

# THE *Eagle Eye*



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## Conferences: Oct. 14-15

**KAREN CONNER**

*Operations Manager*

Eagle Ridge Academy's fall parent teacher conferences will be held on the following dates:

- Oct. 14, 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Oct. 15, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

The registration period for fall conferences will be:

- Oct. 3 at 8:00 a.m. through Oct. 10 at 10:00 p.m.

Conferences for all grades should be scheduled using the [online conference scheduler](#). As there are limited spots available, we ask that School of Grammar families schedule only with their classroom teacher and any specialists (music, Latin, art, phy ed) with whom they would like to meet. Please note, you will need to know the teachers you would like to schedule a conference with prior to logging into the scheduler. Your child's teachers may be found under the schedule tab in the left index in your [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#). You will receive an email with the master password and a link to the conference scheduler prior to the sign-up session. You will need to create an account in the scheduler if you do not have one from a previous year.



Eagle Ridge Academy is proud to present the 2018-19 Annual Report, a document that highlights the school's strengths and performance over the past year. | [READ THE REPORT ONLINE NOW](#)

## Upcoming Events

OCT. 4 - NOV. 1

- Oct. 4 – Spirit Wear Day
- Oct. 4 – School of Rhetoric Homecoming Dance
- Oct. 8 – Monthly Volunteer Day
- Oct. 8 – Board Listening Session
- Oct. 10 – Photo Retakes - Upper School (Gr. 6-12)
- Oct. 11 – Free Dress Day
- Oct. 12 – Zumba for the Ridge Fundraiser
- Oct. 14-18 – No School, Conferences & Fall Break
- Oct. 14-15 – Usborne Book Fair
- Oct. 22 – School Board Meeting
- Oct. 24 – Photo Retakes - Lower School (Gr. K-5)
- Oct. 31 – Two Hour Early Release
- Nov. 1 – No School - Grading Day

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



## Volunteer Opportunity

**JASON ULBRICH**

*Executive Director*

Thanksgiving in America is usually centered on family, friends, a great meal, and football. At Eagle Ridge Academy, we are trying to teach citizenship and compassion to our students. I would like to invite up to 9 students ages 13 and above to join me on Monday, November 25 to volunteer at the Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities (UGMTC) to help distribute Thanksgiving Meals to families in need. We will leave Eagle Ridge Academy at 2:15 p.m. and arrive back at Eagle Ridge Academy at 7:45 p.m. Transportation will be provided to and from UGMTC via the Gryphon van.

I wish we could bring more students; however, we are only allowed 9 per shift. In order to sign up, [register online here](#). After registering, you will be asked to complete a Field Trip Permission Slip.

Families and other groups are welcome to register for more opportunities directly with the UGMTC website.





## School of Grammar News & Gratitude

**JANELLE MELLGREN**

*Principal, School of Grammar*

Greetings School of Grammar families! It has been fun to move fully into our Fall season here at ERA. Our school has had a lot of fun celebrating Spirit Week and Homecoming with the Schools of Logic and Rhetoric. It was also fun to celebrate the end of our second year of the Gryphon Youth Sports League soccer this past Saturday.

I would like to extend a very warm thank you to all the families, students, and staff members who volunteered for our annual PTO planned Rockin' the Ridge. It's an event which allows us to connect as a community and have a lot of fun together. I particularly enjoyed seeing so many former School of Grammar students volunteering their time enthusiastically at different stations. It's yet another way we see our Pillars coming to life at ERA.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again during Parent Teacher conferences in a few weeks. Don't forget that our Specialists really enjoy connecting with each of you during this time to share with you the learning your students are doing in Art, Phy. Ed., Music, and Latin so be sure you either sign up for a time or stop by and see them.

Wishing you a joyful autumn!

## Lower School Updates

### Interested in

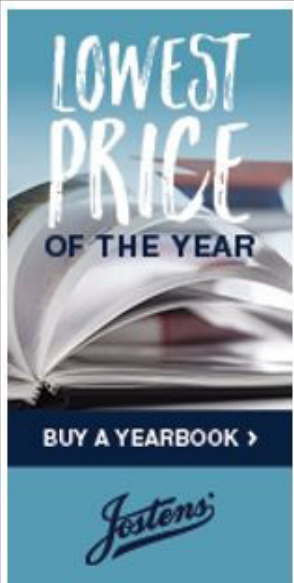
# Fall Break



**This Fall Break, TEL will be offered Oct. 14-16 from 7:00 am- 6:00 pm for Gryphons in Grades K-6.**

During this time, students will enjoy crafts, outside games, gym time, movies, and more! TEL fees will be \$40 per day with an additional charge of \$10 on Wednesday for our trip to see the new *Addams Family* movie! **Sign up by Oct. 9** to secure your place in this exciting program, or contact Isabelle at [ikofflin@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:ikofflin@eagleridgeacademy.org) for more information. No prior TEL registration is necessary to participate.

