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New and Recommended 2019-20 Leadership

JASON ULBRICH

Executive Director



Ms. Amber Dahlstrom



Mr. Bart Johnson



Mr. Devin Kuneck

I am excited to announce the new and recommended members of our leadership team for 2019-20. The new leaders will fill existing positions open because of the retirement of Mrs. Cathy Tryggstad, Special Services Director, and the resignation of Dr. Bruce Locklear, Principal of the Schools of Logic and Rhetoric.

Mrs. Amber Dahlstrom has accepted the position of Special Services Director. Amber has served ERA as the Special Services Coordinator for the past year. Mrs. Dahlstrom previously worked as a Behavior Intervention Coordinator and Dean of Students, as well as a SPED teacher in the Faribault School District. The ERA Board of Directors approved the hiring of Mrs. Dahlstrom in April.

Mr. Bart Johnson has accepted the position of Principal for our Schools of Logic and Rhetoric pending board approval. Mr. Johnson is finishing in his current role as Principal for Academia Cesar Chavez. He has also worked as Principal and Executive Director at LIFE Prep Charter School, Instructional Leader and Executive Director at Augsburg Fairview Academy, and as a science teacher for over 11 years in various districts. Mr. Johnson is also enrolled in the prestigious Minnesota Principal Academy through the University of Minnesota.

Mr. Devin Kuneck has accepted the position of Special Services Coordinator pending board approval. Mr. Kuneck is finishing his current role as SPED Coordinator for the Minnesota Internship Center. He has also worked as a SPED teacher and SPED paraprofessional in various school districts.

The ERA Board of Directors will consider Mr. Johnson's and Mr. Kuneck's hiring on May 28.

Upcoming Events |

MAY 24 - JUNE 17

- May 24 – Two-Hour Early Release
- May 24 – Free Dress Day
- May 27 – No School, Memorial Day
- May 28 – Marilyn Strand Honorary Road Clean-up
- May 28 – School Board Listening Session
- May 28 – School Board Combined Meeting
- May 29 – Senior Symposium Presentations
- May 31 – Graduate Recognition Breakfast
- June 2 – Community Garden Build
- June 3-5 – Finals Week (Gr. 6-12)
- June 3 – 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony
- June 3 – Community Transportation Meeting
- June 5 – Last Day School of Grammar (Half Day)
- June 6 – Last Day Logic & Rhetoric (Half Day)
- June 7 – Graduation for Class of 2019
- June 17 – Gryphon Classic Golf Tournament

For more info and events, visit the school calendar.

JOIN THE CREW!
TUESDAY, MAY 28 @ 3:30
Meet at Eagle Ridge Academy
MARILYN STRAND
SPIRIT OF SERVICE DAY

2019-20
Community Transportation Meeting
Monday, June 3 | 5:00 - 6:00 pm



SCHOOL OF GRAMMAR (K-5)

The School of Grammar will end at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5.

- Regular bus transportation will run for the students that use Academy-provided transportation and will depart from the Academy at 11:15 a.m. To adjust your bus drop-off time, please subtract 4 hours and 5 minutes from your usual bus drop-off time. The Academy buses will run again at their regular time for the students in grades 6-12.
- We expect heavier than usual traffic in the parking lot as many families choose to pick their child(ren) up on the last day of school. We thank you for your patience and ask, if possible, that your child(ren) use their usual mode of transportation for the last day of school.
- If you need to change from bus to parent pick-up, [please use Silent Dismissal, making your change by 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5.](#) **Please do not communicate changes in transportation for the last day of school with the office.** If you have questions about Silent Dismissal or need assistance setting up your account, please contact Mary Cornelius, Communications Specialist prior to the last day of school: mcornelius@eagleridgeacademy.org. **Please note, there is no afternoon TEL available on the last day of school.**

SCHOOLS OF LOGIC & RHETORIC (6-12)

The Schools of Logic and Rhetoric will end at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 6.

- Regular bus transportation will be provided for the students that use Academy-provided transportation and will depart from the Academy at 11:15 a.m. To adjust your bus drop-off time, please subtract 4 hours and 5 minutes from your usual bus drop-off time.
- We expect heavier than usual traffic in the parking lot as many families choose to pick their child(ren) up on the last day of school. We thank you for your patience and ask, if possible, that your child(ren) use their usual mode of transportation for the last day of school.

