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Deadline Tomorrow: Board Nominations

Nominations for the upcoming Board of Directors election close tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 23. [Please read the full announcement on the Eagle Ridge Academy website](#) for more information regarding the election process and to nominate!

You may contact those listed below with any questions.

- [Ann Watanabe](#), Election Coordinator
- [John Schwartz](#), Election Coordinator
- [Mateen Ashtiani](#), Election Coordinator



February Community Letter

[JASON ULBRICH](#)

[Executive Director](#)

This week, Eagle Ridge Academy will fly our flags at half-staff in remembrance of Isha Kambil, our 3rd grade student who passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 17. Flying our flags at half-staff is a symbolic sign for grief or mourning. Isha and her family are members of the Eagle Ridge Academy family and we mourn for their loss as Isha's passing was a loss for all of us. **Click below to read full community letter.**

**CLICK TO READ
COMMUNITY LETTER**



Save the Date for Summer Excellence Club

[CATHY TRYGGSTAD](#)

[Director of Special Services](#)

Summer Excellence Club and Credit Recovery Program dates are **June 12 – 28** and **July 16 – Aug. 2**. Summer Excellence Club is offered to students entering grades 1-8 who are behind grade level in their reading or math skills. Credit Recovery is available for students entering grades 9-12 who are behind in credits towards graduation. Programming times are 8:00-11:30 a.m., Monday-Thursday. Parents will be notified on or before May 8 if their child qualifies for programming.



February 26 - March 2

Eagle Ridge Academy will be participating in **Pennies for Patients** once again. Pennies for Patients raises money for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society (LLS). The mission of LLS is to raise money for research to find a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma. LLS also provides educational information and support for families affected by blood cancers. The top two classrooms in the Lower School and the top two first hour classes in the Upper School that raise the most money will earn a class party. We will be raising money in honor of Dylan Schmitz. [Please read his biography here.](#) • Submitted by Erin Schmitz

Developing Connections



KELLY SCHIFFMAN
Director of Development



**\$25 for ERA
students &
\$30 for all other
runners!**

Join us for the sweetest Saturday in spring!
The Donut Dash 5k & Mini- Donut Dash are
back on May 12. [Click here for details.](#)



Register at www.epdonutdash2018.zapevent.com/

It's not too early to start thinking about nicer weather. With the spring and summer weather comes outdoor activity! Registration is open for the Donut Dash 5K (May 12) and the Gryphon Classic Golf Tournament (June 11). Runners, walkers, and golfers, no matter your skill level, are welcome to register for these two events supporting the students of Eagle Ridge Academy. Proceeds will help support the purchase of an activity van to transport our students to athletic meets/practices, club tournaments and events, and other off-site events.

- <https://www.eagleridgeacademy.org/donut-dash-5k/>
- <https://www.eagleridgeacademy.org/gryphonclassic/>

Any questions or organization referrals for sponsorship or donations may be directed to Kelly Schiffman at kschiffman@eagleridgeacademy.org or 952-746-7760, ext. 1107.



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Friends of Eagle Ridge Academy has partnered with **Thrivent Financial**. One way eligible Thrivent Financial members can show their thanks is by directing Choice Dollars to Friends of Eagle Ridge Academy. If you're a Thrivent member who has Choice Dollars, take this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable outreach funds by directing them to **Friends of Eagle Ridge Academy**.

If you are looking for an easy way to help support the Academy, look no further than Thrivent Choice®, Thrivent Financial's member-advised charitable outreach program. Thrivent Choice lets eligible Thrivent members recommend where they feel Thrivent should distribute some of its annual outreach funding by choosing from thousands of enrolled churches and nonprofit organizations nationwide, including Friends of Eagle Ridge Academy.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until **March 31** to direct them. If you are a Thrivent member and haven't yet participated in Thrivent Choice but would like to learn more about participating in it, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

Calling all Golfers!

Join us on June 11, 2018.
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN





GO GIRLS! The ERA/ISM Huskies Girls Varsity Basketball team took second at the TCAC tournament this past weekend. The team will advance to the sections tournament on March 1. | PHOTO PROVIDED BY ILANE COHEN



Share Your Talent Day & SoG Variety Show!

