



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

Sa	12/12	EAGLE Book Fair at Barnes & Noble, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm
M	12/14	Prospect Visit for Kindergarten, 8:30 am Parent Forum: School Safety, 7:00 pm
T	12/15	Math Olympiad, 5 th and 6 th periods
W	12/16	Culver's lunch Band & Strings Concert, Auditorium, 6:30 pm
F	12/18	January lunch orders due Ugly Sweater Day TGIF: Clubs
M-T	12/21-1/5	❄️❄️❄️ Winter Break ❄️❄️❄️
W	1/6	School resumes
R	1/7	Prospect Visit, 8:30 to 11:00 am
F	1/9	Last day of the semester Rocky's lunch TGIF: Board Games



EAGLE Book Fair at Barnes & Noble West

Please come join the family-friendly activities at Barnes & Noble West tomorrow (Dec. 12), from noon to 5:00 PM, in the upstairs rear of the store. Activities at a craft table and Lego table and performances by EAGLE students doing Irish Dance, as well as musical performances from the Strings, Band, and Pitch Perfect groups will be available. There will also be an **encore performance** of selected songs from last year's 7/8 musical, *Les Misérables*, performed by EAGLE alumni and current EAGLE students. (Please see the attached flyer for times and details related to Book Fair activities/performances.)

A percentage of ALL Barnes & Noble in-store purchases that day (9:00 AM to 10:00 PM) made with EAGLE **voucher no. 11596608** will benefit the EAGLE library. (See voucher attachment.) Qualifying purchases include books, accessories, CD's/DVD's, café food, candy, etc. Online Barnes & Noble shopping will also benefit EAGLE (using the same voucher no.) on Sunday, Dec. 13, through Saturday, Dec. 19, so **please share the voucher no.** with extended family, neighbors, and friends.

EAGLE volunteers will also be **gift wrapping from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM** for Barnes & Noble, with donations going to the non-profit organization, "We Need Diverse Books."



Second Semester Tuition Payment Due

If you are paying tuition under the Semester Payment Plan, your second installment is due by Jan. 1, 2016. (Tuition notices were mailed last week.) You may mail a check or stop in the office before Dec. 18 to pay in person.

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/tuitiontaxdeduction.cfm> (EAGLE tax ID is 39-1413598). Parents, please note that tuition receipts for the 2015 calendar year will be sent home with semester reports in January.



Please Label Your Checks

When submitting a payment to the Reception Office, please be sure to indicate what your check is for by making a notation on the Memo line in the bottom left hand corner. **Checks for hot lunch should include your order number.**

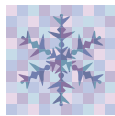
New Nest Student

We extend a warm EAGLE welcome to Vivian S. and her parents, Jolene and Dan. We are pleased to have Vivian in Nest B, and we look forward to her family's involvement in our EAGLE community. Please add their contact information to your family directory:

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Winter Performances 🎵

Student performers are sure to lift your spirits as they share joyful music of the season at these upcoming events:



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. 16, at 6:30 PM, in the Auditorium.



EAGLE Students in Nutcracker

This holiday season, two 5/6 students, Julia V. and Ella W., can be seen in *The Nutcracker Ballet* at Overture Center. You are sure to enjoy Julia in the role of Indian party girl and Ella as a soldier, as they perform in this delightful production, designed for all who are young at heart. *The Nutcracker* runs Dec. 12-27. For details, visit <http://www.overturecenter.org/events/nutcracker>.



EAGLE Students in Holiday Performance

Celebrate a Madison tradition at the Overture Center and see fellow EAGLE classmates Julia A. (6/7 B) and Matthew B. (7/8 B) perform in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Matthew is part of the Youth Ensemble, and Julia is enjoying her second season in the role of "Christmas Past." Tickets are on sale now for all twelve shows, which run Dec. 12-23. For more information, visit <http://www.overturecenter.org/events/a-christmas-carol>.



EAGLE Students Sing This Sunday

Three Madison Youth Choirs (MYC) Winter concerts will take place at the First Congregational Church near Camp Randall Stadium. EAGLE students singing with the Girlchoirs at the 7:00 PM concert include Lillian A., Ellen J., Ananya K., Abby L., Niha P., and Anika S.; students singing with the Boychoirs at the 4:00 PM concert include Charlie G., Nate M., Ian M-M., and Lukas W.; many EAGLE alums will be singing at the 1:30 PM with the three high school choirs. Seating is general admission and tickets are available at the door (\$10 for adults; \$5 for students ages 7-18).

