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Kindergarten Students Visit Gale Woods Farm



Lower School Update

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Principal, School of Grammar

“All this he saw for one moment breathless and intense, vivid on the morning sky; and still, as he looked, he lived; and still, as he lived, he wondered.” *Kenneth Grahame*

Children so often wonder, and they are in awe of so many things. As we grow older we often become more jaded and it seems to take more and more to feel awe. We forget how to see things through the eyes of children.

When I heard that kindergarten wanted to take a field trip to Gale Woods Farm, at first I thought, “Sure, why not.” I was thinking as an adult who had already experienced farm life as a child (sometimes too much of it). I wasn’t thinking from the viewpoint of a child who has never seen or visited a farm before. When our students returned from Gale Woods and shared their stories of amazement, I stopped to reflect on this. The wonder and awe that comes from seeing and interacting with new animals and seeing the plants they have studied in pictures in real life is priceless on the face of a kindergarten student.

All of this reminds me that once I had such awe of farm animals and plants. The reasons for that initial wonder and



Executive Director News

JASON ULBRICH

Executive Director

I am excited to announce the schedule for our annual Veterans’ Day Celebration. Part of the Eagle Ridge Academy vision statement is for our students to appreciate the United States of America and her unique role in the world. We want our students to understand what it means to be a Veteran and to honor the selfless sacrifice that so many men and women have made for our freedoms.

On Friday, Nov. 11, Eagle Ridge Academy will host our annual celebration of Veterans. The celebration includes a musical performance from our students, a flag ceremony, recognition of Veterans in attendance, and a speech from a Veteran. I would love for families to send me a picture of a Veteran you know. I will be making a slide show of pictures of Veterans to begin the celebration. Photos may be sent to julbrich@eagleridgeacademy.org by Nov. 7. Please include branch of service and name.

Veterans’ Day Celebration Schedule:

Grades 2-5: 8:25 - 8:50 a.m.

Grades K-1: 9:00 - 9:25 a.m.

Grades 6-8: 9:35 - 10:00 a.m.

Grades 9-12: 10:10 - 10:35 a.m.

Send a veteran you know [an invitation from our webpage](#).

awe have not changed, but taking for granted the miracle of animal and plant growth has. How can we become less cynical and more awed by the simple things in life? I think it has a lot to do with gratitude. When you live your life with gratitude, you see the simple things much differently. Today, I’m grateful that the kindergarten students have reminded me of how wonderful it is to see sheep, chickens, and plants. Looking and listening with the eyes and heart of a kindergarten has made me grateful and awed by the workings of a farm once again. I hope you are able to cultivate your own wonder and awe in those simple things once again as you see the joy and gratefulness in the pictures above of our kindergarten students on their field trip.



“Without reflection, we go blindly on our way, creating more unintended consequences, and failing to achieve anything useful.” *Margaret J. Wheatley*

The Schools of Logic and Rhetoric held their first school-level assembly on Wednesday, Sept. 28. We will be holding school-wide assemblies once per month to recognize students in the Schools of Logic and Rhetoric or to deliver information to the schools in a large setting. The September whole group assembly recognized Pillar Award winners for the month of September, Olympus Club members from spring of 2016, and, for the School of Rhetoric, National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists. You can read the names of our National Merit Semi-Finalists and Pillar Award winners below:

National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists

Two ERA high school students, Josh L. and Noah S., are on the 2016-2017 list of National Merit Semi-finalists. They are in the top one-half of one percent of juniors who took the PSAT last fall. Congratulations Josh and Noah!



September Pillar Award Winners

Winners are voted on by staff. In the School of Logic, one student wins for each pillar. In the School of Rhetoric, one student wins per grade.

6th Grade

Citizenship: Srijani D.
Integrity: Brady T.
Perseverance: Ismahan A.
Honor: Lara H.
Excellence: Natalie G.
Respect: Joshua B.

7th Grade

Citizenship: Shivansh S.
Integrity: Celia S.
Perseverance: Ashley G.
Honor: Marit H.
Excellence: Ashley B.
Respect: Julian A.

8th Grade

Citizenship: Ming L.
Integrity: Dexter M.
Perseverance: Henry L.
Honor: Shea K.
Excellence: Leeza K.
Respect: Sri G.

9th Grade: Anna G.

10th Grade: Grace O.

