



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

M	1/18	NO SCHOOL (MLK, Jr. Day) Ski Club to Cascade Mountain, 8:30 am
W	1/20	Culver's lunch Pitch Perfect Concert, Auditorium, 6:00 pm
R	1/21	Prospect Visit, 8:30-11:00 am STEM Workshop, Auditorium, 11:20 am
F	1/22	Coffee with Carole, Commons, 8:30 am TGIF: 6/7 Plays
Sa	1/23	EPO event: Rockin' Jump, 10:00 am-9:00 pm Robotics Tournament, Jefferson MS
Su	1/24	EPO event: Rockin' Jump, 11:00 am-9:00 pm
W	1/27	Alumni Panel, Auditorium, 6:30 pm
F	1/29	February lunch orders due 5/6 & 6/7 to <i>Vocalosity</i> , Overture, 10:15 am Quiznos lunch TGIF: International Dance Ski Club to Devil's Head, 3:50 pm



Semester Reports Sent Home Today

Semester reports were placed in student lockers today. Please check your child's backpack for the large manila envelope containing his/her report. We hope that parents and children will take time together to read and discuss the feedback provided by teachers. Parents should sign and return empty envelopes to the basket in the Reception Office. By signing and returning your envelope, you are acknowledging your receipt of the report and giving us the opportunity to reuse the envelope in June.



STEM

STEM Workshop for Middle Schoolers

We are happy to announce the first in our 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 Jan. 21. All students in units 5/6 and up are welcome to attend. Without giving too much away, our first presenter will be Scott Munson, who will be talking about ROCKETS and some of what goes into designing and testing them. We hope to see you there!



Coffee with Carole

Next Friday, Jan. 22, at 8:30 AM, Carole invites you to stop by the Commons for coffee, conversation, and a general sharing of information related to issues that might be of interest to all parents. Please keep in mind that this discussion time will not offer the opportunity to address individual concerns related to students, practices, or policies. However, Carole is always happy to schedule a private appointment to discuss any concerns a parent may have in regard to his/her student(s).



First Semester Volunteer Hours

We have compiled the volunteer hours that were submitted over the first semester, and while the total is impressive, we know that it is not a true reflection of the many hours our parents have donated. We hope the attached listing will inspire you to go to the website right now and report your gifts of time. (The instructions for reporting hours are also attached.) Please note that if your name does not appear in the report, you have not submitted your hours. Thanks so much for all you do to enrich our EAGLE community!



Invitation from Pitch Perfect

Music teacher Darlene Harper and the members of Pitch Perfect invite you to their winter performance on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 6:00 PM, in the Auditorium. The students have been working hard on several musical numbers and would love to have their friends come and enjoy the show.

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 attended school 81 days in the first semester and will attend 94 days in the second semester, for a total of 175 days.



Art Honor Society Induction

Ten 7/8 students were recently inducted into the **National Junior Art Honor Society**, an organization comprised of visual art students committed to promoting volunteerism through the visual arts, developing the potential of students involved in the arts, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of its members. The short induction ceremony, held in the middle school art room, included poems, candle-lighting, a group pledge, and the reading of this poem:

Take of the world its colors and forms, its lines and textures, its balances and movements and spaces; combine all these into a beautiful statement of what it is to be human. Give back to the world the same element of beauty that you as an artist take from it. Create beauty in the world with your talents and your living.

Congratulations to the newest EAGLE School NJAHS members: Rose B., Akashdiya C., Mayana F., Divya I., Zafirah K., Jenny L., Siena P., Josie R., Lauren S., and Katelyn W.

Membership in NJAHS gives these students more opportunities to express themselves artistically, and includes plans for them to participate in a community outreach art project of their choosing.

Alumni Panel: An Annual Tradition

Attention Middle School Families – Alumni Night is Wednesday, Jan. 27, in the Auditorium. A panel of recent EAGLE grads will be here to discuss high school life, including how to make a successful transition and what to avoid. The panel discussion will begin promptly at 6:30 PM with social time and refreshments to follow. Don't miss this wonderful evening program that has traditionally been a favorite among EAGLE students. Questions? Contact coordinator Patti DuBeau at pdubeau@charter.net or 231-6834.



Book Fair Benefits EAGLE Library

Holiday shopping at Barnes & Noble (or online) with EAGLE's book fair voucher raised \$3,100 in gift cards for our library and \$1,400 in book purchases from the library wishlist. Sincere thanks to the many EAGLE families and EPO book fair committee who helped make the event such a social (and economic) success!



