



EAGLE SCHOOL

Aerie-Gram

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Looking Ahead

Friday, October 11

- ◆ Milio's lunch
- ◆ 3/4 & 5/6 to *Mariachi Herencia de México*, Overture, 11:45 AM to 2:00 PM
- ◆ TGIF: Clubs

Wednesday, October 16

- ◆ 4/5 to *National Geographic - Untamed w/ Filipe DeAndrade*, Overture, 10:15 AM to 12:30 PM

Friday, October 18

- ◆ Noodles & Co. lunch
- ◆ TGIF: Miranda Kettlewell, Opera Singer

Saturday, October 19

- ◆ 7/8 Potluck, Commons & Gym, 5:30 to 8:00 PM

Sunday, October 20

- ◆ Intermediate Potluck, Commons, 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Tuesday, October 22

- ◆ Int. & 5/6 to *Matilda*, Overture, 8:45 to 11:20 AM

Wednesday, October 23

- ◆ Picture Retake/Make-Up Day, beginning at 10:00 AM
- ◆ Culver's lunch

Thursday, October 24

- ◆ Classroom Geography Bees (4/5 – 7/8), 8:30 AM
- ◆ Early dismissal, 11:20 AM
- ◆ Parent-Teacher Conferences, 12:00 to 8:00 PM
- ◆ EPO Fundraiser at MOD Pizza, 10:30 AM to 9:00 PM

Friday, October 25

- ◆ No School

Wednesday, October 30

- ◆ 6/7 to *La Traviata*, Overture, 10:15 AM to 12:30 PM
- ◆ Make-up Conferences, 11:15 AM to 12:20 PM
- ◆ Halloween Costume Fun Run, Bike path, 3:30 PM

Thursday, October 31

- ◆ Halloween Parade, 8:30 AM
- ◆ Halloween Parties, 2:15 PM

Friday, November 1

- ◆ Rocky's lunch
- ◆ TGIF: [Noah's Legacy](#)

Please Take Note



Second Chance to Say "Cheese"

Wednesday, Oct. 23, is Picture Retake/Make-Up Day. This opportunity is for anyone who missed our first Picture Day or is not happy with his or her photos. (Photo packages will be distributed to student lockers next week.) If you would like to request a retake, bring your photo package to the Reception Office with a note describing the problem to be corrected. If your child was not present for Picture Day and will be photographed on the 23rd, you have the option of ordering a photo package at www.inter-state.com/order. Please use order code: **41356QB**. If your child is doing a retake, your previous photo package will be reprinted using the new photo.



Order Hot Lunch by Tuesday Night

You can order hot lunch weekly, monthly, or all the way through the end of the calendar year using the [School Lunch Choice ordering system](#). A demonstration video can be found [here](#). The cut-off date and time for ordering any hot lunch is at 11:45 PM, three days prior to the date the lunch will be served. To purchase a Noodles & Co. lunch for Friday, Oct. 18, please place your order before the deadline of Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 11:45 PM. Currently, it is only possible to pay for lunches by credit card.

What's Happening



Halloween Plans are Brewing

We will celebrate Halloween at EAGLE on Thursday morning, Oct. 31. The festivities will begin with our annual all-school costume parade at 8:30 AM, and parents are welcome to come and take pictures. (*Reminder: Costumes may not include any item that resembles a weapon—no toy swords, guns, knives, etc.*) The parade will conclude in the gym, where we will hold a short assembly to acknowledge our Read-A-Thon winners. Later that afternoon, students are sure to have a ghostly good time at the various parties being planned by unit parents, EPO volunteers, and Student Council. We hope everyone is looking forward to a fun-filled day of “tricks” and “treats.”

Cross Country Costume Run

Calling all runners, goblins, and ghosts! The Cross Country team invites you to participate in our Halloween Costume Run on Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 3:30 PM, starting on the bike path near the Gunflint Park field (next to the school). Costumes are optional, but encouraged. There will be a one-mile loop so that runners may choose to do one or two miles. We won't have an official clock, but we will have treats for participants. Come join in the fun! We would love to have adult volunteers to help direct traffic and hand out treats. Please email Sarah Wright at sarah@eagleschool.org if you have questions or are able to help. Thank you!

