

THE *Eagle Eye*



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State of the Academy & Parent Education Night

JASON ULBRICH

Executive Director

Join us on **Thursday, May 3 from 5:30-7:15 p.m.** for the Spring **State of the Academy** and a Parent Education event, **"Parenting Our Children with a Resiliency Perspective: Can I Keep Positive in the Journey?"** If you're unable to attend in person, you may view the event live on Eagle Ridge Academy's [Facebook page](#). Be sure to "like" our page now to be notified when the event begins!

I will present the annual State of the Academy Address from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Topics to be covered will include academic progress, financial health, extracurricular activities, goal progress from 2017-18, and opportunities for growth for 2018-19. There will also be a Questions and Answer session.

The Parent Education portion from 6:00-7:15 p.m. will feature Doug Pelcak, MA LSC, and Stephanie Groves, counselor intern at ERA. Doug has been a school counselor for over thirty years and is an instructor in the School Counseling Department at Adler Graduate School in Richfield. Stephanie is a ten-year veteran of the Youth Frontiers organization. Youth Frontiers presents core values retreats with students and staff. She recently organized the successful fifth grade Kindness Retreat for Eagle Ridge.

Spotlight on **Fifth Grade Book Club**

Written by Aadya, Annika, Ajira, and Marcel
FIFTH GRADE

We are fifth grade students that lead a book club. We started this because we like reading. We planned this in third grade because of how much we like reading. We started with just four of us, but we eventually grew and made three different groups that read different books. Now we have about twenty people in our book club! We meet once a week on Wednesdays during our lunch and recess time. We only teach the grade we are in, which is fifth grade. Our intentions are to enrich the students' understanding of literature and reading comprehension. If you are a fifth grader, consider getting a form to sign up. Thank you!



THANK YOU, Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)!



Through the incredible efforts of our Eagle Ridge Academy PTO families, **nearly \$25,000 has been approved and expended to the Academy as part of the PTO Capital Fund Campaign.** Diligent and deliberative in their funding criteria, the PTO has shown excellent stewardship of the personal resources donated through the events they plan and execute.

The Academy will benefit from this generosity with funds to purchase musical instruments; Culinary Club supplies; fitness center free

weights, bench, and equipment; athletic equipment for K-6 sports; science, physics, and robotics equipment; library shelving; and a camera for live-streaming. It is with gratitude that the Academy recognizes and thanks the PTO for their dedication and vision to support engaged parents, supported teachers, and fun student events. To be the beneficiaries of their tireless work is a privilege. **Please consider volunteering with your PTO to continue making a difference.**



Invitation to Board Candidate Forum: April 17

MATEEN ASHTIANI

Member, Board of Directors

Next Tuesday, April 17, we'll have our 2018 Board of Directors Election forum beginning at 6:00 p.m. You'll have a chance to [meet our candidates](#) and hear them lay out their ideas on how to improve our school.

I know, we all have busy schedules with many extracurricular activities to fill our daily lives. I have to admit that in the past many years I've been involved with Eagle Ridge Academy, I haven't always been an active participant in all school programs. There have been times that I've been too busy or too tired to attend an after-school event. But, looking back through the years, there hasn't been a time that I attended an ERA event and I felt it wasn't worth my time. I believe the Board of Directors Election Forum is one of those meetings that you'll walk out of and know that you're a better-informed citizen. Some people might be skeptical and don't think their participation makes any difference. This was true for me, as well, until I started getting involved and speaking my mind. I found out that my voice, my ideas, and my opinions don't matter as long as they stay in my head.

The ERA Board of Directors is a critical part of the school and the education that's delivered to our children. One way or another, the strategic decisions made by the Board will affect our students. I implore you to be an active member of our community and let your voice be heard.

Please consider attending the forum and participate in the Board Election. Be a participant. Be a voter. I hope to see you all there.



MCA Reminders

SUSAN BLOOMGREN

Director of Academics

Reminders to help your child do his/her best:

- Make sure he/she gets plenty of rest and a good breakfast.
- Hydrate. The brain performs better when it has plenty of water.
- Remind your child to take his/her time. The MCA test is not a timed test. We can make arrangements for any students that need more time for completion.
- Remind your child to relax. MCA is just one test. It is important that every student takes it seriously and does his/her best, but they should not stress out about it.
- Be on time to school. Make sure your child arrives to school with plenty of time to get settled before the testing begins.

