



# EAGLE SCHOOL

## *Aerie-Gram*

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### Looking Ahead

#### Monday, April 27

- ◆ Financial Aid Applications Due

#### Friday, May 1

- ◆ Registration Forms Available on EAGLEnet

#### Sunday, May 3

- ◆ Yearbook Orders Due

#### Monday, May 25

- ◆ School Closed (Memorial Day)

#### Friday, May 29

- ◆ Last Day of School

#### Monday, June 1

- ◆ Building Fees Due
- ◆ Registration Forms Due on EAGLEnet

#### Monday, June 8

- ◆ Student Reports Available on EAGLEnet

### A Message from the Director

Dear Parents,

I hope that this note finds you well. Looking at my calendar, I see that we are in week 5 of what feels like our abnormal new normal. Like you and your children, I find myself adapting to new ways of thinking, relating with others, recreating, and self-protecting. On the whole, we are an adaptable species, our children usually more so than us. While I know that we can adapt, I know that it isn't necessarily always what we would want for our children and ourselves. Being an optimist, I also look for the good in any opportunity. We're spending more time with our kids, likely eating better, and exercising more. Our children are working out new social and work arrangements and adding to their repertoire and experiences. If we're not over or underwhelmed by the process, we can come out stronger and more resilient. Researchers have consistently shown that one of the greatest determinants for human potential is resilience in the face of challenge, also known colloquially as grit. In my daily search for the good in this all, I keep coming back to this.

While we are finishing up our fifth week of distance learning, I can now say with certainty that we have five more weeks of this. After consulting with a small group of parents, teachers, and other colleagues, I am modifying our ending date for EAGLE School from Wednesday, June 3 to Friday, May 29. Friday, May 22 will now be considered a school day designed for catch up on work and essential business prior to beginning our last week. Teachers will use June 1 and 2 as report writing days and we expect to have final student grades ready on June 8.

Beginning next month, we'll send out information about locker cleanouts, book returns, refunds, etc. Many of you are wondering about Summer School and we don't yet have a definitive answer on this, nor will we until later in May. If anyone has an effective tool for predicting the future, please contact me.

~Andy Wright

## Action Items



### **Zoom Accounts - Action Required**

Students do not need Zoom accounts to attend Zoom meetings and are not old enough to have Zoom accounts according to Zoom's terms of service. Please check with your child to see if they have used their EAGLE Google Account to sign up for a Zoom account, and, if so, please either delete the account or transfer ownership of the account to an adult's email. No Zoom account should be registered using a student EAGLE Google Account. This is for your child's safety and privacy in compliance with the COPPA act. Please contact [jack@eagleschool.org](mailto:jack@eagleschool.org) if you have any questions.

### **Financial Aid Application Due This Monday**

A reminder that if you have requested financial aid for the 2020-21 school year, you must apply through FAST by Monday, Apr. 27, to receive full consideration of your application. Families who requested a financial aid application on their contract were emailed information last month on the FAST application process. If you have questions, please contact Wade at [wade@eagleschool.org](mailto:wade@eagleschool.org).

## General Information

### **Conversation with Andy Posted Online**

Last Thursday, Andy hosted a Q & A session for parents via Zoom. A recording of the meeting can be found on EAGLEnet under Resources > Coronavirus Info. Direct links here: [video recording](#), [audio only](#).

### **EAGLE School Online Registration Begins Next Week**

Registration for the 2020-21 school year will be conducted on EAGLEnet and is currently being tested by a small number of families. When registration begins on May 1, the forms will appear in parents' EAGLEnet accounts upon login, and will be similar to those you have received throughout the school year for recording volunteer hours or enrolling students in after-school clubs. Detailed instructions will be sent by email. Registration forms should be completed no later than June 1, at which time the 2020-21 building fee and ACH (automatic transfer) authorization or postdated checks for tuition payments are also due.

### **Hot Lunch Refunds and More**

Now that we know we will not be returning for the remainder of the school year, we can begin to calculate refunds for hot lunches, milk, and after-school clubs that were canceled. The process will take place over several weeks and credits may first be applied to outstanding Study Club bills or missing library/classroom books. Watch future Aerie-Grams for instructions on returning borrowed books, computers, or gym equipment before the end of the school year.