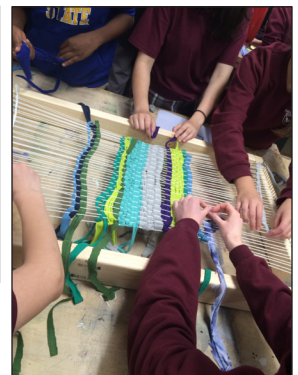
11th Grade: Hunter S.

12th Grade: Harun A.

The first **Otium Classicum** was held on Wednesday, Oct. 12 for all students in the Schools of Logic and Rhetoric. The October Otium Classicum was organized by the Art Department. In it, students made a school wide weaving, learned the historical significance of weaving, and participated in some team building activities. There will be an Otium Classicum period scheduled once per month throughout the school year. This time will be used to explore Classical topics in leisure during the school day.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are next week. This is a great time to come in and have short dialogue with the teacher about strengths of your child and areas of growth in the course. Conference times in the School of Logic and School of Rhetoric are five minute time slots to accommodate all parents of our students. Though it is a brief time, come prepared with questions you may have to make the most of the time. If there are major concerns, this is a good time to set up a meeting for another time so that you can discuss the concerns at a more in-depth level. Students are welcome and encouraged to attend their conferences. If you have not signed up, please do so by 10 p.m. on Oct. 17. The password to access the conference scheduler is **Eagle7255**.

Otium Classicum: October 2016



Community Updates



Developing Connections

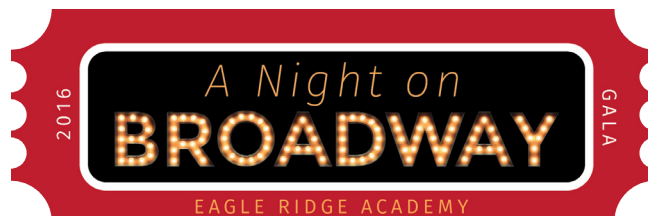
KELLY SCHIFFMAN

Director of Development

Our 2016 Fall Gala, "A Night on Broadway," will be held on Nov. 18 at the beautiful Bearpath Golf & Country Club in Eden Prairie! Join us on the Red Carpet for a wonderful evening of camaraderie between parents, staff, and community coming together for an evening of merriment, a delicious meal, excellent music, a silent auction, and a fantastic program all to benefit the students of Eagle Ridge Academy! Proceeds from the Gala will support the Academy's new auditorium, on which construction will start after school concludes in June. In addition, five percent of funds raised will help start an endowment for the future of Eagle Ridge Academy. We hope you will join us to make this happen.

Watch your mailboxes next week for your invitation. In the meantime, registration is officially open at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/2016GALAERA>. Tickets are \$80 per person, or \$750 for a table of 10. Gather four other couples or a group of friends and enjoy a night out while celebrating in style.

We are currently building an exciting silent auction for all tastes! Parents, I invite you to donate to the silent auction by considering a number of different options.



Do you ...

- Own a cabin or timeshare that you would like to donate for a week or long weekend?
- Have seasons tickets or have connections to a Minnesota sports team (Vikings, T-Wolves, Twins, Lynx, Gophers), or theatre (Guthrie, Ordway), or museum (Walker, MIA, Science Museum)?
- Own a business or work for a business that would donate an item, gift card, or experience?
- Frequent a health club, spa, restaurant, or other establishment that you could approach to donate something?
- Or would you like to canvas a specific area and help us find local businesses willing to help?

Everything that is donated brings more to the students of Eagle Ridge Academy. We appreciate your help!

Parents ask each year how they may support the teachers/staff and "host" them at the event. We are happy to accept donated tickets for our staff for a cost of \$60 per ticket. You may designate a staff member to attend or donate a ticket to the general pool and we will draw names of those interested in attending. Please call me with any questions, comments, or donation suggestions. Or stop by my office while you are in school! Save your place by registering today—there are only 250 spots available! Thank you for your important support.



College Prep Corner

WENDY KLUTE

Academic Counselor

Check out our [new College Prep page on the website](#)! If you missed the College Readiness Update emails that went out from me on Monday, you may access them via the College Prep page. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sign up for our [College Application Blitz Workshop](#) on Oct. 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$50 per student. Beth Kreusch, College and Career Advisor, will work in a small group with 10 students to complete and review college applications. Register by email: bethkreusch@outlook.com.



School of Grammar Portrait Retakes on 10/14

KAREN CONNER

Operations Manager

The School of Grammar (Gr. K-5) portrait retakes will take place on Friday, Oct. 14. If your child has not had their portrait taken and you wish to order a portrait package, please [use this form](#). If you were unhappy with your child's portrait and wish for your child's picture to be retaken, please send the original portrait package with your child on Friday. All students having their portrait taken on Friday should be in formal dress. Boys should wear their burgundy polo with the Academy's logo and girls should wear their white polo with the Academy's logo. Questions regarding portrait retakes may be directed to [Karen Conner](#).



