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Executive Director News

JASON ULBRICH

Executive Director

As announced earlier this week, Mrs. Melanie Baier, School of Grammar Principal, will be resigning on June 30, 2017 in order to pursue another job opportunity in San Diego, CA. Mrs. Baier has been instrumental to the success of Eagle Ridge Academy since 2012 and will be greatly missed. She has left a legacy of consistency, compassion, and excellence at ERA. She has grown professionally over the past five years and has helped all of us grow. Please take time over the next few months to appreciate Mrs. Baier for all her hard work and dedication.

With Mrs. Baier's departure, we must start planning now in order to hire a high quality School of Grammar Principal. The planning process will require the work and input from



Lower School Updates

MELANIE BAIER

Principal, School of Grammar

"I have not always chosen the safest path. I've made my mistakes, plenty of them. I sometimes jump too soon and fail to appreciate the consequences. But I've learned something important along the way: I've learned to heed the call of my heart. I've learned that the safest path is not always the best path and I've learned that the voice of fear is not always to be trusted." *Steve Goodier*

Earlier this week you should have received communication from the school that this will be my last year at Eagle Ridge Academy. It is never an easy choice to leave a place in which you have invested so much of your time, your heart, and your soul. The only real reason for me to leave Eagle Ridge Academy is to follow a long desired dream. We all have dreams, but it takes fortitude, perseverance, and often creativity to make them happen. Things come along the way that derail those dreams and new learning causes them to shift and change over time. In my case, all of the above was true. Last week some

multiple stakeholder groups. Opportunities for participation will include:

1. Fill out the [Candidate Profile Input Form](#) (Please complete by Friday, Feb. 10)

You may also [sign up for one of the following committees](#):

2. Candidate Profile Discussion (Wednesday, Feb. 15, 3:45-4:45 p.m.)
3. Interview Hospitality Team
4. Interview Team
5. School of Grammar New Principal Welcome Team

We welcome staff, parents, and students to participate in the process. Please visit the [School of Grammar Principal Hiring Process page](#) to learn more and sign up for an area that interests you. Our end goal is to have a candidate to bring forward to the Board of Directors by the end of March. This will allow ERA to choose from the best candidates and allow the candidate to participate in hiring their staff for 2017-2018.

things I have dreamed about for many years finally came to fruition. Achieving your dreams is always bittersweet because of some sacrifices that have to be made along the way. In the end, knowing you have achieved something you have always wanted can be indescribable.

I write about following your dreams because I hope you are able to support your children in their dreams. We often have a path we believe our children should follow. Later, we may realize that is our dream for them, not their own dream. Make sure to listen to your children as they develop their own dreams. Let them make the mistakes they will along the way, but be there to support them. Realization of a dream (no matter how large or small) is such a crowning moment in life. I had a child last week tell me he had dreamed of winning the Pillar ticket drawing, the look on his face in that moment when he found out he did was priceless. It was his dream and he achieved it! Nothing is better than that!



School of Rhetoric Registration for 2017-18

ERICA POWELL

Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric

Registration materials will be going home with your child next week. The materials will be explained in whole group advisory and students will have an advisory presentation from each of the departments to learn about the options that are available to them. We ask that you go through the registration planning guide with your child to choose the classes they would like to take for the 2017-18 school year. These forms are due back to your child's English or Humanities teacher by Tuesday, Feb. 21. All forms that are handed out in advisory will be available on the school website on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Next week is the first step in the registration process. During the week of Feb. 20, students will go to the computer lab to enter their course requests into Infinite Campus. From there, we will build the master schedule, and then we will have individual planning meetings with your child to finalize their schedule. I will be available during parent teacher conference time to meet with parents and students who have questions about registration. You are also able to email myself or [Ms. Klute](#) at any time to ask questions about the registration process.



