



# 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

R	12/15	4/5-7/8 Winter Concert, 6:30 pm
F	12/16	January lunch orders due TGIF: Market Day
W-T	12/21-1/3	❄️❄️❄️ Winter Break ❄️❄️❄️
W	1/4	School Resumes
R	1/5	Prospect Visit, 8:30 am
F	1/6	Noodles & Co. lunch TGIF: Clubs
T	1/10	EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 am Prospect Visit, 8:30 am Math Olympiad (7 <sup>th</sup> Period)
W	1/11	6/7 & 7/8 to <i>CITIZEN: Reggie Wilson/Fist and Heel Performance Group</i> , Overture Center, 9:15 am
F	1/13	Nest to <i>Brown Bear, Brown Bear</i> , Overture Center, 11:45 am Quiznos lunch TGIF: Spelling Bee Middle School Dance, 6:00 to 8:30 pm

### Teachers' Wishes Revealed

 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.



### Happy Holidays!

EAGLE staff members extend their warmest holiday wishes to our entire EAGLE community. We hope you enjoy a safe and relaxing winter break, and we look forward to seeing you again on **Wednesday, January 4.**

### EAGLE Reaches Out to Alumni

Last Friday, we sent an end-of-year mailing to our EAGLE alums that included holiday wishes and school updates from Director Carole Mason, as well as an Alumni Newsletter, written and published by Alumni Coordinator Katie McEnaney. Carole's letter is being forwarded to all current families with this Aerie-Gram, and the fall edition of our Alumni Newsletter may be viewed on our website at <https://goo.gl/JYzdHb>.



### Market Day is Tomorrow!

EAGLE's annual Market Day is tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 16, beginning at 2:00 PM. Come one, come all—parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors, to EAGLE School's Market Day!



### Join Us at the Chocolate Shoppe Today!

Gather your friends and head to the Chocolate Shoppe for a delicious after-school treat, **OR** consider stopping by right after tonight's 4/5-7/8 Winter Choral Concert to celebrate, what is sure to be, a fantastic performance! The Chocolate Shoppe, located at 2981 Triverton Pike Dr. in Fitchburg, will donate to our school 20% of all proceeds from EAGLE patrons who visit between 4:00 and 9:00 PM. To learn more about the Chocolate Shoppe's super-premium ice cream, visit <http://www.chocolateshoppeicecream.com/>.

### No Middle School Dance on Friday!

Due to the winter storm warning in effect for Friday, Student Council has decided to postpone tomorrow night's winter dance. The dance has been rescheduled for Friday, January 13, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM.



## Student Council Corner

**Market Day Donations** ⇒ Student Council will once again use Market Day to raise money for a good cause. This year, donations will be sent to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Toward the end of the event, Student Council members will circulate to collect contributions from student vendors who would like to share their profits (strictly optional). Money given to LLS in December will be matched by an anonymous donor, so even a little bit goes a long way!

### Revised January Quick Glance

To assist families with extracurricular planning, a revised 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.



### Kēva Party – Save the Date!

EPO will sponsor an all-school family party at Kēva Sports Center on Saturday, January 21, 2017, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Beat the winter blues by joining other EAGLE families for active fun and refreshments. We don't want you to miss it, so mark your calendars now!



### Join EAGLE's New Rock Band Clubs

Two Rock Band Clubs will be starting in January! **Intermediate through 4/5s** can sign up for the Thursday after-school club (3:25-5:30 PM). No experience is necessary. We will be playing guitar, bass, keyboard, drums, and singing. **5/6s through 7/8s** can sign up for the Friday after-school club (3:25-5:30 PM). Friday is for students who already play an instrument and would like to join with others to create a band! Members of both clubs will create their own songs and learn 1 or 2 already famous songs. At the end of the six-week sessions, we will perform in the Auditorium for friends and family. The goal is to have fun, play music, and learn from the experience of creating a band. See attached registration forms for more information, and please note that space is limited to six students in each group. Questions? Contact language arts teacher Jonathan Mason ([jonathan@eagleschool.org](mailto:jonathan@eagleschool.org)).

### Parent Visit Days

Beginning January 5 and running through March 22, ten separate visit days will be offered for prospective EAGLE families with children entering grades K - 8 in the fall. During these special mornings, our guests will have an opportunity to tour the school, meet with our director and guidance counselors, and observe in classrooms. For more information, or to register for a Parent Visit Day, parents should email [marykay@eagleschool.org](mailto:marykay@eagleschool.org). The dates of all parent visits can be found on our EAGLE website ([www.eagleschool.org](http://www.eagleschool.org)) under the "Admissions" tab.



### Ski Club Coordinator-in-Training Needed

Skiing is a great way to embrace Wisconsin weather, and coordinating the EAGLE Ski Club is an awesome way to earn volunteer hours on the slopes! Our current Ski Club Coordinator, Dan Siehr, will be "graduating" from this position when his son graduates from EAGLE in June. Dan has coordinated the school's ski trips for the last five years and has everything well-organized, including a Ski Club website for convenient sign-ups. Email Dan ([dg.siehr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dg.siehr@sbcglobal.net)) for more information about the coordinator's role and learn the ropes this year under his guidance. (Special note: The Ski Club Coordinator does not have to attend every outing.)



