



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

W	10/21	Culver's lunch 6/7 to Chazen Museum of Art, 11:45 am
F	10/23	7/8 to UW Library, 8:30 to 11:20 am TGIF: Talent Show
M	10/26	6/7 to Historical Society, 8:30 am
W	10/28	5/6 to Historical Society, 8:30 am
R	10/29	Halloween Parade, 8:30 am Nest-4/5 Halloween Party, 10:15 am Early Dismissal, 11:20 am Parent-Teacher Conferences, 12:30 to 8:00 pm EPO Community-Building Event at Noodles & Co.
F	10/30	NO SCHOOL Middle School Halloween Bash, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Conference News

We will hold parent-teacher conferences on Thursday, Oct. 29, from 12:30 to 8:00 PM. Students will attend morning classes only, with early dismissal at 11:20 AM. (Please note that the bus will be here at 11:20 to provide its usual service to the "afternoon" riders.)

Child care will be provided in the Commons during conferences for EAGLE students only at a cost of **\$5.00** per hour, per child. If a child accompanies you on conference day, s/he must go to the Commons. To respect the confidential nature of conferences, students will not be allowed to wait for parents in the hallways or on the couches.

A chart confirming conference start times will be forwarded with the Oct. 23rd issue of the Aerie-Gram. Questions related to conferences may be directed to annlarget@eagleschool.org.



Read-A-Thon Ends Thursday

This year's **Fall Fundraiser**, an EAGLE School **Read-A-Thon**, will run through Thursday, October 22. All pledge forms and donations should be submitted to the Reception Office by Tuesday, October 27. We will announce our Read-A-Thon winners on Thursday, October 29, in the gym, right after the Halloween Parade.

Parents: Watch Mail for Effort & Behavior Reports

Early next week, you should receive your child's first-quarter Effort & Behavior Report via regular mail. In anticipation of parent-teacher conferences, this report will give you a snapshot of your child's behavior and ability to meet classroom expectations throughout the first quarter. Please review this report with your child and consider setting some specific second-quarter goals related to these areas. Questions or concerns may be discussed with teachers during conferences.

MAP Testing Begins November 2nd

November 2–24, our math and language arts teachers will be taking a few class periods to administer the standardized, computer-based MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) tests to students. We hope that all students will be in attendance during these weeks, feeling well-rested and prepared to do their best. Test results will be sent home with semester reports in January.

After-School Activities – A Quick Glance

To assist all families with extracurricular planning, a **November** 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.

"EAGLEware 2015" is On the Way!

All new 2015 EAGLEware T-shirts, zip-up hoodies, and baseball caps will be available starting October 29--Parent-Teacher Conference Day. Ordering will be easy on our new EAGLEware website, accepting orders from October 29 through November 15. You may also see the designs and try on samples for size at our display in the main lobby during that time. The website address and more information will be emailed to you soon. Wear your EAGLE pride, and all proceeds will directly support our EAGLE sports and EPO programs. Thank you for your support!



EAGLE Basketball Starting Soon

To register for EAGLE basketball, please complete the attached registration form and return it to the Reception Office, with payment (scholarships available), by Oct. 29. Questions? Email Coach Jack Maloney at jack@eagleschool.org.

Jack will be organizing four different teams that will practice after school from 3:25 to 4:30 on the days listed below. For our youngest students (Nest-Int.), parent volunteers Tami Patel and Jake Johnson will be offering an after-school, co-ed basketball clinic on Fridays in November and December. See attachment for more details.

Girls A (5/6-7/8): Thursday (first practice Nov. 5)

Girls B (3/4-5/6): Monday (first practice Nov. 2)

Boys A (5/6-7/8): Tuesday (first practice Nov. 3)

Boys B (3/4-5/6): Wednesday (first practice Nov. 4)

Co-ed Clinic (Nest-Int.): Friday (first clinic Nov. 6)



Save the Date for Family Game Night!

