



EAGLE SCHOOL

Aerie-Gram

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Looking Ahead

Friday, September 21

- ◆ Noodles & Co. lunch
- ◆ TGIF: Going Green-Recycling (Nest-4/5), Be Your Best (5/6-7/8)

Saturday, September 22

- ◆ Fall Family Mud Run, Festival Park, Verona

Tuesday, September 25

- ◆ Costa Rica Informational Meeting (6/7 & 7/8 only), Rm. 29, 5:30 to 6:30 PM

Friday, September 28

- ◆ Panera lunch
- ◆ TGIF: 7/8 Teach Day

Wednesday, October 3

- ◆ Upper Primary to Wisconsin Historical Museum, 8:30 to 11:00 AM
- ◆ Culver's lunch

Friday, October 5

- ◆ 5/6-7/8 to *As You Like It*, APT, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
- ◆ TGIF: Power-up Nutrition (Nest-4/5)

Monday, October 8

- ◆ No School – Staff In-service

Tuesday, October 9

- ◆ EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 AM
- ◆ 3/4 to Forest Hill Cemetery Tour, 12:15 to 2:30 PM

Wednesday, October 10

- ◆ 3/4 & 4/5 to *Phantom Tollbooth*, Overture Center, 9:15 to 11:30 AM

Thursday, October 11

- ◆ UP & Intermediate to *Charlotte's Web*, Overture Center, 8:45 to 11:30 AM

Please Take Note!

Online Sign-Up for Fall Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will take place on Thursday, October 25, from 12:00 to 8:00 PM. Next week, one parent per household will receive an email asking you to select your conference start time using *SignUpGenius*. The one parent who will receive the invitation is the one person you circled on your 2018 registration form.

Signing up for parent-teacher conferences is simple—select your preferred start time, enter your child's last name and your email address, and click the "sign-up" button at the bottom of the page. That's all there is to it! If you have two children enrolled at EAGLE, you should receive an email invitation for each child. Please open both sign-up sheets and review the available times before making your time selections, being careful to select start times that are 45 minutes apart.

A confirmation of conference start times will be forwarded with the October 18th issue of the *Aerie-Gram* and *SignUpGenius* will send you a reminder a few days before conferences.

Thank you for making time in your schedules to come to school and meet with teachers individually. Should you have ANY questions about conferences or about the sign-up process, please email annlarget@eagleschool.org.

TGIF Focuses on Recycle, Reduce, Reuse

Tomorrow, during TGIF, Primary through 4/5 students will be presented with a lunchroom challenge as they learn more about recycling and reducing landfill waste.

Did you know that on average each student bringing a disposable lunch to school will produce 67 pounds of waste in a school year? Please help us reduce that number by creating waste-free lunches! On Friday, your child will bring home a [flyer](#) that outlines simple ways we can all reduce waste in the lunchroom while still enjoying a nutritious, delicious lunch. Please check out the [flyer](#) and take part in the challenge. Students taking milk at school are already doing their part by throwing empty milk cartons into recycling containers lined with clear plastic bags. Let's all take the next step to make a difference! Every little change helps!

Mark Your Calendar!

Costa Rica Trip Info Meeting Next Week

Current 6/7 and 7/8 families (parents and students) are invited to an informational meeting about the 2019 Costa Rica trip on Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, in Music Room 29. This travel opportunity is not sponsored by EAGLE School, but is being coordinated and made available to students by EAGLE parents Sara Bembenek and Johel Saborio Gonzalez. Partial travel scholarships will be offered based on financial need. Details will be explained at the meeting. Please RSVP by Monday, Sept. 24, to goticocostarica@gmail.com.

Hot Lunch Deadline – Sunday Night

Hot lunch menus are available to order weekly, monthly, or all the way through the end of the year. Moving forward, the cut-off date and time for ordering any hot lunch is the previous Sunday at midnight. In other words, the deadline for ordering next Friday's (9/28) hot lunch (Panera) is this coming Sunday, Sept. 23, at midnight. To order, log in to the [PraxiSchool Parent Portal](#).

Prepayment of lunch orders is no longer required. We will email initial statements after the October 12th lunch, and monthly statements will be mailed mid-month throughout the remainder of the school year. For now, payments must be cash or check only; the "Pay Now" button on the order page is not yet functional. We'll have more information regarding online payments soon.

