



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	1/11	Mix-It-Up Monday, lunch
T	1/12	EPO meeting, 8:30 am, Commons Math Olympiad, 5 th and 6 th periods
W	1/13	Prospect Visit, 8:30–11:00 am
F	1/15	Noodles & Co. lunch TGIF: Spelling Bee Middle School Dance, 6:00–8:30 pm
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, 6:00 pm, Auditorium
R	1/21	Prospect Visit, 8:30–11:00 am
F	1/22	Coffee with Carole, 8:30 am TGIF: 6/7 Plays
Sa	1/23	EPO event: Rockin’ Jump, 10:00 am–9:00 pm
Su	1/24	EPO event: Rockin’ Jump, 11:00 am–9:00 pm

Order Hot Lunches for Second Semester

Hot lunches for February through May are now available on the EAGLE Spirit Order System. ALL students must place new orders if they wish to receive hot lunches during second semester. (Parents, please note that in September, you did not order lunches for the entire school year, but only for first semester.) The deadline for February lunch orders and payments is Friday, Jan. 29. Please remember to include your payment number on your check. Questions related to ordering hot lunch should be emailed to nancy.barabas@outlook.com.



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 today marking the end of our first semester, please remember to submit your volunteer hours (by Monday) through the EAGLE Spirit Order System. We will tally first-semester hours next week and publish the report with next Friday’s Aerie-Gram.



EAGLE Bus News

Bus rates for second semester will be \$500 for full-time riders and \$250 for part-time riders, effective January 20. Checks (made payable to EAGLE School Bus Fund) must be received by Friday, January 15, and should be mailed to Erika Kluetmeier, 116 N. Allen Street, Madison, 53726. Occasional riders may still purchase passes at school for \$7.00. New riders should email volunteer co-coordinator Moira Fitzgerald (moira@fitzgeraldconsultancy.com) for more information.



We Appreciate Your Kindness!

EAGLE staff members extend their sincere appreciation to all who responded so kindly to their “Wish List” requests. Your generosity will permit us to obtain many of the learning materials requested by the teachers. In addition, we can’t thank you enough for the many delicious treats that appeared in our staff lounge the week before break. What a yummy way to share your holiday spirit! Many, many thanks!



Winter Clothing Requirements

Please remind students to wear appropriate winter clothing including jackets, hats, gloves, and extra pants to go over tights/leggings. Anyone planning to play in the snow must have boots and snow pants. Playing outside on a winter day can be fun and invigorating for students when they are dressed properly. Let’s be sure they stay warm enough to fully enjoy their recess!

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 231-6834 or pdubeau@charter.net.

High School News

Families of graduating students take note: many high school events are coming up this month!

MADISON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL hosts their final **Open House** on Jan. 23, from 9:00 AM to Noon. See the MCDS website for detailed application instructions.

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL'S 8th Grade Night is on Jan. 19, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. JMM also hosts an **Electives Discovery Night** on Feb. 2, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

MIDDLETON HIGH SCHOOL'S Registration 101 event is Jan. 13, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, immediately followed by **Future Freshman Night**, at 7:00 PM, in the MHS Performing Arts Center.

OREGON HIGH SCHOOL hosts **8th Grade Night** on Feb. 1, at 6:30 PM, in the OHS auditorium.

WEST HIGH SCHOOL'S 8th Grade Night is also on Feb. 1, at 6:45 PM.

Please contact the high schools directly or EAGLE counselor Kelly Wehrle (kelly@eagleschool.org) with any questions.



EAGLE Chess Club

We are excited to offer a spring session of after-school Chess Club at EAGLE. Instruction will again be provided by Alex Betaneli and the Wisconsin Chess Academy (www.wichessacademy.com), an organization dedicated to promoting chess at all levels. Chess Club, open to Primaries through 7/8s, 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. Please make sure your child is interested in learning more about chess through both tactics sheets and playing games against other EAGLE students.

We need at least 10 students to run the program. Cost will be between \$60 and \$90 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 by Friday, Jan. 15, with your child's name, unit, and level of experience. (Scholarships are available. Please indicate a scholarship need in your email to Colette.)

Please note that the overall number of participants will be capped to ensure a good experience for everyone. Students will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, so please sign up sooner rather than later to avoid being placed on a waiting list. 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.



EAGLE Ski Club

All EAGLE families are invited to join us for any or all of seven 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!



Student Council Corner

Mix-it-Up Monday ⇒ On Monday, Jan. 11, during both lunch periods, 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 "Winter Wonderland" dance for 5/6s through 7/8s on Friday, Jan. 15, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM, in the Commons. Pizza and snacks will be provided. Tickets will be sold next week during lunch for \$5.00 and at the door for \$7.00. Parent volunteers are still needed for set-up, supervision, and clean-up. Snack donations are also welcome. Please contact Martha at martha@eagleschool.org if you can help or provide snacks.



Pitch Perfect News

We are warming up for our second semester of Pitch Perfect, which will begin on February 17. 5/6s through 7/8s are welcome to join, however, there is a limit of 28 students. If you are newly interested, please contact Darlene, and she will email you the information and registration form. Pitch Perfect meets on Wednesdays from 3:15 to 4:30 PM, with a performance in May.

Also, Darlene 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.



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.



Origami Classes – Register Today!

Due to popular demand, Tuesday origami continues! Students in Upper Primary through 6/7 are invited to participate in after-school classes (3:25 to 4:20 PM) on January 12, 19, and 26. Origami Master Ruthanne Bessman and EAGLE art teacher Rebecca Finster will help students create animals and boxes during these three 55-minute sessions. Please see the attached sign-up sheet for details. If interested, don't delay—registration forms with payment are due **TODAY!**



Science Olympiad Teams Need Bottles

Mrs. McCulley is collecting 2-liter soda bottles with lids for Science Olympiad "Bottle Rocket" event practice. Bottles must not be dented, and labels must be intact. Bottles may be dropped off in Room 23.

Parent Visit Days Scheduled

On Wednesday, Jan. 13, 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.

Eight more visiting days (8:30 to 11:00 AM) are scheduled over the next few months: Thurs., Jan. 21; 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.

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).



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.



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.

Tax Deduction for Private School Tuition

Did you know that Wisconsin offers a tax break for parents with children in private schools? Families may 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, visit <http://www.wcris.org/tuitiontaxdeduction.cfm>. EAGLE's tax ID number is 39-1413598. Parents, please note that tuition receipts for the 2015 calendar year will be sent home next Friday with semester reports.



Gently-Used Supplies Needed

Before disposing of unused worksheets, puzzles, coloring pages, gently-used crayons, and colored pencils that your children have outgrown, please consider donating them to our school to be used by our youngest students (ages 5 to 8) for activities outside of the classroom. Donations may be dropped off in the Reception Office.



Seeking Judges for National History Day

Do you have an interest in history? LA/SS/D teachers Janice Lacock and Mr. Price are looking for judges for the National History Day contest at EAGLE, which will take place on Monday morning, Feb. 8. If your child is taking part in the contest, you may still participate by judging in a different category. If interested, please email janice@eagleschool.org or cprice@eagleschool.org.