



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

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| R | 9/1 | 3/4-7/8 Band/Strings Meeting, Auditorium, 7:00 pm |
| F | 9/2 | TGIF: Basin Street Boys |
| M | 9/5 | No School (Labor Day) |
| T | 9/6 | September lunch orders due |
| W | 9/7 | 8 th Grade Washington Meeting, Auditorium, 6:30 pm Back-to-School Night, 7:00 pm |
| F | 9/9 | Rocky's Pizza lunch TGIF: Scavenger Hunt / Intro. to Service |
| T | 9/13 | EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 am |
| R | 9/15 | Ice Cream Social Fundraiser at Fitchburg Farmer's Market, 3:00 pm |
| F | 9/16 | Noodles & Co. lunch TGIF: Clubs |
| Su | 9/18 | 6/7 Potluck, Commons, 5:00 to 7:30 pm |
| W | 9/21 | Culver's lunch |
| F | 9/23 | TGIF: Make It, Share It / Service (6/7 & 7/8) |
| T | 9/27 | 5/6-7/8 to <i>King Lear</i> , APT, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm |

One Call Now – Emails Sent to All Families

EAGLE School will be using One Call Now for our emergency notifications again this year. One Call Now is a messaging service that allows its recipients to control the way in which they're contacted. Parents may choose to be notified through a combination of phone, email, text messages, or the One Call Now mobile app.

Yesterday, you should have received an email with instructions on signing up or modifying your preferred contacts. We will be sending a test message through the system on Thursday, Sept. 8, during the afternoon. Fortunately, last year, there was no need to use One Call Now, so please check your contact list and make sure it's current.

Questions regarding One Call Now may be directed to Wade (wade@eagleschool.org) in the Main Office.

Hot Lunch Orders Due Tuesday

EAGLE's hot lunch program, run by the 8th grade students and parents, offers a weekly hot lunch to all students and staff while raising money to send the 8th grade class to Washington, D.C. in the spring.

Instructions for how to place student orders using the EAGLE Spirit Order System are included with this newsletter. Please read these directions carefully (you will need a **new password**) and order your September hot lunches by **Tuesday, Sept. 6**. The first hot lunch of the year, Rocky's Pizza, will be served Friday, Sept. 9. October lunches must be ordered by **Friday, Sept. 30**. Our online ordering system allows you the flexibility of ordering lunches by the month or through the end of January. If you have computer-related questions about placing an order, you may contact Nancy Barabas (nancy.barabas@outlook.com).

Parents, please note that on "hot lunch days" extra snack items will be available for purchase at a cost of \$1.00 per item. Ice cream treats will be sold during both lunch periods on Thursdays, beginning Sept. 8, also at a cost of \$1.00 per item.

After-School Activities – A Quick Glance

To assist all families with extracurricular planning, a quick glance calendar of all September after-school activities is attached. Please reference this guide when signing up for Study Club and other activities.



Back-to-School Night is Wednesday!

Please join us for **Back-to-School Night** on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 7:00 PM. This is a **parents-only** event during which you will meet teachers and gain important information about curriculum, homework, and grading policies. A copy of evening's schedule will be available at the door. Refreshments will be provided by the EPO in the Commons.

Early Bird Gym is Officially Up and Running

Monday through Friday, students who arrive early to school are invited to head into the gym for a short time of physical activity, supervised by P.E. teacher Steve Helstad. Students who wish to participate may enter the gym after 8:00 AM if the adult supervisor is present.

Arriving Early at School

Students who must arrive at school before 8:00 AM should enter the building through the back doors of the Commons, where there will be a teacher supervising “early arrivals” from **7:40 to 8:00 AM**. These students will be expected to wait patiently and quietly in the Commons until they are dismissed at 8:00 AM. Early arrivals should not be dropped at the front doors, and no student should be at school before 7:40 AM. We are offering this “before school option” to families who must head to work early; it is our hope and recommendation that most students will continue to arrive between 8:00 and 8:20 AM, with every child in a classroom and ready for the start of the day at **8:25 AM**



Reporting an Absence

Parents should call school by 8:45 AM when a child is going to be absent. An email to a teacher or to the office does not take the place of a phone call. In the case of a planned absence, parents should notify the child’s teachers, as well as the office, via **email**. (Teachers’ email addresses will be available in the EAGLE Family Directory.) This will allow teachers to directly respond in regard to make-up work.



Please Pick Up Children On Time

Students are dismissed at 3:10 PM and should be picked up no later than 3:25 PM. At 3:25, all students waiting to be picked up will be taken to the doors near the Main Office. At 3:30, all students who remain will go to Study Club in the Multi-Purpose Room (back entrance), and their parents will be charged a \$12.00 fee. Promptness at pick-up time is greatly appreciated!

