



# EAGLE SCHOOL

## Aerie-Gram

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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 3/2 Cello Recital, Auditorium, 6:30 pm
- F 3/3 Pri. & UP to *Seussical*, Overture, 8:45 am  
Noodles & Co. lunch  
TGIF: Clubs
- Sa 3/4 MATHCOUNTS State Competition, Sheboygan
- M 3/6 5/6 to *Nile Project*, Overture, 9:15 am
- T 3/7 Prospect Visit, 8:30 to 11:00 am  
Math Olympiad (7<sup>th</sup> Period)
- R 3/9 *Wild About the Arts* (Fine Arts Evening), 6:00 to 8:00 pm
- F 3/10 Quiznos lunch  
TGIF: Int. & 3/4 Play
- T 3/14 EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 am
- W 3/15 Culver's lunch
- R 3/16 Early dismissal at 11:20 am  
Parent-Teacher Conferences, 12:00 to 8:00 pm
- F 3/17 No School



### Sick Child – What Should I Do?

Flu season is upon us, and we are feeling it in our classrooms, hallways, and offices! Please remember that a child who is not feeling well should not be sent to school, especially if symptoms include stomach ache, fever, sore throat, or persistent cough. Please don't assume that an early morning stomach ache will get better as the day goes on—it usually doesn't, and this week, we had an office full of ill students to remind us of that! Help us keep our teachers and students healthy by keeping sick children at home.

Also, we ask that all parents have a workable plan in place for retrieving an ill child from school, and that we are always able to reach you at one of the phone numbers we have on file. We do understand that at times, it is difficult to rearrange a work schedule or other commitments when you receive an unexpected call from school, but for your child's sake, it is important for you to get here as quickly as possible. Finally, please be sure we have the contact information for another trusted adult who is able to pick up your sick child when you are not immediately available.

Changes to phone numbers or emergency contacts may be directed to [annlarget@eagleschool.org](mailto:annlarget@eagleschool.org).



### Countdown to Conferences

We will hold parent-teacher conferences on Thursday, Mar. 16, from 12:00 to 8:00 PM. Students will attend morning classes only, with early dismissal at 11:20 AM.

Child care will be provided in the Commons during conferences for EAGLE students only at a cost of **\$5.00 per hour, per child**; however, all students must leave the school at 11:20 AM. There is no child care until the start of conferences and Study Club is not available. The bus will be here at 11:20 to provide its usual service to the "afternoon" riders.

Conference start times will be confirmed with next week's Aerie-Gram.



### Dine at Qdoba on Conference Day

Help us raise funds for the EPO on conference day! Qdoba in Fitchburg (5401 Caddis Bend) is supporting EAGLE on March 16 from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM. A percentage of all purchases by EAGLE families will come back to the school. The more that EAGLE families participate, the more Qdoba will donate, so consider having your lunch or dinner on conference day at Qdoba. Flyers will be placed in student lockers on Wednesday, March 15. Please note that you must present a flyer, or an electronic version of it, to have your purchase count toward supporting EAGLE.



### 2017-18 School Calendar

Next year's *tentative* school calendar is being forwarded with this newsletter. Our start dates of **Monday, Aug. 28** (orientation for Nesters, Primaries, and new students), and **Tuesday, Aug. 29** (first full day for all students), are firm. Although changes to the rest of the calendar are unlikely, other dates will remain tentative until May 1.



### EAGLE Fine Arts Night Next Thursday

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. Don't miss the fun! Mark your calendars and plan to join us!



### **Messaging Students During the Day**

Students are expected to keep cell phones tucked away throughout most of the school day. They may check their phones for messages from parents during morning and afternoon breaks or right before recess. Students should not send or read text messages at any other time without permission from the office. Additionally, we ask parents to refrain from messaging their children on the computer during the school day. It is both distracting to the student and disruptive to the learning process. If you must contact your child, please call the office and we will deliver your message.



### **Talent Show Auditions**

The EAGLE Talent Show, sponsored by Student Council, is April 7, and we hope to see you in it! Auditions will be held the week of March 20 during lunch and recess. The audition sign-up sheet will be posted on the Student Council bulletin board on Monday, March 13. Solo acts should be limited to 3-4 minutes, but group acts can be 4-5 minutes long. We generally have a lot of fabulous vocalists, but we would love to have an even wider variety of performances this year. Please see Martha if you have any questions or need suggestions for a performance.

### **BoxTops March Madness**

If you've been saving your BoxTops, now is the time to turn them in. Collection boxes will be placed in each homeroom next week. This year we are running two contests:



**Sprint 1 – March 5–17**  
**Sprint 2 – March 20–31**

Do you want to focus all your energy on Sprint 1, wait for Sprint 2, or go for both? The class that collects the most BoxTops in each Sprint will win a frozen dessert party, complete with toppings. Watch future Aerie-Grams for contest updates.