Families who haven't tried to access their Praxischool Parent Portal account may email Wade (wade@eagleschool.org) to get set up. Questions about Praxischool may be directed to Wade or Rochelle (rochelle@eagleschool.org) in the Main Office.

General Information

Clubs Prove Interesting and Fun for All!

Last week, during TGIF, students participated in their first club meetings of the year. From acting to art, photography to folk dancing, mysteries to Magic, and everything in between, eager participants enjoyed activities related to their areas of interest. Many thanks to the following club sponsors:

Carol van Deelen – *Time for Art*

Lena Brandis – *Acting Games*

Marcia Beckett – *Yearbook*

Janice Lacock – *Folk Dancing*

Jessica Blatter – *Board Games*

Michelle Uebele – *Catan Club*

Katie McEnaney – *Photography*

Traci Murphy – *Draw, Doodle, Create*

Andrew Lindstrum – *Magic the Gathering*

Maggie van Boldrik – *All Things Popcorn*

Yann Biancat – *Outdoor Games*

Yazmín Ávalos-Cano – *Spanish Movies I*

Jessica Devine – *Spanish Movies II*

Julie Tofte – *I Spy Mystery Club*

Jack Morgan – *Basketball*

Denise McCulley & Katherine S. – *EAGLE Engineers*

ThinkWave Daily Email

ThinkWave has the ability to send out daily emails with updates. This option can be set up from a parent account or from individual student accounts. If interested, please see attachment for specific instructions.

Safety Drills

At EAGLE School we practice three types of safety drills with students and teachers. In our first faculty meeting of the year, we go over the drills in detail with teachers, and we practice them periodically with students.

Each drill is initiated by an intercom announcement or specific alarm tone.

Several times during the year, we practice evacuating the building in an orderly and rapid manner. This would be protocol in the case of a fire, gas leak or some other reason we would need to quickly leave the building.

During a tornado drill, all students and staff practice moving to designated areas in protected, first-floor, safe spaces, where they would remain until the danger has passed.

Finally, we practice two types of in-classroom sheltering. The first level, meant for non-threatening situations, requires students to stay in the classroom where they currently are and carry on with normal activities until cleared for movement. For more potentially imminent threats, teachers lock doors and windows, pull down shades on all glass and have students wait quietly in the most protected corner of the classroom, ready to move if necessary.

In preparing students for emergencies, we make every effort to reduce stress and create an atmosphere of reassurance. Done well, under the guidance of trusted adults who explain the procedures in advance and during the practices, students can remain calm and confident.

We have a good relationship with the Fitchburg Police, and they visit us periodically to check in. This is a rough outline of our school crisis practices, and some details have been omitted for the sake of brevity. If you have further questions, please contact Andy Wright (andy@eagleschool.org).

EAGLE Writing Center

Each Friday beginning next **Friday, Sept. 28**, Nesters through 7/8s can visit EAGLE's Writing Center in Room 26 to receive help from trained 7/8 writing tutors. The Writing Center will be open during both recesses. Students may come to the Writing Center on their own or by teacher recommendation. The 7/8 tutors will listen, ask questions, provide a sounding board, and help lead students to improvements in their writing. Any student interested in using the Writing Center should discuss this opportunity with his or her language arts teacher. Questions? Talk to Jenn or email her at jenn@eagleschool.org.

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:

Madison ⇨ *Michael LaCount*, mlacount@madison.k12.wi.us

Verona ⇨ *Patti Fenske*, patti.fenske@verona.k12.wi.us

Oregon ⇨ *Marc Fink*, mjfink@oregonsd.net

Monona ⇨ *Rachel Jaeb*, rachel.jaeb@mgschools.net

Quick-Glance Calendar

To assist with extracurricular planning, view our [October Quick-Glance Calendar](#) of after-school activities. Please reference this guide when signing up for Study Club and other activities.

Sign Up for October Study Club

EAGLE's after-school Study Club provides students with two hours of teacher-supervised time (3:25 to 5:30, M-F) for study and recreation. Participants may stay for one or both hours at a cost of \$12.00 per hour, per student. (If registering two or more days in advance, the cost is only \$10 per hour, per student.) Click [here](#) to access the Study Club sign-up for the month of October.

