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ERA Recognized as High Quality Charter School

JASON ULBRICH

Executive Director

For the sixth year in a row, Eagle Ridge Academy has been recognized by the Minnesota Department of Education as a High Quality Charter School. The school has received the award every year since 2014, which was the first year that the honor was given. The High Quality Charter School designation factors in fiscal responsibility, quality of management, overall test scores, and closing the achievement gap. Eagle Ridge Academy is one of 29 schools to be recognized.

The recognition is a testament to the dedication of our teachers, parents, volunteers, staff, and most importantly, students!

Upcoming Events |

APRIL 11 - MAY 2

April 12-14 – *Finding Atlantis Play*
April 15 – Children's Choir Performance
April 16 – Children's Choir at Twins Game
April 18 – School Board Candidate Forum
April 18 – Donut Dash Day
April 19 – No School • Office Closed
April 23 – School Board Meeting
April 24 – ACT for Juniors
April 28 – PTO Roller Garden Event
May 2 – 2019 State of the Academy

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



2019 Election Update

RAHUL DEEP & KATHY OBERSTAR

Election Coordinators, Board of Directors

It is with great pleasure that we announce the candidates for the upcoming 2019 Board of Directors election. There are six seats available for this election: three teacher seats and three parent member seats. To read about the candidates, please view the [2019 Voter's Guide](#). Candidate bios will also be included on the online voting site when casting your final vote.

ONLINE VOTING - SAFE SENDER

Eagle Ridge Academy has partnered with Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS) and their "myDirectVote" election application for the upcoming Board of Directors annual election. To ensure election-specific email messages arrive safely in your Inbox, simply add the email address noreply@directvote.net as an approved sender.

For your convenience, we have provided instructions below:

- If you use a SPAM filtering application/service add noreply@directvote.net to your Safe Senders List in the application/service interface.

- If you do not use a SPAM filtering application/service, simply add noreply@directvote.net to your Address Book.

Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS) respects your privacy. SBS will NOT sell or provide your personal information to any third-party, unless, in good faith, the law requires it.

VOTING WINDOW

Voting will take place online between April 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. and April 22 at 12:00 p.m. You will receive an email with your member username and password. Each member will receive their own unique information. If you did not receive your login information after the election opens or if you have any questions about the election or voting procedure, please contact [Kathy Oberstar](#) and [Rahul Deep](#).





SUSAN BLOOMGREN
Director of Academics

Testing Updates

Testing will begin on Wed., April 17

Students in grades 3-8, 10, and 11 will be taking the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) starting April 17. See the testing schedule in the box to the right:

School of Rhetoric: MCA Scores and College Classes

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities may use high school MCA reading and mathematics scores to assist in determining course enrollment by the 2019–2020 school year.

- Students who are at or above an identified score will not be required to take a remedial, non-credit bearing course in the corresponding subject area.
- Students who are below an identified score, which indicates that the student's performance is not on track to meet career and college readiness, may need to take a remedial, non-credit bearing course in the corresponding subject area.

Importance of Testing

Starting this year, students who do not take the MCAs will negatively impact a school's MCA proficiency by counting as not passing the assessment. There are several repercussions for the school and the student when a student does not test.

The score does not provide a clear picture of an individual student's performance. When students do not take the MCAs, the not-passing score creates an inaccurate picture of school performance, which could negatively impact our charter renewal as well as school-wide and teacher goals linked to performance.

As a result of these changes, it is imperative that students take the assessment during the testing window from 4/17 to 5/7.

Grades 3-11: 2019 MCA Testing Schedule

Grade	Math	Reading	Science
3 rd	4/29	4/23	N/A
4 th	4/30	4/25	N/A
5 th	4/29	4/23	5/7
6 th	4/30	4/25	N/A
7 th	4/24	5/1	N/A
8 th	4/17	5/1	5/2*
10 th	N/A	4/17	5/2, 3, 6*
11 th	4/17	N/A	N/A

**Red text indicates updated test dates*



Click [here](#) to download printable registration form. Forms and payment are due to the Main Office by Thursday, April 18!

Juniors:
Sign Up to Take the ACT
during the school day on
Wednesday, April 24

Spring Events Update



Developing Connections

KELLY SCHIFFMAN

Director of Development

The Donut Dash 5K and Mini-Donut Dash ½ Mile is just four (4) short weeks away on May 11! To secure a shirt in your size, register today. The Gryphon Classic Golf Tournament is on June 17 and is taking golfer registrations now!

Proceeds from both events will help support Robotics and a new student Pep Band at Eagle Ridge Academy.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

1. **Register** today: [Donut Dash](#) | [Gryphon Golf Classic](#)
2. **Sponsor** the events with a donation of product or a financial gift.
3. **Ask** your employer to participate as a sponsor.
4. **Volunteer** to help at the 5K on May 11. We need 50 volunteers.
5. **Donate** a 100 percent tax-deductible gift.
6. **Help promote** both events by sharing on your social media or word of mouth. Invite your friends, family, and work colleagues. [Donut Dash](#) | [Gryphon Golf Classic](#)

We are seeking corporate sponsors for both of these events. Check with your employer to see if they might be interested in backing either of these events and supporting your student(s) and his/her classmates at Eagle Ridge Academy!