MLK Origami Celebration in Middleton

A special program, *Folding for a Better World: An MLK, Jr. Day Origami Celebration*, will take place in the Archer Room of the Middleton Library on Monday, Jan. 18, starting at 2:00 PM.

Master origami artist Ruthanne Bessman and the MadCity Folders will lead participants in the creation of a public art piece to be displayed at the library in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy. All ages and skill levels are welcome to drop in between 2:00 and 5:00 PM. No registration is required.



Student Council Corner

Winter Dance ⇒ The "Winter Wonderland" Middle School dance is tonight from 6:00 to 8:30 PM in the Commons. Tickets are \$7 at the door. All 5/6s-7/8s are invited. Pizza and snacks will be provided.

Second Semester Elections ⇒ Next Friday, Jan. 22, Student Council elections will take place during homeroom. Those interested in becoming representatives should prepare a speech that focuses upon their strengths and their goals for Student Council. Current representatives may only run again if no one else from their class is interested.



All-School Spelling Bee

Today during TGIF, two students from each unit competed in the all school spelling bee. Congratulations to all of our classroom bee winners:

- Pri. A: Varnika A., Paul K.
- Pri. B: Anshika A., Esme S.
- UP A: Isaac H., Bani T.
- UP B: Maya J., Tavish K.
- Int. A: Olivia L., Aharon S.
- Int. B: Caroline H., Davi L.
- 3/4 A: Gavin H., Christian S.
- 3/4 B: Justin D., Cole J.
- 4/5 A: Akasha F., Daisy H.
- 4/5 B: Oliver L., Brynn R.
- 5/6 A: Abby L., Charlotte N.
- 5/6 B: Melis B., Libby P.
- 6/7 A: Matthew K., Emma S.
- 6/7 B: William J., Jacob L.
- 7/8 A: Camilo C., Jenny L.
- 7/8 B: Lucille B., Josie R.

In next week's Aerie-Gram, we will announce our school champion who will participate in the All-City Spelling Bee.



Jump Around!

Beat the winter blues and get active with other EAGLE families at Rockin' Jump Trampoline Park. Gather your friends and family for this EPO-sponsored community-building outing on Saturday, Jan. 23 (10:00 AM to 9:00 PM), and/or Sunday, Jan. 24 (11:00 AM to 9:00 PM). When you check in, be sure to tell them you are from EAGLE, and Rockin' Jump will donate a percentage back to the school. Located at 2700 Novation Parkway, Rockin' Jump is just a short distance from school.



Tri4Schools Promotes Fitness at EAGLE

Many thanks to all who took part in the 2015 spring and fall Mud Runs sponsored by Tri4Schools, a local non-profit organization aimed at getting kids active and eating healthy. We recently received a check for \$640.20 from Tri4Schools for our participation in the Mud Runs. These funds will go toward gym equipment to further promote the mission of Tri4Schools at EAGLE. Kudos to all of our enthusiastic mud runners!



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, extra pants to go over leggings/tights). 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.



EAGLE Ski Club

All EAGLE families are invited to join us for any or all of six fun evenings and three all-day trips sponsored by the EAGLE Ski Club.

(Kids under ten years of age must be accompanied by an adult.) For details, forms, and pricing, visit (<http://eagleskiclub.wordpress.com>). Check out the website, mark your calendars, and make plans to join us. Can't wait to see all of you on the slopes!



EAGLE Chess Club – Sign Up Today!

A few spots are still available for the spring session of EAGLE's after-school Chess Club, open to Primaries through 7/8s. The club will meet in the Commons from 3:25 to 4:30 PM on the following six Tuesdays: February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 1, 8. Cost will be between \$60 and \$80 per person and will be determined by the number of participants. It is typically around \$65. To sign up, email parent coordinator Colette Bina at ckbina@yahoo.com with your child's name, unit, and level of experience. (Scholarships are available. Please indicate a scholarship need in your email to Colette.) Once the fee has been determined, Colette will email you cost information and a registration form. Your completed form, with contact information and payment, will be due in the Reception Office by Monday, Jan. 25.

Parent Visit Days Scheduled

On Thursday, Jan. 21, 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: Tues., Feb. 2; Thurs., Feb. 11; Tues., Feb. 16; Wed., Feb. 24; Thurs., Mar. 3; Wed., Mar. 9; and Wed., Mar. 16. To attend a visiting day, interested parents should email marykay@eagleschool.org to register.

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, 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) 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.



Earn Bonus Box Tops

From January 21 through February 17, help EAGLE earn more cash through a special Box Tops offer from Roundy's. See attached flyer for details.