Another Successful Picture Day

This past Tuesday, photographers from Inter-State Studio, with the help of some fantastic volunteers, snapped over 275 pictures of EAGLE students and staff in just under three hours. Photo packages will be delivered to student lockers in approximately four weeks. On **Wednesday, Oct. 24**, we will host a photo make-up day for anyone who was absent on Picture Day. For more information about photo packages, visit <https://inter-state.com>, and use **EAGLE code 28924KA**.

EPO Fundraisers & Events

Frozen Custard at Fitchburg Farmers Market – Today!

This afternoon, parent volunteers will be serving up delicious custard sundaes at Fitchburg's Fall Fest while raising money for our school. We will be part of the market's annual celebration that will take place on E. Cheryl Parkway under the big white tent. Along with our custard fundraiser, there will be live music and free horse-drawn carriage rides, plus fresh food and flowers available from the market vendors. Show your support of our school and community by joining the fun between 3:00 and 6:00 PM.

Scholastic Books – Order by Monday!

Scholastic Reading Club flyers were placed in lockers of UPs through 7/8s last week along with ordering instructions (also forwarded with this newsletter). All book orders must be placed ONLINE by **Monday, Sept. 24**. Paper orders with checks will not be accepted. The books will be distributed in early October. Questions? Contact Scholastic coordinator Dia Caulkins (djcaulkins@gmail.com).

Tri4Schools Fall Mud Run Fun – Saturday!

Hope to see you at the Fall Mud Run this coming **Saturday, Sept. 22**. Look for the EAGLE photographer in the burgundy shirt and get your picture taken! Late registration may still be available through Friday afternoon. If interested, [click here](#) for more information.

Berbee Derby

Our EAGLE Berbee Derby Team is growing! Choose your distance (5K Run/Walk or 10K Run) and work up a Thanksgiving appetite while helping the community. Plan to join us on **Nov. 22** by signing up for the EAGLE Team at [Berbee Derby Registration](#). Early registration ends **October 1**. Questions? Please email Scott Mason at scott@eh-soft.com.

Student Council News

2018-19 Representatives Elected

Student Council elections took place last Friday. Congratulations to the following 2018-19 Student Council representatives:

4/5: Ava G., Maya J., Ellen J., Grace W. (Alternates: Henry F. and Ezra R.)

5/6: Ava B., Megan F., Grant S., Sadie S. (Alternates: Oliver G. and Aharon S.)

6/7: Emma B., James B., Cole J., Gavin H., Joey K., Wilson K., Sara M., Stella R.

7/8: Liv A., Jordan F., Simon H., Oliver L., Brynn R., Alexandra S., Katherine S., Carson W.

Thank you to everyone who ran for a position as a representative. Your willingness to serve is what makes EAGLE so great!

More Fall Activities

Join Inside Out!

This program, led by French and Computer teacher Lena Brandis, is open to Primary and Upper Primary students. Over the four-week session (Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23), participants will learn how to center themselves and be present in the moment. Each class will start with some kid-friendly yoga and move into discussions related to thoughts, feelings, and emotions. There will be time to practice being still and opportunities to find peace in solitary activities. Students will do puzzles, doodle, read, and more. See [registration form](#) for more details. Space is limited to ten, so be sure to register by **Friday, Sept. 28**.

Math Club and MATHCOUNTS

What's the difference between Math Club and MATHCOUNTS? Math Club is for students in Math 4 and above; MATHCOUNTS is for students at the algebra level or higher. Math Club explores math concepts and problem-solving through a variety of challenging projects and problems supporting development of the skills needed for Math Olympiad; MATHCOUNTS explores problem-solving using in-depth algebra and geometry connections in preparation for MATHCOUNTS competitions. (Over the last two decades, our EAGLE team has earned fourth place or higher in the regional competition – even sending one student to Nationals last year!)

What's the same about Math Club and MATHCOUNTS? Math teacher Erica Munson is the coach for both, and this year she will be assisted by many spectacular people. Math Club and MATHCOUNTS both meet after school, pizza is involved in both, and mathematics is explored and celebrated at both! See [Math Club Sign-Up Form](#) and/or [MATHCOUNTS Sign-Up Form](#) for more information. If you would like to be one of those spectacular assistants (with math or pizza) please email Erica at erica@eagleschool.org.

Support EAGLE



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 [click here](#). You may purchase Food Fight gift cards in the Main Office.



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.