



EAGLE SCHOOL

Aerie-Gram

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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	9/23	TGIF: Make It, Share It / Service (6/7 & 7/8)
Su	9/25	4/5 Potluck, Commons, 4:00 to 7:00 pm
T	9/27	5/6-7/8 to <i>King Lear</i> , APT, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
W	9/28	Picture Day
F	9/30	Quiznos lunch TGIF: Madison Brass Band
Su	10/2	Int. Potluck, Commons, 5:00 to 7:00 pm
T	10/4	3/4s to Talking Spirits Cemetery Tour, 12:20 to 3:00 pm
W	10/5	UPs to Wisconsin Historical Museum & Farmer's Market, 8:30 to 11:20 am
F	10/7	Rocky's Pizza lunch TGIF: 7/8 Teach Day
M	10/10	No School – Staff Inservice
T	10/11	EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 am
F	10/14	Noodles & Co. lunch TGIF: Pro-Kids / Service (6/7 & 7/8) Pro-Kids Family Program, 6:30 pm



Picture Day is Next Wednesday!

Two photographers from Inter-State Studio will be here on Wednesday morning, Sept. 28, to take student photos. Information flyers were placed in student lockers last Thursday. This year, all picture orders must be placed online at www.inter-state.com/order using order code **08407XA**. 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. 28. Questions? Email marykay@eagleschool.org.

Special note: *Yearbook order forms were part of our summer registration mailing, and some of you took advantage of the opportunity to order yearbooks in advance. However, ordering a yearbook and ordering a student photo package are two separate things done through two separate vendors. No one ordered a photo package over the summer. If interested in purchasing photos now, please order online as mentioned above. We apologize for the confusion!*

Online Sign-Up for Fall Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will take place on Thursday, Oct. 27, from 12:30 to 8:00 PM. Late next week, you will receive an email asking you to select your conference start time using *SignUpGenius*. The process is simple--select a time, enter your child's last name, enter your email address, and click the "sign-up" button at the bottom of the page. That's all there is to it!

A confirmation of conference start times will be forwarded with the Oct. 20th issue of the Aerie-Gram. In the meantime, it is safe to assume that the time you selected is the time you'll have.

If you have two children at EAGLE, you will receive two emails. Please open both sign-up sheets and review the available times before making your selections. This will give you a better chance of getting your start times close together.

Should you have any questions about the sign-up process, please email annlarget@eagleschool.org.

Middle Schoolers Travel to APT Next Week

On Tuesday, Sept. 27, the 5/6s-7/8s will leave at 8:30 AM and travel by bus to Spring Green to see the American Players Theatre production of "King Lear." Students should dress for outdoor weather, rain or shine, and bring a lunch that will be eaten in installments--upon arrival and at intermission. We will take a cooler with milk for students who've paid for it; others should bring a non-sugar beverage. Parents of students with special medical needs should equip them accordingly for the entire day. Students will return to school by 3:00 PM.

When Do I Use MY Building Access Code?

Please remember that parent access codes only open the front door between 8:45 AM and 3:00 PM. At arrival and dismissal times, the main door and the auditorium door are unlocked, so there is no need to use your code. When picking up your child from Study Club, you must enter through the back door, near the Study Club (multi-purpose) room. It is the only door that can be used at that time of day. All students coming and going from an after-school activity must use the door closest to where the activity takes place, and the adult in charge of the activity monitors the door.



Student Council Corner

The Executive Board for the first semester of Student Council has been decided. Congratulations to these newly elected officers:

President: Ben C.
Vice-President: Jacob L.
Secretaries: Niha P. & Thomas P.
Record Keeper: Ceci C.
Publicity Chair: Brynn R.
Her Moojesty, the Purveyor of Milk: Sara M.

Clubs Prove Interesting and Fun for All!

Last week, during TGIF, students participated in their first club meetings of the year. From spying to sewing, building to basketball, Monopoly to movie making, and everything in between, eager participants enjoyed activities related to their areas of interest. Many thanks to the following club sponsors:

Ann Larson – *Weaving*
Stella Krall – *Lego Building*
Carol van Deelen – *Eco-Crafts*
Yazmín Ávalos-Cano – *Spanish Movies*
Lena Brandis – *Harry Potter*
Kelly Miess – *Pokémon Trading Cards*
Marcia Beckett – *Yearbook*
Janice Lacock – *Spymaster*
Dylan Mathieu – *Monopoly*
Martha Goodge – *Unfinished Business*
Jack Maloney – *Basketball*
Jonathan Mason – *Lights, Camera, Action!*
Jessica Blatter – *Warm Greetings!*
Sarah Wright – *Nature Art*
Barb Prescott – *Ping Pong*
Denise Martin & Irene Ong – *Machine Sewing*

No doubt about it, there is certainly something for everyone in this semester's TGIF Clubs. Future Club dates include Oct. 21, Dec. 9, and Jan. 6.



Scholastic Book Order Deadline is Sunday!

Last week, Scholastic flyers were placed in lockers of UPs through 7/8s along with ordering instructions (also being forwarded with this newsletter). Scholastic offers quality books at great prices, and every book you order earns a generous number of bonus points that our school can use to acquire FREE NEW books for our library and classrooms! In previous years we have earned over \$1000 worth of books and products for our school; let's do even better this year! 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 this Sunday, Sept. 25. (Paper orders with checks will not be accepted.) Orders will be distributed in early October. Please contact Scholastic coordinator Dia Caulkins (djcaulkins@gmail.com) with questions.