Start Strings Second Semester

If you are interested in signing up your child for **cello** lessons and didn't get a chance to register this fall, Mark is enthusiastically accepting new students for the spring semester. Contact him at cellobridges@gmail.com.

If your child **already plays** a stringed instrument and would like to participate in either the beginner or intermediate string groups this spring, please contact Mark or Laura (laura.mericle@gmail.com) for more information.



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 2015 Staff Wish List. The items on the list can be ordered 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.

EAGLE Enrollment 2016

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 and prospective kindergarten students is February 1, 2016. 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 email marykay@eagleschool.org for a list of examiners in the Madison area who have agreed to test EAGLE applicants.

Parent Visit Days

A Parent Visit Day for families of children who will be entering kindergarten next fall will be held on Monday, Dec. 14, from 8:30 to 11:00 AM. Throughout the morning, 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.

Beginning Jan. 7, 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. To register for a Parent Visit Day, interested parents should email marykay@eagleschool.org.



Gently-Used Supplies for ages 5-8 Needed

Before you throw out unused worksheets, puzzles, coloring pages, gently-used crayons, and colored pencils too young for your own children, please consider donating them to the Reception Office for extracurricular use.

Safety at EAGLE School – Dec 14 Parent Forum

The EAGLE board of directors is inviting parents to a forum regarding safety measures at the school. The board will share its recent analysis of safety issues and planned responses. The meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 14, at 7:00 PM, in the Commons. All EAGLE parents are invited to attend.

If you are unable to attend and you have a question to ask, please forward your question to the EPO President Jodie Johnson at jjohnson@firstbusiness.com with "EAGLE security question" as the subject line. Jodie has volunteered to compile questions so that they can be addressed, and can also share notes from the meeting to those who cannot attend.



Student Council Corner

Ugly Sweater Day ⇒ Friday, Dec. 18, is *National Ugly Sweater Day* and EAGLE School will be joining in this very important celebration. Wear your ugly sweaters with pride on this day! They do not have to be holiday-related, just horrendous.

Winter Dance ⇒ Student Council will sponsor a middle school dance on Friday, Jan. 15 for 5/6-7/8 students. We will need 3-4 parent chaperones to help with set-up, supervision, and clean-up. If you are interested, please contact Martha at martha@eagleschool.org.



January Study Club

The Study Club sign-up for the period January 6–29 is now available and can be accessed by going to the EAGLE School website (www.eagleschool.org) and clicking on the *Parent* tab. **To arrange for the appropriate level of supervision, please register by Friday (Dec. 18) for the first week of school in January.** Study Club questions may be directed to studyclub@eagleschool.org.

After-School Activities – January Quick Glance

To assist families with extracurricular planning, a January quick-glance calendar of after-school activities is being forwarded with this newsletter. Please reference this guide when signing up for Study Club and other activities. For a more detailed listing of events with times, check out the calendar on our website (www.eagleschool.org).

MATHCOUNTS! Reminder

MATHCOUNTS! pizza party practices begin this Sunday (Dec. 13). Contact Erica Munson for more information at erica@eagleschool.org.

Successful Science Olympiad



Last Saturday, the Science Olympiad teams competed in an Invitational at Boyceville. The results were outstanding! Despite going up against 2015 state champs from Illinois, Iowa, and Minnesota, our team placed third overall. Individual medals were earned by Lucille B., Theo M., and Siena P. (2nd place, Experimental Design); Niha P., Rachel N. (3rd place Scrambler); Lucille B. and Cayden K. (4th place Bio Process); Theo M., Anika S. (4th place Meteorology); Juliana B. and Niha P. (4th place Green Generation); Ananya K., Simon K. (6th place Invasive Species); Jack K., Akshay J. (6th place Bridge Building); and a collaboration among Andrew S., Simon K., Derek A., and Zadan M. (3rd place Mission Possible). All the team members worked incredibly hard. Many thanks go out to Mrs. McCulley and all the parents who helped to make this success possible. Our regional competition will be held on Feb. 13, 2016, at UW-Oshkosh.



Ski Club Website Ready

Do you love to ski or are you interested in learning how to ski? Ten convenient dates have been arranged for EAGLE families to visit Cascade Mountain and Devil's Head Resort. Students younger than 10 years old must attend with an adult. Now, we need some good ol' Wisconsin winter weather just cold enough for snow!

