



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

- T 11/24 December lunch orders due
School Store (during lunch)
4/5 & 5/6 to MSO Symphony Safari,
Overture Center, 12:15 to 2:30 pm
- W-F 11/25-27  Thanksgiving Break
- M 11/30 Punday Funday Monday
- F 12/4 Noodles & Co. lunch
TGIF: 4/5 & 5/6 Madrigal Performance
Evening Madrigal Performance, 6:30 pm
- T 12/8 EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 am
- W 12/9 3/4, 6/7, & 7/8 Winter Choral Concert,
Auditorium, 6:30 pm
- R 12/10 Prospect Visit for Kindergarten, 8:30 am
- F 12/11 Quiznos lunch
TGIF: Market Day
- Sa 12/12 EAGLE Book Fair at Barnes & Noble,
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

New Upper Primary Student

We extend a warm EAGLE welcome to Cullen G. and his parents, Katie and Mark. We are pleased to have Cullen in our Upper Primary A Unit, and we look forward to his family's involvement in our EAGLE community. Please add the Gustavsons' contact information to your family directory:

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EAGLE Enrollment 2016

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, 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) 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.

Second Semester Tuition Payment Due

If you are paying tuition under the Semester Payment Plan, your second installment is due by Jan. 1, 2016. (Invoices will be mailed soon.) You may mail a check or stop in the office before Dec. 18 to pay in person.



Food Drive – Lend A Helping Hand

Our annual collection to help local food pantries is underway. In recognition of this opportunity to lend a helping hand to those in need, students may turn in non-perishable food items as they arrive in the morning in exchange for paper mittens (one for each item donated), which will then be added to our "Helping Hand" clothesline in the main lobby. It will be rewarding to watch the mittens accumulate, symbolizing the increase in our awareness and care for others in our community.



MATHCOUNTS Popcorn Sprint

To help us prepare for the MATHCOUNTS school competition, which will take place the week after Thanksgiving, we will have a Popcorn Sprint practice session during lunch and recess on Monday, Nov. 23. If your student is planning to attend, please email Erica at erica@eagleschool.org so she can have the right amount of popcorn and tests!



Second Parent Visit Day Added for Kindergarten

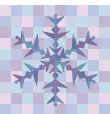
Due to the great amount of interest we've had from prospective Nest parents, we have opened a second Parent Visit Day for families of children who will be entering kindergarten next fall. In addition to the December 10th visit, which is now full, we will host another visit day on Monday, Dec. 14, from 8:30 to 11:00 AM. Throughout the morning, 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. 7, 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.



Play Ball! – Students Launch Website

For their service project this fall, six 6/7 and 7/8 students--Liam B., Ben C., Ethan K., Jack K., Thomas P., Katelyn W.--have been hard at work advocating for the creation of a baseball field at Gunflint Park next to EAGLE School. In December, the Fitchburg Department of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry will formally review the group's proposal. In the meantime, the students have launched a website where you can read their proposal and watch a promotional video. Check it out at www.gunflint-trail-park.weebly.com and stay tuned for updates on the group's progress!



Winter Performances

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

Madrigal Performance ⇒ Under the direction of Darlene Harper, and with assistance from Janice Lacock, the 4/5s and 5/6s will present a Madrigal Performance on Friday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 PM, in the Auditorium. This program will also be performed earlier that day during TGIF.

Holiday Concert ⇒ Also under the direction of Darlene Harper, the 3/4s, 6/7s, and 7/8s will present a winter concert on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 PM, in the Auditorium.

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. 16, at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium.



Market Day is Friday, December 11th

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.



EAGLE Students to Perform This Weekend

Derek A. (7/8 A), Lauren S. (7/8 B), and Libby P. (5/6 B), will perform in the Verona Area Community Theater's production of *Elf Jr. The Musical*. Two weekend shows are scheduled--Friday, Nov. 20 at 7:00 PM, and Saturday, Nov. 21, at 2:00 PM. For tickets, visit www.VACT.org, or call 845-2383.



Student Council Corner

School Store ⇒ On Tuesday, Nov. 24, Student Council is resurrecting an old favorite: the lunchtime School Store. We will be selling smencils (scented pencils) for \$1.00, smickers (giant scented stickers) and erasers for 50¢, and some leftover school store inventory for 25¢ each.

Punday Funday Monday ⇒ Nov. 30 is Punday Funday Monday, a day so nice we named it thrice! It's right after an extra-long weekend, so use that time to think of some good ones to amuse and appall your friends.