After-School Study Club

Each day from **3:25 to 5:30 PM**, Study Club will be available for students in Nest-7/8. This teacher-supervised time will be broken into two one-hour segments. The first hour will consist of quiet study time in the Multi-Purpose Room or lower level classrooms, and the second hour will offer students an opportunity for recreation in the Commons, gym, or on the playground. Cost: \$12 per hour, per student. However, if registering two or more days in advance, the cost is \$10 per hour, per student. On any given day, students may attend for either hour or both hours. To register, go to the EAGLE School website, click on the *Parent* tab, select *Study Club* from the drop-down menu, and click on the *Study Club Sign-Up* link.



Like to Sing? Join Pitch Perfect!

Pitch Perfect (EAGLE Chorale), which meets on Wednesdays, from 3:15 to 4:45 PM, will begin on Sept. 21. 5/6s through 7/8s are welcome to join; however, there is a limit of 25 singers, so students will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. If interested, please submit the attached registration form to music teacher Darlene Harper by Friday, Sept. 9.



EAGLE Bus News

EAGLE families are scattered throughout Madison and beyond, so while the bus cannot provide transportation for all families, the west and far west service may be convenient for you. There are two morning routes and one afternoon route. Families may use the bus one way (morning or afternoon) for \$285, or roundtrip (to and from school) for \$570. To learn more about routes that are in place for the fall semester, please visit the **new** EAGLE bus website at: <http://eagleschoolbus.weebly.com>. A “quick link” to the bus website can also be found on our school website (www.eagleschool.org).

Occasional riders may purchase bus passes at school for \$7. Students may do this independently, but if your child needs assistance in purchasing passes, please accompany him/her to the Reception Office. Also, please note that passes must be signed by a parent in advance of a ride. Bus pass users must use an existing bus stop. Before a child’s first ride of the new school year, we ask that parents complete the online registration form (<http://eagleschoolbus.weebly.com/bus-passes.html>) and “sign” the required liability waiver and behavior contract by clicking the buttons at the end of the registration form. Questions? Contact moira@fitzgeraldconsultancy.com.



Building Access Codes Assigned

Please remember that the main front doors have been replaced and are now locked during the school day. All parents have been given an access code, which they must use to enter the building between 8:45 AM and 3:00 PM. Other visitors must use the intercom near the main front door to request access, and an outside camera allows office staff to see anyone wishing to enter.

An information sheet containing your assigned access code was included in your registration packet. Please memorize your code or keep it readily accessible, and of course, it is important to not share your access code with anyone, even with your own children. If you do not know your code, please contact jimlene@eagleschool.org.

EAGLE Handbook & EAGLE Directory

This past July, all families should have received an electronic version of our EAGLE Family Handbook. If you have not already done so, please take some time to familiarize yourself with its content, as it provides answers to many of the questions that typically arise during the school year.

Tomorrow, our EAGLE School Directory will be distributed to student lockers, one per family. It will include a list of unit parents, EPO officers, and staff email addresses, as well as contact information for all families (addresses, phone numbers, and emails).

In addition, we would like to **thank** eighth grader **Rachel N.**, who combined her creativity and artistic ability to design this year’s eye-catching directory cover for us. And we extend a very special thank you to EAGLE receptionist **Susan Thompson** and our great team of parent aides for the many hours they spent copying, collating, and stapling over 260 directories!

EAGLE Band & Strings Information

Band → Our Band Program continues under the direction of Mrs. Christine Eckel. Small group lessons will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays. Flight (Advanced) Band will rehearse on Monday afternoons from 3:20 to 4:00 PM, and Beginning Band will practice on Mondays during recess from 11:50 AM to 12:20 PM. Lessons and full band (Flight & Beginning) rehearsals will begin on Monday, Sept. 12. Some lessons may begin on Wednesday, Sept. 14, based on students' QRT schedules this year.

Strings → The EAGLE Strings Program continues to grow and is particularly looking for more cellists! Laura Mericle (violin and viola) and Mark Bridges (cello) are offering private and group lessons, which will be scheduled during QRTs. Ensembles will rehearse on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Lessons will begin next week.

Band & Strings Meeting Tonight!

An informational meeting for the parents of Beginning Band students, new band students, and new strings students is scheduled for **this evening, at 7:00 PM**, in the Auditorium. If you cannot attend a meeting but would like to inquire about lessons, please contact the respective directors/teachers. Christine Eckel (band) may be reached at ceckel@eagleschool.org, Laura (violin and viola) may be reached at laura.mericle@gmail.com, and Mark (cello) may be reached at cellobridges@gmail.com.



Fall Sports Sign-Up!

Come enjoy another fun season of fall sports at EAGLE! We have at least one offering for students at each level-- Junior 3/4 through Middle School 7/8: Volleyball (team), Frisbee (team), and After-School Basketball: Skills, Drills & Scrimmage (club). Also, we are happy to announce that our Cross Country Running Club has been reinstated. See the attached form for details. Registration forms and payments are due in the Reception Office by Friday, Sept. 2. Questions regarding fall sports may be directed to jack@eagleschool.org.



