



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	2/10	Quiznos lunch TGIF: 4/5 Plays
Sa	2/11	Science Olympiad Regional Competition
T	2/14	EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 am School Store (lunch) Math Olympiad (7 th Period)
R	2/16	Prospect Visit, 8:30 to 11:00 am STEM Presentation, Auditorium, 11:20 am
F	2/17	Rocky's Pizza lunch TGIF: NHD Exhibits/Presentations
M	2/20	Nest & Pri. to <i>Elephant & Piggie's We Are in a Play!</i> , Overture Center, 11:50 am
T	2/21	Prospect Visit, 8:30 to 11:00 am Int. & 3/4 Choral Concert, Aud., 6:30 pm
W	2/22	4/5 & 5/6 to <i>Everybody's Hero: The Jackie Robinson Story</i> , Overture Center, 9:15 am Culver's lunch
R	2/23	March lunch orders due Dismiss at 11:20 (Staff In-Service)
F	2/24	No School (Mid-Winter Break)
M	2/27	No School (Mid-Winter Break)
T	2/28	School resumes



EAGLE Summer Enrichment 2017

Mark your calendar! During the last two weeks of July, we will once again be offering several week-long summer enrichment courses encompassing various curricular areas including science, math, technology, world language, and the arts. The schedule will be finalized later this month, so watch future Aerie-Grams for course descriptions and registration forms.



Online Sign-Up for Spring Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will take place on Thurs., March 16, from 12:30 to 8:00 PM. Late next week you will receive an email asking you to select your conference start time using *SignUpGenius*. The process is simple—select a time, enter your child's last name, enter your email address, and click the "sign-up" button at the bottom of the page. That's all there is to it!

A confirmation of conference start times will be forwarded with the March 9th issue of the Aerie-Gram. In the meantime, it is safe to assume that the time you selected is the time you'll have.

If you have two children at EAGLE, you will receive two emails. Please open both sign-up sheets and review the available times before making your time selections. This will give you a better chance of getting your start times close together.

Questions? Contact annlarget@eagleschool.org.



EAGLE Fine Arts Night – Save the Date!

EAGLE'S first Fine Arts Night, *Wild About the Arts*, will take place on Thursday, Mar. 9, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Those who attend will have the opportunity to enjoy musical performances by our students, animal-themed crafts, a display of student artwork, a scavenger hunt, and refreshments. Parents, to ensure the success of this event, our music and art teachers will need lots of help from you, and volunteering is so easy! Just email Marcia Beckett (mrsbeckett@eagleschool.org) to let her know which task you'd prefer: organizing or supervising an art activity, hanging artwork on the event day, monitoring the snack table, or donating animal-themed snacks (goldfish, animal crackers, Swedish fish, etc.). Thank you in advance for supporting Fine Arts Night!



2017-18 Contracts to be Mailed Soon

Next week, contracts for the 2017-18 school year will be mailed to all current EAGLE families. For each child, a signed contract and non-refundable deposit will be due by March 1. (The deposit is one-tenth of the total tuition. The exact amount will be stated on your contract.)



Date Changed for 6/7 Musical

The 6/7 musical performance of *Oliver!*, originally scheduled for April 26, has been moved to Thursday, April 27, at 6:30 PM. Please note the change on your calendar and plan to see the show!



Fun & Unique Auction Items Wanted!

Mark your calendars! This year's Spring Family FUNdraiser is Friday, May 5. Does someone in your family have a special skill they would like to share with our EAGLE community? Amateur astronomer? Master gardener? Fishing guide? Dinner host? These "special experience" auction items are great fun and always popular. Perhaps you have a unique item to share—vacation home, athletic or cultural tickets? Auction chairs Stella Krall (stellakrall@gmail.com) and Roopak Talwar (roopakstalwar@gmail.com) would like to hear from you! All auction items must be received by April 7. Your auction donations are tax deductible and directly help our EPO initiatives. Thank you for your support!



MATHCOUNTS Team Heading to State

Congratulations to MATHCOUNTS coach Erica Munson and all of the students who participated in the Regional MATHCOUNTS Competition last Saturday! The EAGLE team, comprised of William J., Jacob L., Ben C., and Dylan L.B., took second place and qualified for the State Competition to be held on March 4. Akshay J., who competed as an individual, will also advance to State. Akshay, Ben, and William all placed in the top ten, with William taking third overall. Additional individual competitors at the regional level included Peter Engel, Lukas Wehlitz, Simon Kissel, Ananya Krishna, and Joshua Wang. Way to go, Mathletes!



STEM Presentation Next Thursday

Our next STEM presentation showcasing the use of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in the workplace, will be held in the Auditorium during first recess (11:20 to 11:50 AM) on Thursday, Feb. 16. All students in units 4/5 and up are welcome to attend. Vaishali Bakshi (mom of Bella & Julianna), a neuroscientist from UW-Madison Medical School, will be sharing general information about the field of neuroscience. We hope you will join us!



