



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	11/18	UP – 3/4 to <i>Okee Dokee Brothers</i> at Overture Center, 11:45 am to 2:00 pm Noodles & Co. lunch TGIF: Geography Bee
M	11/21	6/7 to Historical Society, 8:30 to 11:20 am 7/8 to UW Library, 8:30 to 11:00 am
T	11/22	December lunch orders due
W-F	11/23-25	 Thanksgiving Break
F	12/2	Quiznos lunch TGIF: 5/6 Plays
Sa	12/3	Science Olympiad Invitational
M	12/5	Favorite Movie Character Day
T	12/6	Tic Tac Tuesday
W	12/7	What Am I Wednesday Band/Strings Winter Concert, 6:30 pm
R	12/8	Pajama Day Prospect Visit (Kindergarten only), 8:30 am
F	12/9	Favorite Animal Day Rocky's Pizza lunch TGIF: Clubs
T	12/13	EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 am Prospect Visit (Kindergarten only), 8:30 am Math Olympiad (7 th period)



Market Day is Friday, December 16th

Market Day at EAGLE has been an annual tradition in December for many years and is the favorite TGIF of many students. For those of you who are not familiar with Market Day, it is a time when Primaries – 7/8s sell homemade items at assigned booths, located all over the school. Everyone shops 'til they drop – teachers, students, and parents. Advice to sellers: The most original and reasonably priced items sell best. Think of an appealing way to display your items and include the prices on a sign. Have some change ready so you don't lose out on a sale. Ask a parent or friend to watch your booth part of the time so you can also be a shopper. Popular items in the past include ornaments, jewelry, toys, pet items, bookmarks, greeting cards, pillows, picture frames, cookies, candy, and treats. Parents are welcome to join us. The fun will begin at 2:00 PM.

Early Visiting Day Scheduled

On Thursday, Dec. 8, and Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 8:30 to 11:00 AM, we are hosting "early" visiting days for prospective families who have children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2017. During these visits, parents will have an opportunity to tour the school, meet with our director and guidance counselors, and observe in classrooms. If you know someone who might want to learn more about our school, and whose child will be in kindergarten in the fall, please share this information with them.

To attend a visiting day, interested parents should email marykay@eagleschool.org to register. Beginning Jan. 5, ten more visiting days will be offered for prospective families with children entering grades 1-8 in the fall. These dates can be found on the EAGLE website.



Annual Food Drive Underway

Our annual collection to help local food pantries is well underway and will run through Tuesday, Nov. 22. In celebration of this opportunity to "link" with the larger community, students may turn in non-perishable food items as they arrive in the morning in exchange for colored strips of paper (one for each item donated), which will then be added to the "giving chains" that will adorn our lobbies (Main and Auditorium). Each unit level (As and Bs together) will be assigned a specific color. It will be fun to watch the chain grow over the duration of the food drive and to see the variety of colors representing the number of items donated at each level.

EAGLE Enrollment 2017

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 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) in December or January by an evaluator of your choice. If you need suggestions, please contact the school office for a list of examiners in the Madison area who have agreed to test EAGLE applicants.



Volunteer Honored with Soarin' Award

Our EPO established Soarin' Awards to honor outstanding parent volunteers. Each quarter, one recipient is recognized with an award, much in the same way EAGLE students are presented with Wings Awards. The EPO acknowledges parents who are not presently on the board but have gone above and beyond to volunteer their time on behalf of the EPO and school community. These awards are voted upon by the EPO board members with input from EAGLE staff.

We sincerely congratulate and extend our heartfelt appreciation to this year's first-quarter recipient, Jimlene Pleva.

Jimlene, who has been part of our EAGLE community for the past eight years, has worn many volunteer hats including that of EPO treasurer, unit parent, Children's Activities Chair, Fitchburg Farmer's Market Ice Cream Social Chair, and field trip chaperone. Jimlene has mentored new EAGLE families, helped in reading classrooms and the library, hosted the teacher appreciation luncheon, and has assisted with many school events including the Back-to-School Ice Cream Social, Game Night, Kēva Family Event, and the end-of-year picnic. Thanks for your generosity and dedicated service, Jimlene!



Student Council Corner

Spirit Week ⇒ During the week of Dec. 5-9, show your school spirit by participating in the special days listed below.

Movie Character Monday – On **Dec. 5**, dress up as your favorite movie character.

Tic Tac Tuesday – On Tuesday, **Dec. 6**, plan to purchase some minty treats at lunch.

What Am I? Wednesday – You'll be given a new identity, and everyone but you will know who you are. Use clues from your classmates to guess your new identity on **Dec. 7**.

