



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

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 <i>Othello</i> (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
T	10/13	EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 am
R	10/15	UP & Int. to <i>Shrek</i> , Overture Center, 8:45 am
F	10/16	Noodles & Co. lunch TGIF: Clubs



Picture Forms Were Due Today!

To be sure that no student is without a form on picture day (Wed., Sept. 30), we requested that all order forms be placed in the basket in the Reception Office by today. If you have not submitted yours, please drop it off ASAP. If you cannot find your form, please print the copy that is being forwarded with this newsletter. Complete the order information, attach your check, and submit to the Reception Office first thing Monday morning. If you are not ordering pictures, please write your **child's name** and the words "**NO ORDER**" on the form. Likewise, if you are submitting 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 be photographed for the class composite.). Please note that a picture make-up day will be scheduled in early November for all students who are not in attendance on Wednesday.

Online Sign-Up for Fall Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will take place on Thursday, Oct. 29, from 12:30 to 8:00 PM. Late next week you will receive an email asking you to select your conference start time using an online sign-up sheet. 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. 23rd 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 first selection. This will give you a better chance of getting your start times close together.



It's Fall Fundraiser time!

Last year we had our first EAGLE School Read-A-Thon and it went so well that we've decided to do it again! The success of last year's Read-A-Thon taught us that with the help of our children, we can easily raise funds for our school without having to buy wrapping paper, snacks, or knick-knacks! Again this year, students will have the ability to really make a difference in the success of our fundraiser, as they set reading goals, recruit sponsors, and collect donations. It will be a great opportunity for our kids to take pride in helping their school while doing something they love--reading! To make it even more interesting, prizes will be awarded to our reader leaders. The student from each homeroom who reads the most will receive a gift certificate, and the homeroom that collectively reads the most (all minutes combined) will celebrate with a class party. The proceeds from this year's Fall Fundraiser will be used for the enhancement of school equipment and programs—specifics to be determined at the October EPO meeting.

Instructions, pledge forms, and reading logs will be placed in lockers next Wednesday, Sept. 30. The Read-A-Thon will run from Oct. 1 through Oct. 22, and all pledge forms and donations will be due in the Reception Office by Oct. 27.



Student Council Corner

Halloween ⇒ Student Council will be throwing a Halloween Bash for 5/6s-7/8s on Friday, October 30. Details have yet to be decided, but parents who are interested in chaperoning or helping decorate should contact Martha (Martha@eagleschool.org).

Talent Show ⇒ The sign-up sheet for Talent Show auditions was posted Thursday morning on the Student Council bulletin board. If anyone needs an alternate audition time or would like to be placed on the waiting list, please see Martha in Room 11.



Join us for MATHCOUNTS!

MATHCOUNTS participants have begun practicing on Mondays (we just couldn't wait until October) during lunch/recess in Room 21. We look forward to more students (pre-algebra and up) joining us next Monday!

Middle Schoolers Travel to APT Next Thursday

On Thursday, Oct. 1, 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 "Othello." 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.



Custard Fundraiser – Sweet Deal for EAGLE

On Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Fitchburg Farmer's Market Fall Fest, EAGLE students could be seen sampling local cheeses and just-picked apples and enjoying horse-drawn carriage rides, while their parents shopped for local, fresh produce. At the EAGLE frozen custard table, parent volunteers cheerfully scooped and sold Culver's sundaes! Special thanks to Jimlene Pleva for chairing this event, to Tiffany Lim and Peter Lee for donating the toppings, and to 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 and raise \$90 for our school.



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.

Middle School Students Step Up

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

Book Bundlers/Buddies ⇒ This helpful group of students, led by Ellen Bunn, is working with staff at the Fitchburg Library to get experience in creating book bundles for young readers. They are also buddying up with young students at Greenway Crossing Montessori to enjoy the experience of reading together and responding to literature through art.

Habitat Helpers ⇒ These ambitious middle school students, under the guidance of Maggie van Boldrik, are working on variety of projects at the Odana Road Re-Store, where proceeds go toward Habitat for Humanity projects.