Girls on the Run Needs Coaches

The EAGLE Girls on the Run team is looking for volunteer coaches one day a week this fall on either Tuesdays or Thursdays, from 3:30 until 5:00 PM. Please contact Tami Patel (tvangalder@yahoo.com) if you, or someone you know, would be interested in helping out.

Waiver and Consent Form – New this Year!

Every student participating in an after-school activity or sport (except Study Club) must complete a **Waiver and Consent form**, available as a “quick link” on the school website. Only one form is needed per family, and it is valid for the entire school year. Please submit signed forms to the Reception Office before attending the first meeting of an after-school activity or sport.

Who's New at EAGLE?

In addition to welcoming 36 new families to our EAGLE community, we are pleased to introduce three of the six new members of our fabulous EAGLE Staff:

Jayne Baitinger-Peterson, our new middle school art teacher, has joined the EAGLE staff after teaching art for many years in the Verona Area School District at Stoner Prairie Elementary. Jayne holds a B.S. degree in Art Education from UW-Madison, and she also obtained an associate degree in Commercial Art from MATC. Jayne looks forward to offering her students challenging art lessons that will allow them to apply their creativity, unique ideas, and problem solving skills. Jayne, who loves Wisconsin's beautiful change of seasons, has lived in the Madison area all of her life. She enjoys the city's energy, and whenever possible, takes advantage of its cultural and recreational opportunities.

Dylan Mathieu, one of our new math teachers, holds an M.S. in Secondary Education, as well as a B.S. and M.A. in Applied Economics, all from UW-Madison. Dylan is joining EAGLE after coordinating the Achievement Connections math intervention programs at West and Middleton High Schools. Previously, as an employee of Epic Systems Corporation, he traveled to hospitals around the country assisting with the implementation of Epic software and providing technical support. In his free time, Dylan enjoys hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing with his wife, Lizzy.

Traci Murphy, our new Nest teacher, received her B.S. degree in Early Childhood Education from UW-Stout and her M.A. in reading from Viterbo University. Traci has been in education for 22 years in a variety of settings including teaching a Head Start class in St. Paul, Minnesota; third grade in Kingsford, Michigan; and Pre-K, kindergarten, and first grade in Marshall, Wisconsin. She also has experience as a Reading Specialist in the Riverdale School District. Traci lives in Lake Mills with her husband, Steve, who is also an educator. They have three children—Kellen, a senior at UW-Platteville, Cooper (11), and Marli (9). Traci enjoys walking her dog, Cricket, going for bike rides, and attending her children's sporting events.

EAGLE Library News

Welcome to the EAGLE library, open daily from 8:00 AM to 3:25 PM! Please take a moment over the weekend to talk with your children about where they'll keep books from the EAGLE library or classrooms. When returning public library books or re-shelving personal books, please keep an eye out for EAGLE books. The EAGLE library has a two-week circulation period after which books should be returned or renewed. Questions? Contact EAGLE librarian Ellen Bunn at ellen@eagleschool.org.

The arrow is pointing to the barcode on an EAGLE library book



EAGLE Parent Organization

As an EAGLE School parent, you are automatically a member of the EAGLE Parent Organization (EPO). The EPO, which meets the second Tuesday of each month, focuses on community building and fundraising for the school. Our first meeting of the new school year will be Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 8:30 AM, in the Commons. Please join us if you can.

Our first event of the school year will happen on Thursday, Sept. 15, when the EPO will once again be sponsoring the Ice Cream Social/Fundraiser at the Fitchburg Farmer's Market. Please join us after school at the Agora pavilion on East Cheryl Parkway to participate in this fun and tasty way to support EAGLE School and the Fitchburg community.

This year's EPO board includes: Tanya Buckingham (President), Sara Guyer (Vice President), Dia Caulkins (Secretary), Irene Ong (Treasurer), Amy Bina, Shikha Arora-Gupta, Jenna Boyd, Patti DuBeau, Stella Krall, Mahr Malik, Scott Mason, Enda O'Donohoe, and Alperen Ozalp (members at large). Throughout the year, please feel free to contact any board member with questions. If there's an item you'd like addressed at a meeting, please call or text Tanya Buckingham at (608) 576-3382.



Ice Cream Social a Big Success!

We had a terrific turn-out for our seventh annual *Back-to-School Ice Cream Social* that was held last Sunday at McKee Farm Park. We are pleased to have had the opportunity to meet so many new families and reconnect with returning families. Many thanks to Rochelle Engel for coordinating the mentors who made our new families feel welcome. We extend a special thank you to Culver's (Todd Drive) for generously donating delicious frozen custard. We also appreciate the efforts of the EPO in hosting the event and providing toppings, as well as the fantastic team of volunteers who helped make our social so enjoyable. What a great way to start off the new school year!



Calling All Mathletes!

Math Club, open to students in Math 5 and above, will meet on Tuesdays from 3:25 to 4:30 PM, beginning Sept. 20. For more details, please see the attached registration form.