



# EAGLE SCHOOL

## Alumni Newsletter

Fall Edition, 2016

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### From the Director:

I cannot believe it is already December! I am sure many of you remember just how busy EAGLE School is in December – band and choral concerts, Market Day, sledding, celebrating traditions and holidays from around the world! This year is no exception. If you find yourself nearby, stop in. We would love to see you again.

I do hope you have checked in on [Facebook](#). Katie McEnaney, 6/7 LA teacher & alumni coordinator, has been busy posting all sorts of EAGLE happenings. Katie is currently gathering information about our alums to create our hall of fame. The walls just outside of the Elizabeth Conner Performing Arts Center will soon display the names of every EAGLE graduate and a bit about what they have been up to after leaving EAGLE. The finished product will be wonderful ... and never quite finished, as our grads go on to do so many great things!

Have a wonderful new year!  
*Carole Mason*

### Upcoming Events: College Reunion *Fri. Jan. 6th, 2017*

Calling all college students! In celebration of college-age students being home for winter break, we will be hosting a Board Game Night and mini-reunion at EAGLE on **Fri. Jan. 6th** from 6-9 pm.

If you did not receive an email with details, please let us know at [alumni@eagleschool.org](mailto:alumni@eagleschool.org) with the subject line 'EAGLE College Reunion.'

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### FUNdraiser Reunion *Fri. May 5th, 2017*

The EAGLE FUNdraiser will be held the evening of **Fri. May 5th**. All EAGLE alums are invited to attend the FUNdraiser as well as a special cake-cutting to celebrate our soon-to-be high school graduates (EAGLE Class of 2013). Mark your calendars now!

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### 20th Birthday of 5454 Gunflint Trail *Fall 2018*

Planning is in the works for a reunion event to celebrate the 20th birthday of our current building, which opened its doors to students in September of 1998. Stay tuned...

### EAGLE Students and Alums in the News

EAGLE art teacher Marcia Beckett's work was recently published as the cover article in *Arts & Activities* magazine. Her piece, titled "Anthropomorphic Animal Collages inspired by William Wegman," features artwork by last year's Intermediate students.

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High school senior Ameya Sanyal (EAGLE '13) was recently featured in the "Know your Madisonian" section of The Wisconsin State Journal. The article is titled "Student school board member advocates for health curriculum change."

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The Fitchburg Star highlighted the achievements of two EAGLE students (Lauren Stoneman and Siena Perna '17) at the national competition for National History Day last June. 10 EAGLE students and 1 alum competed at Nationals.

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Alumna Camryn Kluetmeier (EAGLE '13) was featured in the Wisconsin State Journal for her work on monitoring a local stream.

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## EAGLE is Now a WeatherBug School

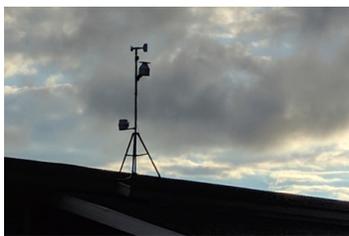
By: Denise McCulley  
Science Teacher

Remember those Sky Journals in 5/6 Science? Going out on the patio to check the temperature, cloud cover and cloud type along with many other weather conditions?

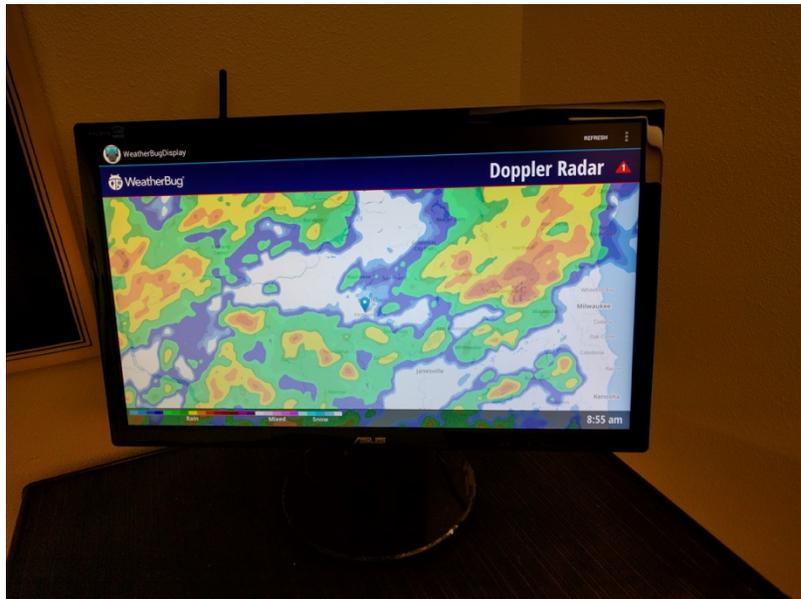
Well, we are still doing in-person weather observations, but thanks to the EPO and private donations, EAGLE School has become a WeatherBug school, joining a network of over 8000 other schools across the US and Canada. That means we now have a state-of-the-art, scientific-grade weather monitoring system, built to withstand all kinds of environmental conditions.

