



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

M	9/7	No School (Labor Day)
T	9/8	EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 am
W	9/9	Back-to-School Night, 7:00 pm
F	9/11	Rocky's Pizza lunch TGIF: Stoughton Jazz Collective
Sa	9/12	Robotics Kick-Off, Commons, 10:30 am
W	9/16	Culver's lunch
R	9/17	Ice Cream Social Fundraiser at Fitchburg Farmer's Market, 3:00 pm
F	9/18	TGIF: Clubs
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
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

Attention – Parents of 8th Graders

We will hold a brief but important meeting at 6:30 PM on Back-to-School Night (Sept. 9) to distribute information about Washington Workshops. We look forward to seeing all 8th grade parents in the Auditorium at 6:30.

One Call Now - Emails Sent to All Families

EAGLE School will be using **One Call Now** for our emergency messaging 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.

This past week, 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 Tuesday, Sept. 8, during the afternoon.

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

Family Handbook & Directory

Did you get your 2015-16 handbook/directory? They were distributed to student lockers this past Wednesday, one per family. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with this booklet, as it contains important contact information, as well as answers to many of the questions that often arise during the school year.

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

Handbook & Directory Helpers

Many thanks to eighth grader Derek A., who combined his creativity and artistic ability to design this year's eye-catching 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 binding over 260 booklets!

We Appreciate Our Gardener

We extend our sincere appreciation to Vicki Lee-Springman, former EAGLE parent and volunteer gardener, for continuing to maintain the lovely flower gardens in the front of the school. They are truly a sight to behold!



Back to School



Back-to-School Night

Please join us for Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, **Sept. 9**, 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. **Attached to this newsletter is the schedule for the evening.** You will need to know which math, world language, and A or B section your child is in. If you have more than one child at EAGLE, you will want to plan your own route ahead of time. Refreshments will be provided by the EPO in the Commons. It is sure to be an informative and enjoyable evening. Hope to see you there!

Who's New at EAGLE?

Last Friday we introduced you to three new staff members --Rebecca Frost, Kelly Wehrle, and Jimlene Pleva, and this week, we are equally pleased to present two more of the newest members of our fabulous EAGLE Staff:

Our new French teacher for Nest through Intermediate, **Lena Brandis**, holds a B.A. in Secondary Education and Modern Languages from Knox College. She taught English in Vannes, France for a year, and then taught for the Institute of Reading Development the summer of 2014. Last year, Lena taught 6th-8th grade French in the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District. Madame Lena plays the viola, and enjoys exploring at the library, cooking from scratch, and evening yoga.

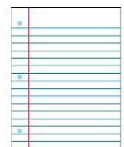
Jonathan Mason, our new 3/4 LA/SS/D teacher received his B.A. in Philosophy from the University of Colorado and his M.A. in Education, with an emphasis in linguistically diverse education, from Adams State University. Jonathan taught for nine years at Carbondale Community School, a progressive K-8 charter school in Carbondale, Colorado. He recently moved to Madison with his wife and eight-month-old son, trading the mountains of Colorado for the lakes of Wisconsin.

Jonathan enjoys spending time with his family soaking in all of the outdoor and cultural activities Madison has to offer, as well as songwriting, recording, and performing music.



Student Council Elections

Elections for Student Council representatives will be held on Friday, Sept. 11, during homeroom. Students in the 4/5–7/8 units are eligible to participate. (Please remember to keep all campaigns positive! Candidates should explain why s/he would be a good representative without criticizing classmates.)



Thanks for the Paper!

Many thanks to the families who responded so promptly to our request for loose leaf paper. Our storage closet has been restocked with an ample supply, but if you haven't sent in your paper (one package per student), it's not too late! Collection boxes will still be available in both lobbies next week. Nest-4/5s should bring wide-ruled, and 5/6s-7/8s should bring college-ruled with reinforced holes, if possible.

Library News

Students may check out, return, and/or renew library books before and after school, during morning and afternoon breaks, and during some QRTs. Each class has a weekly library period--parents should remind students the night before to bring library books back to EAGLE: Nest (Fri.), Pri. A (Wed.), Pri. B (Fri.), Upper Pri. A (Fri.), Upper Pri. B. (Mon.), Int. A (Fri.), Int. B (Mon.), 3/4 (Tue.), 4/5 (Thu.), 5/6 (Mon.), 6/7 (Thu.), 7/8 A (Tue.), 7/8 B (Thu.). Finally, please create a routine at home for keeping track of books checked out from the EAGLE library. Questions? Contact our EAGLE librarian (ellen@eagleschool.org).

Study Club Pick-Up and Phone

If you are picking up your child from Study Club before 4:30 PM, please enter the school through the back door closest to the Multi-Purpose Room. After 4:30 PM, please come into the building through the back Commons doors, not the gym doors. All Study Club participants must be picked up by 5:30 PM. If you need to reach the Study Club supervisor at any time during the two hours, you may call or text the Study Club cell phone at 566-6724.

After-School Activities - A Quick Glance

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



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, which has an anticipated start date of **Sept. 18**, will 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.