Last Day Information

ALL GRADES

- **Bag lunches** will be available on the last day of school but **must be pre-ordered**. All bag lunches are pork-free and you may choose a vegetarian or allergen meal as well. [Please use this order form](#). You must have a positive balance in your child's lunch account to order a bag lunch for the last day of school. **Please submit this order form by May 28.** Your child's lunch account will be charged accordingly.
- **Please check the Lost and Found for missing items.** The Lost and Found is located by the entrance to the solarium. All items left after the last day of school will be donated.
- **Summer office hours** will be 9:00 am-2:00 pm, Monday-Thursday. The office will be closed the week of July 1-5. We suggest that you call the Academy before visiting as many of our staff do not have summer hours. Regular school year office hours will resume on Monday, August 19.

SCHOOLS OF LOGIC & RHETORIC FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

See schedule below. Early release and late arrival are available during finals week for students in grades 9-12. [Details and parameters are available on the attached form, due Friday, May 31 at 3:09 p.m.](#)

Time	Monday, June 3	Tuesday, June 4	Wednesday, June 5
8:00-8:50	Period 3	Period 1	Period 2
8:55-9:45	Period 3	Period 1	Period 2
9:50-10:30	Study in Advisory	Study in Advisory	Study in Advisory
10:30-11:00	Logic: Lunch Rhetoric: Advisory	Logic: Lunch Rhetoric: Advisory	Logic: Lunch Rhetoric: Advisory
11:00-12:01	Period 5	Make-up and structured study hall in Advisory	Period 4
12:06-12:45	Period 5		Period 4
12:45-1:15	Logic: Advisory Rhetoric: Lunch	Logic: Advisory Rhetoric: Lunch	Logic: Advisory Rhetoric: Lunch
1:20-2:12	Period 7	Period 6	Advisory/Locker Clean-out
2:17-3:09	Period 7	Period 6	

Community Updates



Join the Community Garden Build on June 2

KELLY SCHIFFMAN
Director of Development

Eagle Ridge Academy is excited to announce its plan to build a community garden on the grounds of the Academy. Our garden will be filled with delicious vegetables and herbs, which will eventually be used in the Eagle Ridge Academy meal program, Harvest of the Month samples, and culinary club. It may also be used as a teaching garden for classrooms.

We are having a community build of our garden on Sunday, June 2 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Eagle Ridge Academy. We invite anyone interested in digging, trenching, building, and planting to volunteer their time for an afternoon of collaborative gardening! We'll supply beverages and a snack. [Please sign up here to volunteer.](#) Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring their gardening tools and shovels. Work to be done includes building of garden beds, rolling of sod, construction of gourd tunnel and bean tepees, spreading of mulch, and planting of garden. There's a job for everyone and every age!

We are accepting donations of the following to help us prepare:

- Shovels and hand tools
- Gardening gloves
- Watering cans
- Garden hose
- Peat moss
- Rain barrel
- Mulch
- Storage bench

If you are interested in donating new or gently used items, please contact Kelly Schiffman at kschiffman@eagleridgeacademy.org.



2019-20 Parking Permits: Priority Deadline June 15

KAREN CONNER
Operations Manager

The application process for 2019-20 student parking permits has begun. Districts in the surrounding area typically charge \$200-\$360 for parking permits. With the growing demand for student parking and the need to maintain the parking lot, Eagle Ridge Academy will institute a fee of \$55 per student for the 2019-20 school year. The cost of the parking permit will be reviewed every other year. Available parking for students in the Eagle Ridge Academy lot is limited to 70 spaces. The approximate \$3,800 in fees will support management of student parking as well as maintenance of the parking lot. Students needing to park for occasional days must ask for a daily permit in the front office prior to parking in the Eagle Ridge Academy parking lot. Parking permits will not be issued without a valid driver's license.

The criteria below will be used to determine distribution of parking permits for the 2019-20 school year:

1. Seniors who carpool with other students (one parking permit will be issued per carpool)
2. Seniors
3. Juniors who carpool with other students (one parking permit will be issued per carpool)
4. Juniors
5. Seniors and Juniors applying after June 15, 2019 and Sophomores

Students who will be seniors or juniors for the 2019-20 school year will have a **priority application deadline date of June 15, 2019**. The above criteria will be used to assign parking permits. Seniors and juniors who apply after the deadline date, along with all Sophomores, will be awarded any available parking permits in the order that the applications are received. The parking permit form is found on the transportation page of the Eagle Ridge Academy website.