Countdown to Conferences

We will hold parent-teacher conferences on **Thursday, Oct. 24**, from 12:00 to 8:00 PM. Students will attend morning classes only, with early dismissal at 11:20 AM. (Please note that the bus will be here at 11:20 to provide its usual service to the “afternoon” riders.) Childcare will be provided in the Commons during conferences for EAGLE students and siblings age four and older, at a cost of *\$5.00 per hour, per child*. A confirmation of conference start times will be forwarded with the October 17th Aerie-Gram, and *SignUpGenius* will send you a reminder on Oct. 22. Questions related to conferences may be directed to rochelle@eagleschool.org.

Visit Day for EAGLE High School Alums

On Wednesday, Nov. 20, all high school alums are invited to a pizza lunch and visit day at EAGLE. Pizza will be served from 11:20 to 12:20 in the Auditorium Lobby, and if you would like to connect with teachers, we will provide a schedule of teacher availability (11:00 AM to 1:00 PM). If you plan to attend, please RSVP to alumni@eagleschool.org by Friday, Nov. 8. (We will need an accurate count for ordering pizza. Please include any dietary restrictions.) If you are interested in visiting on another day, remember to alert our director, Andy Wright, ahead of time: andy@eagleschool.org. Hope you can join us!

MAP Testing Begins in November

November 4-22, our math and language arts teachers will be taking a few class periods to administer the standardized, computer-based MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) tests to students. We hope that all students will be in attendance during these weeks, feeling well-rested and prepared to do their best. Test results will be sent home with semester reports in January.

Meet the Board!

The EAGLE Board of Directors is composed of 12 voting members, including the school Director and a faculty representative. The president of the EPO joins the meetings as a non-voting member. Within the Board, the group is led by the Executive Committee, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board both supervises and supports the Director. The Board holds the ultimate responsibility for the school's well-being, for example, by making decisions on weighty financial matters and crafting long-range goals. The Board meets four times a year, in addition to meetings of various sub-committees. As part of an effort to educate the parent community about the board, we are sharing short bios from each board member over the coming months.

Mary Olsky is a co-founder of EAGLE School and President of the Board of Directors. She earned a BA in political science from the University of Illinois and an MA in Literature from Eastern Michigan University. Additionally, she has undertaken classes in law school and many in education. She divides her time between Madison and Scottsdale, AZ, teaching bridge classes at both locations.

EPO Updates



Read-A-Thon Underway – Now Accepting Online Donations!

Any reading you do through Oct. 25, including reading for school and/or listening to stories being read, counts toward your reading totals for the fundraiser. The student from each homeroom who reads the greatest number of minutes will receive a \$15 gift card, and the homeroom that collectively reads the most will celebrate with a class party or passes for a homework-free day. Don't forget to recruit sponsors and collect donations in exchange for minutes read using the Read-A-Thon [cover letter](#), [informational flyer](#), and [pledge form/reading log](#). All pledge forms and donations are due in the Reception Office by Monday, Oct. 28. Proceeds will be used to purchase equipment for [EAGLE's new A/V Club](#), as well as sponsor an author-visit to EAGLE. Scholarship, technology, after-school programming, and school improvement funds will also be supported.

If you, or someone long distance, would prefer to make a donation online, fixed amount pledges can now be paid for with a credit card at [EAGLEware](#). Donations can be accepted in increments of \$20, \$25, and \$30 (For example \$120 = Qty 4 of \$30). Please add the student's name and unit at checkout.

Dine Out to Raise Funds for EPO

Through their [GroupRaise](#) Program, **MOD Pizza** (2960 Cahill Main, Fitchburg) has generously agreed to support EAGLE School with a fundraiser on Parent-Teacher Conference day. On Thursday, Oct. 24, dine with family and friends at MOD Pizza, and 20% of your bill will be donated back to our school! **You must mention that you are dining out to support EAGLE prior to paying.**

Save the Date for Family Game Night!

On **Friday, Nov. 22**, the EPO will sponsor "Family Game Night" from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the Commons and Gym. This special event is open to all current EAGLE students. Students in fifth grade and younger must be accompanied by a parent, while sixth through eighth graders may attend on their own. Participants may choose board games from the wide selection at school, or families may bring favorite board games from home. Drinks and popcorn will be provided by the EPO, but we encourage everyone to have dinner beforehand.

If you are willing to teach and/or facilitate a specific game, or help run the popcorn machine, we would love to have your help. Please contact Sara Bembenek at sara.bembenek@gmail.com with questions. Please watch future Aerie-Grams for more details.