Fundraising ⇒ Many thanks to everyone who collected/donated money for our October fundraisers. Because of your generosity, we raised \$380.34 for UNICEF and \$38.00 for the Dane County Humane Society.



Origami Clubs Continue

Come join us for three weeks of origami with Origami Master Ruthanne Bessman and EAGLE art teacher Becka Finster. There will be two groups in the month of December. A 50-minute session (3:25-4:15 PM), open to Upper Primaries through 6/7s, will focus on holiday creations that could become Market Day sales or secret gifts for family. A 75-minute session (4:10-5:25 PM) is a continuation of the October/November Club session for older students; however, newcomers with some experience are welcome. Questions may be directed to mrsfinster@eagleschool.org. Registration forms are attached and due by **Monday, Nov. 23**.



MYC to Perform in December

Madison Youth Choirs will join the Madison Symphony Orchestra and Chorus and the Mt. Zion Gospel Choir in their annual "A Madison Symphony Christmas" concert, at Overture Center, Dec. 4, 5, and 6. Come listen to current MYC singers, including four EAGLE students (Ananya K., Abby L., Niha P., Anika S.), as well as several EAGLE School alumni. Tickets are now available for this family-friendly celebration that will "send your spirits soaring."

Can't make it to the Christmas concert? No worries! Tickets will be available at the door for MYC's three Winter Concerts on Sunday, Dec. 13, at the First Congregational Church near Camp Randall Stadium. Performances will take place at 1:30, 4:00, and 7:00 PM, with different choirs singing at different times. You will have the opportunity to hear EAGLE students Lillian A., Ellen J., Charlie G., Lukas W., Ian M-M., and Nate M. along with the students mentioned above.

Check out madisonyouthchoirs.org for more information about this musical group and their community performances.

December Study Club

EAGLE's after-school Study Club provides students with two hours of teacher-supervised time (3:25 to 5:30, M-F) for study and recreation. Participants may stay for one or both hours at a cost of \$10.00 per hour.

The Study Club sign-up for the period of **December 1-18** is now available and can be accessed by going to the EAGLE School website (www.eagleschool.org) and clicking on the *Parent* tab.

To arrange for the appropriate level of supervision, we ask that you determine your Study Club needs in advance and register by **Friday** for the upcoming week. We understand that occasionally, circumstances arise that require same day sign-ups, in which case you must email studyclub@eagleschool.org for approval. Upon approval, you may access the *SignUpGenius* to register your child. Please note that the *SignUpGenius* will not allow same day cancellations; therefore, please email studyclub@eagleschool.org to cancel. All Study Club related questions may be directed to the same email address.

After-School Activities – A Quick Glance

To assist all families with extracurricular planning, an updated **December** 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. Also, you may refer to the calendar on our website (www.eagleschool.org) for a more detailed listing of school events.



EAGLE Book Fair at Barnes & Noble

Please save some of your holiday shopping for EAGLE's book fair at Barnes & Noble on Saturday, Dec. 12. A percentage of your purchases (all items including café) that day will benefit the EAGLE library. Shop from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM, and enjoy a variety of special EAGLE events/activities from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Also, we'll have a book fair code available for you and your friends/relatives to use for Barnes & Noble online shopping from Dec. 13 through Friday, Dec. 18.



Cooler Weather, Warmer Clothing

With old Jack Frost nipping at our heels, 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.

STEM Workshops

The Science Olympiad and Robotics Teams would like to host presentations/workshops demonstrating how the knowledge and skills students learn as part of the team 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 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 STEM is used in the workplace, please contact math teacher Damian Khan at damian@eagleschool.org or science teacher Denise McCulley at dmc@eagleschool.org. As soon as we have enough parent presenters on board, we will announce the date of the first presentation/workshop.



Shopping Reaps Rewards

Thank you, parents, for mentioning EAGLE School when purchasing supplies at Office Depot/Office Max. Thanks to you, we have recently received a credit for \$191.10 to purchase school supplies. As you shop through the holidays, please remember to designate our school as the recipient of their 5% *Back to Schools Program* credit. Our Office Depot ID number is 70109367.

To learn about other ongoing rewards programs that assist EAGLE, visit our website (www.eagleschool.org) and click on the "Support EAGLE" tab.



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Holiday Food Fight?

Looking for a great gift for that person who has everything? A Food Fight gift card might be just the ticket. "Food Fight," a group of Madison restaurants, offers a rebate to non-profit organizations that sell their gift cards. Purchasing a gift card (available in the main office) for that special someone is an easy way to add funds to the school with no extra expense to you. For a complete listing of participating restaurants, visit <http://www.foodfightinc.com/>.