The preferred registration date is Friday, Dec. 18, so trip lists can be prepared. All forms and payments are due in the Reception Office **by 3:30 PM on Wednesday, Jan. 6**. You can add trips later, but it is much easier if you sign up and pay all at once. The first trip is Friday, Jan. 9. To learn more about EAGLE School's Ski Club and see what's new for this season, check out the special website: <http://EagleSkiClub.wordpress.com>.



Tuesday Origami Club Continues

Due to popular demand, origami continues! Newcomers are welcome to join us for three weeks of origami with Origami Master Ruthanne Bessman and EAGLE art teacher Mrs. Finster. Open to Upper Primaries through 6/7s, the 55-minute sessions (3:25-4:20) on three Tuesdays in January will focus on creating animals and boxes. Please register with payment of \$30 by Friday, Jan. 8 with the attached sign-up form.



Seeking Judges for National History Day

Do you have an interest in history? Janice and Mr. Price are looking for judges for the National History Day contest at EAGLE, which will take place in the morning on Monday, Feb. 8. If your child is taking part in the contest, you may still participate by judging in a different category. If interested, please contact Janice or Mr. Price.

EPO Community Building Event at Rockin' Jump!

Gather your friends and family for an outing at Rockin' Jump Saturday, Jan. 23 (10:00 AM to 9:00 PM) and/or Sunday, Jan. 24 (11:00 AM to 9:00 PM). This is a great opportunity to have the kids (and adults!) burn off some energy during the cold winter. When you check in, just make sure you tell them you are from Eagle School and Rockin' Jump will donate a percentage back to the school. Rockin' Jump is located at 2700 Novation Pkwy (53713), not too far from the school.



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Enjoy a Holiday Food Fight!

Looking for a great gift for that person who has everything? A Food Fight gift card might be just the ticket. Food Fight, a group of Madison restaurants, offers a 10% rebate to non-profit organizations that sell their gift cards. Buying a gift card for that special someone is an easy way to add funds to the school with no extra expense to you. Food Fight gift cards are available for purchase in our Main Office. (Advance notice for large orders is appreciated; email your request to Ann Larget at annlarget@eagleschool.org.) For a complete listing of participating Food Fight restaurants, visit <http://www.foodfightinc.com/>.



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 Dec. 17. Please continue to support our local market and vendors during these chilly months. Fresh produce, cheese, meats, and baked goods are still available!



When It's Cold Outside

We remind students to be prepared for recess and other outdoor activities by dressing appropriately for cold weather (jackets, hats, gloves). If snow is on the ground or in the forecast, please bring boots and snow pants. To protect our carpet from being constantly wet, students who wear boots to school in the morning should change to shoes once they are in the building--shoes for inside, boots for outside.

Check for Lice

This is a friendly reminder to take some time to check your child for head lice carefully and consistently over the next few weeks, especially before we return after Winter Break. If you do discover head lice, over-the-counter and prescription medications are available for treatment, and supplemental measures are recommended to eliminate an infestation. Items such as bedding, clothing, and towels worn or used by the child at least two days prior to treatment should be machine washed and dried using the hot water and hot air cycles, as lice and eggs are killed by exposure for 5 minutes to temperatures greater than 53.5° C (128.3° F). Items that cannot be laundered may be dry-cleaned or sealed in a plastic bag for two weeks.

In addition to treating your child's hair with medicine, a nit (egg) comb, often found on the medicine package, should be used to remove nits and lice from the hair shaft. Combing through hair often and using a blow dryer at least once a week seem to be two of the better strategies used to eliminate the nits.

If you discover head lice on your child, please call us so that we may check other students in the same unit. (It would also be helpful to notify the families of your child's close friends, especially if the children have recently spent time together.) A child who has had lice may return to school after s/he has been treated and has no evidence of live lice. Learn more at <http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/index.html>.



Winter Storm Policy

If school is closing or starting late due to inclement weather, you will be notified by our One Call Now messaging system via phone or email. (If you haven't taken the necessary steps to modify or add to your contact information in the **One Call Now** system, please do so immediately. A link can be found on the EAGLE website.) A delayed start or school closing will also be posted on Channels 3, 15, and 27. Once school is open, we never close early. If you feel that weather conditions are dangerous, you may certainly come and take your child home. No need to call first, as it is important for us to have phone lines open for emergencies on bad weather days.