Please take this opportunity to review the [Student Parking Contract](#) and submit the [Student Parking Permit Form](#) on the transportation page of the Eagle Ridge Academy website.

Questions? Contact Karen Conner, Operations Manager: kconner@eagleridgeacademy.org.

Community Updates



Infinite Campus Grade View Closed 5/31-6/12

KAREN CONNER

Operations Manager

The grade view in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal will close on Friday, May 31 at 3:00 p.m. for teachers to enter end of year grades. Please take time to view your child's grades through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal prior to the grade view closing.

The grade view will be available along with second semester report cards on Wednesday, June 12 at 3:00 pm. Quarter progress reports and semester report cards from the 2018-19 school year will be available for viewing in the portal until June 30, 2019. **We suggest that you print a hard copy for your records.**

Should you need help logging into your parent portal account, please contact Karen Conner, kconner@eagleridgeacademy.org, for assistance.



Minnesota

SCHOOL MEALS DON'T HAVE TO STOP JUST BECAUSE IT'S SUMMER.

Summer Eats Minnesota serves free healthy and delicious meals during the summer. It's open to children up to age 18. Best of all, no registration required.

How to locate free meals:

Download the FREE "Summer Eats Minnesota" app from your smartphone's app store and find serving sites nearby.

Or text "summer meals" to 97779.

Have your address ready and find the serving sites near you.

There are free serving sites across the state at parks, recreation centers, community centers, libraries, and schools. Adding more sites daily starting June 10th so watch for updates!

Kids just show up and eat. | www.summereatsmn.org



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K-5 Yearbook "Over-Runs" are available for purchase! \$35 Limited supplies!



- We cannot guarantee Over-Run K-5 Yearbook sales until a sign-up is completed with Donna Cornelius in the main office.
- A completed sign-up includes; payment, student name, grade, and teacher name written on the sign-up sheet.
- Payment for an Over-Run K-5 Yearbook is \$35; exact cash or checks made to Eagle Ridge Academy or ERA. *Please place in the check memo and on the sign-up sheet: student name, grade and teacher name*
- Yearbooks will be distributed to classroom on the date of distribution. TBD (end of May). *No yearbooks will be released early.*



Ways to Get Involved & Give Back!

KELLY SCHIFFMAN

Director of Development



Our incredible community filled beautiful Purgatory Creek Park on Sat., May 11 to run, walk, volunteer, or cheer at the **2019 Donut Dash 5K**

and Mini Donut Dash! This year's event raised nearly \$15,000 to help support the creation of a pep band for Eagle Ridge Academy and continue to fund our scholarship program. Gorgeous weather and community spirit made for a perfect morning!

We are grateful to our generous sponsors for their support: Cargill, Holaday Circuits, Hospitality Management Services, Moms on the Run-Eden Prairie, Orangetheory Fitness, Scheels, Schmitt Music, Summit Private Wealth Group, Breiner Law Firm, Aspire Homes / Liberty Mutual, Josh Raymond, TC Running, Chick-fil-A – St. Louis Park and Chanhassen, HyVee-Plymouth, Jerry's Foods-Eden Prairie, Cub Foods-Eden Prairie, State Fair Mini Donuts, HealthSource of Eden Prairie, Kowalski's-Eden Prairie, Kwik Trip-Chanhassen, Lunds & Byerlys-Eden Prairie, Scheels, State Fair Mini Donuts, Cub Foods-Eden Prairie, and Walmart Bakery-Eden Prairie.

The Donut Dash committee deserves a huge applause for their hard work: Mary Cornelius, Communications Specialist; Sarah Hopper, 1st grade teacher; Marcy Myers, 3rd grade teacher; Rebecca Nilsson, 4th grade teacher; Katie Ralston, 4th grade teacher; Eryn Stennes, parent; Tracey Stephenson, parent; and ERA students, Sri G., Grace O., Anusha R., and Elle S.

We give a special thanks to Emily Molnar and our fantastic parents, Holly Kapla, Christina Sluka, Kara Celt, and Sarah Sindelar for heading the water stop with our middle school students and to every single volunteer that gave of his or her time to help make the event run smoothly.

If you would like to be part of this planning team for 2020, please contact kschiffman@eagleridgeacademy.org.

Save the date of May 9 for the 2020 Donut Dash 5K!

[View official results here](#) • [View finish line photos here](#)
[Race day photos coming soon from Sara Nielsen Photo](#)

GRYPHON CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT:

June 17 • Register Now



2019 Gryphon Classic Golf Tournament

The 6th Annual Gryphon Classic Golf Tournament is on June 17 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 robotics and pep band at Eagle Ridge Academy.