Parent-Teacher Conferences

KAREN CONNER

Operations Manager

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 3:30–8:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 19, 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. All families should use the [conference scheduler](#) to schedule conferences with their child's teacher. As there are a limited number of conference times available, we ask that families in the School of Grammar (grades K-5) schedule only with their child's homeroom teacher and any specialists (Art, Music, Latin, and Phys. Ed.) with whom they wish to conference. Families in the Schools of Logic and Rhetoric that will be conferencing with multiple teachers should remember to leave some hallway travel time between conferences. Please have a list of the teachers with whom you wish to conference prior to logging into the [conference scheduler](#), as the conference scheduler will not have a list of your child's teachers. The conference scheduler is open now and will close on Oct. 17 at 10:00 p.m. Conference times fill up quickly, so please sign up early. You received an email last week with the master password for the conference scheduler. If it is your first time using the scheduler or if you have not used the scheduler in the past year, you will need to create an account in the system. The conference scheduler is found under the "Current Families" tab on the [Eagle Ridge Academy website](#).



TEL Update | Fall Break

RILEY HOFFMAN

Physical Education Teacher

A few important dates are coming up:

Wednesday, Oct. 19: K-12 Conferences – TEL is closed

Thursday and Friday Oct. 20 and 21: Fall Break – TEL is open!

All-Day TEL Hours: 7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Parents may drop off and pick up at anytime

Cost: \$40 per day per child

If you are interested in attending TEL for one or both of these days, [please email Mr. Hoffman](#). Follow [this link](#) for additional information and a daily schedule.



Updates from the Upper School Art Department

COLLEEN BRENNAN

Art Teacher

Art Department Seeks Sawdust, Wood Chips, and Fire Wood Donations for the Pit Fire

This year our Pit Fire event will be held on Friday, Oct. 28 as part of Homecoming week, and we are hoping it's our best yet! We are seeking donations of sawdust, wood chips, and fire wood. These materials give pit-fired ceramics the most exciting colors and surface decoration. If you would like to make a donation, please [contact Dr. Brennan](#) by the end of the day on Tuesday, Oct. 25 and we can make arrangements to take it off your hands!

Buy Your 2017 Yearbook Now & Save Money!

Upper School (grades 6-12) Yearbooks are on sale now for \$40. This Back-to-School Deal includes the opportunity to personalize your yearbook with three icons for only \$5. Don't wait! Take advantage of this deal today because the yearbook price goes up incrementally each month starting October 28. Ordering instructions and information may be found at: <http://www.eagleridgeacademy.org/current-families/yearbook>

Senior Yearbook Photos Due Feb. 22, 2017

It may seem too early to think that far ahead, but it will be here before we know it. Email your digital senior photo to Dr. Brennan as an attachment anytime: cbrennan@eagleridgeacademy.org. Your photographer may send your photo on your behalf. Photos must be in portrait orientation (taller than it is wide), and your file must be a high resolution JPEG between 500 MB and 5KB. Strike a pose!



Lower School Yearbooks

LAURIE BASIC

1st Grade Teacher

A limited number of School of Grammar Yearbooks are available this year. Purchase yours now by visiting [the Jostens website](#) to ensure you have one! Students love looking at their school memories at the end of the school year. Be sure to get this 2016-2017 keepsake.

Community Updates, continued



Photo Opt-Out Deadline Extended to 10/21

MARY CORNELIUS

Communications Specialist



The deadline has been extended for photo opt-out forms, which were first handed out in Back to School folders. Eagle Ridge Academy has revised the photo opt-out form for the 2016-2017 school year. If you fill out this form, it means your child's photo **will not** be used in any external communications, i.e., website, Facebook, newsletters, or press releases. This form will remain in place for your child's entire time at ERA unless you turn in a signed note asking us to remove your child from the opt-out list.

The form is available on our website. We ask that if you wish for your child to be placed on the photo opt-out list, you return the form to ERA, ATTN: Mary Cornelius, by Tuesday, Oct. 18. If you have further questions, please contact Mary Cornelius by email or phone (x 1105).



The Lost and Found is overflowing with misplaced items. It is located in the alcove outside of the entrance to the solarium. Please have your child check for missing items or you may check for missing items during Parent-Teacher Conferences. All items left after Parent-Teacher Conferences will be **donated on Oct. 19**. Questions regarding lost and found may be directed to Karen Conner.

