



EAGLE SCHOOL

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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

F	12/2	Quiznos lunch TGIF: 5/6 Plays
Sa	12/3	Science Olympiad Invitational (Boyceville)
M	12/5	Favorite Movie Character Day
T	12/6	Tic Tac Tuesday
W	12/7	What Am I? Wednesday Band/Strings Winter Concert, 6:30 pm
R	12/8	Pajama Day Prospect Visit (Kindergarten only), 8:30 am
F	12/9	Favorite Animal Day Rocky's Pizza lunch TGIF: Clubs
T	12/13	EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 am Prospect Visit (Kindergarten only), 8:30 am Math Olympiad (7 th period)
W	12/14	Culver's lunch 3/4 Music Concert, 1:00 pm
R	12/15	4/5-7/8 Winter Concert, 6:30 pm
F	12/16	TGIF: Market Day Middle School Dance, 6:00 to 8:30 pm
W-T	12/21-1/3	❄️❄️❄️ Winter Break ❄️❄️❄️
W	1/4	School Resumes

Tax Deduction for Private School Tuition

Did you know that Wisconsin offers a tax break for parents with children in private schools? The tax deduction, which began in the 2014 tax year, allows families to deduct up to \$4,000 for tuition paid for dependent children in grades K-8, and up to \$10,000 for high school students. For more information, please visit <http://www.wcris.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/WI-tax-deduction-official-document.pdf> (EAGLE tax ID is 39-1413598). **Parents, please note that tuition receipts for the 2016 calendar year will be sent home with semester reports in January.**



Teachers Reveal Wishes

In keeping with the merriment of the season, parents often ask what they might give a special teacher for a holiday gift. To make shopping a little easier, we are forwarding with this newsletter our 2016 Staff Wish List. The items on the list can be ordered online or through our catalogs. If you wish to purchase (or contribute toward) one of these items for a staff member, please notify Wade in the Main Office and drop off your check or cash contribution. If you decide to purchase something from the wish list on your own, please let us know what you've chosen so as to avoid duplication. **Please know that donating in this way is strictly voluntary and certainly not expected!**

Also, if you are planning year-end donations to charitable organizations, please keep our scholarship fund and/or general fund in mind. Because we are a non-profit organization under the federal 501(c)(3) codes, donations to the school are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



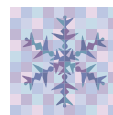
Sick Children Should Stay Home

A child who is not feeling well should not be sent to school, especially if symptoms include stomach ache, fever, sore throat, or persistent cough. Please remember that using pain reliever to reduce a fever or alleviate symptoms does not prevent the spread of germs, and that students should be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school. Help us keep our teachers and students healthy by keeping your sick child at home.



Second Semester Tuition Payment Due

If you are paying tuition under the Semester Payment Plan, your second installment is due by Jan. 1, 2017. (Tuition notices will be mailed next week.) You may mail a check or stop in the office on or before Dec. 20 to pay in person.



Band/Strings Concert

EAGLE band students under the direction of Christine Eckel, and our strings students under the direction of Laura Mericle and Mark Bridges, will present a winter concert on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 PM, in the Auditorium.

Another Successful Food Drive

Sincere thanks to the families who participated in our annual food drive. Tomorrow morning, hundreds of food items will be picked up by members of the Fitchburg Police Department and delivered to area food pantries, where your generosity will make a noticeable difference for many in our community. Also, a special thank you to Martha Goodge and our dedicated Student Council members, who collected and boxed donations and created the paper giving chains adorning our hallways.



Seeking CLUB Leaders

Being an EAGLE club leader is a fun and rewarding way to share your special interest or hobby with a small group of students. Our second semester clubs will meet during TGIF (2:00 to 3:10 pm) on the following Fridays: Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Mar. 31, and May 12. If interested in leading a club, please email Carole (carole@eagleschool.org).



