instructions for ordering hot lunch and submitting volunteer hours.

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 period of physical activity, supervised by Steve Helstad or Matt Gallo. Students who wish to participate may enter the gym after 8:00 AM if the adult supervisor is present.

Welcome to the EAGLE Library

Circulation will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 5. Please talk with your child(ren) about establishing a place/routine for managing EAGLE School library books so they don't get absorbed into the home library or returned to the public library. Books circulate for two weeks after which they should be returned or renewed. For questions or concerns, please contact EAGLE librarian Ellen Bunn at ellen@eagleschool.org.

Arriving Early at School

Students who must arrive at school before 8:00 AM should enter the building through the back doors of the Commons, where there will be a teacher supervising "early arrivals" from **7:40 to 8:00 AM**. These students will be expected to wait patiently and quietly in the Commons until they are dismissed at 8:00 AM.

Reporting an Absence

Parents should call school by 8:45 AM when a child is going to be absent. An email to a teacher or to the office does not take the place of a phone call. In the case of a planned absence, parents should notify the child's

teachers, as well as the office, via **email**. (Teachers' email addresses will be available in the EAGLE Family Directory.) This will allow teachers to directly respond in regard to make-up work.

Please Pick Up Children On 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 3:30, all students who remain will go to Study Club in the Multi-Purpose Room (back entrance), and their parents will be charged a \$12.00 fee. Promptness at pick-up time is greatly appreciated!

Quick Glance Calendar

To assist with extracurricular planning, view our [September Quick-Glance Activity Calendar](#) of after-school activities. Please reference this guide when signing up for Study Club and other activities.

We Appreciate Your Help!

Family Directory – Designed and Combined!

Special thanks to student artist **Simon K. (7/8 A)**, who combined his creativity, whimsical style, and artistic ability to design this year's eye-catching Family Directory cover for us, and we offer our sincere appreciation to EAGLE Administrative Assistant **Rochelle Engel** for the many hours she spent copying, collating, and binding over 250 directories!

Many Participate in School Clean-Up Day

On Saturday, Aug. 19, our wonderful EAGLE "spirit" was in full force as more than twenty-five volunteers worked steadily for several hours painting, cleaning, weeding, spreading bark, covering bulletin boards, and filling bean bag chairs to prepare our building and grounds for the new school year. We sincerely thank the following parents and students who helped us get ready for another terrific year: Jean Bae, Gregg Kissel, Simon Kissel, Mark Ballweg, Gabrielle Bina, Matt Sidney, Jennifer Bradley, David Bradley, Ted Fondrk, Andy Grafenauer, Amber Houghtling, Erin Jonaitis, Jee-Seon Kim, Kristin Lewicki, Mahr Malik, Dirk Mason, Kristyn Masters, Lyn Macgregor, Caroline Halsted, Bill Schmidt, Preeti Solanki, Adam Talkington, Ralf Wehlitz, Jeong Pak, Lukas Wehlitz, Haley Weygandt, Max Weygandt, Nolan Weygandt, Quinn Weygandt, Kelly Wolfson, and Dan Zhang. We couldn't have done it without you!

Ice Cream Social a Big Success!

We had a terrific turnout for our eighth annual *Back-to-School Ice Cream Social* that was held last Sunday at Swan Creek 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. We also appreciate the efforts of the EPO in hosting the event and providing toppings, as well as the fantastic team of volunteers who helped make our social so enjoyable. What a great way to start off the new school year!

EPO Treats Staff

Many thanks to the EPO for providing our EAGLE staff with delicious breakfast treats on Orientation Morning. With excitement in the air and so much to do, the ability to grab a quick bite was much appreciated.

Volunteer Opportunity

Lunchroom & Playground Volunteers Needed

We are in need of four Wednesday volunteers--two to help with recess and two to help supervise lunch (Nest during first lunch period and 4/5s – 6/7s during second lunch period). If you can help at least one Wednesday a month, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Jimlene Pleva at jimlene@eagleschool.org.

EAGLE Parent Organization (EPO)

EPO Board Announces Date of First Meeting

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. 12, at 8:30 AM**, in the Commons. Please join us if you can.

This year's EPO board includes: Dia Caulkins (President), Stella Krall (Vice President), Enda O'Donohoe (Secretary), Don Settergren (Treasurer), Sara Bembenek, Emily Evans-Fanaeian, Claire Feith, Shikha Gupta, Sonal Kashyap, Scott Mason, Irene Ong, Alperen Ozalp, and Roopak Talwar (members at large). 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 contact Dia Caulkins at djcaulkins@gmail.com.

Who's New at EAGLE School?

