



EAGLE SCHOOL

Aerie-Gram

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Looking Ahead

Saturday, August 19

- ◆ Work Morning, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sunday, August 27

- ◆ Back-to-School Ice Cream Social, Swan Creek Park, 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Monday, August 28

- ◆ New Student Orientation & Pizza Lunch, 8:25 AM to 12:00 PM

Tuesday, August 29

- ◆ First Day of School, 8:25 AM to 3:10 PM

Monday, September 4

- ◆ No School (Labor Day)

Tuesday, September 5

- ◆ 3/4-7/8 Band/Strings Meeting, Auditorium, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 13

- ◆ Back-to-School Night, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, September 19

- ◆ Picture Day

Important Announcements

Welcome to EAGLE School!

We are very happy that you have decided to be part of the EAGLE School community. We have a staff of outstanding teachers who are ready to welcome your children, and many veteran parents who are quite willing to answer questions for new parents. Our director, Carole Mason, maintains an “open door” policy for parents and tries to meet with them promptly when they have questions or concerns. Our primary means of communicating with you is through the *Aerie-Gram*, sent home via email and published weekly on the school website. **Please establish a habit of reading it every Thursday, and each week, if you move it to a special Aerie-Gram folder in your email, you will always have easy access to the valuable information published in each newsletter.** (We do not send home paper copies of our newsletter, but a few are always available in the Main Office for quick reference.)

Ice Cream Social at Swan Creek Park

All EAGLE families are invited to kick off the school year in style by attending our **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** on **Sunday, August 27, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM** at Swan Creek Park (rain or shine). Come celebrate our new families and reunite with old friends. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact EPO president Dia Caulkins (djcaulkins@gmail.com).

Orientation for Nest, Primary, and New Students

We will have a special morning of orientation for new students and their parents. All kindergarten (Nest), first grade (Primary), and new students in all other units should plan to attend school on **Monday, August 28, from 8:25 to 11:20 AM** to meet teachers and gain some EAGLE insights as we launch into the 2017-18 school year. Although attendance by parents is not required, it is highly encouraged, as the following information sessions will be offered to assist new parents with the transition to EAGLE:

8:30 – 8:45 ⇒ Introductions (Auditorium)

8:45 – 9:30 ⇒ Expectations, Communication, Q&A with Director Carole Mason

9:45 – 10:15 ⇒ “What’s Best for the Nest?” with Jane Kufel and Traci Murphy OR “Taking the Mystery Out of Math” (Math teachers share tips for helping your child transition to EAGLE math.)

10:15 – 11:00 ⇒ EAGLE Technology: Website, E-Mail, and ThinkWave

11:00 – 11:20 ⇒ EAGLE Parent Organization (EPO)

11:20 -12:00 ⇒ Pizza Lunch – Students and parents will have the opportunity to meet the EAGLE staff (Gym) and enjoy lunch (Commons & Multipurpose Room) before heading home or back to work. (No need to bring anything--food and beverages will be provided.)

We look forward to seeing all of our new students (including Nesters and Primaries) on this important orientation morning. An invitation with more information will be emailed to families in early August. Please let us know if your child is unable to attend.

First Full Day of School

On **Tuesday, August 29**, we will welcome all students to their first full day of classes. We will have regular hours that day, **8:25 AM to 3:10 PM**, with bus service available to those who have signed up. EAGLE’s after-school Study Club will be up and running, and lunch milk will be available for those students who have ordered it by the deadline. (See articles in this newsletter if you would like to sign up for daily bus service or Study Club.)

School Supplies

[Supply lists](#) for each unit are now posted on the EAGLE website. If you plan to shop at Office Depot, present our EAGLE School ID number (70109367) at the register and our school will receive credit towards free supplies equal to 5% of your qualifying purchases. (The ID number is also printed at the top of each school supply list.)

EAGLE Band & Strings Information

Band ⇒ The Band Program will continue under the direction of Mrs. Christine Eckel. Small group lessons will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays. Flight (Advanced) Band will rehearse on Monday afternoons from 3:20 to 4:00 PM, and Beginning Band will practice on Mondays during recess from 11:50 AM to 12:20 PM.

Strings ⇒ The EAGLE Strings Program continues to grow and is particularly looking for more cellists! Laura Mericle (violin and viola) and Mark Bridges (cello) will offer private and group lessons, which will be scheduled during QRTs. Ensembles will rehearse on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Instrument Demonstrations and Trials ⇒ On **Tuesday, Sept. 5**, Christine, Laura, and Mark will conduct an instrument demonstration for all Junior 3/4s and any older students who are interested in joining band or strings for the first time. The demonstration will be held in the Auditorium from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. Instrument trials for strings and mouthpiece trials for band will take place throughout that day. An additional string instrument demonstration/trial for younger students, ages 5-8, will be scheduled on a separate date, yet to be determined.

Parent Meeting ⇒ An informational meeting for the parents of Beginning Band students, new band students, and new strings students is scheduled for **Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 7:00 PM**, in the Auditorium. If you cannot attend a meeting but would like to inquire about lessons, please contact the respective directors/teachers.

Christine Eckel (band) may be reached at ceckel@eagleschool.org, Laura (violin and viola) may be reached at laura.mericle@gmail.com, and Mark (cello) may be reached at cellobridges@gmail.com.

