



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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| M | 9/21 | 5/6 Indian lunch, 11:20 am to 12:20 pm |
| F | 9/25 | October lunch orders due Coffee with Carole, 8:30 am Noodles & Co. lunch TGIF: Wonders of Physics / Service |
| Sa | 9/26 | Tri4Schools Mud Run, Verona |
| Su | 9/27 | 5/6 Potluck, 5:00 to 7:30 pm |
| W | 9/30 | Picture Day |
| R | 10/1 | 5/6-7/8 to "Othello" (APT), 8:30 to 3:00 |
| F | 10/2 | Quiznos lunch TGIF: Insect Ambassadors/Service |
| Sa | 10/3 | Intermediate Gathering, 3:00 to 6:30 pm |
| Su | 10/4 | Upper Primary Potluck, 5:00 to 7:00 pm |
| W | 10/7 | UP to Historical Museum and Farmer's Market, 8:30 to 11:20 am |
| R | 10/8 | 3/4 to Forest Hill Cemetery, 12:40 to 3:00 pm |
| F | 10/9 | Rocky's Pizza lunch TGIF: 7/8 Teach Day |
| Sa | 10/10 | Primary Potluck, 5:00 to 7:00 pm |

Lunch Orders Due Next Friday

Orders for October hot lunches are due next Friday, Sept. 25. Please remember that it is not necessary to print your order form; just write the payment number on your check that appears on the screen.

After-School Activities – A Quick Glance

To assist all families with extracurricular planning, September and October quick-glance calendars of after-school activities are being forwarded with this newsletter. Please reference this guide when signing up for Study Club and other activities.

Family Handbook & Directory

Please remember to remove the front signature page of your handbook/directory, sign it, and return it to the basket in the Reception Office.

Sign In, Sign Out

Please remember that all visitors and volunteers must sign in and out as they enter and leave the school through the main lobby. The sign-in/sign-out sheet is located on the small student desk right outside the Reception Office. Also, students who are leaving before the end of the day, leaving for an appointment, or returning from an appointment must sign in or out in the notebook on Susan Thompson's desk (Reception Office). This is important for the accurate recording of attendance, as a student who returns to school without signing in could be marked absent for half or three-quarters of a day.

Picture Forms Sent Home Yesterday



Two photographers from Inter-State Studio will be here on Wednesday morning, Sept. 30, to take student photos. Order forms were placed in student lockers on Thursday. To be sure that no child is without a form on picture day, we ask that all order forms be placed in the basket in the Reception Office by Friday, Sept. 25. If you are not ordering pictures, please write your child's name and the words "NO ORDER" on the form, and return it to school. If you are placing an online order, write your child's name and the words "ONLINE ORDER" on the form, and return it to school. Even if you do not order pictures, your child will still be photographed for the class composite. A picture make-up day will be scheduled in early November for all students who are not in attendance on Sept. 30.



EAGLE Writing Center

Each Friday beginning next Friday, September 25, Nesters through 7/8s can visit EAGLE's Writing Center in Room 26 to receive help from trained 7/8 writing tutors. The Writing Center will be open both recesses in Room 26. Students may come to the Writing Center on their own or with teacher recommendation. The 7/8 tutors listen, ask questions, provide a sounding board, and help lead writers to improvements in their writing. Any student interested in the Writing Center should discuss this opportunity with his or her language arts teacher. Questions? Talk to Jenn or email her at jenn@eagleschool.org.



Scholastic Books – First Order of the Year

Scholastic Reading Club flyers were placed in the lockers of UPs through 7/8s today, along with ordering instructions (also forwarded with this newsletter). Scholastic offers quality books at great prices for parents, and every book you order earns a generous amount of bonus points that our school can use to acquire FREE, NEW books for our library and classrooms! Scholastic has an easy-to-use website with an even wider selection of books than what is represented in the flyers. All book orders must be placed ONLINE by Friday, Sept. 25. (Paper orders with checks will not be accepted.) The books will be distributed in mid-October, just as the weather turns colder and we're all looking to curl up with a good story! Questions? Please contact Scholastic coordinator Dia Caulkins (djcaulkins@gmail.com).



