

# THE *Eagle Eye*



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## November Update

**JASON ULBRICH**

*Executive Director*

Last month in my Community Letter, I informed you about the fire we had on Oct. 27. Just last week we received approval to start the restoration process of closing up the walls. The bottom of the affected walls were cut open to allow airflow, which eliminated the moisture build-up that can lead to mildew. After weeks of moisture and air quality tests, we have received approval to close up the walls. This process will start the second week of December and conclude after Christmas Break. The loud work will be completed at night to not disrupt learning.

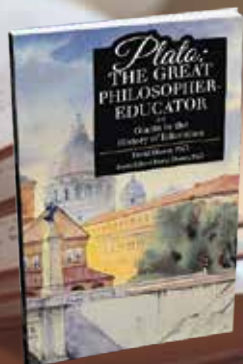
Click below to read the full November Community Letter, which addresses the upcoming showing of *Screenagers*, fire restoration, and updates from the annual Board strategic meeting, including expanded activities and academic offerings for 2018.

**CLICK TO READ  
COMMUNITY LETTER**

## Parent Book Study

Plato: The Great Philosopher Educator

**Feb. 2, 9, 23, & March 2  
7:00-8:00 a.m.**



Join Jason Ulbrich for a book study of "Plato: The Great Philosopher Educator" and dive into the historical foundation of Classical Education. The group will meet at Eagle Ridge Academy in Conference Room 1114. Coffee and donuts will be provided. **Registration is limited to 12, so sign up today!**



## School of Grammar News

**JANELLE MELLGREN**

*Principal, School of Grammar*

The pursuit of truth, beauty, and goodness requires me to refine my focus at times. During a busy time of year, remembering what I value helps me ensure I invest my time wisely. I want to miss as few moments of truth, beauty, and goodness as possible, but that requires me to be purposeful about how I spend my time and make sure I am fully present wherever my choice places me. For example, during our most recent break, I was able to spend a few days with my nephew and three nieces. We played, laughed, baked, and were silly together. This meant that a few items didn't get checked off my to-do list, but it was a wise investment of my time because it was focused on some of the most valuable people in my life. As you and your family experience another busy season, I hope you will all find many moments of truth, beauty, and goodness!



## Schools of Logic and Rhetoric News

**ERICA POWELL**

*Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric*

Join the Eagle Ridge Academy community for a viewing of the 2016 documentary "Screenagers." The showing will take place Tuesday, Dec. 5. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. with refreshments to follow. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door or through the [online payment portal](#). You may find more information about the event [at our website](#).



# Community Updates



## Developing Connections

**KELLY SCHIFFMAN**

*Director of Development*

On Nov. 10, 140 guests came together for a lovely evening of fun and camaraderie among friends, supporting the students of Eagle Ridge Academy at our annual gala. We are grateful to so many people for their generous contributions of time, talent, or treasure. Thanks to your amazing support, **more than \$50,000 was raised and will support student enrichment at Eagle Ridge Academy.** We hope you enjoy [photos from the evening](#), compliments of Sridhar Thayur. Save the date of Nov. 16, 2018 for next year's Gala for the Gryphons!

The Academy recognizes and gives special thanks to:

- Bearpath Golf & Country Club for their welcoming and helpful assistance
- Cadan Technologies, JB Vang, Piper Jaffray, ERA Board of Directors, and Friends of Eagle Ridge Academy Board of Directors for their generous table sponsorships
- ERA and FERA Board members for their leadership and guidance
- John Schwartz, ERA Class of '10, for his picture-painting words of inspiration
- Kate Raddatz, WCCO-TV, for her enthusiasm and support of ERA
- Lancer Catering for donating desserts
- Lee Blaske for his beautiful music
- Silent and Live Auction Donors
- Gala Committee and Volunteers who served countless hours in planning the Gala

**give TO THE MAX**  
NOV. 16, 2017

Thank you to everyone who participated in Give to the Max Day 2017! Together, you raised **\$2,300** to help fund student scholarships. We are grateful for the tremendous support on this national day of giving for nonprofits.



2017 Gala for the Gryphons. | PHOTOS BY SRIDHAR THAYUR



# We're so grateful for our **VOLUNTEERS!**



Whether you feel most at home reading to a class or making classroom materials behind the scenes, organizing library books or chaperoning a field trip, ***we have opportunities for you to get involved at Eagle Ridge!*** Each year we ask families to "Give Us 5" by volunteering at school or school-related functions five times. For those of you who have already taken the plunge to join us, we say a huge THANK YOU! We could not educate your children without the help and support of our community. For those of you still looking for a way to get involved, check out the options below, or contact ***Mrs. Marilyn Strand*** if you have questions!