New Program in MMSD High Schools

Over the next few years, West, East, Memorial, and La Follette high schools are implementing a new program called Personalized Pathways. Families living in the Madison Metropolitan School District are invited to learn more at pathways.madison.k12.wi.us and/or by attending their "GuidEd Expo" at Alliant Energy Center on Monday, Dec. 5, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

EHS Application Deadline

Edgewood High School's application deadline is Thursday, Dec. 15. Please visit www.edgewoodhs.org for more information.

EAGLE Enrollment 2017

If you have a child who you would like to enroll at EAGLE for the first time next fall, please note that the priority application deadline for siblings is February 1, 2017. In order to submit a complete application packet by the deadline, we encourage you to schedule an appointment to have your child tested (IQ) in December or January by an evaluator of your choice. If you need suggestions, please contact the school office for a list of examiners in the Madison area who have agreed to test EAGLE applicants.



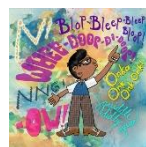
Thanks for Joining Us at Roman Candle!

Thanks to all who supported our school by stopping by Roman Candle Pizzeria on October 27. Your patronage resulted in EAGLE receiving \$130 to be used toward gift cards for future EPO activities and give-aways. As always, we appreciate it when parents and kids take time to share a meal and socialize with other EAGLE families while raising funds for our school.



All-School Geography Bee Results

Ten EAGLE students recently competed in the school level competition of the Geography Bee. Congratulations to our winner, Matthew K. (7/8 B), who will move on to represent our school in the next round of the bee. Matthew will complete a written exam that determines eligibility for the state bee. We also congratulate Matthew B. (7/8 C) for placing second and serving as our school's alternate for the next level.



Author-Illustrator Visit Next Friday

EAGLE is excited to welcome author-illustrator Duncan Tonatiuh. Parents are invited to join us on Friday, Dec. 9, for Tonatiuh's presentation to Intermediate, 3/4s, and 4/5s, which will take place in the Auditorium from 12:40 to 1:40 PM. He will be speaking earlier in the day with 5/6s and 6/7s and autographing books for K-8 students who pre-ordered them. The New York Times recently chose Tonatiuh's *The Princess and the Warrior: A Tale of Two Volcanoes* as one of the ten best illustrated books in 2016. Questions? Contact EAGLE librarian Ellen Bunn at ellen@eagleschool.org.



Student Council Corner

Spirit Week ⇒ During the week of Dec. 5-9, show your school spirit by participating in the special days listed below.

Movie Character Monday – On **Dec. 5**, dress up as your favorite movie character.

Tic Tac Tuesday – On Tuesday, **Dec. 6**, plan to purchase some minty treats at lunch.

What Am I? Wednesday – You'll be given a new identity, and everyone but you will know who you are. Use clues from your classmates to guess your new identity on **Dec. 7**.

Pajama Thursday – Wear your favorite PJs to school on Thursday, **Dec. 8**.

Favorite Animal Friday – On **Dec. 9**, dress up as your favorite animal or bring a beloved stuffed animal to school.

Winter Dance ⇒ Student Council will sponsor a dance, for 5/6s-7/8s, on Friday, Dec. 16, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM, in the Commons. Tickets will cost \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Pizza and snacks will be provided. A few parent chaperones are needed to help with set-up, supervision, and clean-up. To volunteer, please contact Martha at martha@eagleschool.org.

EAGLE Prospect Visits Begin Next Week

On Thursday, Dec. 8, and Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 8:30 to 11:00 AM, we are hosting "early" visiting days for prospective families who have children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2017. During these visits, parents will have an opportunity to tour the school, meet with our director and guidance counselors, and observe in classrooms. If you know someone who might want to learn more about our school, and whose child will be in kindergarten in the fall, please share this information with them.

To attend a visiting day, interested parents should email marykay@eagleschool.org to register. Beginning Jan. 5, ten more visiting days will be offered for prospective families with children entering grades 1-8 in the fall. These dates can be found on the EAGLE website.