August Aerie-Gram

In mid-August, all families will receive another Aerie-Gram containing details and sign-up sheets related to fall sports and after-school clubs/activities (including Study Club). If your child is interested in participating in extra-curriculars this fall, please read this newsletter and sign up by the designated deadlines.

Action Items!

Create Your *SignUpGenius* Account

As we organize various activities throughout the year, we often use *SignUpGenius* (SUG), an online program for managing events and volunteers. Every EAGLE family should open a FREE *SignUpGenius* account, which will be **used this summer** for certifying that you have read the school handbooks, and in the future for selecting conference start times, registering for Study Club, and/or volunteering for EPO-sponsored activities. Creating your account now will make it easy to manage your EAGLE School sign-ups down the road. Go to [SignUpGenius](#) to learn more.

EAGLE School Handbooks

All families are required to read all three of our school handbooks. The [Family Handbook](#) lists our expectations of students. Please read these EXPECTATIONS with your children. The [Volunteer Handbook](#) contains important information all adults should know about volunteering at EAGLE School. The [EPO \(EAGLE Parent Organization\) Handbook](#) provides a great overview of EAGLE culture—activities, events, and volunteer opportunities. After clicking on the above links and reading the information provided, please [click here](#) and check the appropriate boxes to indicate that you have reviewed all three handbooks.

Health Updates

If there have been any recent changes related to your child's health (medications, allergies, physical limitations, etc.), please email updates to annlarget@eagleschool.org.

General Information

After-School Study Club

Each day from 3:25 to 5:30 PM, Study Club will be available for students in Nest-7/8. This teacher-supervised time will be broken into two one-hour segments. The first hour will consist of quiet study time, and the second hour will offer students an opportunity for recreation. Cost: \$12 per hour, per student, or \$10 per hour if registering two or more days in advance. On any given day, students may attend for either hour or both hours. Click here to learn more about EAGLE's [Study Club](#).

EAGLE Bus

Planning is now underway for bus students who live in west and far west Madison neighborhoods as well as a portion of Verona. The NORTH morning route will likely begin near Ashman Library at High Point and Old Sauk Roads and include stops near Hilldale, UW, West High, and Edgewood schools. The second SOUTH morning route will start in Blackhawk/Junction Ridge neighborhoods, travel through the Hawks Landing area, and stop in subdivisions along Highway PD. The afternoon bus will stop at Sequoya Library and Ashman Library, and in several neighborhoods between those libraries. Students may ride in the morning only, the afternoon only, or both ways. If you are interested in riding the bus on a regular basis and haven't yet indicated your interest to us, email moira@fitzgeraldconsultancy.com ASAP. Any bus-related questions may be directed to our volunteer bus coordinators, Moira Fitzgerald and Erika Kluetmeier (erikakluet@gmail.com) at any time. Details about bus costs, routes, and online registration will be emailed to registered families in late July. For more information or to view last year's (2016-17) routes and rates, visit <http://eagleschoolbus.weebly.com/>.

Arriving Early at School

Students who must arrive at school before 8:00 AM should enter the building through the back doors of the Commons, where there will be a teacher supervising from 7:40 to 8:00 AM. These students will be expected to wait patiently and quietly in the Commons until they are dismissed at 8:00 AM. Early arrivals should not be dropped at the front doors, and no student should be at school before 7:40 AM. We are offering this “before school option” to families who must head to work early; it is our hope and recommendation that most students will continue to arrive between 8:00 and 8:20 AM, with every child in a classroom and ready for the start of the day at 8:25 AM.

School Calendar

View the latest version of our 2017-18 [school calendar](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

School Clean-Up

On Saturday, August 19, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, we will be working to prepare our building and grounds for the start of the new school year. Parent volunteers are needed to help with cleaning, painting, organizing, and weeding. Those who have already signed up via the school volunteer form will receive a confirmation email in early August. If you would like to help but have not signed up, please email carole@eagleschool.org to volunteer. (Only mature, hard-working children should accompany parents.)

Help in the Library this Summer

If you would like to get ahead on volunteer hours, consider helping in the EAGLE School library this summer. Any amount of time you can spare during the last week of July will be appreciated. To volunteer, please email ellen@eagleschool.org.

Special Recognition

EAGLE Students Shine at NHD Nationals

During the week of June 11-16, nine EAGLE students represented Wisconsin at the National History Day Contest at the University of Maryland-College Park. Congratulations to the following participants for their exceptional efforts:

Aidan Dresang, 3rd Place, Individual Website (Junior Division)

Julia Amann & Libby Pleva, 5th Place, Group Performance (Junior Division)

Julia Votava, 6th Place, Historical Paper (Junior Division)

Library News

EAGLE Summer Reading Recommendations

Visit [Summer Reading Recommendations](#) to find lists of great books for children and young adults. The lists use the EAGLE School library’s K-8 labels as a guide to book selection and favor titles published recently. The site also includes tips for choosing a “good-fit book” and offers the opportunity to find “read-alike books” of a particular title or author. There’s something for everyone, so be sure to check it out!

Search for Missing Books

Summer is a good time to ask your student(s) to look around at home, in the car, in school backpacks, etc., for EAGLE books that may have wandered away from the library or classrooms. Our books usually have a spine label and a library barcode. We welcome back to school any books that you happen to find.