Fall Break Office Hours

Oct. 18: Door 2 open 7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Oct. 19: Door 2 open 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Oct. 20-21: Door 1 open 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



Immunization Records Now Up to Date

MOLLY GERBER

Health Specialist

Immunization records for the school have been updated. Please look at your child(ren)'s record in Infinite Campus for immunization compliance. I will need a current record of current immunizations. If you look at your child's vaccination dates and they do not match your record, please contact Molly Gerber.



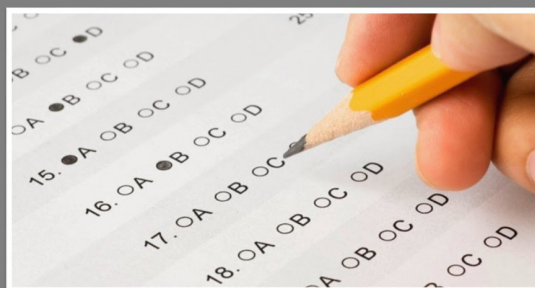
Juniors take PSAT on 11/2

SUSAN BLOOMGREN

*Director of Classical Curriculum
& Professional Development*

Eagle Ridge Academy will be offering students the opportunity to take the PSAT during the school day on Nov. 2. This is a free opportunity for students to prepare for college readiness. Students are automatically screened for the National Merit Scholarship Program, an academic competition for recognition and scholarship. There is no need to sign up. Students will automatically take the assessment unless they opt out.

Juniors will take PSAT November 2





PTO News & Information

PTO SECRETARIES

pto.eagleridge@gmail.com

Rockin' the Ridge Recap

Thank you to all who came out to Rockin' the Ridge! We sold 460 wristbands, 185 punch cards, \$860 worth of drawing tickets, and \$857 worth of lemonade, soda, and water. Uncle Franky's sold almost \$4,000 worth of yummy food and made a contribution of \$460 to the PTO. Altogether, we all had a GREAT time and raised just shy of \$9,000! Thank you to all of the 200+ volunteers who partnered with us to pull off the event—teachers, staff, students, and parents. We love our ERA community!

Used Uniform Sale & Open Gym and Popcorn Bar

Saturday, Oct. 29 | 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Come shop the uniform sale while your kids have fun in the open gym with their classmates! This is the last uniform sale until March. The open gym/popcorn bar is a new event. We think our kids need more opportunities to just have fun together outside of school hours. We hope you agree and will have time in your family's schedule for the kids to play while the parents shop! A flyer with more details [can be found here](#) and is coming home in K-6 backpacks.

All uniform sale information about donating or tagging items, drop off hours, and a sign up genius to volunteer is available [at this link](#). Please clean out your closets – our new families love the used uniforms! We would also love any donated “retired” spirit wear in the Youth XL sizes through Adult L. Our 6-8th grade students wear these for gym class and love the “retired” styles.

2016-2017 PTO Directory

Our online directory is now available [at this link](#). We will continue to accept directory information and update the online directory monthly [at this link](#). Are you a small business owner and would like to advertise in our print directory? Please [review this letter](#) for information from Fun2Raise to promote your business and support our school.



PTO Redemption Volunteers

We are in the midst of the first contest of the Eagle Ridge redemption program! Thank you for already sending in these items. If you have not already had a chance, no worries, we still have time. The contest ends on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 9:00 a.m.

We collect:

- Box Tops
- Coke Rewards
- Labels for Education
- Tyson Chicken Project A+
- Loaves for Learning (Country Hearth bread products)
- Milk Moola
- Used ink cartridges/old phones

Winning classroom and advisory group will get to pick their prize from a variety of options.

Current standings (after collecting and counting 10/5/2016):

Lower School: 1. Sahli (370) 2. L. Hopper (192) 3. Gordon (151) 4. Grabanski (132) 5. Molnar (122)

Upper School: 1. Kelash (151) 2. Le. Johnson/Sutton (84)

How to submit: K-5 students bring to their teachers. 6-12 students bring to the maroon cart located just inside Door 2 (submit them in a baggie with the advisor's name on it).

Submission Tidbit: Please be aware that Box Tops need to have future expiration dates and Labels for Education must have the Labels for Education logo along with the UPC.

Volunteering Opportunity: October 26 at 8 a.m. Sign in at the office just inside Door 2 and you will be directed to the Café area where we will be working. If you think of it, bring a pair of scissors. We will greatly appreciate the help and promise you a fun “work” experience.