In addition to welcoming 30 new families to our EAGLE community, we are pleased to introduce three of the six new members of our fabulous EAGLE Staff:

Heather Dampf, who has joined the Counseling Department as our second counselor, holds a B.S. in Social Work from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and an M.A. in School Counseling from Seattle University. She has been a school counselor at both the elementary and middle school level, a middle school teacher's assistant, and an elementary office administrator. She has also worked with young at-risk mothers and youth transitioning from foster care. Heather and her husband have two children who both attend Dodgeville Middle School. She is looking forward to getting to know the students and families of EAGLE and is excited to be part of the EAGLE community.

Andrew Lindstrum, a new member of our Math Department, received his B.S. in Elementary Education from UW-Madison and his M.S. in Education from UW-Stout. Andrew taught at a traditional middle school in Phoenix, Arizona and at a charter school outside of Denver, Colorado. He spent the last nine years at a STEM-focused charter school in Henderson, Nevada. After seven years of working with gifted learners in fifth grade math, science, and social studies, he served as assistant principal at the same middle school. During his time in Nevada he also coached FIRST Lego League Robotics, Math Olympiad, and coordinated the school science fair. In his free time, Andrew likes to spend time with family including his Standard Poodle, Winston. He also enjoys disc golf, travel, all kinds of Wisconsin sports, and is looking forward to becoming part of the EAGLE family as he gets reacquainted with life in Madison.

Sara Mess, also a new EAGLE math teacher, earned a B.S. in Mathematics and a B.A. in Chemistry from Michigan State University, an M.L.A. from Ball State University, and her teacher certification through Project Teaching. Sara has worked as a golf course architect, in IT as technical support, and has taught in Indiana and Wisconsin, most recently at Sun Prairie High School teaching Calculus 2. In addition, she is the head coach for the Oregon High School boys' golf team. In her spare time, Sara enjoys travel, running, gardening, and attempting to corral her two cats.

Fall After-School Activities

Wednesday Walkabout

Who: 3/4s – 7/8s

When: 3:25 to 5:30 PM on six alternating Wednesdays: Sept. 6, 20; Oct. 4, 18; Nov. 1, 15

Where: Room 25 to start, then outside!

Fee: \$120

Space is limited to 10, so register soon!

[Wednesday Walkabout Registration Form](#)

Chess Club

Who: Primaries and older

When: 3:25 to 4:30 PM on six Tuesdays: Sept. 12, 19, 26; Oct. 3, 10, 17

Where: Commons

Fee: \$70

A wait list is anticipated, so sign up quickly!

[Chess Club Registration Form](#)

Pitch Perfect (Middle School Singers)

Who: 5/6s – 7/8s

When: 3:15 to 4:30 PM, Wednesdays, Sept. 20 through Jan. 24

Where: Music Room 29 for snacks; rehearsals in the Auditorium

Fee: \$130

Space is limited to 25, so register soon!

[Pitch Perfect Registration Form](#)

Fantastic Faerie Houses – Sprites Session

Who: 3/4s – 7/8s

When: 3:25 to 5:25 PM on five alternating Thursdays: Sept. 7, 21; Oct. 5, 19; Nov. 9

Where: Room 25 to start, then outside!

Fee: \$107 (includes \$7 for supplies)

Space is limited to 10, so register soon!

[Fantastic Faerie Houses \(Sprites\) Registration Form](#)

Fantastic Faerie Houses – Pixies Session

Who: 3/4s – 7/8s

When: 3:25 to 5:25 PM on five alternating Thursdays: Sept. 14, 28; Oct. 12; Nov. 2, 16

Where: Room 25 to start, then outside!

Fee: \$107 (includes \$7 for supplies)

Space is limited to 10, so register soon!

[Fantastic Faerie Houses \(Pixies\) Registration Form](#)

FTC Robotics Team 2017-18

Who: 7th and 8th graders

When: 3:25 to 5:25 PM, Fridays, Sept. 15 through Mar. 23 (Competition in Feb. & Mar.)

Where: Commons

Fee: \$275

September 9th Kickoff and Challenge Release (Time TBD)

[Robotics Team Registration Form](#)

Fall Sports

Get ready for another fun season of fall sports at EAGLE! We have at least one offering for students at each level--3/4 through 7/8: **Volleyball** (team), **Ultimate Frisbee** (team), **Cross Country** (club), **Basketball Skills & Scrimmage** (club), and **Girls on the Run** (team). See registration form for details. Forms and payments are due in the Reception Office by Friday, Sept. 1. Questions? Email jack@eagleschool.org.

[Fall Sports Sign-Up](#)