



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

Sa	2/27	NHD Regional Competition
T	3/1	2016-17 Contracts Due!
W	3/2	Nest to MMSD Planetarium, 11:15 am
R	3/3	Prospect Visit, 8:30-11:00 am NJHS bake sale, 11:20 am-12:20 pm
F	3/4	Fandom Friday Rocky's Pizza lunch TGIF: Clubs Ski Club to Cascade Mountain
Sa	3/5	MATHCOUNTS State Competition
T	3/8	EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 am Math Olympiad, Per. 5 & 6
W	3/9	Prospect Visit, 8:30-11:00 am
R	3/10	Pajama/Stuffed Animal Day Int. & 3/4 Play, Auditorium, 6:30 pm
F	3/11	7/8s to Ahn-Core Ahn Trio, Overture Center, 10:15 am Noodles & Co. lunch TGIF: Int. & 3/4 Play Ski Club Trip

Parent Surveys

Next Wednesday, March 2, you will receive two parent surveys via email asking you to evaluate our director as well as the quality and nature of our school program. By taking the 15 minutes needed to complete these surveys, you will be helping us focus our efforts to continually improve our school and plan for its future success. Please complete the surveys by March 9.

Have You Signed Up for Conferences?

Parent-teacher conferences will take place on Thursday, March 17, from 12:30 to 8:00 PM. All families should have received an email invitation from the office to select conference start times via *SignUpGenius*. You may sign up and edit until March 1st. A confirmation of start times will be forwarded with the March 11th issue of the Aerie-Gram.

Questions related to conference sign-up may be directed to Ann Larget (annlarget@eagleschool.org) in the Main Office.

Coming Soon: Ultrazone Laser Tag

The EPO will sponsor a laser tag event at UltraZone on **Thursday, March 17** (Parent-Teacher Conference Day). Lunch and transportation to the event will be provided. Participating students must be picked up from UltraZone at 3:00 PM or earlier. Please watch for permission slips to come home with your children next week. The fee is \$20 and will be due **Wednesday, March 9**, along with the permission slip. Also, we need a few parent volunteers to chaperone the event. If you are able to help or have any questions, please email Helen Lee at helenlee00@yahoo.com.

After-School Activities – Two Quick Glances

To assist families with extracurricular planning, two quick-glance calendars of after-school activities--**March & April**--are being forwarded with this newsletter. Please reference these guides when signing up for Study Club and other activities.

NHD Our Apologies to Rafay

In the Feb. 12th Aerie-Gram article announcing our NHD school winners, Rafay A. (5/6 A) should have been listed as an **alternate** in the category of Individual Website. Rafay, we congratulate you on a job well done, and sincerely apologize for the omission.

2016-17 Contracts Due Next Tuesday



Contracts for the 2016-17 school year were mailed to all current EAGLE families on Feb. 16. For each child, a signed contract and non-refundable deposit is due by March 1. (The deposit is one-tenth of the total tuition. The exact amount is stated on your contract.)

Scholarship Forms Available

Scholarship application forms are available in the Main Office. If you wish to apply for financial aid for next school year, please complete the forms and return them to Wade in the Main Office by Friday, April 29.





Spring Sports to Begin in April

Come enjoy another fun season of EAGLE sports this spring! We are once again offering Ultimate Frisbee, Tennis, and Basketball Skills & Scrimmage. For more details about each sport, please see the attached registration form. Questions? Email jack@eagleschool.org.



Thank You, Target Shoppers

We recently received a final dividend check for \$1,328.04 from Target's "Take Charge of Education" Program. Since 1997, Target has paid over \$12,000.00 to EAGLE School because of parents who have used their Target credit/debit card and have designated our school as the recipient of Target's education donation. Unfortunately, Target has discontinued this program, but we sincerely thank those of you who have so faithfully participated over the years. For a listing of ongoing donation opportunities, please visit our website (www.eagleschool.org) and click on the "Support EAGLE" tab.

