

# THE *Eagle Eye*



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## Executive Director News

**JASON ULBRICH**

*Executive Director*

The mission of Eagle Ridge Academy states that we demand the best of our students in academic achievement, behavior, and attitude, and challenge them to attain their highest potential. This is a lofty and unique mission statement for schools and one that brought me to Eagle Ridge Academy. The statement reminds me of how I was raised as a child by my mother and influenced by my grandfather. This journey that we are on at Eagle Ridge Academy requires an amazing amount of time, focus, and energy of our parents, students, and staff. This is what sets us apart.

I truly believe that hard work is the single greatest competitive advantage and is the foundation of all great achievements. To attain one's highest potential, one needs to have self-discipline and not be afraid of being in an occasional state of confusion or exhaustion. Exhaustion is fine as long as we are exhilarated at the same time.

As adults, we rarely remember or think about our elementary or even high school grades, but the process of learning, mistake making, and the habit of hard work will impact our lives forever.

At Eagle Ridge Academy, I will always ensure that we value hard work and dedication above all! This will lead us to reaching our highest potential.



## College Corner

**WENDY KLUTE**

*Academic Counselor*

Beth Kreusch, a college admissions specialist, presented to juniors during advisory last week. You may find her Power Point full of helpful tips for students to keep in mind when navigating the college process [here](#).



## Board Candidate Forum & Election Information

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*Eagle Ridge Academy*

The [Candidate Forum](#) will be held on April 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the ERA Commons. This Forum will provide an opportunity to meet and question the candidates who are running for election. All candidates are encouraged to take part in this Forum.

The official election will open on April 10 at 8:00 a.m. All eligible voters will receive an individualized ballot passcode and log-in information as well as further directions via email. All votes must be cast no later than April 24 at 6:00 p.m. If you have not received an email with your passcode and log-in information by April 10, please contact [Pete Larson](#) or [Ma-teen Ashtiani](#).

Official results will be announced at the Annual Board Meeting to be held on April 25 at 6:00 p.m.



## View Quarter 3 Progress Reports on March 29

**KAREN CONNER**

*Operations Manager*

The grading view in the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) closed at the end of the day on Wednesday, March 22 for teachers to enter Quarter 3 grades.

The grading view will open again at the end of the day on Wednesday, March 29. Quarter 3 progress reports will be available for viewing at that time in the Parent Portal. The Academy does not send home hard copies of progress reports. You will need to log into the Parent Portal to view your child's progress report. If you need help with the Parent Portal, [please contact Karen Conner](#).





## Developing Connections

**KELLY SCHIFFMAN**

*Director of Development*

The Donut Dash 5K and Mini-Donut Dash ½ Mile is 1.5 months away! If you haven't registered yet, to guarantee your shirt and size, please register at [www.epdonut-dash2017.zapevent.com](http://www.epdonut-dash2017.zapevent.com). With your participation, you can help us provide fitness equipment and a walking track for the Academy. We are excited to welcome State Fair Mini Donuts and Cub Foods-Eden Prairie as our mini-donut and donut suppliers, and to thank Cargill for their generous event sponsorship.

Packet pick-up has been scheduled for Friday, May 12 from 3:30-7:00 p.m. at Eagle Ridge Academy at 11111 Bren Rd. W, Minnetonka.

We are looking for donations of protein bars, bags of chips, or other post-race snacks for the participants. Please contact me if you or your organization is interested in this sponsorship opportunity!

Ways to participate:

- Register today [by visiting our webpage](#).
- Sponsor the event with a donation of product or a financial gift. Contact me at [kschiffman@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:kschiffman@eagleridgeacademy.org)
- Volunteer to help at the race on May 13. We need 40 volunteers.
- [Donate a 100 percent tax-deductible gift](#) for fitness equipment and walking track.
- Help promote the event by [sharing the event on your social media](#) or sending via e-mail. Invite your friends and family.

Watch for Sprinkles the Donut to make special appearances in the coming weeks!

**Thank You to  
Our Sponsors!**



## Community Updates



### Upper School Updates

**ERICA POWELL**

*Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric*

**“Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.” Benjamin Franklin**

Third quarter ends this week and we will be 75 percent of the way through the 2016-2017 school year. Teachers will be working on getting grades posted on Monday, and they should be available for you on Wednesday. I met with all grade levels in whole group advisories. The theme of our conversation was the opportunity for continual growth. Fourth quarter will mark a fresh start for all students in each of their classes. It is a great opportunity to set goals and focus on the way they would like the year to end.

