



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

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	1/8	Last day of the semester Rocky's lunch TGIF: Board Games Ski Club trip to Devil's Head
M	1/11	Mix-It-Up Monday, lunch
T	1/12	EPO meeting, 8:30 am Math Olympiad, 5 th and 6 th periods
W	1/13	Prospect Visit, 8:30 to 11:00 am
F	1/15	Noodles and Company lunch TGIF: Spelling Bee Middle School Dance, 6:00-8:30 pm
M	1/18	NO SCHOOL – MLK, Jr. Day Ski Club trip to Cascade Mountain
W	1/20	Culver's lunch
R	1/21	Prospect Visit, 8:30 to 11:00 am
F	1/22	Coffee with Carole, 8:30 am TGIF: 6/7 Plays
Sa & Su	1/23 & 1/24	EPO event: Rockin' Jump

CORRECTIONS FROM LAST WEEK:

We extend an even warmer EAGLE welcome this week to new Nest B student, Vivian, and her parents, who are named Jolene and **Don** (not Dan). Please note the correct address for the family (not Mill Ct.):

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Henry M-VS also sang with Madison Youth Choirs and other EAGLE students and alums last Sunday.



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 Bridges 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 Mericle (laura.mericle@gmail.com) for more information.

Musical Thanks

A sincere thanks to all of the parents who helped in various ways with the Band and Strings concert on Dec. 16. We were proud of our students' performances, which were a wonderful display of the hard work they have done this semester. Thank you for the beautiful bouquets, kind notes, and generous gifts. We are looking forward to making more music after Winter Break. Best wishes for a peaceful winter holiday! ~ Laura, Mark, and Christine



EAGLE Bus News

Bus ridership rates for spring semester 2016 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. Payments for second semester will be due on or preferably before Friday, January 15, 2016. Watch for more details. As a reminder, the bus fund does include a holiday gift for each driver on behalf of all the riders.



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 6**.



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 (janice@eagleschool.org) or Mr. Price (cprice@eagleschool.org).



Baby Pictures Needed for Yearbook

The yearbook staff would like baby pictures of our current **8th graders** for the "Guess Who?" page of the yearbook. Please bring photos to Marcia or email them to mrsbeckett@eagleschool.org.



Science Olympiad Teams Need Bottles

Mrs. McCulley is collecting 2-liter soda bottles for Science Olympiad "Bottle Rocket" event practice. Labels must be intact on bottles with lids and no dents. Bottles may be dropped off in Rm. 23.



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.



EAGLE Book Fair at Barnes & Noble

We had a fabulous afternoon celebrating the talent of EAGLE students at Barnes & Noble, making holiday crafts, and shopping for books and other holiday surprises. A BIG thank you to all who planned, participated, and shopped. Performances included Irish Dancers (Claire and Gerry O'Dea), strings (Mark Bridges), band (Christine Eckel), Pitch Perfect (Darlene Harper), reunion of more than twenty 8th-graders and recent EAGLE graduates singing from last year's 7/8 spring musical, *Les Misérables*, (Darlene Harper), Improv (EAGLE alum, Carter Foust), and craft tables (Leslie Abegglen and Rebecca Finster). Special thanks to the committee of EPO parents (Christina Kendziorski, Vicki Ballweg, Jenny Iskandar, Mary Cooke, Amy Bina, Mahr Malik, Leslie Abegglen, and Tiffany Lim). Watch the Aerie-Gram in the new year for details related to book fair donations and profits.

Barnes & Noble Online shopping continues

Online shopping will continue to benefit the EAGLE School Library through tomorrow, Saturday, Dec. 19. Please use voucher number 11596608.

Significant Proceeds

Market Day was a huge success for students, sellers, customers, and non-profit organizations. Contributions from student Market Day sales went to

- Make-A-Wish Foundation: \$209.82
- Road Home: \$150.00
- Salvation Army: \$158.55

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

Ten more visiting days will be offered for prospective families with children entering grades K - 8 in the fall. Throughout the morning visits, parents will have an opportunity to tour the school, meet with our director and guidance counselors, and observe in classrooms. These dates can be found on the EAGLE website. To register for a Parent Visit Day and for more information, interested parents should email marykay@eagleschool.org.



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 earlier this month.) Checks may be mailed to EAGLE School at 5454 Gunflint Trail, Madison (53711).

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 each dependent child in grades K-8, and up to \$10,000 for high school students. Visit <http://www.wcris.org/tuitiontaxdeduction.cfm> for more information. The 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.

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).

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 or by going to the *SignUpGenius* website directly. **To arrange for the appropriate level of supervision, please register before Monday, Jan. 4, for the month of January.** As always, Study Club questions can be directed to studyclub@eagleschool.org. Thank you!



Student Council Corner

Mix-It-Up Monday ⇒ At lunch on Monday, Jan. 11, Student Council will be selling Smencils, Smickers, orange Tic Tacs and fruit Mentos. It's the best of School Store and Tic Tac Tuesday!

Winter Dance ⇒ Student Council will sponsor a middle school dance in the Commons with a Winter Wonderland theme on Friday, Jan. 15, for 5/6-7/8 students, 6:00-8:30. Pizza and snacks provided. Tickets will be sold during lunch that preceding week for \$5.00, and at the door for \$7.00. Parent chaperones are still needed to help with set-up, supervision, and clean-up. Snack donations also welcome. Please contact Martha at martha@eagleschool.org if you can chaperone or provide snacks.

MATHCOUNTS! Reminder

MATHCOUNTS! pizza party practices continue on Sunday evenings, including this Sunday, Dec. 20. Contact Erica Munson for more information at erica@eagleschool.org.



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.



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.

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 Devil's Head. 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>.



Rockin' Jump: Ultimate Trampoline Park

Gather your friends and family for the EPO-sponsored community-building outing at Rockin' Jump on 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.