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ERA Board Nomination Deadline Friday, Feb. 24

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eagle Ridge Academy

Parents, Teachers, and Staff, here is your opportunity to help shape the future of Eagle Ridge Academy. For the upcoming election, there are three teacher seats and three parent /community member seats up for election. We are asking for help in seeking out candidates to fill these seats. We need teachers and parents to be nominated, but especially need some community member candidates. A community member is defined as someone who has no children at the Academy nor is employed by the Academy.

The Board of Directors asks that you nominate yourself or other individuals with the competence and vision to provide leadership for the Academy. Any member of the Academy, parent or staff, may submit a nomination. To do so, please complete the [Nomination Form](#). **Nominations are due on or before Feb. 24 by 4:00 pm.**

The Board meets twice a month plus occasional working group meetings. The terms are for two years, so the commitment is minimal. If you have any questions about Board service, please feel free to contact any Board member from the [Board of Directors page](#). Thank you for your consideration.



Upper School Updates

ERICA POWELL

Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric

Advanced Placement exam [registration forms](#) will be going home on Friday and Monday of this week. Students in AP classes will have these distributed by their instructors and reviewed with them. Students in junior and senior Humanities classes will be given the forms, and there will be a short discussion on the preparedness of students from Eagle Ridge Academy regarding the course content in AP Language and Composition and AP Literature and Composition. Students that are interested in taking an AP test in a subject area that we do not offer the course should fill out the form and check the "other" box and note the exam they wish to take.

The course registration process started last week and this week students entered their registration requests into Infinite Campus. Once we have all registration requests entered, we are able to decide which courses will be offered next year. Course offerings are driven by student registration numbers. From there, we will build the master schedule, and then we will have individual planning meetings with your child to finalize their schedule. Individual planning meetings will take place the second week of March. I will be available during Parent/Teacher conference time to meet with parents and students who have questions about registration. You may also email [Ms. Klute](#) or [myself](#) at any time to ask questions about the registration



Parent/Teacher Conferences: March 2-3

KAREN CONNER

Operations Manager

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held from 3:30-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 2 and from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Friday, March 3. All conferences should be scheduled using the [conference scheduler](#). The master password to access the scheduler is **Eagle7255**.

Please note that all unclaimed Lost & Found items left after Conferences will be donated. Please claim your items!

January Pillar Award Winners

6th Grade

Citizenship: Tahm L.
Integrity: Alex Z.
Perseverance: Asma H.
Honor: Neel S.
Excellence: Sivaani A.
Respect: Dhruvi Mo.

7th Grade

Citizenship: Gabi S.
Integrity: Fatima A.
Perseverance: Katy S.
Honor: Eimaan H.
Excellence: Luc W.
Respect: Delaney W.

8th Grade

Citizenship: Ishen S.
Integrity: Nicole S.
Honor: Prabhav G.
Excellence: Eric O.
Respect: Sri G.

9th Grade: Muniro O.

10th Grade: Lisha F.

11th Grade: Lauren P.

12th Grade: Caleb P.

Community Updates

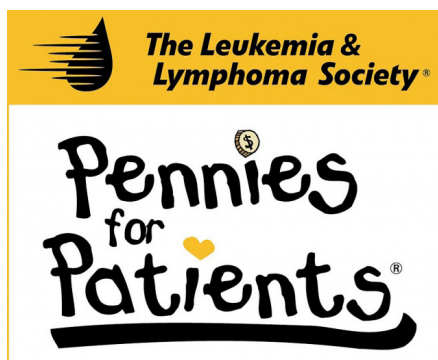


Pennies for Patients Fundraiser: March 13-18

ERIN SCHMITZ

Special Education Paraprofessional

Eagle Ridge will be sponsoring a Pennies for Patients fundraiser this year the week of March 13-17. We are raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). LLS uses funds raised to help families that are affected by blood cancer, research for a cure, and ensure access to medical treatments. Last year we were able to raise over \$2,500. The class that raises the most money (K-2, 3-5, and Upper School) will earn a party for their classroom. More information will be available soon.



School of Grammar Variety Show: March 25

SARAH NIMCHUK

Music Teacher, Grades 3-6

The School of Grammar Variety Show will be on Saturday, March 25. This is an opportunity for students in Kindergarten and Grades 1-5 to share a talent with a larger audience. The activity is not required or graded, but provides a chance for students to develop stage presence and poise, as well as practice respectful audience behaviors.

The show for Kindergarten and Grades 1 and 2 will take place from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the ERA Gymnasium. The show for Grades 3-5 will take place from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. If your child(ren) would like to perform, an [online performance application](#) must be submitted by Wednesday, March 1. All are welcome to attend the show.

All participants will perform their act at Share Your Talent Day as a dress rehearsal. This provides Mrs. Ortgies and Mrs. Nimchuk an opportunity to coach students on any adjustments before the big day. Students who do not plan on performing in the Variety Show may also choose to perform for their class on their Share Your Talent Day.

The dates for Share Your Talent Day and more information about both events can be found on each teacher's website:

- **Mrs. Ortgies** (Kindergarten and Grades 1-2): [Share Your Talent Day](#); [Variety Show](#)
- **Mrs. Nimchuk** (Grades 3-5): [Share Your Talent Day](#) and [Variety Show](#)

Links to music teachers' websites and e-mail addresses can also be found by searching the Staff page on the [ERA website](#).



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 or send an [email](#).

