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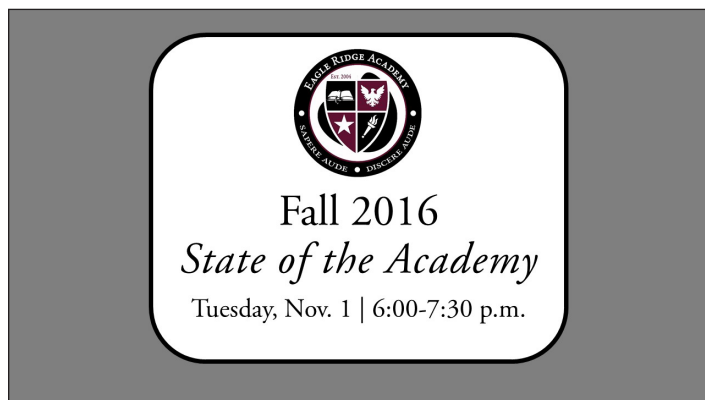


## Executive Director News

**JASON ULBRICH**

*Executive Director*

[Click here](#) to read Mr. Ulbrich's October Community Letter, which speaks about Eagle Ridge Academy's vision for students as citizens, the upcoming Veterans Day Celebration on Friday, Nov. 11, the 2017-2018 Calendar Planning Committee, and the Fall 2016 State of the Academy event, which will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 1.



## Upper School Updates

**ERICA POWELL**

*Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric*

Homecoming took place this week at Eagle Ridge Academy. Historically, it is argued when the Homecoming tradition was started and by whom. Both Yale and Harvard claims to have hosted the first Homecoming games, with celebratory events starting in 1910. The University of Missouri is recognized by the NCAA and Jeopardy with starting of Homecoming in 1911. The origins of the tradition may be argued, but the events that take place are similar in most places: athletic events, games, rallies, speeches, and dances to bring students from the school community together. We had many fun days planned for students this week, beginning with a pep fest on

Tuesday that recognized students for Pillar Awards as well as student athletes. The pep fest was followed by a volleyball game on Tuesday night where the ERA/ISM Huskies got a big win. Homecoming will end tomorrow with a dance at the Minnesota Harvest Apple Orchard.

### October Pillar Award Winners

#### 6th Grade

Citizenship: Roshni K.  
Integrity: Michael C.  
Perseverance: Riley D.  
Honor: Naomi G.  
Excellence: Zoe H.  
Respect: Samira I.

#### 7th Grade

Citizenship: Ayayo O.  
Integrity: Aindri M.  
Perseverance: Celia S.  
Honor: Muthuvignesh M.  
Excellence: Emma M.  
Respect: Arie C.

#### 8th Grade

Citizenship: Haley M.  
Integrity: Silas R.  
Perseverance: Faith D.  
Honor: Riley S.  
Excellence: Owen H.  
Respect: Peter B.

9th Grade: Josephine C.

10th Grade: Alita R.

11th Grade: Isabel M.

12th Grade: Zac L.



*Schools of Logic & Rhetoric students and staff stand for the national anthem during the Homecoming Pep Fest on Tuesday, Oct. 25. A group of choir students, directed by Ms. Stacey Koehler, sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" a capella. PHOTO BY MARY CORNELIUS*

# Community Updates



## Developing Connections

**KELLY SCHIFFMAN**

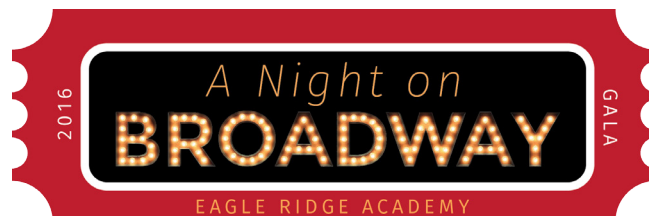
*Director of Development*

The 2016 Fall Gala, “*A Night on Broadway*,” is just three weeks away! Join us on the Red Carpet on Nov. 18 for a wonderful evening of camaraderie between parents, staff, and community, all coming together for an evening of merriment, a fantastic meal, sensational music, silent auction, and fantastic program—all benefitting the students of Eagle Ridge Academy! Proceeds from the Gala will support the Academy’s new auditorium. In addition, five percent of funds raised will help start up an endowment for the future of Eagle Ridge Academy. We hope you will join us to help make this happen!

Register today by mailing in your RSVP card or registering [online](#). Tickets are \$80 per person, or \$750 for a table of ten.

