



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	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
M	1/16	No School (MLK)
T	1/17	No School (Teacher Workday)
W	1/18	Culver's lunch
F	1/20	TGIF: Board Games
Sa	1/21	EPO's Family Event at Kēva, 5:00 to 8:00 pm
T	1/24	Alumni Panel, Auditorium, 6:30 pm
R	1/26	Prospect Visit, 8:30 to 11:00 am STEM Presentation, Auditorium, 11:20 am
F	1/27	February lunch orders due Rocky's Pizza lunch TGIF: 6/7 Plays
W	2/1	Prospect Visit, 8:30 to 11:00 am
R	2/2	Nest to Olbrich Gardens, 12:00 to 2:30 pm
F	2/3	Noodles & Co. lunch TGIF: Clubs EPO's Family Movie Night, 6:30 to 8:30 pm



Be Current in 2017!

If health information (medication, allergies, general concerns) for your child has changed since the start of the school year, please email Student Services Coordinator Ann (annlarget@eagleschool.org) with the updates to keep our records current.



STEM

STEM Presentation in Two Weeks

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, Jan. 26. All students in units 4/5 and up are welcome to attend. UW Professor Kristyn Masters (mom of Calista in Primary B) will be sharing information about biomedical tissue engineering. We hope you will join us!



Share Your Immigration Story

The 6/7s are working on an oral history project exploring the immigration narratives of our families and communities. We are looking for some EAGLE families who might be willing to share their immigration stories and experiences (as not every family has first-hand access to such stories). Please contact Katie McEnaney (katie@eagleschool.org) if you would be willing to discuss your experiences with our 6/7 students.



Money Found in Hallway

This past Monday, some cash was found in the lower hallway near the game cart. Folded in with the bills was a receipt from the Van Galder Bus Company. If you believe this money might be yours, please talk to Wade in the Main Office.

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 will be sent home with semester reports in January.**



Coaches Needed for Girls On the Run

EAGLE School's Girls On the Run (GOTR) team is gearing up for the spring season, and we need coaches! GOTR is a program for girls in grades 3-5 intended to "unleash confidence through accomplishment, while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness." The season begins on March 20 and ends with a 5K run on June 3. Practices will be held at EAGLE on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:25 to 5:00 PM. Coaches must be able to commit to one practice a week. Running experience isn't necessary, as a full curriculum is provided. If your daughter is interested in joining our spring team, you may register at <http://www.girlsontherunscwi.org> starting Feb. 13. Please contact EAGLE parent Tami Patel (tvangalder@yahoo.com) with any questions or to volunteer.



EAGLE Bus News

Bus rates for second semester will be **\$530 for full-time riders** and **\$265 for part-time riders**, effective Jan. 24. Checks (made payable to EAGLE School Bus Fund) must be received by Friday, Jan. 20, and should be mailed to Erika Kluetmeier, 116 N. Allen Street, Madison, 53726. South a.m. route riders should check route time changes on the EAGLE School Bus website at eagleschoolbus.weebly.com. Occasional riders may still purchase passes at school for \$7.00. New riders should email EAGLE bus co-coordinator Moira Fitzgerald (moira@fitzgeraldconsultancy.com) for more information.

Nest and Sibling Applications Due Feb. 1

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, 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) this month** 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 Scheduled

On Thursday, Jan. 26, from 8:30 to 11:00 AM, we are hosting a "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.

Seven more visiting days (8:30 to 11:00 AM) are scheduled over the next few months: Wed., Feb. 1; Tues., Feb. 7; Thurs., Feb. 16; 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.



Volunteer Hours

On any given day, we need only to look in the lunchroom, on the playground, or down the hallways to see how many of you so generously donate your time on a regular basis for the benefit of our students. You are an amazing community of parents, and we enjoy giving you the credit you deserve. With tomorrow marking the end of our first semester, please remember to submit your volunteer hours through the EAGLE Spirit Order System.



Middle School Dance Friday Night

Student Council will host a dance for 5/6s-7/8s tomorrow night from 6:00 to 8:30 PM, in the Commons. Pizza and snacks will be provided. Tickets may be purchased for \$5 during lunch this week, but will cost \$7 at the door. Questions? Contact Student Council Advisor Martha Gooode at martha@eagleschool.org.



Kēva Party

Beat the winter blues and get active with other EAGLE families at Kēva Sports Center on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. The entire back section of Kēva is going to be reserved just for us! We will have our own indoor soccer field, as well as a double-sized gym for basketball, volleyball, and a bouncy castle. Don't miss out! Bring your friends and plan to join us for pizza, snacks, and plenty of fun! To volunteer to help with this event, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D48FAA2EA46-family>. To learn more about Kēva Sports Center, visit <http://kevasports.com/>.



Join Us for Movie Night!

Our annual EAGLE Family Movie Night is scheduled for Friday evening, Feb. 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. The Student Council, with your input, has selected two movies--*Zootopia* for the younger crowd (Nest – 3/4) and *Interstellar* for the older group. There will be yummy snacks and fun for all. Bring a blanket and wear your comfy movie watching gear! If you would like to volunteer to assist with set-up, serving, or clean-up, contact parent coordinator Dia Caulkins (djcaulkins@gmail.com).

Transportation Reimbursement

Madison, Oregon, Verona, and Monona residents--whether driving to EAGLE or using the bus--can file for transportation reimbursement from their public school district. Contact your district office for more information on how to file. To assist you in filling out the required form (obtained from the district office), please note that students will have attended school 84 days in the first semester and will attend 91 days in the second semester, for a total of 175 days.



EAGLE Ski Club Heading to Devil's Head

On Tuesday, Jan. 17 (no school), the EAGLE Ski Club is going to Devil's Head Resort, where participants will ski all day for only \$20.00. This price includes bus, lift ticket, ski/snowboard rental, and lessons. If interested, sign up by tomorrow, Jan. 13. To register for this trip and others, visit <http://EagleSkiClub.wordpress.com>. Please contact Ski Club coordinator Dan Siehr (eagleskiclub@gmail.com) with questions.



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) 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.)