Breakfast Hosts ⇒ Grandparents and "grand friends" of our 3/4 students will benefit from the efforts of this enthusiastic group. Under the direction of Jessica Devine, and in conjunction with the Junior 3/4s and Jonathan Mason, these students will host a special Grandparents' Breakfast on Monday, Nov. 2 that will include delicious food and delightful entertainment.

Park Caretakers ⇒ This energetic group, with the help of Denise McCulley, is working with Fitchburg Parks to continue several Gunflint Trail Park maintenance projects. They are also weeding the many garden spaces around our school.

Baseball Advocates ⇒ Under the direction of Kelly Wehrle, these young baseball enthusiasts are putting together a pitch that will inspire the City of Fitchburg to move forward with a Gunflint Trail park plan to develop a baseball field in the park.

Food Pantry Volunteers ⇒ These caring middle-schoolers, with assistance from Jack Maloney, are harvesting produce and preparing the Lacy Road Food Pantry Garden for winter. They are also volunteering at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, which receives produce from the garden.

Little Library Promoters ⇒ This literacy-minded group, under the guidance of Chuck Price, is planning to create two Little Libraries in our school and at least one in our immediate neighborhood. They are also discussing ways to create an internet-based system for sharing information related to existing Little Libraries in the area.



Lego Donations Welcome

Members of our TGIF Lego Club recently noticed that our current Lego collection needs more wheels and people. If you happen to have these specific Lego pieces at home and are no longer using them, please consider donating them to the EAGLE Lego bin. Also, pink and purple Legos would be nice additions to the assorted primary colors we already have. Donations may be dropped off in the Reception Office. Thanks!



Berbee Derby - Join Team EAGLE

The Berbee Derby, an event that offers a 10K run and a 5K walk/run, takes place in EAGLE School's neighborhood on Thanksgiving morning. 100% of race proceeds benefit the Technology Education Foundation, which funds science and technology education initiatives in the Madison area. EAGLE School has been a past recipient of these funds. Registration is open, and we're in the "Really Early Bird" savings period until October 14. Invite your family and friends to join the EAGLE School team. When you register at www.berbeederby.com, choose the option to "join a team," start typing EAGLE School, and then select the EAGLE School team.



Scottish Country Dance Class

Madison Scottish Country Dancers are sponsoring an eight-session class that will introduce young people to the fun, interactive dancing of Scotland. All youth, ages 7 to 18, are welcome—no dance experience necessary! Beginning Oct. 4, the class will meet on Sunday evenings, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, at the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, 953 Jenifer Street. A suggested donation of \$30 per child will cover all eight sessions. and includes free admission to a dance party on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 12. To register, contact Kate Deck at (608) 232-0512 or kdeck@tds.net. Questions about the class? Email LA/SS/D teacher and certified Scottish dance instructor Janice Lacock (janice@eagleschool.org).



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.



Building Skills for Success

We commend our EAGLE families for making this September's back-to-school experience a great one for both students and staff! Thanks to our wonderful students, our hallways are once again bubbling with excitement, laughter, and curiosity!

As we move into our second month of school, we ask families to keep class requirements and teacher expectations in the forefront, and we encourage students to build upon the year's positive beginning by working hard, staying (or becoming) organized, and being efficient at school and when completing assignments at home. To assist you in this effort, we have attached suggestions for developing a daily study routine, as well as a sample study schedule. We hope these will give you a framework from which you may create a system that works best for you and your family.



United Way Pledge Can Help EAGLE

Many of Dane County's local businesses and organizations offer a strong foundation of support for United Way as they choose to invest in improving Dane County, while providing networks for communicating United Way's mission. If your employer supports United Way and offers you the opportunity to do so as well, please consider designating EAGLE School as a recipient on your pledge form. Each dollar designated to EAGLE comes directly back to us, as we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your tax deductible gift to EAGLE School through United Way will be used to enhance our programs and facilities. Your contribution will benefit our current students as well as those who pass through our doors in the future.