



# EAGLE SCHOOL

## *Aerie-Gram*

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### Looking Ahead

#### Friday, September 8

- ◆ Rocky's Pizza lunch
- ◆ TGIF: Open Up & Say Ha! / Service

#### Saturday, September 9

- ◆ Robotics Qualcomm Season Kickoff, Commons, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

#### Tuesday, September 12

- ◆ EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 AM

#### Wednesday, September 13

- ◆ D.C. Meeting for Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> Graders, 6:30 PM
- ◆ Back-to-School Night, 7:00 PM

#### Friday, September 15

- ◆ Noodles & Co. lunch
- ◆ Nest to Eplegaarden, 1:10 to 2:50 PM
- ◆ TGIF: Clubs

#### Saturday, September 16

- ◆ 5/6 Breakfast Social, Commons, 9:00 to 11:00 AM

#### Sunday, September 17

- ◆ Upper Primary Potluck, Commons, 5:30 to 7:30 PM

#### Tuesday, September 19

- ◆ Picture Day

#### Wednesday, September 20

- ◆ Culver's lunch

#### Friday, September 22

- ◆ TGIF: Brass Knuckles

#### Sunday, September 24

- ◆ Intermediate Potluck, Commons, 12:00 to 2:00 PM
- ◆ 3/4 Potluck, Commons, 5:30 to 7:30 PM

#### Friday, September 29

- ◆ October lunch orders due
- ◆ Quiznos lunch
- ◆ TGIF: 7/8 Teach Day

### Important Events

#### **Back-to-School Night – September 13<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us for **Back-to-School Night** on **Wednesday, Sept. 13, 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 the evening's schedule will be emailed to all families next Monday. Refreshments will be provided by the EPO in the Commons.

#### **Picture Day – September 19<sup>th</sup>**

Two photographers from Inter-State Studio will be here on **Tuesday morning, Sept. 19**, to take student photos. All picture orders must be placed online at [www.inter-state.com/order](http://www.inter-state.com/order) using order code **19204XA**. 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 late October for all students who are not in attendance on Sept. 19. Questions? Email [marykay@eagleschool.org](mailto:marykay@eagleschool.org).

## General Information

### One Call Now

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. Today, all families will receive an email with instructions on signing up or modifying your preferred contacts. We will be sending a test message through the system next **Tuesday, Sept. 12**, during the afternoon, so please check your contact list and make sure it's current. Please note that messages from One Call Now come from an **877** area code. Questions related to emergency messaging may be directed to [wade@eagleschool.org](mailto:wade@eagleschool.org).

### 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 ticket purchases:

- Oct. 4: 6/7 to *Villalobos Brothers*
- Oct. 12: Nest & Pri. to *Madagascar*
- Oct. 20: 7/8 to *Cas Public: Symphonie Dramatique – Romeo and Juliet*
- Nov. 15: 5/6 to *National Geographic Live – Coral Kingdoms & Empires of Ice*
- Jan. 8: Nest & Pri. to *Mr. Popper's Penguins*
- Feb. 1: Int. & 3/4 to *Freedom Riders*
- Feb. 7: 6/7 & 7/8 to *MOMIX Opus Cactus*
- Feb. 20: 3/4 & 4/5 to *Tuck Everlasting*
- Apr. 26 4/5 & 5/6 to *Scrap Art*
- May 3: 6/7 to *Black Violin*
- May 4: UP to *Arch8'S Tetris*
- May 8: Up & Int. to *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*

### A Request from the Art Department

Art teacher Marcia Beckett is gathering empty, unflattened cereal boxes for an upcoming project. If you can contribute to the collection, please bring items to Room 20.

### EAGLE Bus Pass 101

As many of you know, the EAGLE School Bus program is a parent-led and parent-coordinated initiative. Families who want to purchase bus passes may use the **self-service** system in the Reception Office to purchase passes as needed.

A few helpful reminders on the **self-service** bus pass purchase process:

1. Fill out the bus pass log sheet.
2. Take bus passes and note the pass numbers in the log sheet.
3. Leave the **exact** amount of money (passes are \$7 each) or a check made out to *EAGLE Bus Fund*.
4. Buy a few extra passes for future use so that your child does not need an IOU. (IOUs should be used only for emergencies.)
5. If your child is purchasing passes independently, help him/her calculate how many bus passes s/he can purchase with available funds or write a check.
6. A parent must sign a bus pass in advance of the child using the pass, so please have some extras in your child's backpack for emergency situations.
7. For the first bus ride of the semester, please register by completing the registration form at <http://eagleschoolbus.weebly.com/bus-passes.html> and "sign" the liability waiver by checking the box. (Prepaid regular half-time riders do not need to use the bus pass registry.)

Questions? Please contact EAGLE Bus Co-Coordinators Moira Fitzgerald at [moira@fitzgeraldconsultancy.com](mailto:moira@fitzgeraldconsultancy.com) or Erika Kluetmeier at [erikakluet@gmail.com](mailto:erikakluet@gmail.com).

### **A Reminder from the EAGLE Library**

Please talk with your child(ren) about establishing a place/routine for managing EAGLE School library books so they don't get absorbed into the home library or returned to the public library. Books circulate for two weeks after which they should be returned or renewed. For questions or concerns, please contact EAGLE librarian Ellen Bunn at [ellen@eagleschool.org](mailto:ellen@eagleschool.org).

## **Student Council News**

### **New Design for Council**

Student Council will be structured a little differently this year. There will be two representatives and one alternate from each 4/5 and 5/6 homeroom, and four representatives from each 6/7 and 7/8 homeroom. These positions will be for the entire year, with mandatory general council meetings held every other week. Each representative will also be asked to join at least one committee that corresponds with his/her interests, and committees will occasionally meet during the weeks when the general council does not.