### Juniors and Seniors

#### *Save the Date for the 2017 ERA Prom “Monte Carlo”*

Saturday, May 6 | 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Jonathan Padelford | Harriet Island  
205 Dr. Justus Ohage Blvd., St. Paul, MN

This is a formal event for Juniors and Seniors of Eagle Ridge Academy and their guests.

#### **Ticket Information:**

Prom tickets will be available for purchase during the high school lunch in the Forum.

April 3-7 & April 17-21 = \$60 per person

April 24-26 = \$70 per person

[Dance Guest Registration forms](#) may be found on the ERA website under the Quick Links section on the Home page of the school website. Guest forms must be faxed to ERA by April 26.

*Prom Advisors: Dr. Colleen Brennan, Mrs. Kelli TenPas, and Mrs. Marilyn Strand*

# Community Updates



## Thank You! 6th Grade "Giving Tower" Update

**SARAH ANDERSON**

*Teacher, 6th Grade Science*

I was absolutely thrilled when last month an Eagle Ridge Academy parent, Ms. Neng Vang, set up a GoFundMe account to raise money to implement a Tower Garden in my classroom. To my great surprise and delight, in only one week, we reached our \$1,500 goal! A Tower Garden is a vertical, aeroponic growing system that allows up to twenty vegetables, herbs, fruits and flowers to be grown in fewer than three square feet. Using aeroponics, the same technology NASA uses to grow plants aboard space shuttles, the Tower Garden grows plants using only water and nutrients, rather than dirt. Research has found aeroponic systems grow plants three times faster and produce an average of 30 percent greater yields.

The Tower Garden has been renamed as "The Giving Tower" since it will provide students with experience developing healthy habits eating wholesome foods. So far, the 6th graders have planted basil, four types of lettuce, two types of tomatoes, peppers, bok choy, cucumber, and eggplant! We will continue to grow a variety of plants for the remainder of the year. My students have been curious to learn more and eat from our giving garden.

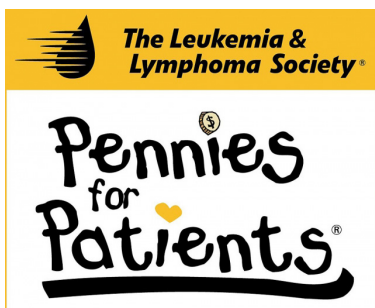
My heart is filled with gratitude for all the staff, parents, and other community members who have made this authentic learning opportunity a reality. If you are interested in purchasing seeds for our classroom, a tower garden, or other wholesome foods for your family such as vitamins, granola bars, smoothies, and more, visit <http://sarah-anderson1.juiceplus.com/us/en>. Please let me know if you have further questions. Thank you, deeply, for your generosity.



## Pennies for Patients Fundraiser: \$4,175!

**ERIN SCHMITZ**

*Special Education Paraprofessional*



Eagle Ridge participated in Pennies for Patients the week of March 13. Between the Lower School and the Upper School, we raised \$4,175! Thank you all for your donations. The top classrooms were as follows:

<u>K-2</u>	<u>3-5</u>	<u>Upper School</u>
Palm: \$869.55	Olson: \$168.66	Anderson: \$117.44
Woolf: \$233.35	Kaiser: \$127.71	Dill: \$70.45
Hudak: \$175.05	Murray: \$95.92	Kelash: \$20.91



## School of Grammar Variety Show: March 25

**SARAH NIMCHUK**

*Music Teacher, Grades 3-6*

The 5th annual School of Grammar Variety Show is Saturday, March 25 in the ERA Gym!

Due to a large number of entries, two shows were added. The start time for Grades 1 and 2 have stayed the same, but the others have changed.

You may view the new showtimes below. Click the image to view the event on our school calendar.

## School of Grammar Variety Show



### Saturday, March 25

Kindergarten – 9:00 a.m.  
Grades 1 and 2 – 10:00 a.m.  
Grade 3 – 11:15 a.m.  
Grades 4 and 5 – 12:00 p.m.