### **EAGLE Bus Refunds**

The volunteer EAGLE Bus Coordinators are planning to issue refunds for unused bus days. Bus riding families can expect to hear from them very soon. Questions can be emailed to [eagleschoolbus@gmail.com](mailto:eagleschoolbus@gmail.com).

### **Transportation Reimbursement**

Madison, Oregon, Verona, and Monona residents—whether driving to EAGLE or using the bus—can file for transportation reimbursement from their public school district. Contact your district office for more information on how to file. To assist you in filling out the required form (obtained from the district office), please note that students attended school 91 days in the first semester and attended 41 days in the second semester before the move to distance learning.

#### Public school transportation contacts:

Madison ⇨ Michael LaCount, [mlacount@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:mlacount@madison.k12.wi.us), (608) 442-2898

Verona ⇨ Adrienne Kiser, [kisera@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:kisera@verona.k12.wi.us), (608) 845-4331

Oregon ⇨ Marc Fink, [mjfink@oregonsd.net](mailto:mjfink@oregonsd.net), (608) 835-4032

Monona ⇨ Lorena Garcia-Cabrera, [lorena.garciacabrera@mgschools.net](mailto:lorena.garciacabrera@mgschools.net), (608) 268-6918, ext.6918

## EPO Update

### **Free Books for Kids – Last Chance!**

The EPO is offering a small selection of previously donated books to EAGLE families and friends. Books will be available on the front porch of EAGLE School until 5:00 PM on Friday, Apr. 24. Browse the [catalog of available titles](#) and decide in advance which ones you'd like. *After picking up the books, please be sure to email [abby.utley@gmail.com](mailto:abby.utley@gmail.com) with the titles you chose so they can be crossed off the spreadsheet.*

### **Join the EPO Board**

The EAGLE Parent Organization (EPO) is looking for parents to serve on their board as at-large members. Members serve two-year terms and would begin in July 2020. Please consider joining us! It's a wonderful chance to build community and help steer parent/student activities and opportunities. Additionally, research has shown that getting involved in your child's school further helps them succeed. The commitment isn't onerous — we meet once a month during the school year — and your time counts toward the school's volunteer requirement of nine hours per year, per child. Elections will occur online in May. Please contact EPO president Farah Ali ([farah.ziba.ali@gmail.com](mailto:farah.ziba.ali@gmail.com)) if you're interested or have questions. Thank you!

## Summer Enrichment



### **Summer Fun at EAGLE**

All EAGLE students, as well as any other qualified students, are eligible to enroll in our Summer Camp! Students may attend one or two weeks, Jun. 15 – 26. Classes are 1.5 hours or 3 hours in length and run between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, M – F. Choose from Physical Education, Chess, Science, French, Baking, Origami, Strings, and Introduction to Kindergarten. We're excited to get our kids moving and working together again! Visit our [website](#) for more information and to register. *If Summer Camp is canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions, you will receive a full refund.*

## Counselors' Corner

Our school counselors Colette Bina (Nest – 3/4) and Heather Dampf (4/5 – 7/8) have been sharing tips for distance learning and life, in general, during this challenging time. As always, please feel free to reach out to them at [colette@eagleschool.org](mailto:colette@eagleschool.org) and [heather@eagleschool.org](mailto:heather@eagleschool.org) if you have student concerns. Resources sent out previously are [linked here](#).

### **Google Chat Notifications**

Our kids crave and need the social interaction they are missing while we are away from school, and many have been using the Google Chat platform to connect with each other. However, the interruptions during the school day can be a distraction. If you'd like your child to turn off Google Chat notifications during the school day, you can follow the instructions [linked here](#) to see your options.

### **Heather's "Classroom"**

Check out the resources in the "Zen Den," weekly challenges, and other activities in Heather's Google Classroom. Everything is optional and designed to be fun and/or provide opportunities to recognize gratitude and practice empathy and kindness. Go to [classroom.google.com](https://classroom.google.com) and use the code (**see week at a glance**) to join.