Type to Learn at Home!

EAGLE has a great license for the typing program *Type to Learn 4*, which comes with the added benefit of a free home download and access to the same accounts students use at school. Students may log in with their username and the password "type," just as they do at school; however, they will need the **account code 144105** for the initial set-up. *Type to Learn 4* may be downloaded at <http://ttl4.sunburst.com/downloads/>. Click on the link in the first paragraph that says "FULL VERSION," and then download the proper version, PC or Mac.

Please monitor your child's typing at home if they are using *Type to Learn 4* to make sure they are using proper touch typing technique (<http://www.rapidtyping.com/typing-instructions.html>).

Students may also enjoy the fun typing websites typingweb.com and nitrotype.com!

October Study Club

We hope you'll agree--the new Study Club *SignUpGenius* online registration process has been a huge success during its first month! Nevertheless, please feel free to direct any questions, concerns or feedback regarding the new process to studyclub@eagleschool.org, as continual improvement is always the goal! The sign-up for the period of October 5–28 is now available and can be accessed like last month by going to the **EAGLE School website** and clicking on the **Parent tab**.

In order for us 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. However, 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.



Clarinetist to Perform on EAGLE Stage

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, clarinetist Joseph Morris will perform in our Auditorium at 2:05 PM, during 7th period, and all EAGLE parents are invited to attend. Joe is the principal clarinetist with the Madison Symphony Orchestra and the Sarasota Opera. He is soloing with the Madison Symphony on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (Sept. 25-27). Joe is a young, energetic, and virtuosic player whose enthusiasm is contagious. His performance is surely something you don't want to miss! Please join us if you can.

Clubs Serve Many Interests

Today, during TGIF, students participated in their first club meetings of the year. From scrapbooking to sock monsters, percussion to Pokémon, board games to basketball, and everything in between, eager participants enjoyed activities related to their areas of interest. Many thanks to the following club sponsors:

- Ann Larson – *Make Your Own Board Game*
- Cari Eggert – *Lego Building*
- Rebecca Frost – *Drum Ensemble*
- Yazmin Ávalos-Cano – *Cupcake Decorating*
- Katie McEnaney – *Scrapbooking*
- Kelly Miess – *Pokémon Trading Cards*
- Marcia Beckett – *Yearbook*
- Janice Lacock & Denise McCulley – *Sock Monsters*
- Damian Khan – *Disc Golf*
- Martha Goodge – *Board Games*
- Jack Maloney – *Basketball*
- Jonathan Mason – *Movie Making*
- Ellen Bunn – *Book Critics*
- Ally Begly – *Kerbal Space Program*
- Chuck Price – *Outdoor Adventure & Photography*

No doubt about it, there is certainly something for everyone in this semester's TGIF Clubs. Future Club dates include Oct. 16, Nov. 6, and Dec. 18.



Student Council Corner

Congratulations to our new student leaders, the first-semester Student Council:

- President: Siena P.
- Vice President: Ben C.
- Secretary: Hannah B.
- Record Keepers: Thomas P. & Jack K.
- Publicity Chair: Budgy S.
- Milkman: Theo M.

- Unit Representatives:
- 7/8 A: Lucian R. & Budgy S.
- 7/8 B: Siena P. & Theo M.
- 6/7A: Hannah B. & Ben C.
- 6/7B: Thomas P. & Jack K.
- 5/6A: Abby L. (alt. Emily K.)
- 5/6B: Ceci C. (alt. Ananya K.)
- 4/5A: Jordan F. (alt. Liv A.)
- 4/5B: Lukas W. (alt. Brynn R.)