We are thrilled to welcome composer/orchestrator/producer/keyboardist/multi-instrumentalist, [Lee Blaske](#)! Mr. Blaske, a national recording artist, will regale us with his impressive repertoire of show tunes, jazz and classical tunes.

We are still seeking interesting items for our Silent Auction. 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?

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

Parents are welcome to honor a teacher or staff member by ticket donations. 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—only 250 spots are available! Thank you for your important support.



## Infinite Campus Parent Portal will Close Nov. 2

**KAREN CONNER**

*Operations Manager*

The grade view in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal will close at the end of day on Wednesday, Nov. 2 for teachers to enter quarter one progress grades. It will open again on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at the end of the day. Quarter 1 progress reports will be available for viewing through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal at the end of the day on Wednesday, Nov. 9. For questions about your Infinite Campus Parent Portal, you may contact Karen Conner, [kconner@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:kconner@eagleridgeacademy.org). For questions regarding your child’s grade, please contact the teacher issuing the grade.

## Transportation for Early Release

**KAREN CONNER**, *Operations Manager*

The afternoon bus route will run two hours earlier for early release on Wednesday, Nov. 2. Please adjust your child’s drop off time by two hours. For up-to-date information about a pick up time or drop off time or concerns about a late bus, please call MTN dispatch at 763-571-1541.

## Fall Driver's Education starts Nov. 28

**KAREN CONNER**, *Operations Manager*

Eagle Ridge Academy will host a fall session of Driver’s Education through A+ Driving School the weeks of Nov. 28 and Dec. 5. For information about this session of driver’s education, [please follow this link](#).



## TEL | Special Early Release Hours Nov. 2

**RILEY HOFFMAN**

*Physical Education Teacher*

TEL will have special hours during the two-hour early release on Wednesday, Nov. 2: 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Price per student is \$25. To be eligible for TEL supervision during Early Release days, the student must be currently enrolled at Eagle Ridge Academy in grades K-6. During TEL, Eagle Ridge will provide a snack and structured/non-structured activities.



Visit the [TEL page](#) on our website for more information and to register.



## Board of Directors Seeks Committee Members

**ANN WATANABE**

*Board Chair*

The Board of Directors is currently seeking individuals willing to participate not only in working groups such as Governance, Policy, and CISA (as [described here](#)), but also to be part of an Academic Calendar Committee, made up of teachers, staff, parents, and board members. This Committee will be provided a mandate (parameters) for guiding its efforts to research, evaluate, and recommend options for the Academy's upcoming 2017-2018 school calendar, as well as future academic scheduling. If interested, please contact Ann Watanabe, Board Chair: [awatanabe@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:awatanabe@eagleridgeacademy.org) by Nov. 15. All members of the Academy (parents, faculty, staff, and students) are welcome to attend a Board Listening Session. The next session will be at 5:30 on Tuesday, Nov. 15 in conference room 1202.



## 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.



## EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY

YOU ARE INVITED

### *Veterans Day Celebration*

The celebration includes a musical performance from our students, a flag ceremony, recognition of Veterans in attendance, and a speech from a Veteran.

#### **Friday, November 11**

*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.*

#### **Eagle Ridge Academy**

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*Minnetonka, MN*

*55343*



**Order your Upper School (gr. 6-12)  
Yearbook now for only \$40!**

**Lowest price of the year! • Price goes up after Friday, Oct. 28th!**

Lower School yearbooks are also available. To order yours, visit:  
[WWW.JOSTENS.COM](http://WWW.JOSTENS.COM)





### PTO News & Information

#### PTO SECRETARIES

[pto.eagleridge@gmail.com](mailto:pto.eagleridge@gmail.com)

#### Used Uniform Sale / Open Gym and Popcorn Bar

*Saturday, Oct. 29 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

All uniform sale information for donating or tagging items, drop off hours, and other information is [at this link](#). Please clean out your closets. Our new families love the used uniforms! Please feel free to bring your items directly to the sale if you like. 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.

Donation for the open gym and popcorn bar is \$2. Come shop the uniform sale while the K-12 students have fun in the open gym with their classmates!

[Sign up to volunteer by clicking here.](#)



#### PTO Quarterly Meeting

The PTO Quarterly Meeting will be held on Sat., Oct. 29 from 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. in Room 1601. Come learn how to get involved in our PTO activities!

#### Carpool Interest Sign-Up

Would you like to carpool with another family? The PTO has a process to help match up families to carpool. [Fill in this form](#) by Nov. 7 and we will resend the information to all interested families.