Healthy Snack Guidelines

When bringing in treats to share for parties, birthdays, and other events, please keep in mind EAGLE's nutrition policy. Rather than candy or desserts, we ask you to consider healthy snacks that are minimally processed, have a low or zero sugar content, and are dye-free. Shared snacks must also be nut-free. Choose smaller portions, replace store-bought bakery items with healthier homemade options, or opt for whole foods such as fruit and vegetable trays. You may also offer non-food treats such as stickers, books, or pencils. For more information and other ideas, visit the [Nutrition](#) section under the Parents tab on eagleschool.org.

Student Council News

Halloween Party

Student Council is planning the 5/6 – 7/8 Halloween party, which will take place on Thursday, Oct. 31. We welcome donations from parents of decorations and snacks. If you would like to contribute, watch for the link to the Halloween Party SignUpGenius that will be included in next week's Aerie-Gram. Questions? Email Sarah Wright at sarah@eagleschool.org.

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

Students will receive boxes to collect donations while trick-or-treating. Money sent to UNICEF will help support the health and education of children in need worldwide. Student Council will present the purpose of the fundraiser and distribute the UNICEF boxes to students on Oct. 28.

After-School Activities



Basketball Registration Due Tomorrow- Friday, Oct. 11

Have fun this winter playing EAGLE Basketball! Boys and girls in grades 4-8 are eligible to play on one of our four teams in the MAISL league. Practices occur after school and games will take place on weekends. For more details, see the form that was posted on EAGLEnet last week and respond today! Registration is open through Friday, Oct. 11. **Late registrations will not be accepted.** Contact EAGLE Athletic Director, Jack Morgan, at jack@eagleschool.org with questions.

Basketball Open Gym

EAGLE basketball coaches will host Open Gym for 4th- 8th grade boys and girls on Sundays, beginning Oct. 6, from 10:00 AM to Noon. The first hour will focus on skills, with fun, inclusive scrimmages in the second hour. Parents are welcome to attend and participate in drills and scrimmages. Hope to see you there!

Chess Club Correction

Aarav S.'s name was mistakenly omitted from last week's article celebrating EAGLE's win at the Madison Scholastic Quick Chess Championship. Arie won a trophy and his points counted toward EAGLE's overall score.

Volunteers Needed

Lunchtime Volunteer Openings

Looking for volunteer hours? If you are willing to supervise students during lunch (11:15 to 12:20), we have the perfect opportunity for you! If interested, please use our [SignUpGenius link](#) to volunteer. We especially need help on Wednesdays. For more information, email jimlene@eagleschool.org. Thank you!

Counselors' Corner

Beyond Academics - Nurture Teen Strengths

Although geared towards adolescents, much of the material in this article also applies to tweens and younger students. Excerpted from: <https://parentandteen.com/beyond-academics/>.

Holding teens to high expectations encourages effort and demonstrates that we believe in their ability to succeed. Expecting the most from teens includes encouraging them to give full effort to their activities and academics. It means recognizing and celebrating their positive traits. It also means allowing them to fail but believing in their fundamental capacity to learn from mistakes and to recover.

Sometimes, we may take these expectations too far, placing undue pressure on young people by defining their worth based on their achievements alone. However, relying on grades as the sole marker of success can leave teens feeling as though their worth is defined only by a number.

Nurturing our teenagers' growing skills prepares them for independent, successful adulthood. Acknowledge that along with academics, personal responsibilities and development are crucial too. Support teens to maintain balance and look beyond academics to nurture the strengths that are important for making it in the real world.

Make sure your teen understands that your priority is to keep them happy, safe, and healthy. Value your teen for the person they are, not for letters on a report card or the numbers on an exam. Remember that your unconditional love may be the most protective force in your child's life.

In the Community



Strikes for Enriching Families and Communities

The Fitchburg Optimist Club has partnered with Cameca Instruments in Fitchburg for a fun afternoon of bowling on Saturday, Nov. 2, at Ten Pin Alley. The tournament runs from 4:00 to 8:00 PM, with divisions for both kids and adults. Enjoy some friendly competition while raising money for a fully inclusive playground at McKee Farms Park that will be accessible to children and families of all abilities. The Fitchburg Optimist Club has already committed thousands of dollars to this new playground and hopes to raise \$5000 more at this fun event.

Ticket prices include bowling, shoe rental, food and beverages, and prizes for the winners – and since Cameca is sponsoring the event, all money coming in will go directly to the playground! For more information or to purchase tickets, click [here](#).