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2018-19 Activies Update JASON ULBRICH Executive Director

Eagle Ridge Academy has proven results in the academic arena and that remains foundational in the pursuit of truth, beauty, and goodness. However, an opportunity for ERA to improve is in the area of extra-curricular activities, as the lack of a well-developed program is one of the greatest contributing factors to students leaving ERA. Over the past two years we have been working with the International School of Minnesota (our sport cooperative partner) to improve our activity offerings and the quality of programming. I am proud to announce that next year we have some changes:

- 1. Introduction of the Gryphon Youth Sports League. This coming fall all K-6 families may sign up for soccer hosted at ERA. We will also offer flag football and basketball during other seasons. Sign up today for soccer (see more on Eagle Eye page 2).
- 2. Eagle Ridge Academy will be the sole host of Boys and Girls Cross Country for next year. We will have our own team.
- Eagle Ridge Academy will continue to partner with ISM in all other sports; however, student athletes will fly under the Gryphon banner in volleyball and boys and girls basketball.
- 4. We have hired a full-time Activities Director, Mr. Kris Babler. The Activities Office will be conveniently located in the middle of the school for easy access.



Schools of Logic & Rhetoric

ERICA POWELL

Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."

- Colin Powell

School of Logic	Monday, June 4	Tuesday, June 5	Wednesday, June 6
8:00-10:00	Period 3	Period 2	Period 1
10:00-10:55	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess
11:00-1:00	Period 5	Period 4	Advisory/Test Make-Up
1:10-3:09	Advisory/Test Make-Up	Period 6	Period 7

School of Rhetoric	Monday, June 4	Tuesday, June 5	Wednesday, June 6
8:00-10:00	Period 3	Period 2	Advisory/Test Make-Up
10:10-12:10	Period 5	Period 4	Period 1
12:10-1:05	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess
1:10-3:09	Advisory/Test Make-Up	Period 6	Period 7

Finals Week: June 4-6

With final exams for semester two coming quickly, encourage your children to start studying now. The hard work they put in today will pay off. Many students have anxiety during testing times, and one of the best ways to avoid testing anxiety is by being prepared. Though many students will want to procrastinate and not start studying until the week of the exam, let them know that putting in the work now will make for an easier finals week. The final exam schedule and prior approval form for students in grades 9-12 to sign out during finals week were given to students this week.

Senior Week & Graduate Recognition Breakfast

Senior week will be May 21-25. The week is full of activities and events for the seniors including cap and gown photos, a senior-sponsored blood drive, senior field trip day, and senior breakfast served by staff. ERA will also host a Graduate Recognition Breakfast held on June 1 for seniors and their parents/guardians. Find more information about these activities on the Graduate Info page of the website.

Introducing the Gryphon Youth Sports League | K-6 Soccer

REGISTER NOW: WWW.EAGLERIDGEACADEMY. ORG/GRYPHON-YOUTH-SPORTS-LEAGUE

We are so excited to be kicking off our inaugural year of youth soccer here at Eagle Ridge Academy! We are planning on offering K-6 options for youth soccer starting **Monday, August 20 and running through September 29.**

Wings

Grades K-2 Co-ed | Saturdays, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. *Focus: having fun and learning fundamentals*



Claws

Grades 3-4 | Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Focus: developing players through an in-house league

Talons

Grades 5-6 | Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. (Dates may differ depending on league schedule) | Focus: developing players through teams that play other clubs

Registration Information

The goal of the Gryphon Youth Sports League (GYSL) youth soccer program is to give our children an opportunity to play and learn the game of soccer in a fun environment.

Registration Dates	Fee	Refundable Check*
Early Registration: May 10 - June 28	\$70	\$100
Late Registration: June 29 - August 20	\$90	\$100

Team membership includes a jersey for the player to keep. Players who register late will be granted spots on teams, but may not receive their jerseys at the beginning of the season. Teams will be made up of players from their corresponding age groups. Coaches will have kits with pop-up goals, disks, cones, pinnies, a bag, and balls for use during the season.

GYSL will provide the shirt (jersey). Players need to have shinguards and a socks. Players also need to bring a water bottle to practices and games. Soccer cleats are recommended but not required.

*\$100 refundable checks are required per player. When all team-issued equipment is returned at the end of the season and volunteer obligations are met, checks will be returned.

Volunteer Coaching / Team Managers

As a volunteer coach, your children will be allowed to participate in the programming at no cost. Coaches will organize practices, instruct the fundamentals of the sport, and build a positive learning environment. We will also be accepting volunteers for team manager positions, which will provide half-off program tuition for their children. Other volunteer opportunities include painting field lines, organizing team equipment, creating snack schedules, fundraising, and more!

Scholarships

Your children's participation is important! Families with a need for financial assistance, please email youthsports@eagleridgeacademy.org.



Get Involved in Upcoming Events!