Final Math Club Meeting Next Thursday

Thursday, March 3, from 3:25 to 4:30 PM, is Math Club's last meeting! The season will culminate with a pizza party in Room 17. Please make sure to adjust your schedule for the remaining Thursdays of the year!

EAGLE Student Advances in Geography Bee

Kudos to Matthew K. (6/7 A) for advancing to the state level of the National Geography Bee after completing a written exam. If you would like to cheer Matthew on, plan to attend the state Bee on the morning of Friday, April 1, at the American Family Insurance National Headquarters in Madison.

Parent Visit Days Scheduled

On Thursday, Mar. 3, from 8:30 to 11:00 AM, we are hosting another Parent Visit Day for parents who would like to learn more about EAGLE School. Visitors will have an opportunity to tour our building, meet with Carole, and observe in classrooms. Please pass this information along to friends and colleagues who might be considering EAGLE as an option for their child.

Two more visiting days (8:30 to 11:00 AM) are scheduled next month: Wed., Mar. 9; and Wed., Mar. 16. To attend a visiting day, interested parents should email marykay@eagleschool.org to register.



Student Council Corner

Fandom Friday ⇒ Student Council has declared Friday, Mar. 4, to be another Fandom Friday! Show your enthusiasm by wearing or bringing things related to your favorite books, sports, movies, T.V. shows, etc.

Karaoke ⇒ Many thanks to Student Council for providing Karaoke for the upper level Valentine's Day party. It was a big hit, providing loads of entertainment for all who participated.

2016 Regional Science Olympiad Results

Congratulations to the members of our Science Olympiad teams who recently took fourth (Team A) and sixth (Team B) place overall in the Regional Middle School Science Olympiad competition. Individual results are as follows:

1st Place: Lucille B., Cayden K.: *Bio Process*; Akshay J., Jack K.: *Bridge Building*; Aiden C., Akshay J.: *Green Generation*

2nd Place: Ananya K., Zadan M.: *Disease Detectives*; Lucille B., Akashdiya C.: *Dynamic Planet*; Lucille B., Theo M., Siena P.: *Experimental Design*

3rd Place: Akashdiya C., Anika S.: *Food Science*

4th Place: Siena P., Rachel N.: *Crime Busters*; Sebastian K., Caleb S-R.: *Elastic Launch Glider*; Simon K., Ananya K.: *Invasive Species*

5th Place: Aiden C., Pranav T.: *Crave the Wave*; Rose B., Josie R., Lauren S.: *Experimental Design*; Sebastian K., Caleb S-R.: *Picture This*; Rachel N., Niha P.: *Scrambler*; Aiden C., Ben L.: *Wind Power*

6th Place: Mayana F., Lauren S.: *Crime Busters*

7th Place: Theo M., Anika S.: *Meteorology*; Derek A., Andrew S.: *Mission Possible*

8th Place: Simon Kissel, Zadan Mason: *Mission Possible*; Julianna Baldo: *Road Scholar*

9th Place: Cayden K., Theo M.: *Air Trajectory*; Derek A., Cayden K.: *Anatomy and Physiology*; Nicholas J.: *Reach for the Stars*; Matthew B., Akshay J.: *Meteorology*

10th place: Mayana F., Lauren S.: *Air Trajectory*; Matthew B.: *Bio Process*; Julianna B., Niha P.: *Green Generation*; Ben L.: *Reach for the Stars*

A proud Mrs. McCulley extends her sincere thanks to all of the participants for the time and effort put into this year's regional competition. The students worked together, struggled together, laughed together, and grew together as a community, with everyone's efforts contributing to the success of the teams. Mrs. McCulley also thanks the many parents who supported these young scientists throughout the process.

MATHCOUNTS Team Heading to State

On Saturday, Feb. 6, EAGLE School's MATHCOUNTS team competed at regionals, and for the first time in several years, qualified for the state competition to be held on Mar. 5. The EAGLE team placed 3rd overall and won the trophy for "Most Improved School." Coached by math teacher Erica Munson, the team is comprised of members William J., Jacob L., Ben C., and Cayden K.. William and Jacob scored especially well individually, with William finishing 2nd and Jacob finishing 6th out of a field of 117 competitors. Akshay J. also qualified for the state competition with an exceptional individual score. Additional individual competitors at the regional level included Abby L., Caleb S-R., Simon K., Nicholas J., and Akashdiya C. Way to go, Mathletes!