Online registration is open—[reserve your spot now](#). 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 our students.

If you do not golf but would like to sponsor a teacher or staff member, come out for lunch or social hour, 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](#).

Save the Date: *Gala for the Gryphons, Nov. 22*

Do you enjoy planning events? We are seeking people from the community to serve on the annual Gala for the Gryphons planning committee. If you are interested in joining in the fun, please contact Kelly Schiffman at kschiffman@eagleridgeacademy.org.

Summer Camps:

- Girls Summer Basketball Camp (Gr. 7-12)
June 11-27 & July 9-25
- Boys Summer Basketball Camp (Gr. 7-12)
June 11-27 & July 9-25
- Girls Summer Volleyball Camp (Gr. 7-12)
June 11-27 & July 9-25
- Gryphon Youth Sports League (Gr. K-6)
Saturdays, August 24 – September 28

Fall Sports:

- Coed Cross Country (Gr. 7-12) • [Info Meeting 5/28!](#)
- Girls Volleyball (Gr. 7-12)
- Girls Soccer (Gr. 7-12)
- Boys Soccer (Gr. 6-8 or Gr. 9-12)

Visit our website to learn more.

Register Online for Summer Camps:
Mock Trial • Robotics • Athletics



SUIT CAMP

Eagle Ridge Academy Mock Trial Training Camp

August 12 – 16

Cost: \$20

Monday – Thursday: 8 AM – 12 PM

Snacks throughout the week

Friday: 8 AM – 3 PM

Pizza party on Friday

[Register Here](#)



Summer Robotics Camps

[Register Here](#)

Gr. 3-5

Eureka Engineering

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., M-Th

JUNE 24-27 or AUG. 12-15

Gr. 6-8

Tech Trek

1:00-4:00 p.m., M-Th

JUNE 24-27 or AUG. 12-15

Last summer we had over 40 students from grades 3–8 involved in robotics camps here at Eagle Ridge Academy! The high school robotics club will be running camps again this summer for students interested in learning programming and problem solving through engaging hands-on activities.



PTO News

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

pto.eagleridge@gmail.com

DO YOU HAVE ANY GENTLY USED ERA UNIFORMS YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE OR SELL?

The Summer Used Uniform Sale is on July 25, 2019 and we are collecting gently used uniforms now through the end of the year. If you would like to receive the proceeds from the Uniform sale, please include garment tag for each items per our policy. All the details for Used Uniform Sale can be viewed under PTO webpage including [policy](#), [garment tag](#) and [PTO Used Uniform Seller Registry](#). If you are donating, we simply ask you to bring washed gently used uniforms. All uniforms for sale or donation can be left in the Main Office. We are counting on you to make our Summer Used Uniform Sale successful. Thank you!

SEEKING GENTLY USED DIGITAL CAMERAS

The 7th and 8th grade class would benefit from 5-10 working digital cameras with SD cards for their photography unit, yearbook, and for documenting student art work. If you are willing to help, please contact [Ms. Anna Gizzi](#), 7th and 8th Grade Art teacher. Thank you in advance for your help!

2019-20 SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS:

We are excited to be working with School Tool Box again this year. Teachers are able to set their classrooms up for success by tailoring grade level supply lists to their needs. School Tool Box allows us to provide families with a convenient and cost-effective way to purchase school supplies with a School Year Guarantee. Kits can be customized and will be delivered directly to your home. Quality and brand name supplies matter:

- Our teachers are experts at knowing what works best in their classroom
- Shared classroom supplies are ALL of the highest quality
- Preservation of our school equipment by using the right products
- Online ordering is open at schooltoolbox.com. Suggested order by date: August 5 to ensure delivery for Meet Your Teacher Night.

Contact [Jodie](mailto:jodielynn20@yahoo.com) at jodielynn20@yahoo.com with questions or for assistance.

END OF THE YEAR COOL TREATS

The tradition continues! The ERA PTO is excited to celebrate the last day of school with our students and teachers on June 5 and 6. For more information about the treats being served, [visit the school website](#).



SEE IT...SAVE IT!

The final contest ends on May 29 and it is in full swing! If you have Box Tops, Coke codes, Loaves4Learning or Tyson Rewards hiding in your cupboards, now is the time to hunt them down and turn them in. Visit the [PTO website](#) and click on See it...Save it for more information.