Community Updates



Cabinetry Opportunity in the Library

BECKIE STARKEY

Library Assistant

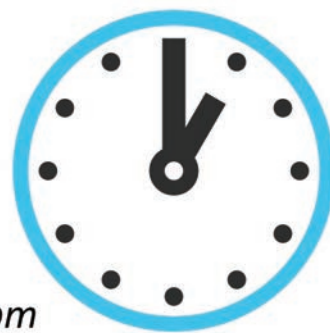
Do you have carpentry or cabinetry skills you could use to benefit the Eagle Ridge community? The library is looking for someone to design and build book browsers for our picture book collection. If you have this skill and would be willing to donate your time and expertise, please [contact Beckie Starkey](#).



Early Release

Friday, April 20

Dismissal at 1:00 pm



Grade	Math	Reading	Science
3 rd	4/17	4/25	N/A
4 th	4/17	4/24	N/A
5 th	4/19	4/24	5/1
6 th	4/19	4/26 and 4/27	N/A
7 th	4/18 and 4/19	4/25 and 4/26	N/A
8 th	4/18 and 4/19	4/25 and 4/26	5/2 and 5/3
10 th	N/A	4/18 and 4/19	5/2 and 5/3
11 th	4/27	N/A	N/A

Developing Connections



KELLY SCHIFFMAN
Director of Development



The Donut Dash 5K and Mini-Donut Dash ½ Mile is four weeks away. If you haven't registered yet, to guarantee your shirt and size, please register at www.epdonutdash.zapevent.com. With your participation, you can help us support the purchase of a 10-person activity van to transport our students to athletic meets, club and activity tournaments, and other off-site activities. We are grateful to our sponsors for their generous support: Cargill, Cub Foods-Eden Prairie, Holiday Circuits, Hospitality Management, Kwik Trip, My Gym, Scheels-Eden Prairie, and State Fair Mini Donuts.

Packet pick-up has been scheduled for **Friday, May 11 from 3:30-7:00 p.m.** at Eagle Ridge Academy at 11111 Bren Rd. W, Minnetonka.

We are looking for donations of protein bars, bags of chips, coffee, and sports drinks for the participants. Please contact me if you or your organization is interested in this sponsorship opportunity!

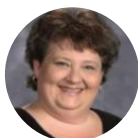
Ways to participate:

- **Register today:** <http://epdonutdash2018.zapevent.com>
- **Sponsor** the event with a donation of product or a financial gift. Do you work for an organization that would like to participate as a sponsor? Contact me!
- **Volunteer** to help at the race on May 11. We need 40 volunteers.
- **Donate** a 100 percent tax-deductible gift to support the activity van.
- **Help promote** the event by sharing the event on your social media or send via e-mail. Invite your friends and family.

Watch for Sprinkles and Cocoa, our mascot donuts, to make special appearances in the coming weeks!



Interested in golfing at the Gryphon Classic Golf Tournament?
Join us on June 11, 2018.
REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!



Upcoming School Events:

- April 13 – Upper School Variety Show
- April 17 – Board Candidate Forum
- April 18 – Special Education Advisory Council
- April 20 – Early Release at 1:00 p.m.
- April 20-22 – *Peter & the Starcatcher*
- April 23 – No School | Staff Development
- April 24 – School Board Meeting
- April 24 – PTO Quarterly Meeting
- April 24 – College Visit: Loras College
- April 25 – College Visit: UW-LaCrosse
- April 25 – Grandparents Day (1st Grade)
- April 26 – College Visit: DePauw University
- April 26 – Science Fair (7th Grade)

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



Save the Date:

May 20, 5:00 p.m.

Gr. 7-12 Sports Banquet

Invitation will be mailed to athletes & families.

Art Xpo Submissions Due Tomorrow!