Spring Origami Club

Origami Club is back! Upper Primaries through 7/8s, newcomers included, are invited to participate in after-school classes (3:25 to 4:20 PM) on March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5. Origami Master Ruthanne Bessman will help students make origami creations during these six 55-minute sessions. See the attached sign-up sheet for details. If interested, please register with payment of \$60 by **Wednesday, Feb. 22.**



Envelope Request

Please support our effort to reuse the large manila envelopes in which semester reports were sent home. If you haven't already done so, please return your child's envelope to the basket in the Reception Office. Thanks!



Second Semester Pitch Perfect

The second semester of Pitch Perfect, open to 5/6-7/8 students, will begin on Feb. 22. Rehearsals will take place in the Auditorium on Wednesdays, from 3:15 to 4:45 PM, with a performance in May. If interested, please email music teacher Darlene Harper (darlene@eagleschool.org) and she will send you the registration form complete with details. Keep in mind that there is a limit of twenty-eight students, as Darlene likes to give everyone a fair share of stage time. Registration forms will be due by Friday, Feb. 17.



Time to Register for Girls On the Run

EAGLE School's Girls On the Run (GOTR) team is gearing up for the spring season, which will begin March 21. GOTR, a program for girls in grades 3-5, is intended to "unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness." GOTR practices will be held at EAGLE on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 3:25 to 5:00 PM, led by a team of parent and teacher volunteer coaches. The season ends with a fun-filled 5K run on June 3.

Interested families must register their daughters at the GOTR website (girlsontherunscwi.org) between Monday, Feb. 13, and Monday, Feb. 20. We have 16 spaces available on the team; if more than 16 girls sign up, we will hold a lottery to assign girls to the team. This process is explained in detail on the website.

Also, we still need volunteer coaches who can commit to one practice per week. No running experience is necessary, and a full curriculum is provided. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please email lead coach Tami Patel at tvangalder@yahoo.com.



Young Thespians – Session Two

Do you enjoy getting into character? Do you like to act out stories and scenes? Then Young Thespians is for you! This five-week after-school program for Primary through Intermediate students will meet in the Auditorium, from 3:25 to 4:30, on the following **Mondays**: March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3. We will explore the use of masks, read poems with feeling, and play popular age-appropriate theatre games. A sign-up sheet is being forwarded with this newsletter. If interested, please return it to the Reception Office, with payment (\$45), **by Friday, March 3.**



Student Council Corner

School Store ⇒ On Valentine's Day ♥ (Feb. 14), during both lunch periods, Student Council will be selling Smencils (smelly pencils) for \$1.00 and Smickers (smelly stickers) for 50¢ each. Support Student Council by celebrating this special day with a fragrant treat from the School Store!

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 were sent home with semester reports in January.**

Parent Visit Days Scheduled

On Thursday, Feb. 16, from 8:30 to 11:00 AM, we are hosting another "Parent Visit Day" for parents who would like to learn more about EAGLE School. Visitors will have an opportunity to tour our building, meet with Carole, and observe in classrooms. Please pass this information along to friends and colleagues who might be considering EAGLE as an option for their child.

Four more visiting days (8:30 to 11:00 AM) are scheduled over the next several weeks: Tues., Feb. 21; Wed., Mar. 1; Tues., Mar. 7; and Wed., Mar. 22. To attend a visiting day, interested parents should email marykay@eagleschool.org to register.



UW Summer Chemistry Camps

The Institute for Chemical Education will offer summer chemistry camps for students entering grades 5-8 in the fall. Through experiments, projects, and discussions, campers will explore chemistry and science in the laboratories of UW-Madison's Department of Chemistry. Online registration (<http://ice.chem.wisc.edu/Camps.html>) begins Feb. 14. Scholarships are available. The following camps are offered this year:

June 12-16

Fun with Chemistry Inventions, 8:45 AM to Noon
Fun with Chemistry Camp, 1:00 to 4:15 PM

June 26-30

Fun with Forensics Chemistry, 8:45 AM to Noon
Fun with Engineering Camp, 1:00 to 4:15 PM

After-School Activities – A Quick Glance

To assist all families with extracurricular planning, a **March** 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. Also, you may refer to the calendar on our website (www.eagleschool.org) for a more detailed listing of school events.



Rock Band Clubs – Only A Few Spots Left!

Two new Rock Band Clubs will be starting in mid-February! **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. **4/5s 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! (Please note that both clubs are now open to **4/5s**.) Members of both clubs will create their own songs and learn one or two 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 Jonathan Mason (jonathan@eagleschool.org).



CTD Summer Program 2017

The [Center for Talent Development](http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu) Summer Program gives outstanding students in Pre-K through grade 12 the opportunity to delve deep into a subject of interest and build upon their strengths. Program sessions last from one to three weeks, with both residential and commuter options available. Program information may be found at <http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/summer/>.