Origami Club to Begin in October

Internationally-known Origami Master Ruthanne Bessman will be teaching origami at EAGLE School. Assisted by art teacher Becka Finster, Ms. Bessman and the new Origami Club will meet after school on Tuesdays, for seven weeks, beginning October 6. Younger students (Int.-4/5) will be offered a 45-minute session (3:25 to 4:10 PM), while older students (5/6-7/8) will have a 75-minute session (4:10 to 5:25 PM). Older students who are participating in another after-school activity until 4:30 may join the Origami Club at that time. Check the Sept. 18th Aerie-Gram for sign-up information.

Tri4Schools Fall Mud Run Fun

Students have another chance for mud-run fun on **Saturday, September 26**, at Festival Park in Verona. This event is organized by Tri4Schools, a non-profit that promotes health and fitness for kids. Tri4Schools donates 75% of registration fees back to the participants' school for health and fitness purposes, which allowed EAGLE students to raise almost \$1,000 for our P.E. program last year. Mud Runs have sold out in the past, so register soon. Registration should continue until Sept. 23 unless the race sells out before then. For more information and to register, click [here](#). Be sure to specify EAGLE School to ensure that funds are directed back to our school.



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.

Robotics Season Kick-Off

The First Tech Challenge robotics season kicks off on Saturday, September 12, and we will be having a kick-off party here at EAGLE from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. All interested students and parents are welcome; please email robotics@eagleschool.org if you plan to attend. There will be several changes to the competition this year. The Lego Mindstorms equipment will be replaced with Android cellphones and compatible sensors and controllers and will be programmed using Java or MIT App Inventor.

Our first team meeting will be held on Friday, September 18, from **3:25 to 5:30 PM**, and throughout the season, we will continue to meet on Fridays from **3:25 to 5:30 PM**. The competition is open to 7th and 8th graders, although students in 6th grade are welcome to attend as part of the junior team. The cost of participating will be \$100 for the entire season, September to April, which covers the cost of the team T-shirts and refreshments. Parents are still welcome to assist at meetings--no robotics experience required. Interested students, including returning team members, should complete the attached FTC sign-up form. For further information, email robotics@eagleschool.org.



Wisconsin Children's Choir

Do you love to sing? The Wisconsin Children's Choir is looking for girls and boys in grades 3-8 to participate in one of the area's finest choral groups!

- Performing since 1982
- Concert Choir season begins September 14
- Monday evening rehearsals at Bethany United Methodist Church (3910 Mineral Point Rd)
- Music theory class included for new members
- Pledge commitments rather than tuition
- Fall and winter retreat to learn music
- Opportunity to sing the National Anthem at a Brewers game each spring
- Tons of FUN!

Experienced Concert Choir members are welcome to audition for the advanced Youth Choral Treble Choir (grades 7-12). Call [\(608\) 233-1227](tel:6082331227) or email info@wisconsinchildrenschoir.org for more information or to schedule an audition.

Overture Events Planned

The following is a list of planned group trips to the Overture Center, printed for your information so that you may avoid duplicate purchases:

- Oct. 15: UP & Int. to "Shrek" (CTM)
- Nov. 20: Nest & Pri. to "Peter Rabbit Tales"
- Nov. 24: 4/5 & 5/6 to "Symphony Safari" (MSO)
- Jan 29: 5/6 & 6/7 to "Vocalosity"
- Feb. 8: Int. – 3/4 to "Walk on Rosa Parks"
- Mar. 11: 7/8 to "Ahn-Core Ahn Trio"
- Mar. 15: Int. to "The BFG"
- Mar. 15: 3/4 & 4/5 to "Wizard of Oz" (CTM)
- Apr. 18: Nest & Pri. to "Moon Mouse: A Space Odyssey"
- Apr. 28: 6/7 & 7/8 to "Compahnia Urbana de Danca"
- May 10: 7/8 to "To Kill a Mockingbird"

Safety First, PLEASE!



Please read the attached "Transportation & Parking Guidelines" for information regarding drop-off, pick-up, parking, and speed limits.

Let's all work together to keep our students safe in and around our school building. Your adherence to these guidelines is critical and most appreciated!



Reporting an Absence

Students are encouraged to attend school unless they are ill or must be absent because of family or religious reasons. Parents should call the school by 8:45 am when a child is not going to be in school. (An email to a teacher or to the office does not take the place of a phone call.) A child who is not feeling well should not come to school, especially if the symptoms include sore throat, fever, or stomach ache.

In the case of a planned absence, parents should notify the child's teachers, as well as the office (thompson@eagleschool.org), via **email**. (Teachers' email addresses can be found in the EAGLE Family Directory.) This will allow teachers to directly respond in regard to make-up work.



Healthy Habit to Avoid Colds

Ward off those nasty "cold germs" with good hand washing--the number one step in preventing the spread of viruses. Wash for at least 20 seconds (two rounds of the "Happy Birthday" song), scrubbing backs of hands, in between fingers, and under nails before rinsing off soap. Good hand washing is important for your protection and the protection of others, whether you are sick or well.

(Wisconsin State Journal, Dr. Dana Johnson)