Board of Directors Nominations & Election

ANN WATANABE

Chair, Board of Directors

Eagle Ridge Academy is governed by a Board of Directors that is ultimately responsible for the success or failure of both the Academy's academic mission and its operational and financial excellence. The Board is elected by the staff and families of the Academy, with each Director holding a seat for a two-year term. The Board is entrusted to set the policies of the Academy and are held accountable to realize the vision of the Academy; to set up and maintain an effective, efficient organizational structure; and to foster positive relationships with school personnel and the wider community.

The Board is currently seeking nominations (of self or others) with the competence and vision to provide skilled leadership for the Academy. Candidates are sought for their experience, interest, and passion in serving as a Director on the Board. There are three teacher and three parent/community member seats up for election. For more information, [please read this letter from the Election Coordinators](#). Nominations are due by Feb. 24 by 4:00 pm.

Community Updates



Health Corner: Norovirus and Influenza

MOLLY GERBER

Health Specialist

Many schools are experiencing a high volume of Norovirus and Influenza, I'm providing you with both a [Norovirus fact sheet](#) and an [Influenza fact sheet](#) so you know what to watch for within your family. Your doctor office can help guide you and diagnosis both viruses if you suspect a family member may be ill. For more information, visit the Academy's [Health and Wellness page](#).



Last Chance to Buy Lower School Yearbooks

LAURIE BASIC

1st Grade Teacher

Don't let your child miss out on this end of the school year tradition! Students can't wait to get their yearbooks and remember the great moments of the school year.

A limited number of books are available. Books may run out before deadline date, so get your yearbook order in now. I suggest you place your order by Feb. 16 to ensure your child will have yearbook this school year.

Orders must be placed by Feb. 17. The price is \$27 per book. [Go online and order your yearbook now!](#)



Buy Your 2017 Yearbook Now

COLLEEN BRENNAN

Art Teacher

Upper School yearbooks currently cost \$60 each. [Order online here](#). This year's book is shaping up to be our best yet. Don't miss out. Order today! If you want to check if a yearbook has been ordered for you, see Dr. Brennan in Room 1602.

Community Updates



Developing Connections

KELLY SCHIFFMAN

Director of Development

The Donut Dash 5k and Golf Tournament committees are seeking family and corporate sponsors. We are calling on all families to think about how they could possibly help. Funds raised for these two events will support fitness at Eagle Ridge Academy (fitness equipment for the new fitness center, a walking track in the gymnasium, and new activity/athletic fields, which are all part of Phase II of our expansion.)

By supporting these events, you are helping build capacity for great facilities for our students. Community partnerships and support are very important to building relationships within our school and neighboring communities.

How can YOU help?

- 1. Do you work at an organization that cares about education and would like to help us with a sponsorship or gift?** Do they have a Community Relations or Corporation Sponsorship program? Do you know if they regularly sponsor events or projects?
- 2. Do you own a business that would be interested in financially sponsoring, donating an item for our raffle or contest prizes, or food / beverage, or would like to send volunteers?**
- 3. Are you interested as a family in sponsoring a contest hole at the golf tournament for \$250?** Your name will be on a sign on a contest hole of your choice and you will receive a \$15 discount per each golfer you register.
- 4. Could your family donate an item(s) to support our Golf Raffle or food and beverages for post-race at the Donut Dash?** Or do you have personal connections to local businesses, community leaders, or foundations?
- 5. Does your workplace offer a financial match for volunteering or matching financial gifts?** (i.e. Dollars for Doers, [Double the Donation](#), etc.)
- 6. Some organizations (UnitedHealthGroup, Cargill, U of M, etc.) use workplace giving tools such as Benevity.** Please check with your Human Resources Department to

see if your company is one of them.

7. And, of course, participating in these events is very fun. Registration is open now for both the [Donut Dash 5k](#) (May 13) and the [2017 Annual Golf Tournament](#) (June 12).