College Visits



March 6 • March 14 • March 28

12:45-1:30 p.m. | Rm. 1620

Community Updates



Fourth Annual Golf Tournament
Monday, June 12, 2017
1 p.m. Shotgun
Bent Creek Golf Course, Eden Prairie

Register Now:
www.ERA2017golfevent.zapevent.com



Athletics Recap

Congratulations to all of our winter sports athletes in grades 4-12 on your amazing basketball seasons! Go Huskies!

All photos are from Target Center games on Feb. 13, provided courtesy of the Huskies Booster Club.





Activities & Events



The 2016-17 ERA/ISM Debate Team
PHOTO BY YEARBOOK STAFFER NEWAL M.

Activity Club Spotlight: Debate

The Debate team meets every Wednesday to ask tough questions and pit answers against each other like Battlebots. On one hand, we discuss and break down the structures of classic debate styles (especially Lincoln-Douglas debate), but, on the other, we use informal argumentation to connect these ideas to the "debates" of everyday life. Beyond the question of what's being debated and what each side is arguing, we explore topics questioning what a debate is, what makes it fair or unfair, and the philosophical back-and-forths we can't help but stumble into. Each week is its own Pandora's Box of controversy and complication to be unraveled, and we've fostered a small culture of thinkers ready to ask the questions the rest of us didn't even know we had. | *The Debate Club advisor is Mr. Derek Gegner from ISM.*

Upcoming School Events:

Feb. 24 - March 11



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

Feb. 24 – 4:00 p.m. – [PTO Ski/Snowboard Club and Pizza Potluck](#)

Feb. 25 – 8:00 a.m. – [JDRF Walk - Sponsored by JCL](#)

Feb. 25 – 10:00 a.m. – [A Day in Sherwood Forest \(4th Grade\)](#)

Feb. 27 – 9:00 a.m. – [School of Logic & Rhetoric Tour](#)

Feb. 27 – 6:00 p.m. – [Special Education Advisory Council](#)

March 2 – 3:30-8:00 p.m. – [Parent/Teacher Conferences](#)

March 2 – 3:30-8:00 p.m. – [PTO Used Uniform Sale](#)

March 3 – [No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences](#)

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March 3 – 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – [PTO Used Uniform Sale](#)

March 6 – 9:00 a.m. – [School of Logic & Rhetoric Tour](#)

March 6 – 12:45 - 1:15 p.m. – [College Visit: University of North Dakota](#)

March 10-11 – 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 a.m. – [High School Lock-In \(Gr. 10-12\)](#)

March 11 – 4:30-6:30 p.m. – [PTO 7th Annual Roller Garden Event \(K-8\)](#)



Used Uniform Community Sale (March 2-3)

The next Used Uniform Sale will take place during Conferences in the Event Center (outside of the Gym). Come partner with us to assist with the sale, sale set up, or sale tear down. [Sign up to volunteer here](#). We love your used uniforms – either donated or family to family sale items! We often have our new families shopping for the 2017-2018 school year, so we need your used uniforms. Spirit wear t-shirts in larger youth and smaller adult sizes are also desired for our 6-8 grade students for gym-wear. We have recently updated our uniform storage policy in the [attached documents](#).



School Supply Kits for 2017-2018

School Kits are returning for the 2017-2018 school year. K through 6 (and hopefully grades 7 and 8) kits will be available for purchase this spring. Teachers are working hard to create a value for our families. You can see a prototype and find out more details at our PTO Info Booth, staffed during the Used Uniform sale during Conference hours (March 2-3). You may also find out how to get involved in our PTO committees for the 2017-2018 school year. Committees include Spirit Wear, Used Uniform Sales team, Directory, Back to School Picnic, Rockin the Ridge, Teacher Appreciation, School Kits, Conference Meals, Ski Club, Roller Garden, and Redemption Team. All parents and teachers are invited to join the fun getting involved with our ERA community members.

Board Nominations and Election

Our PTO operates as a Tax Exempt 501 C3 group. We need a board to operate. Nominations are open now through March 17 at 9:00 p.m. Board positions available for next year include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Volunteer Co-ordinator, and Teacher Reps. We really enjoy pairing up to share the work of supporting our ERA community. Many of the current board members will return to provide continuity through our next expansion. Please stop by the Info Booth at conferences for more information, or [email us](#).

Roller Garden Event (Gr. K-8)

The 7th annual Roller Garden roller skating ERA Private Party Event is only a month away! Join us 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! No student drop-offs are allowed. Parents or chaperones must attend. Please bring a food pantry canned good or boxed food item (including gluten free or vegetarian products)! Find more details on the [school web calendar](#).



PTO Ski & Snowboard Club

This Friday is our last Ski and Snowboard event and also our annual end of season pizza party. Please join us! Details to sign up for pizza – regular or gluten-free – may be [found here](#). Our Ski and Snowboard club is open to friends and family as well, so invite others to come along. Find all the information about Ski & Snowboard Club on the [PTO webpage](#).

PTO Redemption Contest

Our second contest just ended yesterday and here are the outstanding results. The lower school winning class is Mrs. Molnar's 5th grade!! The upper school advisory winners are Williams/Brennen! We are looking forward to treating these teachers and students with a reward of their choosing. Thanks to all of you for submitting so many redemption items for this contest! We had some big submissions from lots of involved classrooms/advisories! Keep up the pace because our last contest starts now and will end in May.

Here are the top five submitters:

Lower School:

1. Molnar (1,461)
2. Carlson (899)
3. Feist (791)
4. L. Hopper (698)
5. Tetzlaff (612)

Upper School:

1. Williams/Brennen (2,290)
2. Kelash (991)
3. Dill (592)
4. Bergeron/Jambunathan (385)
5. Tripps (140)