

# THE *Eagle Eye*



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## Executive Director News

**JASON ULBRICH**

*Executive Director*

### Bright Choices and Civic Duty

On April 4, Eagle Ridge Academy hosted the Meet the Leaders Night and the Board Candidate Forum. On my drive home, I was feeling grateful for all of the amazing leaders we are bringing on board for next year and also for the quality and depth of board candidates. The Candidate Forum was an opportunity to learn more about the potential candidates for our school board and I thought they clearly articulated how their ideas relate to the vision and mission of Eagle Ridge Academy. In my five years at Eagle Ridge, this is the greatest interest and participation we have had in the board election. This is driven by many new families and a true desire to serve the Academy. At Eagle Ridge Academy, our vision states that we value exemplary and knowledgeable citizens. I believe that our community has demonstrated this by their involvement to date.

If you were unable to attend the Candidate Forum, please take time to "like" Eagle Ridge Academy on Facebook and watch [the Facebook Live video from the event](#). You may also read the [Board of Directors' Election Guide](#) to learn more.



## Legacy Scholarship Applications Due May 1

**ERICA POWELL**

*Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric*

The Legacy Award and Scholarship will be awarded to a senior student who has left a "Legacy" at Eagle Ridge Academy. This student will have excelled in academics, service, leadership, character, activities, and presence within the school. The "Legacy" student is one whose presence is missed long after he or she leaves Eagle Ridge Academy due to the contributions made while at the Academy. For questions regarding the process, please contact [Erica Powell, Principal](#).

### SAVE THE DATE:

## *Spring State of the Academy & Parent Education Night*

**Tuesday, May 16  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

Following the State of the Academy, the Behavior Team at Eagle Ridge Academy invites you to participate in a parent education program centered around child and teen mental health. This talk and small group session will discuss depression, anxiety, and ways to help children work through these struggles. Please look for more information in the coming weeks.

### Selection Process:

- [Applications](#) are due on May 1 by 3:15 p.m. to Ms. Julie Twetan. The selection process includes two rounds: application review and interviews.
- Applicants will be notified on May 8 if they have been selected to move on to the interview. They will be notified of their interview time.
- The interviews will be held on May 18 between 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- The selection committee will announce the recipient of the award on May 30.

The award will be presented at the awards and graduation ceremonies. The scholarship is a one-time award of at least \$500. The award amount may be increased if further donations are received.

# Community Updates



## Health Corner: MN State Disease Update

**MOLLY GERBER**

*Health Specialist*

The Minnesota Department of Health is seeing an increase of measles (rubeola) in the Metro area. A measles vaccination is available and it may be a good time to make sure your child(ren) are up to date on their MMR vaccine. Please take the time to [view this fact sheet about measles](#) for more information on this disease.



## LAST CHANCE TO BUY A 2017 UPPER SCHOOL (gr. 6-12) YEARBOOK!

Online ordering is now closed, but you can reserve your copy today with Dr. Brennan in person (room 1602) or via email: [cbrennan@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:cbrennan@eagleridgeacademy.org).

Then bring \$60 cash (optimal, exact change) or check made out to ERA to school, give it to Dr. B before or after school or during lunch, and you'll be issued your very own yearbook on the last day of school like your friends!

Hurry! **Only 30 copies left!** First-come-first-served! Absolute last day to purchase is 3:30pm Friday, May 26th.



## Fine Arts Festival

2016-2017 Music Informances & Art Show

Thursday, May 4th; Grades: 1, 3, & 5

- 6:00-6:20pm - Grade 1 Informance\*
  - 6:30-6:50pm - Grade 3 Informance\*
  - 7:00-7:20pm - Grade 5 Informance\*
- Art Gallery will be open from 6:20-7:45pm. Please walk around the surrounding music and gym commons area to enjoy this year's art work highlighted for its excellence and beauty.

Thursday, May 11th; Grades: Kindergarten, 2, & 4

- 6:00-6:20pm - Kindergarten Informance\*
  - 6:30-6:50pm - Grade 2 Informance\*
  - 7:00-7:20pm - Grade 4 Informance\*
- Art Gallery again will be open from 6:20-7:45pm.
- \* Music informances take place in the ERA gymnasium.

Look for flyers sent home from your music teacher:

- Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2 Informances - Mrs. Kelsey Ortgies
- Grades 3, 4, and 5 Informances - Mrs. Sarah Nimchuk



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People's Choice voting  
Friday 7:00 - 7:45pm!

- Opening Reception:** Friday May 12th 7:00 - 9:30pm, Gym Commons (enter the school via door #4 near the gym and busses)
- Award Ceremony:** 8:00pm in the Gym
- Open Gallery:** Saturday, May 13th 10:00am - 12:00pm  
Free admission both days!