KELSEY ORTGIES

Music Teacher, Grades K-2

The School of Grammar music teachers would like to remind families about two upcoming events that celebrate the special talents of our students.

- **Share Your Talent Day** (open to students K-5) will take place in regular music classes from March 6-13. Specific dates and times can be found on our classroom websites.
- **The School of Grammar Variety Show** (open to students 1-5) will take place on Thursday, March 22. The show for Grades 1 and 2 will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the ERA auditorium, and the show for Grades 3-5 will begin at 5:30 p.m. Performers will be drawn from those who participate in Share Your Talent Day.

Registration forms are due by tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 23.

Information has been sent home with students but may also be found on our websites:

- Mrs. Ortgies (K-2) <http://ortgies.weebly.com/>
- Mrs. Freund (3-5) <https://era3-5music.weebly.com/>

Upcoming School Events:

- Feb. 23 – JCL Murder Mystery Dinner
- Feb. 24 – High School Winter Formal
- Feb. 26-March 2 – Pennies for Patients
- Feb. 27 – School Board Meeting
- March 1 – Youth Frontiers Leadership Conference
- March 1 – Welcome to the School of Rhetoric (8th Graders)
- March 2 – Middle School Winter Semi-Formal
- March 6-8 – Share Your Talent Day (K-2, Times Vary)
- March 9-13 – Share Your Talent Day (3-5, Times Vary)

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

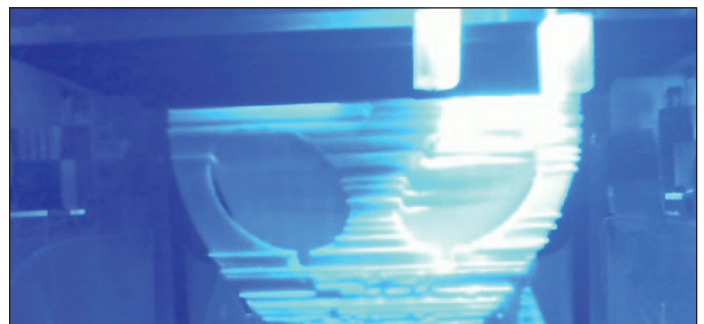
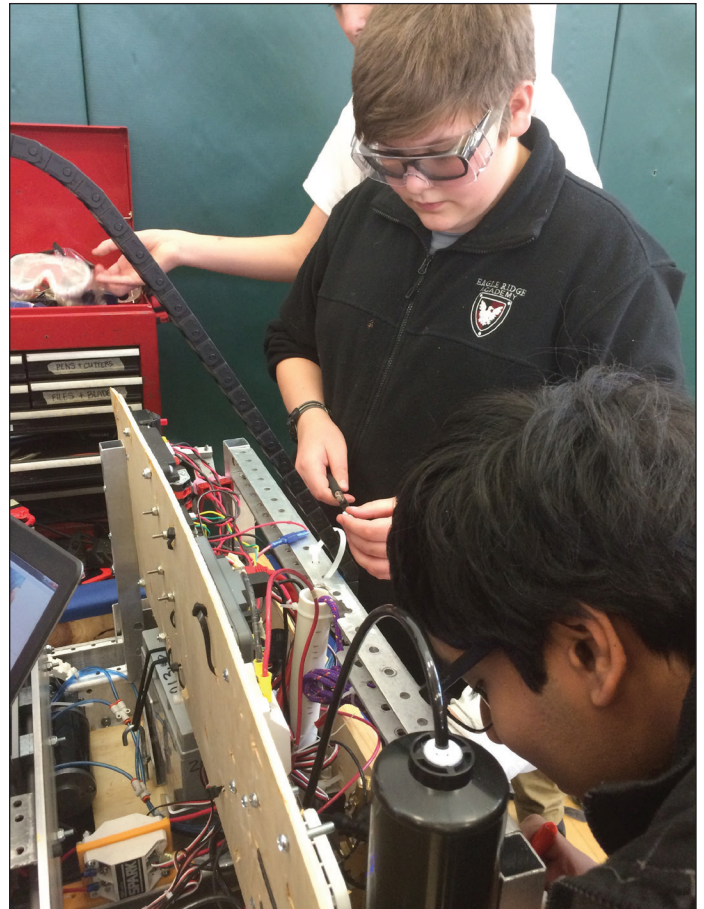
Spotlight on ROBOTICS

