



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

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	January lunch orders due 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
R	1/5	Prospect Visit, 8:30 am
F	1/6	Noodles & Co. lunch TGIF: Clubs

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.



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.



Baby, 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. Also, sleds should not be brought from home; a number of school sleds are available for student use during recess (not after school).



STEM Presentation Next Thursday

We are happy to announce the first in this year's series of STEM presentations showcasing the use of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in the workplace, to be held in the Auditorium during first recess (11:20 to 11:50 AM) on Thursday, Dec. 15. All students in units 4/5 and up are welcome to attend. Without giving too much away, our first presenter will be UW Astronomy Professor Bob Mathieu (father of EAGLE math teacher Dylan Mathieu), who will be talking about telescopes and binary stars. We hope you will join us!



Joyful Music Will Lift Your Spirits

Two winter choral concerts will take place in the EAGLE Auditorium next week. Under the direction of Darlene Harper, the 3/4s will perform on Wed., Dec. 14, at 1:00 PM, and 4/5s-7/8s will perform on Thurs. Dec. 15, at 6:30 PM.



Student Council Corner

Favorite Animal Friday – Tomorrow, **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 next Friday, Dec. 16, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM, in the Commons. Pizza and snacks will be provided. Tickets may be purchased during lunch next week and will cost \$5 in advance, but \$7 at the door. One more parent chaperone is needed. To volunteer, please contact Martha at martha@eagleschool.org.



Students Published in Art Magazine

Congratulations to the following students whose artwork was recently published in the December issue of *Arts & Activities*: Kate A-L., Sophie B., Quinn K., Reena K., Kate L., Oliver L., Hypatia N., Katherine S., and Azara M. (former EAGLE student). Art teacher Marcia Beckett submitted an article to this magazine entitled “Paintings with Fabric Inspired by Shinique Smith,” and the students’ artwork accompanied her article. Check out this fantastic display of talent at [December Arts & Activities](#).



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) for possible publication in our 2016-17 EAGLE School yearbook. Thank you!

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. 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.**



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 today.) You may mail a check or stop in the office on or before Dec. 20 to pay in person.

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.



Join Us at the Chocolate Shoppe

Next Thursday, Dec. 15, gather your friends and head to the Chocolate Shoppe for a delicious after-school treat, **OR** consider stopping by right after the 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/>.



Keva Party – Save the Date!

EPO will sponsor an all-school family party at Keva 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!



Successful Science Olympiad

Last Saturday, the Science Olympiad teams competed in an Invitational at Boyceville. The results were outstanding! Our team placed second in the small school division. Individual medals were earned by Julianna B. (1st in Anatomy, Ecology, and 2nd in Road Scholar); Aiden C. (3rd in Wind Power, 3rd in Invasive Species); Ceci C. (1st in Experimental Design, 3rd in Bottle Rocket); Akshay J. (1st in Experimental Design, 3rd in Crime Busters); Ethan K. (3rd in Hovercraft); Simon K. (1st in Ecology, 3rd in Bottle Rocket and Dynamic Planet); Jack K. (1st in Optics); Ananya K. (1st in Microbe Mission, 3rd in Dynamic Planet); Rachel N. (1st in Scrambler, 2nd in Rocks & Minerals and Reach for the Stars); Niha P. (1st in Experimental Design, Microbe Mission, Scrambler, 2nd in Road Scholar); Siena P. (1st in Anatomy, Rocks & Minerals, 3rd in Tower Building); Anika S. (1st in Meteorology, 2nd in Write It/Do It); Andrew S. (1st in Optics, 2nd in Reach for the Stars, 3rd in Hovercraft); Lauren S. (1st in Meteorology, 2nd in Write It/Do It, 3rd in Crime Busters and Towers); Davis H. (2nd in Experimental Design); William J. (2nd in Optics); Charles N. (2nd in Wind Power); Wolfie N. (2nd in Wind Power); Josie R. (2nd in Experimental Design). 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. 11, 2017, at UW-Oshkosh, followed by the state competition in Milwaukee in April.



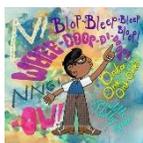
Seeking Judges for National History Day

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.



Sign Up for January Study Club

EAGLE's after-school Study Club provides students with two hours of teacher-supervised time (3:25 to 5:30, M-F) for study and recreation. Participants may stay for one or both hours at a cost of \$12.00 per hour per student. (If registering two or more days in advance, the cost is only \$10 per hour per student.) The Study Club sign-up for the month of January is now available and can be accessed in the *Quick Links* section of the EAGLE School website (www.eagleschool.org).



Author-Illustrator Visit Tomorrow

EAGLE is excited to welcome author-illustrator Duncan Tonatiuh. Parents are invited to join us tomorrow, Dec. 9, for Tonatiuh's presentation to Intermediates, 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.



Reduce Lost & Found - Please Label Items

Missing a sweater, a book, a binder, or a headband? If so, check out the EAGLE Lost & Found on the first floor. We have several fleeces, a multitude of sweatshirts in every color imaginable, hats, gloves, five lunch boxes, a pair of snow pants, and much more. Don't delay; help us clean house by claiming your lost items! Additionally, to prevent the accumulation of so many unclaimed items, please label your child's personal belongings including jackets, boots, hats, and scarves.



EAGLE Earns Money from Mabel

Mabel's Labels sells high-quality custom labels for clothing (adhere-to-clothing-tag or iron-on varieties), shoes, lunchbox items, sports equipment, toys, you name it! Choose a design/color scheme for each set of labels you buy, and add your child's name (or your family name and phone number). Sample labels can be found on the EAGLE Community Bulletin Board in the upper hallway near the lobby.

To purchase, go to mabelslabels.com, click the "Support A Fundraiser" box, and select "EAGLE School (Madison)" from the drop-down menu (on your laptop touch the E key to jump ahead to the E section). If the pink banner at the top of the page says "You are supporting: EAGLE School (Madison)," you're in the right place. Standard shipping is free, and they will ship directly to you. EAGLE School gets 20% of all sales!



EAGLE Students in Nutcracker

This Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Verona Performing Arts Center, Hannah Mason (5/6 A) and Anna Hofmann (Int. B) can be seen in Verona Youth Ballet's *Nutcracker Suite*. You are sure to enjoy Hannah in the role of party girl, as well as Anna's Russian dance performance. Tickets for both shows (1:30 & 4:00 PM) may be purchased online at <http://www.veronayouthballet.org/nutcracker-2016.php>.

EAGLE Prospect Visit

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 8:30 to 11:00 AM, we are hosting an early visiting day for prospective families who have children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2017. During this visit, 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.

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.

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. For a complete listing of participating Food Fight restaurants, visit <http://www.foodfightinc.com/>).

Market Day Reminder

EAGLE's annual Market Day is next Friday, Dec. 16, beginning at 2:00 PM. Students who are planning to sell their creative products or provide entertainment should be preparing for the festivities. Come one, come all—parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors, to EAGLE School's Market Day!