**Only \$15!**

**Order your 2017 ART XPO t-shirt today!**

On sale now until 3:30pm May 1st.  
Click to download your order form.

Can be worn with uniform bottoms  
Friday, May 12th to celebrate the annual Art Xpo and on spirit wear days!



## Get Involved in Upcoming Events!

**KELLY SCHIFFMAN**

*Director of Development*



### 2017 Donut Dash 5K and Mini-Donut Dash

The Donut Dash 5K and Mini-Donut Dash ½ Mile is May 13! If you haven't regis-

tered yet, to guarantee your shirt and size, please register at [www.epdonutdash2017.zapevent.com](http://www.epdonutdash2017.zapevent.com). With your participation, you can help us provide fitness equipment and a walking track for the Academy.

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

We are still 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:*

1. [Register today.](#)
2. Sponsor the event with a donation of product or a financial gift—be our Shirt, Tent, Mini-Donut, or Donut Sponsor.
3. Do you work for an organization that would like to participate as a sponsor?
4. Volunteer to help at the race on May 13. We need 40 volunteers.
5. [Donate a 100 percent tax-deductible gift](#) for fitness equipment and walking track
6. Help promote the event by [sharing the event](#) on your social media or send via e-mail. Invite your friends and family.

Advisory and Grade Level Contests are happening now. Sign up to help your child's class win a donut breakfast!



### 2017 Era Golf Tournament

The 4th Annual Eagle Ridge Academy Golf Tournament is on June 12 at beautiful Bent Creek Golf Club in Eden Prairie! You don't have to be a great golfer, or even a good golfer, to participate—this event is a best-ball golf scram-

ble, designed for any type of golfer, novice to competitive. All proceeds will support the addition of new athletic and activity fields at the Academy. With your participation, our students will have outdoor green space.

Online registration is open and waiting for you! See the attached [Golf Brochure](#) for more details on the event. Find a partner or create your own foursome. Want to come as an individual? No problem ... we will place you on a team. Join us for a day of great fun benefitting your students.

If you don't golf but would like to sponsor a teacher or staff member, come out for lunch, sponsor a contest hole, donate a raffle prize, or help in another way, please contact me at [kschiffman@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:kschiffman@eagleridgeacademy.org) or by phone at 952-746-7760, ext. 1107. For more information, [visit our website](#).





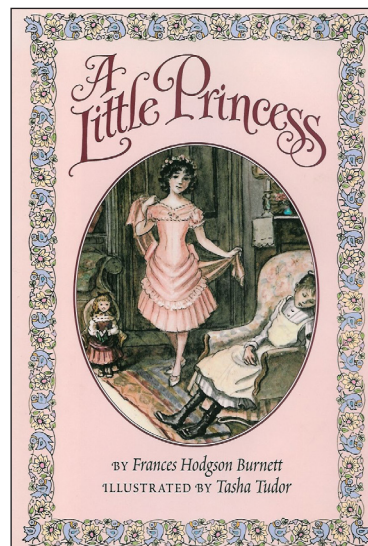


## Activities & Events

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

Reserve your tickets now to see Eagle Ridge Academy's students perform *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 heart-breaking 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.



### Congrats, Chess Students!

Tanish D. (Grade 2), Rohan G. (Grade 2), Joshini S. (Grade 1), and Devanshu S. (Grade 3) won the Team Trophy for 8th place in 2017 School Chess Association State-wide Primary/Elementary Chess Championship held during last weekend (April 8-9).





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## PROM

★ Gr. 11 & 12 ★

May 6 | 6:30-10:00 pm  
Jonathan Padelford

Tickets:  
April 3-21, \$60/ea  
April 24-26, \$70/ea



Save the Date:  
May 21, 5:00 p.m.

### High School Sports Banquet

Invitations will be mailed to athletes & families.