#### PTO Ski & Snowboard Club

It is only 37 days until our First Ski and Snowboard Night at Hyland Hills in Bloomington – but who’s counting? Well, we are! It is going to snow eventually, so we might as well enjoy it! More details to come, but mark your calendars for Friday, Dec. 2, when we kick off the season! Discount lift tickets and rentals will be available for purchase from the ERA PTO inside the Hyland chalet. Anyone may come weekly – you do not “join” ski & snowboard club – come once or come every week. Even friends and family can take advantage of our special rates. Group lessons will also be available weekly for \$10 if you prepay by the Friday before the lesson. More details and a flyer will be available soon so that you may begin planning. Please check the ERA website: PTO tab > ERA [Ski/Snowboard Club webpage](#) for more information, such as dates and waivers.

#### PTO Redemption Volunteers

The first Eagle Ridge redemption program contest of the 2016-2017 school year ended yesterday. Thank you for your submissions. The results are not available yet. The next contest starts now!

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

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.



## Ms. Sandee Williams

### STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Williams teaches math at Eagle Ridge Academy (Geometry, Logic, Pre-Calculus, and AP Calculus). Her hometown is Rochester, MN and she has taught at the Academy for six years.

**Q:** *What is your favorite part of working at ERA?*

**A:** I have an awesome faculty to work with and great students!

**Q:** *What inspires you?*

**A:** When students "get it" and learn new material and make connections to what they already know. I love hearing students talking about what they are learning and excited about in their classes.

**Q:** *What is one of your goals for the 2016-2017 school year?*

**A:** Help students have a positive experience.

**Q:** *If I'm not at ERA, I'm probably...*

**A:** ...volunteering as a member of the Eden Prairie Community Emergency Response Team, spoiling my niece and nephew, playing soccer, playing games with friends, or spending time outside. •

## Community Updates, continued



Top: Ms. Williams and her nephew in Michigan. Bottom: Ms. Williams and her niece in Arizona. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY SANDEE WILLIAMS.

Would you like to nominate a staff member for the spotlight? Email suggestions to Mary Cornelius, [mcornelius@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:mcornelius@eagleridgeacademy.org).

## Athletics

For game and practice information, visit the [TCAC Calendar](#).

Basketball begins in November! Registrations are still open for 4th & 5th Grade Boys and 6th – 12th Grade Girls. Please go to the [Winter Athletic page](#) on the ERA website for more information. See start dates below for each team:

<b>Boys &amp; Girls 4th/5th:</b>	Nov. 15
<b>Boys MS:</b>	Nov. 14
<b>Girls MS:</b>	Nov. 9
<b>Boys HS:</b>	Nov. 9
<b>Girls HS:</b>	Nov. 16



2016-2017  
Husky Booster Club  
**HUSKY WEAR**

Reminder to visit the [Spirit Wear Store!](#)  
**ORDER BY MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 – 7:00 am**  
<https://huskiespiritwearfall2016.itemorder.com/>



EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY



## Activities & Events

### Upcoming Events

Oct. 28 - Nov. 12

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

**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** – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – College Application Blitz, Computer Lab

**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)

**Nov. 1** – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – [State of the Academy](#)

**Nov. 2** – [PSAT](#) for all Juniors

**Nov. 2** – [Two-Hour Early Release](#) (Gr. K-12)

**Nov. 5** – 7:30 a.m. – [SAT Test](#)

**Nov. 7** – [No School, Grading Day](#) (Gr. K-12)

**Nov. 11** – Times Vary by Grade – [Veterans Day Celebration](#)

**Nov. 11** – [Formal Dress Day](#) (Gr. K-12)

**Nov. 12** – 1:00-3:00 p.m. – [3rd Grade Cake & Conversation](#)



*The ERA/ISM Huskies played their Homecoming game vs. the Minnesota Academy for the Deaf on Tuesday, Oct. 25. The Huskies won three out of four matches to claim the victory.*  
PHOTO BY MARILYN STRAND

### 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 below). Information and online registration for these clubs can be found on the [Activity Clubs](#) page of the ERA website.

#### **NEW CLUB ADDED:**

**Climbing Club** – Ages 14+  
**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

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

*Sign Up To Volunteer:*

- [Admissions Information Event](#)  
- [Lunchroom Team](#)

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.

We are still in need of three Lower School classroom parents for Mrs. Mills (K), Ms. Soash (K), Ms. Feist (Gr. 4), and Mrs. Walker (Gr. 4). Please contact [Marilyn Strand](#) if you are interested.