Homecoming Spirit Week (Gr. 6-12) | Oct. 24-28

Monday: School Spirit Day. Wear school colors with jeans.

Tuesday: Class Color Day

6 - maroon

7 - grey

8 - blue

9 - red

10 - green

11 - orange

12 - black

Staff - pink

Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday

Thursday: Throwback Thursday

Friday: Western Day or Spirit Wear Day



Athletics

Thank you, Gabriella A.!

Ninth-grader Gabriella A. sang the National Anthem at ERA's home volleyball game on Tuesday, Oct. 4.

ERA/ISM Huskies Competition Calendar

October 16 - 29

Sun. 10/16

Mon. 10/17

Boys Soccer (MS):
Home, 5:00 p.m.
v. Carondelet

Tues. 10/18

Boys Cross Country
Away, 4:30 pm
@ St. Catherine's
University

Wed. 10/19

Thurs. 10/20

Fri. 10/21

Sat. 10/22

Sun. 10/23

Mon. 10/24

Athletics Parent
Meeting @ ISM
7:00 p.m.

Tues. 10/25

Volleyball (JV):
Home, 6:00 pm
v. Minnesota
State Academy
for the Deaf

Wed. 10/26

Thurs. 10/27

Fri. 10/28

Sat. 10/29



Activities & Events

Upcoming Events

Oct. 14 - Oct. 29

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

Oct. 14 – Spirit Wear Day, Gr. K-12

Oct. 14 – School of Grammar Portrait Re-take Day, Gr. K-5

Oct. 14 – 8:15-11:30 a.m. – Kindergarten Field Trip (Mills, Woolf, and Soash) to Gale Woods Farm

Oct. 14 – 6:30-8:00 p.m. – 4th Grade Movie Night at ERA

Oct. 19-21 – No School, Fall Break

Oct. 24-28 – Homecoming Week, Gr. 6-12

Oct. 25 – 1:30-2:30 p.m. – 5th Grade Parent Coffee at Yum! 6001 Shady Oak Rd., Minnetonka

Oct. 26 – 4:00-5:30 p.m. – Mrs. Sorenson's 4th grade class, Park Day at Bryant Lake Park

Oct. 28 – 2:30 p.m. – Pit Fire, Art Department

Oct. 28 – 6:00-10:15 p.m. – Homecoming Dance at MN Harvest Apple Orchard (Gr. 9-12)

Oct. 29 – 12:30-4:00 p.m. – PTO Family Fun Event & Uniform Sale, ERA Gym

Oct. 29 – 1:00-3:30 p.m. – Spanish Club Excursion, Midtown Global Market (Gr. 9-12)

2016-17 Activity Clubs

Activity Clubs are in full swing at ERA. There are a few Upper School Activity Clubs that are still accepting online registrations (see right). Information and online registration for these clubs can be found on the [Activity Clubs page](#) of the ERA website.

Club Terra – Gr. 6-12
Debate Club – Gr. 7-12
Drama Club – Gr. 9-12
Film Club – Gr. 11 & 12
Japanese I Club – Gr. 9-12
MS Math Team – Gr. 6-8
Math Team – Gr. 9-12
Radio Play Club – Gr. 6-12
Spanish Club – Gr. 9-12

Volunteer Opportunities



Volunteering is a great way to get to know other ERA families as well as help and support our school. A complete list of volunteer opportunities with sign-up links can be found on the [Volunteer](#) page of the school website.

Sign Up To Volunteer:

-PTO Redemption Program (Box Tops)
-Lunchroom Team

Homecoming Dance Grades 9-12 | Oct. 28

Where: MN Harvest Apple Orchard,
Jordan, MN

When: Friday, Oct. 28. 6-10:15 p.m.

Cost: \$35 per person before Oct. 26 or
\$45 per person on Oct. 27

[Dance Ticket Form / Permission Slip](#)
[Dance Guest Permission Form](#)

5 p.m. – Bus Transportation from Door 2 of Eagle Ridge Academy
6:00-10:15 p.m. – Dance (with a DJ), bonfire, games, & tractor rides through the apple orchard. Snacks are included: s'mores, chips, caramel apple bar, water, and pop.

11:00 p.m. – Bus will return to ERA Door 2 entrance

Parent Permission Slips are required with payment. Turn permission slips in at the Activity Office (near Door 2).

Homecoming Information can be found on the ERA website. Contact [Marilyn Strand, Activities Specialist](#), with any questions.