On Friday, Nov. 13, the EPO will sponsor "Family Game Night" from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the Commons. This special event is open to all current EAGLE students; however, students in fifth grade and younger must be accompanied by a parent, while sixth through eighth graders may attend on their own. Drinks and light refreshments will be provided by the EPO, but we encourage everyone to have dinner beforehand.

If you are willing to teach and/or facilitate a specific game, we would love to have your help. Please contact Andrea Holderman at aeholderman@gmail.com to volunteer. Please watch future Aerie-Grams for more details.

EPO Community-Building Event at Noodles & Co.

No need to worry about lunch/dinner on Conference Day (Oct. 29). Join other EAGLE families for a meal at the Fitchburg Noodles & Company on Triverton Pike Drive (off of McKee Road). All day, on Thursday, Oct. 29, this Noodles & Company location will generously donate to EAGLE 20% of sales from all patrons who present our school flyer. Flyers will be emailed to all families and also distributed to student lockers the week of the event. Whether it's for lunch right after you pick up your kids, or for dinner before/after conferences, please come out and support our school while enjoying a meal with other EAGLE families.

Entelechia Offers Program on Perfectionism/Anxiety

Entelechia, Inc., a parent-run, non-profit organization that supports giftedness through community, resources, and understanding, is offering a special program on perfectionism and anxiety in gifted students. You are invited to join them on Sunday, Oct. 18, from 2:30 to 4:00 PM at Neighborhood House, 29 Mills St., Madison, for *Perfectionism & Anxiety: Thriving or Surviving?*, presented by Dr. Sue Schaar. For more information, please refer to the attached flyer.



Student Council Corner

Halloween ⇒ Student Council is throwing a Halloween Bash on Friday, Oct. 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, for 5/6-7/8 students. There will be music, Halloween activities, and a costume contest. There is no cost to attend, but donations for the Humane Society will be accepted at the door. We still need four more parent chaperones, so if you are able to help, please contact Martha (martha@eagleschool.org).

UNICEF ⇒ Nest-4/5 students will be Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF again this year, and collection boxes will be going home the Wednesday before Halloween. Students can put their spare change or dollars in the boxes and return them to school after Halloween. For more information about this charity and fundraiser, please visit <http://www.unicef.org/>.

Talent Show ⇒ A big **Thank You** to all who auditioned for the Talent Show this year! Because our student body is full of talented individuals, but TGIF is limited on time, we combined some acts to create a Cabaret that will be performing in the Commons during lunch. Everyone who auditioned received feedback in their mailboxes to let them know when/where they will be performing and what they can work on as they continue to practice. Break a leg!



Young Thespian Drama Class

Do you play pretend that you are someone new? Do you like to act out stories and scenes? Then the Young Thespians is for you! This six-session, after-school program for Primary through Intermediate students will meet in the Auditorium, from 3:25 to 4:30, on the following Thursdays: Nov. 5, 12, 19, and Dec. 3, 10, 17. We will explore things like getting into character, moving through space as someone else, and being a good audience member. Come join us for some acting games and activities! A sign-up sheet is being forwarded with this newsletter. If interested, please return it to the Reception Office, with payment (\$45), by Thursday, Oct. 29.

Study Club Phone Update

Please note that when calling the Study Club cell phone, you must enter the 608 area code before dialing the other seven digits. Therefore, to reach a Study Club Supervisor between 3:25 and 5:30 PM, please dial (608) 566-6724.

Special Parent Day at WATG Conference

The Wisconsin Association for Talented & Gifted (WATG) will be offering a special day for parents of gifted children as part of their annual conference. This opportunity to network with other parents and learn how to better support your gifted child will take place on Friday, Nov. 6, at the Kalahari Conference Center in the Dells. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Award Winning Author Coming to EAGLE

Children's and young adult book author Paula Yoo will visit with Intermediate, 5/6, and 6/7 students at EAGLE on Friday, Oct. 23. Her book, *Twenty-two Cents: Muhammad Yunus and the Village Bank*, is the picture-book winner of the South Asia Book Award.