Securely installed on the school roof, it records 27 different real-time weather measurements. Its live weather data is fed into a large current conditions display monitor located in the hallway just outside the greenhouse as well as to a nationwide data base and (coming soon) to our school website.

We will have access to extensive weather data from any school in the WeatherBug network. These data will provide a great opportunity to dig deep into data analysis and really begin to see patterns that result in our ever-changing weather. Be sure to check out the cool display monitor the next time you come to visit!



Rooftop weather station



This computer in the hallway reports current weather conditions.

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### Meet Some of Our Newest Staff Members

**Leilei Song**, our new UP and Int. math teacher, holds an M.A. in Mathematics with concentration in Computer Science from Eastern Michigan University and a B.S. in Mathematics from Shandong Normal University in China. She received her elementary general education certification from Cardinal Stritch University. Before coming to EAGLE, Leilei was a K-5 Chinese Immersion Teacher at Verona Area International School for five years. Leilei enjoys singing and cooking, and she professes to be a pretty good ping pong player. She lives in Madison with her husband and three children.

**Jessica Blatter**, who is teaching Pri. LA/SS/D and Nest and Primary Spanish, earned teacher certification and a B.S. in Elementary Education and Spanish Education (grades 1-8) from UW-La Crosse. Before coming to EAGLE last spring as a long-term Spanish sub, Jessica enjoyed several diverse education experiences including teaching English in

indigenous villages in México and Santiago, Chile. This past summer, she taught language arts for 1st-3rd graders in MMSD's summer school program and lead a one-week Spanish Camp here at EAGLE. Jessica is very excited to be part of the EAGLE staff, teaching two subjects about which she is most passionate. In her free time, she enjoys running, spending time with family and friends, and traveling.

**Dylan Mathieu**, one of our new math teachers, holds an M.S. in Secondary Education, as well as a B.S. and M.A. in Applied Economics, all from UW-Madison. Dylan is joining EAGLE after coordinating the Achievement Connections math intervention programs at West and Middleton High Schools. Previously, as an employee of Epic Systems Corporation, he traveled to hospitals around the country assisting with the implementation of Epic software and providing technical support. In his free time, Dylan enjoys hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing with his wife, Lizzy.

## Fond Memories and Where Are They Now?

Catch up with past EAGLE students and teachers. Have a favorite memory or a life update to share? Send them along to [alumni@eagleschool.org](mailto:alumni@eagleschool.org) or via <http://eagleschool.org/alumni-corner/>. Get updates digitally at <https://www.facebook.com/EagleSchoolAlumni/>.

### Adam Herbage '88

I went to UW-Milwaukee and got a BS in computer science. I recently moved to Durham, NC because my girlfriend (at the time - now she's my fiancée) accepted a position at Duke. I'm working for a small software company called Field2Base. The product aims to make it easy to create custom forms for mobile devices, so data can be sent in easily from the field. There's more to it than that, of course, but that's the 5 second spiel. I'm also very excited to be connecting with some non-profits in the area this coming week. I did a little volunteering in Milwaukee, trying to use my tech experience to help them (streamlining data entry, some website work, a bit of custom software...), and I'm looking forward to getting that going again here.