If you have questions, would like to refer your organization to me, would like a personalized letter of inquiry for your business, or if you or your business would like sponsor or donate by phone, please contact me [via email](#) or call me at 952-746-7760, ext. 1107.



Formal Dress Day on Wednesday, Feb. 15

KAREN CONNER

Operations Manager

Thursday, Feb. 15 is a formal dress day for all students, grades Kindergarten through 12. Guidelines for Formal Dress:

School of Grammar (Gr. K-5)

- Boys: burgundy polo with The Academy's logo and brown or black dress shoes
- Girls: white polo with The Academy's logo and brown or black dress shoes

Schools of Logic and Rhetoric (Gr. 6-12)

- Boys: white oxford shirt, burgundy ties, khaki pants, brown or black belt, and brown or black dress shoes
- Girls: white oxford shirt or princess cut blouse, plaid skirt, and black or brown dress shoes

4th/5th Grade Team

2/11 at HOME:

8:00 a.m. - Gray vs. Shakopee Area Schools
9:15 a.m. - Maroon vs. Our Lady of Grace
10:30 a.m. - Girls vs. Calvin Christian

2/18 at AWAY:

9:15 a.m. - Gray vs. Nativity of Mary
9:15 a.m. - Girls vs. Our Lady of Grace

Boys Middle School

2/9 - 5:30 p.m.
AWAY vs. Minneapolis Jewish Day School

2/13 - 4:30 p.m.
AWAY vs. Our Lady of Grace

2/16 - 5:45 p.m.
HOME vs. St. Michael's Catholic

Girls Junior Varsity

2/9 - 4:30 p.m.
AWAY vs. St. Paul Prep

2/17 - 4:30 p.m.
HOME vs. Blake

2/21 - 4:30 p.m.
Tournament at Cristo Rey Jesuit HS

Girls Middle School

2/16 - 7:00 p.m.
HOME vs. All Saints

2/21 - 5:45 p.m.
AWAY vs. Chapel Hill

2/23 - 6:45 p.m.
AWAY vs. Blessed Trinity

Boys Junior Varsity

2/9 - 6:00 p.m.
AWAY vs. St. Paul Prep

2/17 - 6:00 p.m.
HOME vs. Prairie Seeds Academy

Boys C Squad

2/17 - 4:30 p.m.

Watch the Huskies Play at the Target Center!

Monday, Feb. 13

The JV Girls, JV Boys, and Varsity Boys will play. Tickets are \$15 and will be sold at lunch. A fan bus will leave at 4:00 p.m. from ISM.

SPRING SPORTS



SIGN UP ONLINE:
WWW.EAGLERIDGEACADEMY.ORG

Upcoming School Events

Feb. 9 - Feb. 24

- Feb. 10** – 8:20-10:00 a.m. – Kindergarten Service Project (Mills, Woolf, Soash)
– 10:00-11:20 a.m. – Kindergarten Service Project (Palm, Gillitzer, Toso)
– 4:00 p.m. – PTO Ski/Snowboard Club and Potluck
- Feb. 15** – Formal Dress Day
– 9:00 a.m. – School of Grammar Tour
- Feb. 16** – 6:30-7:30 p.m. – 6th Grade Band & Orchestra Concert
- Feb. 17** – Spirit Wear Day
– 4:00 p.m. – PTO Ski/Snowboard Club
- Feb. 20** – No School - Presidents Day
- Feb. 21** – 6:00 p.m. – School Board Meeting, Rm. 1104
- Feb. 23** – 3:20 p.m. – CISA Working Group Meeting
- Feb. 24** – 4:00 p.m. – PTO Ski/Snowboard Club and Pizza Potluck

Interested in Intramurals?

ERA and ISM offer the following opportunities for intramural sports:

- Co-ed Tennis (Gr. 4-6)
- Co-ed Tennis (Gr. 7-12)
- Co-ed Golf (Gr. 3-12)
- Co-ed Badminton (Grades 6-12)
- Co-ed Track & Field (Gr. 1-3)
- Co-ed Soccer (Gr. 1-3)

For more information and more events, visit the [school calendar](#).