Wisconsin Book Festival Events

October 22-25, the 2015 Wisconsin Book Festival, at various locations throughout Madison, will offer more than 70 events including public author talks, performances, and related activities—something for every reader. EAGLE librarian Ellen Bunn suggests that students may be interested in the following events on **Saturday, Oct. 24:**

9:30 to 11:00 AM

Concourse Hotel, Assembly Room, first floor ⇒ South Asia Book Award authors of children's and young adult books will discuss the process of crafting stories. Award and honor authors include Paula Yoo (*Twenty-two Cents: Muhammad Yunus and the Village Bank*), Theresa Heine (*Chandra's Magic Light: A Story in Nepal*), Tanuja Desai Hidier (*Bombay Blues*), Vivek Shraya (*God Loves Hair*), and Padma Venkatraman (*A Time to Dance*).

10:30 AM

Central Library, Children's Room ⇒ Local picture-book author/illustrator, Kevin Henkes, will share his newest book, *Waiting*.

Memorial High School Information

Last week, a packet about Memorial's upcoming Shadow Day on Monday, Nov. 9 (NOT Nov. 10, as stated previously), was given to students who expressed interest in attending Memorial High School next year. Please review this information and adhere to the Oct. 22 application deadline. If you are interested in Memorial and did not receive the packet, please see Kelly Wehrle for copies.

Madison Country Day School Information

Just a reminder that MCDS is hosting a High School Preview Night for parents and students on Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at MCDS. No registration is required for this event. Questions may be directed to our MCDS contact, Kimberly Hazen, at (608) 850-6375.

Volunteer Hours

Please remember to record your volunteer time using the EAGLE Spirit Order System on our website. We will publish our first quarterly report in early November, so be sure to update your hours. And of course, many thanks for all that you continue to do for our staff and students!



Halloween Plans are Still Brewing

We will celebrate Halloween at EAGLE on Thursday morning, Oct. 29. The festivities will begin with our annual all-school costume parade at 8:30 AM. (Parents are welcome to come and take pictures.) The parade will conclude in the gym, where we will hold a short assembly to acknowledge our Read-A-Thon winners. Later that morning, Nesters—4/5s are sure to have a ghostly good time at the various parties being planned by unit parents and teachers, while middle schoolers, who are doing service that morning, will enjoy a Halloween Bash, sponsored by Student Council, on Friday, Oct. 30. We hope everyone is looking forward to a fun-filled celebration of "tricks" and "treats." (*Please note that we will dismiss at 11:20 AM on Oct. 29, and parent-teacher conferences will begin at 12:30 PM. There is no school on Oct. 30.*)

♪ Make a Note of It ♪

We know how busy December can be, so please mark your calendars now . . .

Dec. 4, Madrigal Performance (4/5s & 5/6s), 6:30 PM

Dec. 9, Winter Choral Concert (3/4s, 6/7s, 7/8s), 6:30 PM

Dec. 16, Band & Strings Concert, 6:30 PM (Snow Date: 12/17)

Science is Fun Extravaganza

The *Science is Fun Extravaganza*, intended to foster public awareness and appreciation of science and the arts, will take place on Sunday, Oct. 25, from 2:30 to 4:00 PM at the Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery. Join the celebrations with Bassam Shakhashiri, Rod Schreiner, the Madison Youth Choir, Flamenco dancers, and others. Come and enjoy spectacular demonstrations, charming voices, dynamic dancing, and more at this grand finale of the **2015 Wisconsin Science Festival**. For more information, see the attached flyer or visit <http://www.scifun.org>.

EAGLE Alums on Stage

Memorial High School presents the play, "The Diary of Anne Frank", at 7:30 PM on the following dates: Oct. 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door of Theatre Room 300 (near the school gymnasium). Five EAGLE School alums will be seen on stage - Nate Kiehn, Elizabeth Robbins, Julia Siegal, James Tautges, and Finn Voichick.