



EAGLE SCHOOL

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Looking Ahead

Friday, November 30

- ◆ TGIF: Clubs

Saturday, December 1

- ◆ Science Olympiad Boyceville Invitational

Thursday, December 6

- ◆ Prospect Visit, 8:30 to 11:00 AM

Friday, December 7

- ◆ Panera lunch
- ◆ TGIF: 4/5 & 5/6 Peace Performance
- ◆ 4/5 & 5/6 Peace Performance, Auditorium, 6:30 PM

Monday, December 10

- ◆ Math Olympiad (Period 3)

Tuesday, December 11

- ◆ EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 AM
- ◆ Prospect Visit, 8:30 to 11:00 AM

Thursday, December 13

- ◆ 6/7 & 7/8 Winter Choral Concert, Auditorium, 7:00 PM

Friday, December 14

- ◆ Rocky's Pizza lunch
- ◆ TGIF: Market Day
- ◆ Middle School Winter Dance

Tuesday, December 18

- ◆ Band/Strings Winter Concert, Auditorium, 6:30 PM

EAGLE Happenings



Market Day is Friday, December 14th

Market Day at EAGLE has been an annual December tradition for many years and is the favorite TGIF of many students. For those of you who are not familiar with Market Day, it is a time when Primaries – 7/8s sell homemade items at assigned booths, located all over the school. Everyone shops 'til they drop—teachers, students, and parents. **Advice to sellers:** The most original and reasonably priced items sell best. Think of an appealing way to display your items and include the prices on a sign. Have some change ready so you don't lose out on a sale. Ask a parent or friend to watch your booth part of the time so you can also be a shopper. Popular items in the past include ornaments, jewelry, toys, pet items, bookmarks, greeting cards, pillows, picture frames, cookies, candy, and treats. Parents are welcome to join us. The fun will begin at 2:00 PM.

Visit Days for 2019 Kindergarten Parents

On Thursday, Dec. 6, and Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 8:30 to 11:00 AM, we are hosting "early" visiting days for prospective families who have children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2019. During these visits, parents will have an opportunity to tour the school, meet with our director and guidance counselors, and observe in classrooms. If you know someone who might want to learn more about our school, and whose child will be in kindergarten in the fall, please share this information with them.

To attend a visiting day, interested parents should email marykay@eagleschool.org to register. Beginning Jan. 9, seven more visiting days will be offered for prospective families with children entering grades 1-8 next fall. The dates of these visits can be found on the [EAGLE website](http://www.eagleschool.org).

STEM Talk in Two Weeks

Our next STEM presentation showcasing the use of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics in the workplace, will be held in the Auditorium during first recess on Thursday, Dec. 13, from 11:20 to 11:50 AM. All students in units 4/5 and up are welcome to attend. Former NASA flight controller Steve Cantley, dad of Timon (4/5 B), will be sharing information about astronomy and his experiences at NASA. We hope you will join us!

General Information



Teachers Reveal Wishes

In keeping with the merriment of the season, parents often ask what they might give a special teacher for a holiday gift. To make shopping a little easier, we are forwarding with this newsletter our 2018 Staff Wish List. The items on the list can be ordered online or through our catalogs. If you wish to purchase (or contribute toward) one of these items for a staff member, please notify Wade in the Main Office and drop off your check or cash contribution. If you decide to purchase something from the wish list on your own, please let us know what you've chosen so as to avoid duplication. **Please know that donating in this way is strictly voluntary and certainly not expected!**

Also, if you are planning year-end donations to charitable organizations, please keep our scholarship fund and/or general fund in mind. Because we are a non-profit organization under the federal 501(c)(3) codes, donations to the school are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

EAGLE Bus News

Planning is currently underway for the spring semester. If you are interested in riding the bus, please contact the EAGLE Bus Coordinators at eagleschoolbus@gmail.com.

Second Semester Tuition Payment Due

If you are paying tuition under the Semester Payment Plan, your second installment is due by Jan. 1, 2019. (Tuition notices will be mailed next week.) You may mail a check or stop in the office on or before Dec. 21 to pay in person.

Tax Deduction for Private School Tuition

Did you know that Wisconsin offers a tax break for parents with children in private schools? The tax deduction, which began in the 2014 tax year, allows families to deduct up to \$4,000 for tuition paid for dependent children in grades K-8, and up to \$10,000 for high school students. [Click here](#) for more information (EAGLE tax ID is 39-1413598). Parents, please note that tuition receipts for the 2018 calendar year will be sent home with semester reports in January.

Remember to Order Lunch

To place a Panera lunch order for Friday, Dec. 7, log in to EAGLE School's [PraxiSchool Parent Portal](#) on or before Sunday, Dec. 2, at midnight. If you need assistance accessing the parent portal, email Wade (wade@eagleschool.org) and he'll get you started.

Updated Quick-Glance Calendar

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

Student Council

Annual Food Drive – One Day Left!