The 10th annual ERA Art Xpo will take place on Friday, May 11, and submissions are due Friday, April 13. Students in Grades 6-12 may submit 2D and 3D artworks to the art department. Middle school students may submit up to five artworks and high school students may submit up to 10 (a series of work counts as one submission). Middle school students should submit artwork to Ms. Gizzi in room 2109 and high school should submit artwork to Ms. Conner in 2115. No artwork depicting acts of extreme violence/death, drug use (tobacco, alcohol, etc.) or other obscenities will be accepted. For more details please see Ms. Gizzi or Ms. Emma Conner.



Juniors & Seniors:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY'S



Enchanted Forest

May 5th | 7:00PM - 10:30PM


GREEN ACRES EVENT CENTER
14150 PIONEER TRAIL
EDEN PRAIRIE, MN 55347

TICKETS \$60 THROUGH APRIL 20TH, \$70 THROUGH APRIL 27TH
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE DURING LUNCH



Eagle Ridge Academy
Presents:

Peter And the Starcatcher



A Play By **Rick Elice**

Music By **Wayne Barker**

Based on the novel by Dave Barry & Ridley Pearson

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\$5 for Admission

\$3 for Students/Seniors 65+

★ Performances:

Fri April 20- 7pm

Sat April 21- 7pm

Sun April 22- 3pm

Tickets on sale at
eagleridgeacademy.org
or 30 mins before
Performance

Originally produced on Broadway by Nancy Nagel Gibbs, Greg Schaffert, Eva Price, Tom Smedes, and Disney Theatrical Productions.

PETER AND THE STARCATCHER is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com

Capital Fund Announcement

It is a pleasure to share with you the final results of our Capital Fund Project. We are thrilled to be sponsoring the purchase of the following items:

- Orff Schulwerk barred instruments for Lower School music classes and choir
- Cooktops and knives for Culinary Club
- Large fitness machine (treadmill or elliptical) and weight bench for fitness room
- Magnetism Items for 2nd grade science classes and Destination Imagination Club
- Free weights for staff fitness classes and student use
- Athletic equipment for K-6 sports, starting 2018-2019
- Book browser shelves for ERA Library
- Initial start-up equipment for Robotics Program
- Mevo camera for live-streaming
- Permanent equipment for Physics classes

The total PTO contribution for this project will exceed \$24,500. This was made possible by your robust support of our fundraising efforts over the past several years. We hope these items can be used to enhance our school for many years to come. Thank you again for your support of the PTO!

2018-19 PTO Board Nominations

All nominations for PTO Board seats will be shared on the [PTO Facebook page](#) next Tuesday, April 17. This slate of nominees will be voted on at our next Quarterly meeting, Tuesday, April 24, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the ERA Forum.

Join us as the new board begins planning for 2018-19 Back to School events!

Teacher & Staff Appreciation: May 7-11

The PTO is planning a wonderful celebration for our teachers and staff. If you are interested in joining our planning committee, please email pto.eagleridge@gmail.com. Otherwise, if you like to contribute for the event, [click here to sign up](#).

2018-19 School Supplies are Coming Soon

We are excited to be working with School Tool Box, a company new to our school this year. Stay tuned for more information that will be coming soon. Ordering will open in May.

Redemption Program Updates: Fourth and Final Contest is Underway!

Please bring in all redemption items to your lower school classroom teacher or to the Main Office collection bins. Make sure your advisor's name is on any submission you leave in the Main Office collection bins so that your advisory group will get credit for those submissions. This contest will end May 24, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. We will be counting and trimming on Thursdays: May 3, 10, 17, and 24. We would love your help if you have some extra time. We typically volunteer from 8:00-10:00 a.m. these days. It is low stress and we have lots of time to chat. We collect Box Tops, Coke Rewards, Tyson Project A+, Loaves for Learning, Milk Moola, and old cell phones/used printer cartridges.

We are looking for volunteers to input Coke Rewards codes from home. All you have to do is create a Coke.com account and then input codes that will be allotted to the Eagle Ridge Academy account. Each code is valued a point total and Coca Cola then gives the school a check depending on how many points we have. This is an easy volunteer job that can greatly benefit our school. You can go at your own pace and do it whenever it is convenient for you. Please e-mail Jodi Hogan at jodi-hogan@q.com for more information. Thanks so much!