Middle School Students Step Up

Throughout this first semester, our 6/7s and 7/8s are giving back to their school and community by participating in a variety of service projects. They are divided into seven groups, and with the help of mentor teachers, these sixty-two middle school students are donating their time and talent in the following ways:

Food Pantry Gardeners ⇒ These hard-working middle-schoolers, with assistance from Jack Maloney, are harvesting produce and preparing the Lacy Food Pantry Garden for winter. They are also helping the farm manager package cornmeal for distribution to local food pantries.

Library Supporters ⇒ Under the direction of Katie McEnaney, these literacy advocates are creating book posters for the children's section of the Goodman South library, as well as lending a hand at the Goodman South and Fitchburg libraries.

Green and Healthy Helpers ⇒ This environmentally conscious group, with guidance from Maggie van Boldrik, are working on projects around our school to promote sustainability, including planting an apple tree espalier behind the science classrooms.

ReStore Assistants ⇒ Under the supervision of Martha Goodge, these thoughtful and ambitious students are sorting and shelving donations at the Odana Road Habitat for Humanity ReStore, where proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity projects.

Montessori Buddies ⇒ This gregarious team, with Ellen Bunn's guidance, are mentoring young students at Greenway Crossing Montessori by reading together and fostering positive relationships through art, writing, and games.

Park Caretakers ⇒ This community-minded group, led by Denise McCulley, is working at EAGLE and the neighboring Gunflint Trail Park to take care of our gardens and to help maintain the prairies and park space around our school.

Welcome Basket Creators ⇒ These caring and committed students, with the help of Jessica Devine, are creating "Welcome Home" baskets of household supplies for formerly homeless families and individuals moving into apartments managed by Porchlight.



Custard Fundraiser – Sweet Deal for EAGLE

On Thursday, Sept. 15, at the Fitchburg Farmer's Market Fall Fest, dozens of EAGLE families could be seen sampling local cheeses and fresh-picked produce. Horse-drawn carriage rides added to the fun, while festival participants lined up for Culver's sundaes at the EAGLE frozen custard table. Special thanks to Jimlene Pleva for chairing this EPO event and to the parent volunteers who scooped and sold over 170 sundaes! We appreciate all who supported this fundraiser, including the Fitchburg Farmer's Market and Culver's on Todd Drive. Because of this partnership, EAGLE families were able to thoroughly enjoy the Fall Fest while raising \$342 for our school.

mabel's labels

EAGLE's New Fundraiser

With cooler weather just around the corner, it is never too early to think about ways to keep track of boots, mittens, jackets, hats, and numerous other items that can easily be lost at school. **Mabel's Labels**, EAGLE's newest fundraiser, sells high-quality, custom labels for clothing (adhere-to-clothing-tag or iron-on varieties), shoes, lunchbox items, sports equipment, toys, you name it! They also have metal bag tags and allergy labels. Everything stays on for years, through hundreds of washing machine or dishwasher cycles. Choose a design/color scheme for each set of labels you buy, and add your child's name (or your family name and phone number). Sample labels can be found on the EAGLE Community Bulletin Board in the upper hallway near the lobby.

To purchase, go to mabelslabels.com, click the "Support A Fundraiser" box, and select "EAGLE School (Madison)" from the drop-down menu (on your laptop touch the E key to jump ahead to the E section). If the pink banner at the top of the page says "You are supporting: EAGLE School (Madison)," you're in the right place. Standard shipping is free, they will ship directly to you, and EAGLE School gets 20% of all sales.

Don't delay; order your **Mabel's Labels** today! You'll not only be raising funds for our school, but you'll be helping dozens of Lost & Found items find their homes over the course of the year!



Fall Mud Run on Saturday

Get muddy for EAGLE this coming **Saturday, Sept. 24**, 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 has allowed EAGLE students to raise more than \$1,000 for our P.E. program in years past. Participants from previous runs will be the first to say that the Tri4Schools Mud Run is a blast-- great fun for the whole family! Same day registration is still available. For more information click [here](#). **(Be sure to specify EAGLE as the school to which you would like funds donated.)**

After-School Activities – A Quick Glance

A revised "quick glance" calendar of all October after-school activities is attached. Please reference this guide when signing up for Study Club and other activities.

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.

Public school transportation contacts:

Madison: *Michael LaCount, (608) 442-2898*

Oregon: *Lisa Christensen, (608) 835-4006*

Verona: *Patti Fenske, (608) 845-4331*

Monona: *Mary Hinrichs, (608) 316-1912*

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.

Parent Coordinator Needed for Robotics

For the past few years, EAGLE has had a competitive Robotics Team that met weekly, after school. This year, however, we are without a parent coordinator, so currently, the organization of the 16-17 team has been put on hold. If you have ever helped in the coordination or management of a Robotics team and would be interested in helping us re-establish one at EAGLE, please contact Carole (carole@eagleschool.org) to discuss the possibility.



FOOD FIGHT
RESTAURANT GROUP

Anyone for a Food Fight?

Food Fight, a group of restaurants in Madison, offers a rebate program to nonprofit organizations that sell their gift cards. Purchasing Food Fight gift cards is an easy way to add funds to EAGLE School without costing you anything extra, and the cards make nice gifts for friends and business associates. For a list of participating restaurants go to <http://www.foodfightinc.com/>. You may purchase Food Fight gift cards in the Main Office.