Register for Origami Club

Internationally-known Origami Master Ruthanne Bessman and EAGLE art teacher Becka Finster will be hosting an Origami Club after school, on Tuesdays, beginning Oct. 6. Younger students (Int.-4/5) will participate in a 45-minute session (3:25 to 4:10 PM), while older students (5/6-7/8) may register for a 75-minute session (4:10 to 5:25 PM). Older students who take part in another after-school activity until 4:30, may join the Origami Club at that time. Registration forms for both younger and older students are being forwarded with this newsletter. If interested, please return your form, with payment, to the Reception Office by Sept. 30.

Annual Academic Talent Search Begins

All 3/4 – 7/8 students who currently attend our school (a designated gifted program) are eligible to participate in NUMATS (Northwestern University’s Midwest Academic Talent Search). This is an opportunity for students to test out of grade level by taking EXPLORE (Grades 3-6), ACT (Grades 6-8) and SAT (Grades 6-8).

Participation is optional, but if you would like to learn more, go to www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats. If interested, please make reviewing this information a priority. Observing the deadlines and following the specific instructions are vital.

Register online at

www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats/register . **Our school NUMATS ID number is 8701302**

If you still have questions after reviewing the website, please email Susan Findley (susan@eagleschool.org) or call the school office (273-0309).

There are a limited number of NUMATS information booklets available in Susan Findley’s office. All information found in the booklet is also available online.

Special note: We ask parents of 3/4 students to carefully consider whether or not their child should participate. The test for that grade level is designed for middle school students and may prove to be discouraging and anxiety producing.



EAGLE Squash Club – Fall 2015

EAGLE Squash Club is organizing its fall session. If you would like to improve your eye-hand coordination, agility, speed, or endurance, this may be just the sport for you! Club director Jonas Laursen, a former professional squash player from Denmark, will be teaching skills through fun games and activities. The club will begin on **Sept 25** and run for eight consecutive weeks, excluding school holidays. Members will meet on Fridays at Madison Squash Workshop from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. The cost will be \$95 per participant. All ages are welcome! Please contact EAGLE parent Gregg Kissel (gekissel@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining the fall session or if you are just curious about the sport. Need directions? Visit www.squashworkshop.com.



Fall Mud Run Only a Week Away!

Get muddy for EAGLE on **Saturday, September 26**, by participating in the Tri4Schools Fall Mud Run at Festival Park in Verona. Tri4Schools, a non-profit that promotes health and fitness for kids, donates 75% of registration fees back to the participants’ school, which allowed EAGLE students to raise almost \$1,000 for our P.E. program last year. Mud Run registration has filled up in the past, so don’t delay. For more information and to register, click [here](#). (Be sure to specify EAGLE School to ensure that funds are directed back to our school.)

Girls’ Ultimate Frisbee Clinic

The Madison women’s club Ultimate Frisbee team (Heist) will be hosting a FREE, learn-to-play clinic for girls ages 8 and older. This event, which is being offered in partnership with Madison Ultimate Frisbee Association (MUFA) and USA Ultimate, will take place on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9:00 AM to Noon at Breese Stevens Stadium in downtown Madison. This fun, no-experience-necessary clinic will offer girls the chance to learn how to throw, catch, and score in the game of Ultimate, and to learn about the “Spirit of the Game” with other girls their age. Participants will get to take home an official Ultrastar 175g Ultimate disc, and plenty of great memories. Moreover, the club hopes to connect interested girls with opportunities to continue playing the sport in the community. For more information or to sign up, visit: <http://www.madisonyouthultimate.com/girls-clinic-fall.html>.

Ultimate is growing in popularity in the U.S.; it has recently been accepted into the Olympics, and its popularity is on the rise in Madison (There are now six high school girls’ teams and seven MSCR middle school clubs!). For these reasons, Heist is striving to open the door for more girls to learn the joy and skills of the game at a young age.

Transportation Contracts

If you live in the Madison, Verona, Oregon, or Monona school districts, you are entitled (by state law) to reimbursement for your transportation costs to and from school, up to an amount determined by your district’s average cost of transporting public school students. Our office submits to these districts the names and contact information of eligible families; however, it is up to parents to make sure they receive a contract from their district and follow the instructions for receiving the reimbursement. Please contact your public district office for more information.