## Upcoming School Events:

April 20 - May 11

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



- April 20** – 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. – 7th Grade Science Fair
- April 21-22** – Various Times – Spring Play: "The Little Princess"
- April 24** – 12:45 - 1:15 p.m. – College Visit: Hillsdale College
- April 25** – 5:30 p.m. – School Board Listening Session
- April 25** – 6:00 p.m. – School Board Annual Meeting & Workshop
- April 28** – 5:30 - 10:30 p.m. – NHS Staff Night Out
- May 1** – First Day of the PTO's 2017-2018 School Supply Kit Sale
- May 1-5** – PTO-Sponsored Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 2** – 9:15 a.m. – Kindergarten Field Trip to Sea Life (Soash, Mills, Woolf)
- May 3** – 9:15 a.m. – Kindergarten Field Trip to Sea Life (Toso, Gillitzer, Palm)
- May 4** – Various Times – Informances & Fine Arts Festival (Gr. 1, 3, and 5)
- May 5** – Spirit Wear Day
- May 6** – 6:30 - 10:00 p.m. – Prom (Gr. 11-12)
- May 9** – 5:30 p.m. – School Board Listening Session
- May 9** – 6:00 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- May 11** – Various Times – Informances & Fine Arts Festival (Gr. K, 2, and 4)
- May 12-13** – Various Times – Art Expo
- May 13** – 8:00 a.m. – Donut Dash 5k and Mini-Donut Half Mile

## National Volunteer Appreciation Week

**We "Donut" Know What We'd Do Without You!**



Eagle Ridge Academy invites any volunteers from the 2016-17 school year to stop by the Forum for a donut and coffee on **Friday, April 28 from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.**

**Thank you for your help this year!**





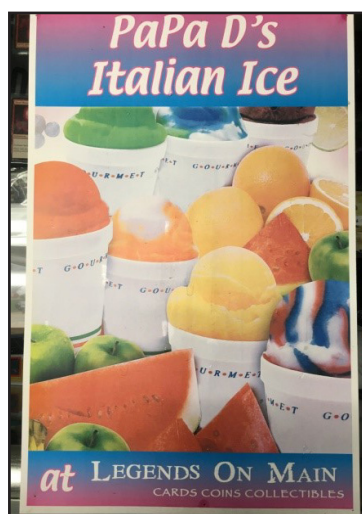
### Teacher Appreciation Week: May 1 – 5

The families of the ERA PTO will be honoring our teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. This is a wonderful week in which we are able to show our gratitude for all they do for our children, families, and the ERA community. The week festivities include: continental breakfast, "Pick Me Up" with an afternoon of healthy treats, an Asian lunch buffet, a sweet and salty bar, and fun gifts cards and cookies. We would love your help putting together the sweet and salty buffet with a popcorn bar and supplying cookies for an end of the week treat. [Sign up to drop off contributions is here.](#) Thank you for your support of our wonderful ERA community.



### Save the Date: Summer Used Uniform Sale

The PTO will be holding its annual PTO Kick-Off and Used Uniform Sale on July 25 from 5-8:30 p.m. More details to come. [Visit our webpage](#) for more information.



### Ice Cream Truck for Last Day of School

Get ready for cool treats the last day of school. The tradition continues! The PTO will be proving Papa D's Authentic Italian Ice to all students the last day of school. Discovered at the Carver County Fair, this yummy and smooth ice treat is a hit. A flyer with treat options will be sent home to all Lower School Students and in class selections will

be made in the Upper School soon. This treat is gluten, peanut, and dairy free, with a dye-free option as well.

### 2017-18 School Supply Kits

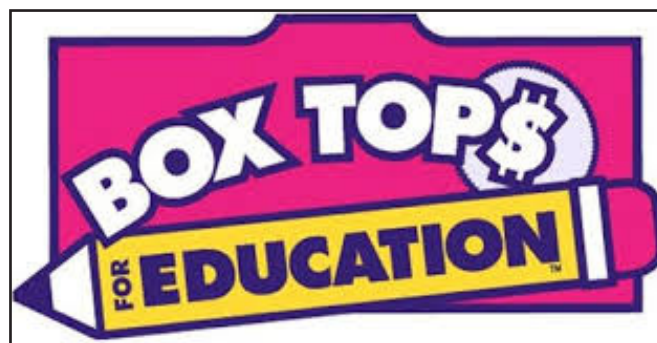
We are excited to announce that Eagle Ridge Academy has partnered with SchoolKidz to offer 2017-18 pre-pack-



aged school supply kits designed for your class by your teacher, with the exact styles and brands you need. Plus, value pricing, convenient online ordering, and classroom delivery for Meet your Teacher Night. Online ordering is open **May 1 - June 5**. More information will be sent home soon with flyers and emails beginning the week of April 24. For any questions or assistance, contact PTO Member Jodie at [jodielynn20@yahoo.com](mailto:jodielynn20@yahoo.com).

### Redemption Contest

Continue to save your Redemption Items. The final contest of the year is in full gear. Please visit the Redemption tab on the [PTO webpage](#) for more information.



### PTO Quarterly Meeting: April 27

Our PTO Quarterly Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Eden Prairie Byerly's Caribou. The majority of our meeting will be a review of all of our Back to School Events and a Rockin' the Ridge update. Please join us. [Email us for more.](#)