Pajama Thursday – Wear your favorite PJs to school on Thursday, **Dec. 8**.

Favorite Animal Friday – On **Dec. 9**, dress up as your favorite animal or bring a beloved stuffed animal to school.

Winter Dance ⇒ Student Council will sponsor a middle school dance on Friday, Dec. 16, for 5/6-7/8 students. We will need 3-4 parent chaperones to help with set-up, supervision, and clean-up. If you are interested, please contact Martha at martha@eagleschool.org.

Fundraising Results ⇒ Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our Halloween fundraiser. Because of your generosity, we collected \$519.62 for UNICEF, an organization dedicated to helping children all over the world.



Winter Performances 🎵

Student performers are sure to lift your spirits as they share joyful music of the season at these upcoming events:

Band/Strings Concert ⇒ EAGLE band students, under the direction of Christine Eckel, and our strings students, under the direction of Laura Mericle and Mark Bridges, will present a winter concert on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 PM, in the Auditorium.

Daytime Concert ⇒ Under the direction of Darlene Harper, the 3/4s will present a winter concert on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 1:00 PM, in the Auditorium.

Evening Concert ⇒ The 4/5s-7/8s, also under the direction of Darlene Harper, will present a winter concert on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 6:30 PM, in the Auditorium.



EAGLE Students to Perform in Verona

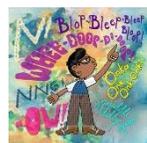
Leila A. (3/4 A), Katherine J. (4/5 A), and Liv A. (5/6 A) will perform in the Verona Area Community Theater's production of *A Seussified Christmas Carol*. Three weekend shows are scheduled-- Friday, Nov. 18, at 7:00 PM, and Saturday, Nov. 19, at 1:00 and 3:30 PM. For tickets, visit www.VACT.org, or call 845-2383.



STEM

STEM Workshops

The Math and Science departments would like to host presentations/workshops demonstrating how the knowledge and skills students learn here at EAGLE may be used out in the real world. We are looking for parent volunteers who work in Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Mathematics (STEM) related fields to give short presentations about how they use STEM in the workplace. Presentations/workshops will be held in the Auditorium on Thursdays during first recess (11:20 to 11:50 AM). The audience will be comprised of interested students in grades 4/5 and up. If you would like to share your knowledge of how you use STEM in your career, please contact math teacher Dylan Mathieu at dylan@eagleschool.org for a list of available dates. As soon as we have several parent speakers signed up, we will announce the date of the first presentation.



School Visit by Author/Illustrator

On Friday, Dec. 9, from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM, EAGLE will host Duncan Tonatiuh, a Mexican-American author and illustrator of several award-winning children's books.

The illustrations in Mr. Tonatiuh's books are influenced by Pre-Columbian art, and the themes in his stories relate to social justice, art, history, and immigration. If you are interested in pre-purchasing one or more of his books for your child to have autographed during his school visit, please complete the attached order form and return it with payment to the Reception Office. Questions? Contact EAGLE librarian Ellen Bunn at ellen@eagleschool.org.

Seeking CLUB Leaders

Being an EAGLE club leader is a fun and rewarding way to share your special interest or hobby with a small group of students. Our second semester clubs will meet during TGIF (2:00 to 3:10 pm) on the following Fridays: Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Mar. 31, and May 12. If interested in leading a club, please email Carole (carole@eagleschool.org).



Genocide Survivor to Speak at EAGLE

On Tuesday, Nov. 22, the 7/8s will have an amazing opportunity to meet and listen to Emmanuel Habimana, a survivor of the Rwandan genocide. In 1994, as a nine-year-old, Emmanuel lost his parents and four siblings, and narrowly escaped death himself. Today, he is a filmmaker, public speaker, and forgiveness activist from Kigali, Rwanda. Staff and 7/8 parents are welcome to attend his presentation in the Auditorium from 12:10 to 1:00 PM. To read more about his incredible story of survival, go to <http://bit.ly/2fmQG6f>.

Emmanuel's visit to EAGLE was, in part, sponsored by the CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center. CANDLES, founded in 1995 in Terre Haute, Indiana, is committed to preventing prejudice and hatred through education about the Holocaust.



Cooler Weather, Warmer Clothing

Although we have enjoyed some lovely fall weather, we know that cooler temps are just around the corner, so we encourage students to be prepared for recess and other outdoor activities by dressing appropriately for cold weather. (If snow is on the ground or in the forecast, please bring boots.) In the near future, there will be an abundance of hats, scarves, and additional layers in our hallways and on our playground. To prevent the spread of head lice, we remind students to wear only their own accessories and avoid sharing these items with others.



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