### Ski Club Website Ready

Love to ski? Interested in learning to ski? Perhaps the challenge and excitement of the EAGLE Ski Club is just what you need this winter. Thirteen convenient dates have been arranged for EAGLE families to visit Cascade Mountain and Devil's Head Resort. Students younger than ten years old must be accompanied by an adult.

For registration information or to learn more about this year's trips, visit <http://EagleSkiClub.wordpress.com>. All forms and payments should be submitted to the Reception Office before **3:15 PM on Friday, Jan. 6**. You may add trips later, but it is much easier if you sign up and pay all at once. The first trip is all day on Thursday, Dec. 22, to Cascade. Questions may be emailed to volunteer Ski Club Coordinator Dan Siehr ([dg.siehr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dg.siehr@sbcglobal.net)).



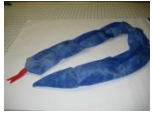
### EAGLE Bus News

Bus ridership rates for spring semester 2017 will be determined during winter break and communicated to current bus-riding families in early January. If your student would like to change ridership status for spring semester (start riding, ride less often, ride more often, stop riding), please contact parent volunteer bus co-coordinator Moira Fitzgerald at [moira@fitzgeraldconsultancy.com](mailto:moira@fitzgeraldconsultancy.com). Payments for second semester will be due on (or preferably before) Friday, January 20, 2017. Watch for more details or visit the EAGLE Bus website at: [eagleschoolbus.weebly.com](http://eagleschoolbus.weebly.com). As a reminder, the bus fund does include a holiday gift for each driver on behalf of all the riders.



### Young Thespian Fun Returns

Do you enjoy getting into character? Do you like to act out stories and scenes? Then Young Thespians is for you! This six-session, after-school program for Primary through Intermediate students will meet in the Auditorium, from 3:25 to 4:30, on the following **Mondays**: Jan. 9, 23, 30 and Feb. 6, 13, 20. We will explore reading with expression, acting out scenes in groups, and giving constructive feedback, and we'd love for you to join us! A sign-up sheet is being forwarded with this newsletter. If interested, please return it to the Reception Office, with payment (\$50), **by Monday, Jan. 6**.



### Help Us Make Snuggle Snakes

Do you enjoy sewing? Do you know a teenager who would like to earn some service hours during winter break? We are looking for some eager sewers to help us create "snuggle snakes" for some of our classrooms. Made from a simple pattern, snuggle snakes are weighted wraps that provide calming pressure on shoulders and laps during play or seatwork. If you would like to help with this project, please contact Diane Tautges at [diane@eagleschool.org](mailto:diane@eagleschool.org) or (608) 848-2048.

In addition to sewers, we are also in need of supplies. We are collecting fabric, thread, and poly beads to be used in constructing the snuggle snakes. If you, or someone you know, would like to donate any of these items, please email Diane or bring your donation to the Reception Office **on or before Tuesday, Dec. 20.**



### 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 were mailed last week.) You may mail a check or stop in the office on or before **Tuesday, Dec. 20**, to pay in person.



### Winter Clothing Requirements

Please remind students to wear appropriate winter clothing including jackets, hats, gloves, and extra pants to go over tights/leggings. Anyone planning to play in the snow must have boots and snow pants. Playing outside on a winter day can be fun and invigorating for students when they are dressed properly. Let's be sure they stay warm enough to fully enjoy their recess!



### 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 [annlarget@eagleschool.org](mailto:annlarget@eagleschool.org). For a complete listing of participating Food Fight restaurants, visit <http://www.foodfightinc.com/>.



### 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. 6. 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.



### Keep Students Safe

To help us keep all students safe at pick-up and drop-off times, we are asking all families to review the "Transportation and Parking Guidelines" in the family handbook. Here are some critical reminders:

- ◆ **Do not leave your vehicle unattended in either traffic circle.** If you need to leave your car, park it in a designated parking spot or along the street.
- ◆ In the traffic circles, **pull as far forward as possible and stay to the right side of the road** to allow space for vehicles to line up behind you and/or exit into the outer lane.
- ◆ **Do not pick up or drop off your child from the outer (left) lane of the circles.**
- ◆ **Do not drop off your child until you are able to pull up to the sidewalk on the edge of the traffic circle.** Allowing children to exit your vehicle early slows down the flow of traffic and creates an unsafe situation of children walking through the parking lot.
- ◆ If you are using a parking spot during drop-off or pick-up, **please escort your child through the parking lot.**
- ◆ **Always use caution** when backing up or pulling in/out of the parking lots.
- ◆ **8:15 to 8:25 AM is a high congestion time.** Arriving prior to 8:15 will allow for a more efficient drop-off and help your child arrive to class on time.

*Thank you for your care, courtesy, and willingness to protect our students in and around our building!*



### 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.



### Yearbook Photos

The yearbook staff wants your photos! If you have taken some great pictures at school or sporting events, please forward them to Marcia Beckett ([mrsbeckett@eagleschool.org](mailto:mrsbeckett@eagleschool.org)) for possible publication in our 2016-17 EAGLE School yearbook. Thank you!