Shopping Reaps Rewards

Thank you, parents, for mentioning EAGLE School when purchasing supplies at Office Depot/Office Max. Thanks to you, we have recently received a credit for \$198.62 to purchase school supplies. As you shop through the holidays, please remember to designate our school as the recipient of their 5% *Back to Schools Program* credit. Our Office Depot ID number is 70109367.

To learn about other ongoing rewards programs that assist EAGLE, visit our website (www.eagleschool.org) and click on the "Support EAGLE" tab.



Indoor Winter Farm Market

With the cooler weather here, the Fitchburg Farmers' Market has moved indoors. It is now located in the Fitchburg Community Center (5510 Lacy Road), and runs on Thursdays, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM, through December 22. Please continue to support our local market and vendors during these chilly months. Fresh produce, cheese, meats, and baked goods are still available!



Winter Fun at Agora in Fitchburg

Join your friends and neighbors in kicking off the holiday season at *Get Festive with Agora*, Thursday, Dec. 1, 4:00 to 8:00 PM, 5500 East Cheryl Parkway. Visitors will enjoy free carriage rides, holiday music, retailers' discounts and prizes, complimentary appetizers and dessert, and much more. Activities are free; \$5.00 suggested donation to benefit Agrace Hospice.



Healthy Habit to Avoid Colds

Ward off those nasty "cold germs" with good hand washing—the number one step in preventing the spread of viruses. Wash for at least 20 seconds (two rounds of the "Happy Birthday" song), scrubbing backs of hands, in between fingers, and under nails before rinsing off soap. Good hand washing is important for your protection and the protection of others, whether you are sick or well.

(Wisconsin State Journal, Dr. Dana Johnson)



MYC December Performances

Madison Youth Choirs (MYC) will join the Madison Symphony Orchestra and Chorus and the Mt. Zion Gospel Choir in their annual "A Madison Symphony Christmas" concert at Overture Center this weekend, Dec. 2, 3, and 4. The MYC boy choirs and girl choirs sing in this concert on alternate years, and this year, five EAGLE students (Charlie G., Nate M., Henry M-V. S., Ian M-M., and Lukas W.), as well as several EAGLE School alumni, will be performing.

Can't make it to the Christmas concert? No worries! Tickets will be available at the door for MYC's Winter Concert Series, "Shakespeare 400," which takes place on Sunday, Dec. 11, at the First Congregational Church near Camp Randall Stadium. You will have the opportunity to hear EAGLE students Ananya K., Anika S., and Grace W., along with the boys mentioned above. Choirs will perform at 1:30 (younger girls), 4:00 (younger boys), and 7:00 PM (high school singers). Visit <http://www.madisonyouthchoirs.org/> for more information.



EAGLE Student in Holiday Performance

Julia V. (6/7 B) will perform in Central Midwest Ballet's production of *The Little Matchstick Girl*, December 9 & 10, at the Bartell Theater.

This production, based on the beloved Hans Christian Andersen fairy-tale, is a perfect introduction to the art of ballet for young audience members, as well as a great way to get into the holiday spirit! Visit <https://itkt.choicecrm.net/templates/BRTL/> to order tickets.



EAGLE Student in Nutcracker

This holiday season, 5/6 student Ella W. can be seen in *The Nutcracker Ballet* at Overture Center. You are sure to enjoy Ella in her dual role as an Arabian Dancer and Rat. This delightful production, designed for all who are young at heart, runs December 10-26. For details, visit <http://www.overturecenter.org/events/nutcracker>.



EAGLE Student to Portray Peter Cratchit

Celebrate a Madison tradition at the Overture Center and see EAGLE classmate Matthew B. (7/8 C) perform in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, which runs December 10-23. In addition to his role as Peter, Matthew is also part of the Youth Ensemble. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to <http://www.overturecenter.org/events/a-christmas-carol>.