- ***Lunchroom Volunteer***
- ***Library Volunteer***

## Upcoming School Events:

Dec. 1 - Jan. 2



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

- Dec. 1 – 7:00 p.m. – ERA Presents "The Odyssey"
- Dec. 2 – 8:00 a.m. – SAT College Entrance Exam
- Dec. 2 – 7:00 p.m. – ERA Presents "The Odyssey"
- Dec. 3 – 3:00 p.m. – ERA Presents "The Odyssey"
- Dec. 5 – 2:15 p.m. – College Rep Visit from Bemidji State University
- Dec. 5 – 6:00 p.m. – *Screenagers*
- Dec. 6 – 9:30 a.m. – 1st Grade Field Trip | "Snow White" at Old Log Theater
- Dec. 7 – 6:30 p.m. – Winter Band Concert (Grades 7-12)
- Dec. 8 – 9:00 a.m. – 6th Grade Field Trip | "Narnia" at Howard Conn Center
- Dec. 8 – 9:30 a.m. – Art History Field Trip | Minneapolis Institute of Arts
- Dec. 12 – 6:00 p.m. – School Board Combined Meeting & Workshop
- Dec. 15 – Spirit Wear Day
- Dec. 18 – PTO Festival of Treats
- Dec. 19 – Free Dress Day
- Dec. 20 - Jan. 1 – Winter Break

# Parents' Day Out!

December 9th, 1-5pm



Eagle Ridge Academy's Junior Classical League will be offering a babysitting service for students in grades K-5 on Saturday, December 9th from 1-5 pm. There will be gym games, crafts, snacks, and more! A donation of \$10 per child is suggested (family maximum of \$30).

Your donation will help fund supplies for our January service project.

To sign up, email Jessica Bergeron ([jbergeron@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:jbergeron@eagleridgeacademy.org)) with your child(ren)'s names and grades.

## Festival of Treats | Monday, Dec. 18

Festival of Treats is an annual tradition to provide some festive treats in the break room for our teachers and staff to enjoy. This year, we have chosen Monday, Dec. 18, with leftovers served on Tuesday. Please consider making a traditional treat that represents your unique heritage, or a family favorite to contribute. Or, choose a treat category and pick up something yummy at the store to send into school. [Access the Sign-Up Genius link here.](#)

## Ski & Snowboard Club

Ski and Snowboard season is HERE and begins tomorrow, Dec. 1. Discount lift tickets (\$20) and ski or snowboard rental package (\$17) will be available for purchase from the ERA PTO inside the Hyland chalet. Pass by the ticket windows by the main door and head upstairs. Turn right and look for the ERA PTO table to purchase your tickets and rentals. Proceeds from the lift ticket purchases help fund our potlucks and end of season pizza party. Potlucks and pizza party dates will be announced soon! 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, with prepay by the Friday before the lesson. If you want to have a lesson on Dec. 8, please pay for your lesson no later than noon, Friday Dec. 1, and remember to indicate if taking a ski or snowboard lesson. All lesson payments are due at noon on the Friday before the lesson (so the Dec. 15 lesson payments will be due by Dec. 8). All waivers and payments should be placed in an envelope with PTO on the front and brought to the Activities Office/Mrs. Strand. Please refer to our [FAQ info at this link.](#)



## PTO Family Directory

PTO Family Directory 2017 link is ready and is password protected. An email has been sent out to all ERA families last week which included the password. Please contact the PTO if you need the password re-sent.

If you still haven't filled out the Directory Form please go to [this link](#). Before you send the information, please double check the spellings of names, numbers, grades and teachers. If you have any questions please email at [pto.eagleridge@gmail.com](mailto:pto.eagleridge@gmail.com)

## Redemption Program Contest Winners

Redemption Program is in the midst of Contest #3. It will be open until Feb. 22 at 9:00 a.m., so there is a lot of time to send in many redemption items. Here are the items we collect to earn money for our school:

- **Box Tops, Coke Rewards**
- **Tyson Project A+**
- **Loaves for Learning**
- **Milk Moola**
- **Old cell phones/used printer cartridges**

Bring all these items to your lower school teacher or the collection cart inside the vestibule of the Main Entrance (Door 2). Thank you so much for your diligence and support.