Activity Club Spotlight: Math Teams

SCHOOL OF GRAMMAR TEAM

This year the School of Grammar Math Club has three separate teams! There are 32 third graders, 27 fourth graders, and 16 fifth graders. With the increase in students, we also added coaches and assistants. Sarah Nimchuk is the Head Coach and works with the 5th grade team. Kou Vang and Sonia Pandey coach the 4th grade team. Amy Rau and Sailaja Kakumanu coach the 3rd grade team.

All practices and tests are held Mondays 3:00-4:15 p.m. in 3rd and 4th grade classrooms. Our season started Jan. 9 and will end April 24. There will also be an award ceremony in May at which students earn medals and certificates for their participation, placing in the top 10% in the nation, or having the highest total score on their grade level team.

The club participates in the Perennial Math program. The goals of this program are to develop excitement for problem solving, persistence and hard work, teamwork and collaboration, communication skills to demonstrate thinking, recognition of different approaches to problem solving, and encouragement by learning from mistakes.

The Perennial Math tests have six questions each month and students are given 30 minutes to solve them. The tests are challenging and above grade level. Scoring a 3 on a test is above average. If a student scores a 5 or 6 on a test, they will see their name on the [Perennial Math website](#) and receive a certificate from their coach.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM

The Middle School Math Team had a great season this year, which just wrapped up. Nineteen students participated in a variety of competitions:

- From Sept. through Jan., they competed in the Minnesota Junior High Math League as part of the Tonka Prairie division. There were five meets, at which students competed individually and on teams. Eighth grader Sri G. placed 5th in the division as an individual.
- In Nov., students took the AMC 8, a nationally ranked exam that prepares students for the highly competitive AMC 10 and AMC 12 in high school.
- Last Saturday, six Eagle Ridge Academy students participated in the MATHCOUNTS City of Lakes South chapter competition. They took two individual tests and one team test. At the end of the competition, they watched the top ten students square off in a head-to-head Countdown Round.

This was the first year that ERA had a separate Middle School Math Team. It would not have been possible without the support of their families, especially those who volunteered to help transport to and from meets.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM

The primary activity of Math Team is competing in the Minnesota State High School Mathematics League. ERA partners with the International School of Minnesota, and so far we have completed 4 of 5 meets. We have learned a lot of mathematics (including some beyond the high school curriculum) and currently stand as the 35th-best team (out of 175) in the state, and the 6th-best "small" school in the state. We are striving to qualify for the State Tournament, to be held in March.

Math team members will also participate in the American Mathematics Competition contests sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America, the AMC 10 (10th-grade and below) and AMC 12 (11th and 12th grade), on Wednesday, Feb. 15, after school. The contest is open to a limited number of non-Math-Team students as well for a nominal fee of \$10. Please contact Math Team Coach Mr. MacLennan if you or your student is interested.

Math Team members are Sai J. (11), Jessa K. (11), Lauren P. (11), Emily R. (11), Anusha R. (10), Nitya S. (10), Helena H. (9), Owen H. (8), and Sri G. (8).

1ST ROW:
Lauren P., Helena H., Anusha R.
2ND ROW: *Coach Mr. MacLennan, Jessa K., Emily R., Nitya S., Owen H., Sai J.*
NOT PICTURED:
Sri G.