Our food drive continues through the end of tomorrow—there's still time to help families in need! Bring in your non-perishable food items and deposit them in the collection bins when you arrive in the morning. All donations will be collected by the Fitchburg Police Department and distributed to local food pantries early next week.

Winter Dance

The Middle School dance (5/6-7/8) will be held on **Friday, Dec. 14**, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM, in the Commons. The week of the dance, tickets will be sold during lunch for \$5 and will also be available at the door for \$7. The theme is "Winter Wonderland" and the dress code is semi-formal. Student Council needs three parent chaperones, so please let Sarah (sarah@eagleschool.org) know if you can supervise.

EPO News

Scholastic Books – Just in Time for Winter Break!

Scholastic Reading Club flyers will be placed in student lockers (UP-7/8) by Friday, along with ordering instructions (also forwarded with this newsletter). Scholastic offers quality books at great prices, and every book you order earns a substantial amount of bonus points that our school can use to acquire FREE, NEW books for our library and classrooms! Scholastic has an easy-to-use website with a wide selection of books. **All book orders must be placed ONLINE by Friday, Dec. 7.** (Paper orders with checks will not be accepted.) Books will be distributed right before winter break, just in time to enjoy a good read during the time off! If you are planning to give your books as gifts and would like your order held in the office for pick-up, please let Dia (djcaulkins@gmail.com) know via email. Questions? Contact Scholastic Coordinator Dia Caulkins.

After-School Activities

EAGLE Basketball

Our players have been practicing hard and are looking forward to the start of games in December. Click on the links below to see game schedules:

[5th Girls Schedule](#)

[5th Boys Schedule](#)

[8th Boys Schedule](#)

Inside Out – A Few Spots Remain

This program, led by French and Computer teacher Lena Brandis, is open to Primary and Upper Primary students. Over the four-week session (Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20), 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. A few spaces remain. If interested, sign up for the three December classes by next Thursday. Participation fee will be prorated.

Support EAGLE



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Using AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support EAGLE School every time you shop, at no cost to you. Shopping at smile.amazon.com is comparable to shopping at Amazon.com—same prices, same selection, with the added bonus that if you designate EAGLE as the recipient of their donation, Amazon will contribute 0.5% of the purchase price of your items to our school.



Enjoy a Holiday Food Fight!

Looking for a great gift for that person who has everything? A Food Fight gift card might be just the ticket. Food Fight, a group of Madison restaurants, offers a 10% rebate to non-profit organizations that sell their gift cards. Buying a gift card for that special someone is an easy way to add funds to the school with no extra expense to you. Food Fight gift cards are available for purchase in our Main Office. (**Advance notice** for large orders is appreciated; email your request to jimlene@eagleschool.org. [Click here](#) for a complete listing of participating Food Fight restaurants.

Thank You!

Shopping Reaps Rewards

Thank you, parents, for mentioning EAGLE School when purchasing supplies at **Office Depot/Office Max**. Thanks to you, we have recently received a credit for \$135.69 to purchase school supplies. As you shop through the holidays, please remember to designate our school as the recipient of their *5% Back to Schools Program* credit. Our Office Depot ID number is 70109367. To learn about other ongoing rewards programs that assist EAGLE, [click here](#).

In the Community



Jan Brett in Madison Saturday

This coming Saturday, Dec. 1, author-illustrator Jan Brett will discuss her latest picture book, *The Snowy Nap*, starring Hedgie, one of her most beloved characters. Ms. Brett's presentation will take place at 10:00 AM, in the children's section of the Madison Central Library (201 W. Mifflin Street). To learn more, [click here](#).

Registration is Open for Winter Zoo Camp

When winter comes to the Henry Vilas Zoo, the animals stay cozy and so will you! Open to students in grades 1-6, all programs include a mix of outdoor exploration and learning activities in warm indoor spaces. With a different topic each day, half or full-day options, and flexible sign-up to fit your schedule, Winter Zoo Camp seems like a perfect opportunity to hang out with some friendly animals while getting a behind-the-scenes look at the Henry Vilas Zoo. For more details, visit www.vilaszoo.org/zoocamp.

Winter Fun at Agora in Fitchburg

Join your friends and neighbors in kicking off the holiday season at *Get Festive with Agora*, Thursday, Dec. 6, 4:00 to 8:00 PM, 5500 East Cheryl Parkway. Visitors will enjoy free carriage rides, holiday music, retailers' discounts and prizes, complimentary appetizers and dessert, along with a luminary lighting benefit for Agrace Hospice.



Indoor Winter Farm Market

With the cooler weather here, the Fitchburg Farmers' Market has moved indoors. It is now located at Promega BTC (5445 E Cheryl Pkwy) and runs on Thursdays, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM, through December 20. Please continue to support our local market and vendors during these chilly months. Fresh produce, cheese, meats, and baked goods are still available!