### **Elections Next Friday**

Student Council is a great opportunity to hone your leadership skills and gain experience in planning large-scale events. If you are interested in running for a position, please prepare a speech highlighting your qualifications and your goals for the year. Elections will be held in homerooms, on Friday, Sept. 15, right before TGIF. Good luck to all candidates!

## **Volunteer Opportunity**

### **Lunchroom & Playground Volunteers Still Needed**

We are in need of two Wednesday volunteers--one to help with recess and one to help supervise lunch (Nest during first lunch period and 4/5s – 6/7s during second lunch period). If you can help at least one Wednesday a month, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Jimlene Pleva at [jimlene@eagleschool.org](mailto:jimlene@eagleschool.org).

## **EPO Meetings, Events, & Fundraisers**

### **EAGLE Parent Organization - First Meeting Next Tuesday**

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. 12**, at 8:30 AM, in the Commons. Please join us if you can. If there's an item you'd like addressed at a meeting, please contact Dia Caulkins at [djcaulkins@gmail.com](mailto:djcaulkins@gmail.com).

### **Frozen Custard at Fitchburg Farmer's Market**

On **Thursday, Sept. 21**, EAGLE School volunteers will be serving up yummy frozen custard, donated by Culver's on Todd Drive. We will be part of the market's annual "Fall Fest" celebration, located on E. Cheryl Parkway under the big white tent. Along with our fundraiser, there will be live music, free horse-drawn carriage rides, tote give-aways, plus fresh food and flowers available from the market vendors. Show your support of our school and community by joining us at the market between 3:00 and 6:00 PM.

*We are still in need of volunteers to scoop custard. If you are available and willing to help, please sign up at: [SignUpGenius-Scoop Custard](#).*

### **Mabel's Labels**

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** 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](http://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.

### **Tri4Schools Fall Mud Run Fun**

Plan to join us on **Saturday, Sept. 23**, at Festival Park in Verona, for this year's *Family Mud Run*. This year parents/adults are welcome to register and run with their kids on all three courses! This event is organized by Tri4Schools, a non-profit that promotes health and fitness for kids and supports local schools. Tri4Schools donates 75% of registration fees back to the participants' school for health and fitness purposes, which in recent years, has allowed EAGLE students to raise over \$1,000 for our P.E. program. Mud Runs have sold out in the past, so register soon! Online registration should continue until **Sept. 20, at 11:59 PM**, unless the race sells out. If not sold out, same day registration will be available, but the fee will be higher, and a t-shirt for each racer is not guaranteed. For more information and to register, click [here](#). **Be sure to specify EAGLE as the school to which you would like funds donated.** Questions? Please email Dia Caulkins at [djcaulkins@gmail.com](mailto:djcaulkins@gmail.com).

## Who's New at EAGLE School?

Last week we introduced you to three new teachers (Heather, Andrew, and Sara), and this week we are equally pleased to present two more of the newest members of our fabulous staff:

**Yann Biancat**, a new teacher in our P.E. Department, holds a B.A. in Physical Education and an M.Ed. from Rockford University. Before joining EAGLE, he spent five years teaching P.E., French, and Spanish in Rockford, Illinois. Yann, who came to the U.S. from Southern France (between Marseille and Nice) ten years ago, now lives in Madison with his wife, Heidi, and three-year-old twins, Mateo and Charlotte. When not teaching P.E., he enjoys spending time with his family, swimming, running and biking. Yann and his wife are expecting another baby (only one) in October.

After three years as a parent aide, **Rochelle Engel** has joined the office team as an administrative assistant. With two current EAGLE students (3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and two graduates, this is Rochelle's 14<sup>th</sup> year as an EAGLE parent. Prior to taking a long break from the workforce to marry and start a family, Rochelle earned both a B.A. and M.A. degree in Economics from the University of California-Berkeley, and the University of Washington, and also worked for the U.S. Census Bureau as a survey statistician. In her free time, she enjoys running, exercising at the YMCA, cooking, reading, and spending time with her family. Rochelle is pleased to be working with the knowledgeable and dedicated staff at EAGLE.

## Fall Activities Update

### **Robotics Season Kick-Off**

The First Tech Challenge robotics season begins on **Saturday, September 9**, and we will host a kick-off gathering here at EAGLE from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM. All interested students and parents are welcome; please email [robotics@eagleschool.org](mailto:robotics@eagleschool.org) if you plan to attend.

Team meetings, open to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, will be held in the Commons on Fridays, from 3:25 to 5:25 PM, with the first meeting scheduled for **Sept. 15**. The participation fee of \$275 covers team registration and entry fees, team T-shirts, and refreshments. Parents are welcome to assist at meetings—no robotics experience required. Interested families should submit a [Robotics Team Registration Form](#) by **Sept. 14**.

### **Wednesday Walkabout**

Who: 3/4s – 7/8s

When: 3:25 to 5:30 PM on six Wednesdays: Sept. 13, 20; Oct. 4, 18; Nov. 1, 15

Where: Room 25 to start, then outside!

Fee: \$120

**Only 4 spots remain. Register today!**

[Wednesday Walkabout Registration Form](#)

### **Fantastic Faerie Houses – Sprites Session (cancelled)**

#### **Fantastic Faerie Houses – Pixies Session**

Who: 3/4s – 7/8s

When: 3:25 to 5:25 PM on five alternating Thursdays: Sept. 14, 28; Oct. 12; Nov. 2, 16

Where: Room 25 to start, then outside!

Fee: \$107 (includes \$7 for supplies)

**Club will only run if 5 participants are enrolled by noon on Monday, Sept. 11!**

[Fantastic Faerie Houses \(Pixies\) Registration Form](#)