GRYPHON CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT:

June 17 • [Register Now](#)



Join us for
the 5th Annual Dash!

**Race on Saturday,
May 11, 2019**

**Register Today
for Only \$30!**



Activities Corner



Limited Edition Gryphon Athletics Gear

KRIS BABLER

Activities Director

Today through April 21, you have the opportunity to stock up on specialized ERA Athletics Spirit Wear. Represent our school and your team (Volleyball, Basketball, or Golf) this spring with t-shirts, sweatshirts, pullovers, sweatpants, shorts, and backpacks! You'll want to act fast, though – these limited edition items are only available for order through April 21.

To get yours, go to www.rambow.com and enter code **ERA**. You may choose to have items shipped to you directly or pick up for free at school.



**Gr. 3-6:
Sign Up for Spring
Ultimate Frisbee!**




Legacy and Fine Arts Scholarship Applications Now Open for Seniors

Scholarship opportunities are open for Eagle Ridge Academy seniors. The Legacy Scholarship and the new Fine Arts Scholarship application period is open from April 5 to April 28. [For more information, visit the Eagle Ridge Academy website](http://www.eagleridgeacademy.com). In the 2019-20 school year, we will add a third scholarship opportunity, the Marilyn R. Strand Scholarship, honoring the memory of Marilyn Strand, who selflessly served our families and community. We are grateful for the generosity of individuals and organizations in the Eagle Ridge Academy community who make these scholarship funds possible.



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EAGLE RIDGE
ACADEMY PRESENTS
Finding Atlantis
Play by Elissa Dale

April 12 at 7:00 p.m. • April 13 at 7:00 p.m. • April 14 at 3:00 p.m.
Tickets \$5/Adults & \$3/Students and Seniors

JUNIORS AND SENIORS:

Starlit Galaxy

2019 Prom
on Saturday, May 4
7:00pm - 10:00pm

tickets \$65 thru 4/12, \$75 thru 4/18
Appetizers provided

The Garden Room at Chanhassen Dinner Theatre
501 W 78th Street
Chanhassen, MN 55317

Thank You from the ERA Volunteer Support Team!

On behalf of our ERA teachers, thank you for rising to the occasion in bringing requested school supplies to our classrooms to get them through the end of the school year. You have lifted a stress from our teachers shoulders with your generosity and timeliness. You are appreciated in a big way.

2019-20 School Supply Kits Organized by the PTO

We are excited to offer 2019-20 school supply kits from School Tool Box again this year. These kits are created by our ERA teachers specific to their classroom needs. Online ordering will open May 1.

Questions?
Email Jodie Greer,
jodielynn20@yahoo.com



PTO News

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

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HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BEING PART OF THE PTO BOARD COMMITTEE?

This is the time to nominate yourself or someone else to join our 2019-20 ERA PTO Board. We are looking for ERA parents, teachers, and staff who would love to help fulfill our mission of creating fun student events and supporting our teachers. No experience is necessary, just a desire to have fun, meet other parents, and serve our community. Most positions are paired, and we thrive on teamwork!

If you are ready to join us, [please submit the nomination form by Monday April 15, 2019.](#)

The new board will be voted on by attendees at our Quarterly PTO Community Meeting on April 29 at 6:30 p.m.

8TH ANNUAL ROLLER SKATING PARTY • APRIL 28

K-8th grade families, come and join us for one of our popular events, a private party set just for you! The [Roller Skating Party](#) will be held at Roller Garden in St. Louis Park on Sunday, April 28 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Cost is \$6 for students which includes skate/rollerblade rental. Non-skating parents stay and visit for free (no drop-offs!). All students receive a FREE glow necklace. Food and beverages are available for purchase.

SEE IT...SAVE IT!

We're on the home stretch! The end of the year will be here before we know it and that means now is the time to collect redemption items to win class prizes and earn money for our school! Be on the lookout for Box Tops, Coke codes in caps and boxes, Loaves4Learning, and Tyson Rewards. Let's finish the year strong! There are also clipping and counting volunteer opportunities available. Check out the [ERA Volunteer web page](#) for more information.



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

*A Teacher Takes a HAND, opens a MIND,
and touches a HEART!*

For all the teachers and staff at Eagle Ridge Academy do for all of us, it's an honor to be able to show our immense appreciation for them during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10, 2019. We have planned a variety of things to express our gratitude and we look forward to serving them alongside all of you. Parents of kindergarten through 5th grade students will receive a flyer at the end of this week that has all the specific information about the week. [We also have that flyer on the ERA PTO website.](#)

Here is a quick layout of the schedule:

- **Monday:** Breakfast Goodie Buffet
- **Tuesday:** Potato Bar Lunch Sponsored by ERA Administration
- **Wednesday:** Beverage Delivery to Classrooms or Pick-Up in Commons Area for those Teachers and Staff on the Go
- **Thursday:** Chocolate Treats Buffet Sponsored by ERA Moms in Prayer
- **Friday:** Gifts and Massages

We will be so grateful for any support and assistance you might be able to give us during this time of teacher celebration! It is great to come together as a community of parents and loved ones to shower this amazing group of teachers and staff.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Jennifer Lundquist at jennifermlundquist@yahoo.com