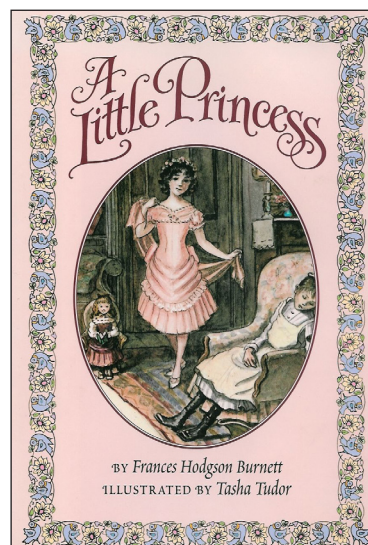
### Transportation Reminder for School of Grammar Families

Please email [Mrs. Marilyn Strand](#) by 12:00 p.m. each day if you are picking your children up in the carpool line instead of having him/her take the bus for that day. Carpool change requests are only taken day-of and cannot be scheduled in advance. **Carpool requests after 12:00 p.m. will not be approved.**

### Spring Play is April 21-22: *The Little Princess*

Reserve your tickets now to see Eagle Ridge Academy's students performance of *The Little Princess*, a touching story about a young girl named Sarah who is sent to a boarding school by her father, who is a British soldier. Sarah's imagination and stories about her life in India capture the hearts of the other girls. While being buffeted by the stern headmistress, Miss Minchin, and the school bully, Sarah receives some heartbreaking news and is forced to work in servitude. As she struggles to keep her spirits up, fate steps in and she discovers some remarkable news that just might change her seemingly bleak fate forever.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Performances will be held on Friday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. You may pay for and pick up the tickets one hour prior to the start of the show. The performance will be held at the Chaska Community Center Theater, 11661 Park Ridge Drive, Chaska, MN 55318.



### Upcoming School Events:

March 25 - April 7



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

- March 25 – 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – School of Grammar Variety Show
- March 25 – 1:00-3:00 p.m. – 3rd Grade Parent-Child Event: Cookie Decorating
- March 27 – No School, Grading Day
- March 28 – 12:45-1:15 p.m. – College Visit: University of Jamestown
- March 28 – 6:00 p.m. – School Board Meeting
- March 30 – 3:20 p.m. – PTO Board Election
- March 31 – 6th Grade Field Trip: Minnesota History Center
- March 31 – 3:15-4:30 p.m. – Spanish Club Soccer Match
- March 31 – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Middle School Neon Dance
- April 4 – 8:20-11:45 a.m. – 11th & 12th Grade Field Trip: Park Square Theatre
- April 4 – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – School Board Candidate Forum
- April 6 – 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. – Children's Choir National Anthem Field Trip
- April 7 – Spirit Wear Day
- April 7 – 8:15 a.m.-2:40 p.m. – 4th Grade Field Trip: Robin Hood Play



## Recap: March Roller Garden Event

We love the Roller Garden! 302 skaters attended the annual event and brought their parents along to watch them skate and enjoy the festivities! Many thanks to the teachers and staff who came to visit, and the parents who put on skates and enjoyed the fun!

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*Skaters enjoy the Roller Garden on Saturday, March 11.*

**PHOTOS COURTESY OF MERRY JO ORR**

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## PTO Spirit Wear is Still Available

We have a few pieces of current spirit wear available for sale. [Please find information at this link.](#)

## 2017-2018 PTO Board Election

PTO Special meeting to vote in our 2017-2018 board will be on Thursday, March 30 from 3:20 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. in Mrs. Bergeron's classroom, room 1226. The board ticket is as follows:

- President – Kelli TenPas
- Vice President – Merry Jo Orr
- Treasurer – Bagya Giridharan
- Volunteer Co-Chairs – Jodie Greer and Karen Ogelsby
- Secretary – Christie Wills
- Teacher Rep – Jessica Bergeron

We have room for you on committees or the board. We would love an additional Treasurer pair and an additional Teacher Rep pair! Unless there are write-in votes, this will be our 2017-2018 PTO board. We can appoint additional members to the Board in the future, so please join us in supporting our school!

## Join a PTO Committee!

The following committees are currently meeting and in the planning stages for upcoming events --

- 2017-2018 Spirit Wear committee
- 2017-2018 Used Uniform Sale committee
- End-of-Year Ice Cream Truck
- 2017-2018 Rockin' the Ridge team
- Teacher Appreciation Week (May 1-5) Committee

Please email us at [PTO.EagleRidge@gmail.com](mailto:PTO.EagleRidge@gmail.com) to join a committee or get more information on our board.

## Final PTO Redemption Contest of the Year

Our Final Redemption contest continues! You can learn more information about the Redemption Program at Eagle Ridge [here](#).