Adam sent along the following picture from the first year of EAGLE

"I don't remember the names of everyone, but I think it's: (back row, from left) Betty Overland, ?, ? (I think one of these two girls was named Kate or Caitlyn), Josh Conner, Lee Scheele, Betty Conner, Mary Olsky, (front row, from left) Adam Herbage, Adam Valenta, Alison Bartel, ?, David Olsky, Debra Raksany, Charlie Olsky." Please let us know if you can identify anyone we've missed!



### Charlie Olsky '91

Charlie Olsky competed in October 2016 on an episode of Jeopardy! During the small talk portion of the show, he shared an anecdote about being sent home from the school where his mother was principal. Charlie is a film publicist in Brooklyn.

### Jeff Buchanan '02

Jeff Buchanan is a Madison-based freelance writer. After graduating from Vanderbilt in 2010, he worked at Epic for three years. He wrote about Epic for the Capital Times and wrote about EAGLE, of all topics, for the Fitchburg Star.

Send tips and story ideas to [jeffrey.a.buchanan@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrey.a.buchanan@gmail.com).

### Don't Miss the Newsletter!

To make sure that you receive a copy, please send your email and any updates you wish to share to [alumni@eagleschool.org](mailto:alumni@eagleschool.org).



Allison, Paul, Coraline, and Sean at Disney World last year (Fun fact: Sean is EAGLE's first second-generation student.)

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### **Allison Salmon '94 (maiden name McCarthy)**

Allison is a Software Engineer and Video Game Developer. She is currently Director of Game Programming for Creative Kingdoms and Great Wolf Resorts where she develops live action games and attractions. Allison married Paul Salmon in 2004 and they still live in Madison with their two children; Coraline, 5 years old and Sean, 9 years old. Sean is currently in Junior 3/4 at EAGLE and Coraline just started kindergarten this year at Chavez Elementary.

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### **McKenzie (Max) Read '07**

I only went to EAGLE for one year (7/8), but it was a great experience. Afterwards, I went to West High ('11) and Cornell University, where I got a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in June 2015 and an M.Eng. in Aerospace Engineering in December 2015. I currently live in Seattle, WA, where I work for Elon Musk's rocket company, SpaceX, on their satellite internet project.

Public details of the project are on Wikipedia. Basically, we plan to launch 4000 satellites to provide high-speed internet without the poor latency and high cost usually associated with satellite internet. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Space X\\_satellite\\_development\\_facility](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Space_X_satellite_development_facility)

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### **Submit Updates Online**

<http://eagleschool.org/alumni-corner/>

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### **Adam Schneider '05**

I will be finishing my Ph.D. in Integrative Biology from the University of California, Berkeley this spring (May 2017). My research focuses on the evolution of parasitic plants (like mistletoe). Ultimately I would like to teach botany at a liberal arts college or small state school.

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### **Stephen Petty Valenzuela '09**

I am finishing up my studies in biomedical engineering at Vanderbilt University. I plan to graduate with both my bachelor's and master's degrees in May. My senior capstone project deals with brain organoid culturing systems, while my master's thesis is centered around optimizing micromagnetic hemodialysis for sepsis treatment. I'm an avid sailor, competing in local and regional regattas.

### **Tom Compas '11 and Anna Compas '13**

Tom is a sophomore at the UW-Madison majoring in computer science and electrical engineering. He worked as a programmer at Optum Health in Minneapolis last summer and he's heading to India over winter break.

Anna was recently named a National Merit Semi-Finalist and will graduate from Fort Atkinson High School in May 2017. She participated in the Rotary Youth Exchange over the summer, hosting a French student in July and touring France and Spain with her host family in August.

Mom, Lori, shares that "We all look back fondly on the kids' years at EAGLE! We miss the great teachers, the performances, the ski club, and the great friends and camaraderie that we enjoyed there!"

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### **Elizabeth (Lily) Cooper**

The last few years have been an exciting time for me. I attended Iowa State University from 2013-2016 to complete my pre-requisites for veterinary medicine school. During that time, I had the honor of being second author on a scientific article published in the Veterinary Journal of Diagnostic Investigation. No doubt in part due to that publication, I was accepted at the UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine this fall. I am now living in Madison with my Siberian Husky, Shadow, and I am definitely eager to hear how everybody has been doing.

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Want your graduating year featured in the EAGLE Alumni Newsletter? Get in touch with your classmates, coordinate your responses, and send them in. Photographs (current or during your time at EAGLE) encouraged.