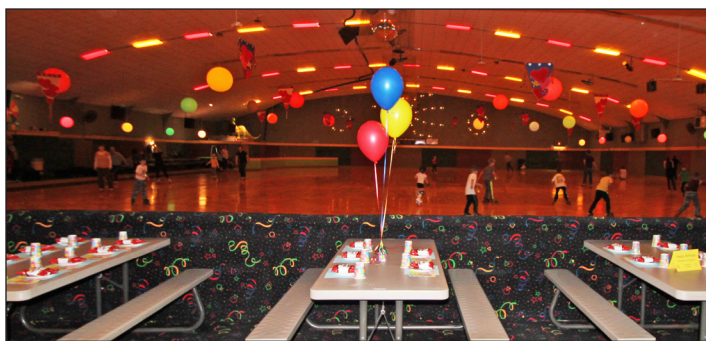


Used Uniform Community Sale | March 2-3

Our next [Used Uniform Sale](#) will take place during conferences in the Event Center (outside of the Gym). [Volunteer](#) to partner with us and assist with the sale, sale set up, or sale tear down! We love your used uniforms – either donated or family to family sale items. We often have our new families shopping for the 2017-18 school year, so we need your used uniforms. Spiritwear T-shirts in larger youth and smaller adult sizes are also desired for our 6-8 grade students for gym-wear. [Find all the information you need on our PTO webpage.](#)

7th Annual Roller Garden Event | March 11

K-8 families, mark your calendars for the 7th Annual Roller Garden Event on March 11 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. This annual event will take place at the Roller Garden in St. Louis Park. This is for ERA families only (including siblings of all ages). All skaters will receive a FREE Glow Necklace! We all love the Roller Garden! Please note there are no drop-offs allowed. Parents or chaperone must attend. Please bring a food pantry canned good or boxed food item (including gluten free or vegetarian products)! [More details available here.](#)



Ski and Snowboard Club at Hyland Hills

Over 50 skiers and snowboarders were at Hyland last Friday, and tomorrow is our third pasta potluck. All are welcome, even if you do not ski or snowboard. The end of season Pizza Party Potluck will be on Friday, Feb. 24. Please register number of attendees (gluten-free or traditional) and sign up for the final two potlucks [here](#).

Our Ski and Snowboard Club is open to friends and family as well, so invite others to come along. Each ticket sold helps fund our pizza party and potlucks.

Lesson payments for Feb. 17 are due Feb. 10 by noon. Pay-

ments should be placed in an envelope with "ski or snowboard lesson" written on the front, and delivered to Mrs. Strand in the Activity Office. Find all the information about Ski/Snowboard club [here](#).

PTO Redemption Program

Our first counts for the Eagle Ridge Redemption Program contest are in!

Current Top Five:

Lower School: 1. Feist (652) 2. Hopper (436) 3. Carlson (371) 4. Tetzlaff (366) 5. D. Walker (365)

Upper School: 1. Williams/Brennen (604) 2. Tripps (140) 3. Rockcastle (65) 4. Kelash (62) 5. Anderson (13)

If you would like to see a full list of where all the classes are after the first week of counting, please check out the [Facebook page](#).

Many classes are very close – so please keep sending in your redemption items! Submit them to your teacher in K-5, or your advisor or the redemption collection bin outside Door 2 for grades 6-12 (please be sure to write your advisor's name on the bag). We collect Box Tops, Labels for Education, Coke Rewards (codes found on caps and cardboard packaging), Milk Moola from Kwik Trip, Tyson Project A+ Labels, Country Hearth and Village Hearth Bread UPCs, and old cell phones and used ink cartridges for recycling.

This contest will end on Feb. 22 at 9:00 a.m. We will be trimming and counting redemption items on Wednesday mornings (Feb. 15 and 22) at 8:00 a.m. You can check in at the desk inside Door 2, and they will let you know how to find our volunteering area. Please bring your own scissors and notepad. Coke Rewards announced that they are discontinuing their program. The last day to submit codes is March 22. We have quite a few codes to input before that date so we are looking for volunteers to help us enter the codes. Do you have a current Coke Rewards account that you would be willing to utilize to input codes for ERA? (Coke will not allow anyone to open a new account.) We will be so grateful! Please e-mail Jodi Hogan at jodihogan@q.com or call/text her at 952-239-8284 if you can help. We would be so grateful!