### **EAGLE Cello Teacher Releases Album**

Mark Bridges, EAGLE's cello instructor and EAGLE String Orchestra director, is happy to announce the release of his debut album as a member of the electronic ambient classical duo, High Plains. The album, recorded in an old school house over the course of twelve days, was made last March during a residency at the Brush Creek Ranch in Wyoming. High Plains will be playing at the Gates of Heaven in James Madison Park on May 18, as part of their first tour. The album, "Cinderland," will be released on March 7 and is available for pre-order through Kranky and through the bandcamp website [highplainskranky.bandcamp.com](http://highplainskranky.bandcamp.com).



### **Cello Recital Tonight!**

Students of cello teacher Mark Bridges will perform in a studio recital this evening at 6:30 PM in the EAGLE Auditorium. The program will feature EAGLE students as well as some students from Mark's private studio. All families are invited to come and enjoy the music.



### **EAGLE Student Advances to State Bee**

Matthew K. (7/8 B) has been notified by the National Geographic Society that he is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2017 Wisconsin National Geographic State Bee, which will be held on Friday, March 31.

Each state champion will be awarded \$100, the *National Geographic Concise Atlas of the World*, and a trip to Washington, D.C. to represent his/her state in the National Geographic Bee Championship in May.

Best of luck Matthew; we'll be cheering for you.

### **NHD Regional Winners Going to State**

Congratulations to all of the students who represented EAGLE School at the Regional National History Day contest on Feb. 25. The following students will compete at the state level on Saturday, April 22:

Historical Paper: Anika S., Julia V.

Individual Exhibit: Isaac S. (Alternate: Mona I.)

Group Exhibit: (Alternates: Karina M. & Preet T.)

Individual Documentary: Rachel N., Patrick S., Zan S. (Alternate: Melis B.)

Group Documentary: Siena P. & Lauren S., Kate L. & Ella W.

Individual Performance: Rafay A., Reena K., Simon K. (Alternate: Griff S.)

Group Performance: Julia A. & Libby P.

Individual Website: Aidan D., Matthew K., Wolfie N.

Group Website: Ceci C. & Abby L., Ananya K. & Charlotte N.

Labor History Award: Kate A-L.

In addition to the regional Junior Division winners mentioned above, two EAGLE alumni, who were Senior Division competitors, will also be heading to State. We extend special congratulations to **Cayden K.** (Individual Documentary) and **Laura N.** (Individual Website). We also recognize alumna **Akashdiya C.** as the alternate in the category of Individual Documentary.

We commend all of these young historians for their many weeks of hard work and wish them well as they advance to the next level of competition!



### **A Request from Our Garden Growers**

Members of EAGLE's new Garden Growers Club are looking to repurpose a variety of items including tea tins (tins that tea is sold in), baskets, children's rubber boots, tea pots, kitchen forks, and wine corks. These items (i.e., baskets, tins, etc.) should NOT have a Christmas holiday theme. Also, if anyone is looking to get rid of acrylic paints they are no longer using, the club would appreciate those donations as well. Donated items may be delivered to club sponsor Maggie van Boldrik in Room 25. Questions? Email [maggie@eagleschool.org](mailto:maggie@eagleschool.org).



### **Seeking Unique Auction Donations**

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? Our auction chairs Stella Krall ([stellakrall@gmail.com](mailto:stellakrall@gmail.com)) and Roopak Talwar ([roopakstalwar@gmail.com](mailto:roopakstalwar@gmail.com)) would like to hear from you! All auction items must be received by April 7. Your auction donations, all tax deductible, will directly help our EPO initiatives. Thank you!

### **Parent Visit Days Scheduled**

On Tuesday, Mar. 7, and Wednesday, Mar. 22, from 8:30 to 11:00 AM, we will host our last two "Parent Visit Days" for parents who would like to learn more about EAGLE School. Those interested in attending should email [marykay@eagleschool.org](mailto:marykay@eagleschool.org) to reserve a spot.

### **After-School Activities – A Quick Glance**

To assist all families with extracurricular planning, an updated 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.



### **Volunteer Opportunity**

Need volunteer hours? We are looking for someone to help in the lunchroom on Wednesdays, from 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM. Duties include supervising students and light cleaning. To volunteer, please contact [jimlene@eagleschool.org](mailto:jimlene@eagleschool.org).



### **EAGLE Summer Enrichment 2017**

During the last two weeks of July, we will once again be offering several week-long summer enrichment courses related to sports, social studies, science, technology, world language, and the arts. Please check out the attached flyer and register today! Courses are limited to ten students and will fill up fast.

### **2017-18 Contracts**

Your signed contract for the 2017-18 school year and non-refundable deposit were due in the office yesterday. Please submit these items by tomorrow (Friday, Mar. 3), if you haven't already done so.

### **Scholarship Forms Available**

Scholarship application forms are available in the Main Office. If you wish to apply for financial aid for next school year, please complete the forms and return them to Wade in the Main Office by **Friday, April 14**.



### **Support EAGLE through AmazonSmile**

Using AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support EAGLE School every time you shop, at no cost to you. Shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) is comparable to shopping at Amazon.com—same prices, same selection, with the added bonus that if you designate EAGLE as the recipient of their donation, Amazon will contribute 0.5% of the purchase price of your items to our school.