## Two Weeks Remaining! Gr. K-5 Yearbook Sale



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## Usborne Book Fair

### at Eagle Ridge Academy

MON. OCT. 14, 12:00-8:30 PM • TUES. OCT. 15, 7:30 AM-6:00 PM

Usborne Books are coming to ERA! Stop by the book fair during conferences and find high-quality, beautifully illustrated, educational books to add to your home library. ERA teachers have hand selected titles that align with classroom topics. Purchase at the book fair or [order online here](#).

Questions? Contact Ms. Starkey in the library:  
[rstarkey@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:rstarkey@eagleridgeacademy.org)

# Upper School Updates



## Schools of Logic & Rhetoric News

**BART JOHNSON**

*Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric*

### HOMEcomings RECAP

Homecoming week was a big success. The students had five themed dress-up days during the week and were very creative with the character theme and decade theme. Our athletic teams hosted games and our pep band made its debut for the volleyball game. This upcoming Friday, Oct. 4, we will have our School of Rhetoric Homecoming dance at Minnesota Harvest Apple Orchard. We hope to see students at the dance.

### STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teachers in the School of Rhetoric spent Monday, Sept. 30 learning more about Socratic seminars in Paideia training. Teachers from the School of Logic finished Day 2 of Educational Non-Verbal Yardsticks (ENVoY) training, which helps teachers create confidence and order in the classroom by using their voice and body in subtle, yet powerful ways.

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Attending parent-teacher conferences is a great way to find out how your student is doing in school, including grades, participation, socialization, and work ethic. Making a connection with teachers can be helpful for forming a support system for students who have a challenging academic workload and other responsibilities outside of school.

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Go Gryphons!



*Student Senate's Homecoming Pep Fest was a blast for Grades 6-12, featuring the Gryphon Pep Band and Varsity Volleyball team.*



## Thanks for a Great Fall Festival, School of Logic!

Fall fun was had at the School of Logic Fall Festival last Friday. Thank you students, teachers, and volunteers for making the afternoon a huge success.

# Community Updates



## Now Open: 2020 AP Exam Registration

**SUSAN BLOOMGREN**

*Director of Academics*

The AP registration window is open Oct. 3 – 31. AP has changed their registration deadline to the fall to encourage students to commit to taking the test in the spring, ensuring they stay focused on their studies throughout the year. Eagle Ridge Academy will pay for the first exam for all juniors and seniors. Registration will be online only. Registration is not complete without a submitted form and payment. Register using the forms below:

FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES

JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Online payment is expected and available with registration. For alternative payment options, please contact Jean Soule: [jsoule@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:jsoule@eagleridgeacademy.org)



## Juniors Will Take the PSAT on Wednesday, Oct. 30

Students will pre-bubble their exams during homeroom.



## The Next Monthly Volunteer Day is Tuesday, Oct. 8

**DONNA CORNELIUS**

*Activities Specialist*

Join our ERA community the 2nd Tuesday of each month for Volunteer Day. Volunteers will meet at school, work from home, or drop off requested classroom needs to complete teacher project requests. [Sign up now to help on Oct. 8.](#)



2019-20 FREE DRESS DAY DATES:

**Oct. 11**, Dec. 20, March 27, May 22

### What is Free Dress Day?

Free Dress Day is a school fundraiser for various departments at Eagle Ridge Academy. Students pay \$5 to be able to wear non-uniforms to school on specific days.

**One Week Before:** Oct. 7-10: K-12 students may bring \$5 to their homeroom or first hour teacher to participate in Free Dress Day.

**The Day of:** Oct. 11: The cost is \$6 if students pay on the actual Free Dress Day.

### Guidelines for Free Dress Day:

All shoes must have backs, boots are permitted. Long and short sleeve shirts are permitted. No strapless, spaghetti straps, or sleeveless tops are permitted. Jeans are permitted; however, jeans with immodest rips in them are not. Sweat pants are permitted. Any logos on clothing must be school appropriate. Shirts are not to be tied back with elastic bands, but may be untucked. Heels should be no more than 1". Skirt and shorts length should be modest, and no more than 2" above the knee. Costumes and masks should not be worn. No hats are permitted. Leggings and yoga pants may only be worn with modest shirts, tunics, shorts, and skirts.