WYSO's 50th Anniversary Gala Concert

Congratulations to the following EAGLE students, alumni, and music teachers who were part of Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras' 50th Anniversary live-stream event (via Wisconsin Public Television [WPT]) from the Overture Center on Saturday, Feb. 20. The concert was sold out, and WPT reported that over 2,300 viewers tuned into the live feed that evening.

Current EAGLE students and alumni

in WYSO Sinfonietta: (strings-only group)

- Dominik A., viola
- Hayat B., viola
- AnaRosa C., violin
- Akashdiya C., violin
- Charlie G., violin
- Matthew K., violin
- Jack K., cello
- Ananya K., viola
- Sam S., viola
- Jaskiran S., gr. 9 violin

in Concert Orchestra: (full orchestra)

- William J., violin
- Ethan K., violin
- Wolfie N., violin
- Andrew S., cello
- Ellie K., gr. 10 trumpet
- Simran S., gr. 10 viola

in Philharmonia: (full orchestra)

- Elizabeth L., gr. 10 flute
- Colleen S., gr. 10 flute
- Kiran V., gr. 10 oboe

in Youth Orchestra: (most advanced full orchestra)

- Morty L., gr. 9 cello
- Camryn K., gr. 11 string bass

EAGLE music teachers in WYSO:

- Laura Mericle, violin sectional coach
- Mark Bridges, chamber ensemble coach
- Christine Mata Eckel, Concert Orchestra conductor

The following version of the concert will be available online for a short time. In the coming weeks, this version will be replaced with another version, listing titles, removing gaps, and updating camera shots.

<http://video.wpt.org/video/2365674685/>

Over 200 alumni/distinguished guests came from all over the world in celebration of youth music last weekend.

Over 400 students took the stage to celebrate youth orchestra music with a combined performance of all four WYSO orchestras, brass choirs, harp ensemble, and percussion ensemble members in an arrangement of Beethoven's *Ode to Joy* theme set for this anniversary event by composer Donald Fraser.

Additionally, each orchestra and percussion ensemble featured a new musical composition commissioned specifically for this event written by guest composers (who were in the audience) and performed that evening. It was truly a great celebration of *new* music premieres, as well.



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Madison Westside Track Club

If you would you like to have fun and improve your track and field skills at the same time, consider joining the Madison Westside Track Club. This program, open to anyone born in 2002 through 2009, is designed to let participants train and practice according to their own schedules while enjoying some keen competition. The club offers two practices per week, but the frequency and intensity of practice is determined by each member. All participants have the opportunity to compete in meets (same age and gender groups), including Badger State Games, USA Track & Field, and Junior Olympics. For more information, pick up a flyer from the community shelves in our school lobby or visit <https://westsidetrackclub.wordpress.com/>.

Personalized Yearbook Pages

All 8th graders should have received information about creating partial pages for the yearbook. Students may work on pages at home, or during QRTs or recess. Parents, please talk to your student about whether or not s/he would like to take advantage of this optional offer. All pages are due by Friday, March 11. Hopefully, our soon-to-be graduates will provide us with several pages of wonderful EAGLE memories.

EAGLE Alumni Performing at West High School

On Mar. 4 & 5 and Mar. 11 & 12, at 7:00 PM, West High School will present the timeless musical, *Oklahoma*. If you are able to attend one of the weekend performances, you will have the pleasure of seeing two EAGLE alums, Olivia O. and Joshua D., on stage. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10.00.

Ice Cream Thursdays

As part of an ongoing fundraiser for the spring trip to Washington, D.C., eighth grade families are now making ice cream available for purchase on Thursdays instead of on hot lunch days. We hope this will give students in both lunch periods enough time to enjoy their treats without feeling too rushed.