Room 1602 was abuzz on Friday, Feb. 2 as the **tERAbites**, Eagle Ridge Academy's Robotics team, ran their first 3D printing session during the school day. The tERAbites, led by advisor [Mr. Derek Lutz, Science](#), had already tested the printer twice during their after-school sessions. In his announcement to staff that day, Mr. Lutz shared, "The printing session will last 20 hours ... it prints 758 very thin layers. The printer is making a model of the tERAbites logo with the words 'ERA tERAbites' etched into it. It is made by using a special plastic that is filled with 'support' plastic that afterwards will be dissolved and disposed of (another eight-hour procedure) before the final product will be visible."

Local 3D printer manufacturer **Stratasys** generously donated Eagle Ridge Academy's 3D printer; they also let the team print using their machines last year. For students to use the machine, they first need to use a computer-aided drawing (CAD) program to create 3D models. This can be something as simple as a box to something as complicated as creating a 3D image of our entire robot. The machine can be used to make certain parts for the robots the team builds. The team expects to use the 3D printer as a tool to help them prototype, build models to learn and study, and to use on their dummy robot (which is the robot used to practice and test).

The team currently has 20 students ranging from 9th to 12th grade, which is up from 12 students last year! They are hoping for more participation each year as robotics is more than just building robots. They need students to lead marketing, advertisement, CAD, programming, electrical, and mechanical functions. Mr. Lutz shared, "There is a lot that goes in to making robotics successful, and we are fortunate to have such a dedicated team already!"

The robotics regional tournament will take place March 29-31. "If students place high enough, they will be invited to the state tournament for the second year in a row! It won't be easy (it was an amazing accomplishment last year for our rookie team to make it to state and says a lot of the students' tenacity), but the team works hard every day to try to get back to the big tournament," said Mr. Lutz. •



tERAbites Need You!

The team is young and still in need of resources. If you are willing and able to donate, please look at their [wish list here](#) or [contact Mr. Lutz](#) for other opportunities for company sponsorship!

TOP: *Students work on their robot.* BOTTOM: *The team printed the tERAbites logo using the 3D printer donated by Stratasys.* | **PHOTOS PROVIDED BY DEREK LUTZ**

The PTO Board election is coming up soon for next school year (2018-19). Have you considered becoming part of the PTO board? If so, please join in to help keep fun and exciting programs going forward for our ERA community. For more details about PTO, [please consult the PTO page](#) of the ERA website. Stay tuned for more updates in upcoming Eagle Eye issues and PTO monthly emails.

Ski & Snowboard Club is coming to an end this Friday, Feb. 23. Thanks to Kelli TenPas who led the club and to all parent volunteers who assisted to make it successful this year. Before wrapping up, don't miss out on the last Ski & Snowboard Club potluck on Feb. 23. If you would like to contribute to the potluck, you may sign up [at this link](#).



Redemption Program Updates

Today was the last day to bring in redemption items for Contest #3! We want to thank you all for sending items and for all volunteers who helped to trim the items at the end. Stay tuned to hear the announcement for Contest #3 Winner in next Eagle Eye.

Even though this contest has ended, keep bringing in the redemption items for upcoming Contest #4, which will be due in May. Just like before, bring in the following items to your classroom teacher, advisory teacher (6th grade), or the collection bin outside the Main Office.

We collect the following items:

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

TOP LEFT: Ski & Snowboard Club students warm up inside after a great night! BOTTOM LEFT: Parent volunteers make the potlucks happen. RIGHT: Parents and students all enjoying a pasta potluck dinner. | **PHOTOS PROVIDED BY MERRY JO ORR**



7th Annual Roller Skating Party

March 10 | 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Roller Garden in St. Louis Park

Join us for the popular annual event! Admission includes a free glow necklace for every skater. This is a private party for K-8th grade families. [Please see our flyer for more info!](#)