KELLY SCHIFFMAN

Director of Development



2018 Donut Dash 5K and Mini-Donut Dash

The Donut Dash 5K and Mini-Donut Dash ½ Mile is this Saturday, May 12! We are

excited to welcome everyone for a wonderful day fun and community involvement while raising funds for an activity van.

Packet pick-up is scheduled for Friday, May 11 from 3:30-7:00 p.m. at Eagle Ridge Academy at 11111 Bren Rd. W, Minnetonka. We encourage people to pick up their race packets and shirts the night before if possible, as the morning will be busy.

- Online Registration closed Wed., May 10 at 10 p.m.
 Paper registrations will be accepted at school through Fri.,
 5/11 at Packet Pick-Up and Same-Day at the event on
 Sat., 5/11.
- 2. Volunteer to help at the race on May 12. There are still a few spots left.
- 3. Donate a 100 percent tax-deductible gift for the purchase of an activity van.

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS WHO MAKE OUR EVENTS POSSIBLE!

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· MYGYM-EDEN PRAIRIE · JOSH RAYMOND ·
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We are happy to have **Eye Level Learning Center - Eden Prairie** as our Mini-Donut Dash Sponsor. Eye Level is an after school supplemental education enrichment program. For over 30 years, the Eye Level approach to learning has gained worldwide renown for helping students become confident, proactive learners. Regardless of grade level, learning at Eye Level Learning Centers begins at the student's own level, and progress is directed by the student's own perspective.



2018 Gryphon Classic Golf Tournament

The 5th Annual Gryphon Classic Golf Tournament is on June 11 at beautiful Bent Creek Golf Club in Eden Prairie! You don't have to be a great golfer to participate—this event is a best-ball golf

scramble, designed for any level of golfer—novice to competitive. Proceeds will help support a 10-passenger activity van to transport our students to athletic games/meets, club tournaments, and other off-site activities.

Online registration is open. See the Golf Brochure for more details on the event. Find a partner or create your own twosome or foursome. Want to come as an individual? No problem ... we will place you on a team. Join us for a day of great fun benefitting your students.

And, if you do not golf but would like to sponsor a teacher or staff member, come out for lunch, sponsor a contest hole, donate a raffle prize, or help in another way, please contact me via email or by phone at 952-746-7760, ext. 1107. For more information, visit our website.



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Activities & Events



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT Click to RSVP!

Program with dessert social immediately following

THANK YOU for sharing your time and talents with us. Please join us for a fun celebration all about YOU - our volunteers!

Eagle Ridge Academy Auditorium WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 | 6:30 - 8:00 pm



Library Update BECKIE STARKEY Library Assistant

Camp Read-a-Lot is returning to the Eagle Ridge Academy Library next week (May 14 - 18) for grades K-5. Check with your child's teacher for ways you may support this fun event.

All library materials are due by Friday, May 18. Please locate and return any borrowed books by the end of next week. Thank you for your help ensuring our collection is available for the Eagle Ridge Academy community for years to come.

Annual Blood Drive: May 21



The annual ERA Blood Drive will take place on Monday, May 21 during Senior Week.

Upcoming School Events:

May 10 - School of Grammar Fine Arts Festival

May 11-12 – 10th Annual Art Xpo

May 12 - Donut Dash 5k

May 14 - Spring Choir Concert

May 16 & 23 – Wisdom, Wonder, Work Parent Study

May 17 - Special Education Council (SEAC)

May 17 - Spring Orchestra Concert

May 18 - High School Lock-In

May 18 – An Evening of Improv Comedy

May 20 - Varsity Sports Banquet

May 21 - Annual ERA Blood Drive

May 21 - Upper School Variety Show

May 23 – School Supply Ordering Assistance

May 24 - Spring Band Concert

For more information and more events, visit the school calendar.









Teacher & Staff Appreciation: May 7-11

We have enjoyed honoring our teachers and staff this week with handcrafted coffees (pictured above), catered lunch, and a sweet & salty buffet featuring a popcorn bar. We would like to sincerely thank the ERA families who have donated time and money to this event! Additionally, a special thanks to Eye Level Learning Center in Eden Prairie for their generous sponsorship. View the week's events here.

2018-19 School Supply Kits are Now Available

2018-19 school supply kits are now available for online purchase at schooltoolbox. com. We are excited to be working with School Tool Box, a company new to our school this year. Quality supplies come with a school year guarantee. Quality and brand name supplies matter:

- Our teachers are experts at knowing what works best in their classroom
- Shared classroom supplies are ALL at the highest quality
- Preservation of our school equipment by using the right products

Online ordering is open now through June 30, with delivery at Meet Your Teacher Night. Contact Jodie at jodielynn20@yahoo.com with questions or for assistance.

Cool Treats on the Last Day of School

The tradition continues! The ERA PTO will be providing cool treats to students in Grades K-5 on June 6 and students in Grades 6-12 on June 7. Stay tuned for more details!

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 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 jodihogan@q.com for more information. Thanks so much!