### Oct. 11 Free Dress Day funds are going to support:

- 3rd Grade Field Trip Bus to Dodge Nature Center
- 1st Grade Field Trip Bus to Old Log Theatre
- Club Terra Planters, Soil, and Seeds
- Uniform Bank Enhancement Purchases
- Phy. Ed. Outdoor Yard Games
- High School Latin Field Trip Bus
- Instrument Repair
- Accompanist Fees for Concerts
- Framing Student Artwork



## Activity Clubs are Still Accepting Registrations!

**DONNA CORNELIUS**  
*Activities Specialist*

Joining an after-school activity club is a great way to make friends, learn new skills, and have fun! There are still many clubs accepting registrations this fall, and we'd love for you to sign up to be part of one. Choir Club for Grades 3-5, DnD Gamers Club for Grades 6-12, and Writing Club for Grades 9-12 are all great ways to get involved this fall.

[View the full list of activity clubs on the school website.](#)



## Culture Kids Club is Seeking Volunteers to Share

**ELISSA MWESIGA**  
*Club Advisor, Culture Kids*

The Culture Kids International after-school club is looking for Eagle Ridge parents and high schoolers who are willing to come and share about their own culture. We are looking for volunteers from each major part of the world. Class runs Wednesdays from 3:30-4:45 p.m. The topics are open and dates flexible but they must be appropriate for ages 5-10. Please e-mail [edale@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:edale@eagleridgeacademy.org) if you are interested. We can't wait to meet you!

We would love to have speakers representing:

- Latin America
- South America
- Europe
- Middle East
- North America (Canada)
- Australia
- Asia



# Community Updates



## Gryphon Activities: Just Playing

**KRIS BABLER**  
*Activities Director*

I stopped into our fall play rehearsal this week to get a first glimpse at what our fall production of *Twelve Angry Jurors* will look like. I sat down and watched while our students walked around the stage together in circles and acted out directions from their new director, Gabriel Berg.

Slow motion...exaggerated flailing...and on and on through a series of different cues. Then Mr. Berg huddled everyone up and held a discussion on the acting process, preparing for the roles they were about to take on and how interdependent Thespians are to one another.

What struck me was the level of discussion the cast was having and how engaged they were in learning to become better at their craft. This experience has not been unique to theater. I have seen similar interactions with Mr. Magnuson's Mock Trial and Citizen groups, with Mr. Verbridge and his band, and on and on in our programs.

We are developing a great cast of program leaders in our co-curricular activities here at ERA.

*Twelve Angry Jurors* will run from Nov. 15-17. Look for winter sport registration to open in the next week. Gryphon Youth Soccer wrapped up with another great BBQ Saturday. Thanks to all the families that took part.



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION SHOE BANK

Mr. Boegel and Mr. Hoffman are asking for your help in filling out our shoe bank for Physical Education classes. When students come to class in non-athletic shoes they are not able to participate due to higher risk of slipping and being injured. The last thing we want is to have students miss out on Phy. Ed. activities. We have started a shoe bank that offers tennis shoes for the day for kids who have forgotten to bring gym shoes. We need gently used shoes for Gr. 6-12 in various sizes from 5-15 (yes 15!). If you have any shoes that your child has outgrown, we would love to add them to our bank. Simply have your child drop them off with their gym teacher. Thanks for your help.

# Community Updates



## Ways to Get Involved & Give Back!

**KELLY SCHIFFMAN**

*Director of Development*

### PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT

Pledge your annual support to Eagle Ridge Academy with an affordable monthly gift broken down into smaller amounts, which make giving easier, and allow a predictable revenue source for Eagle Ridge Academy.

Be sure to check with your employer on Matching Gift opportunities! [Check here to see if your employer matches.](#)



### SAVE THE DATE: GIVE TO THE MAX DAY ON NOV. 14

What if you could help our school receive \$1,000 just by giving \$10 or more? On November 14, 2019, you'll have that chance.

Join us for Give to the Max Day on November 14, and you could help us receive \$500, \$1,000 or \$10,000. Just make an online donation on GiveMN.org, and your donation will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 Golden Ticket every 15 minutes for Friends of Eagle Ridge Academy. Here's the really exciting part: One donation made on www.GiveMN.org during the Give to the Max Day campaign will be randomly selected to receive a \$10,000 Super-Sized GiveMN Golden Ticket. Watch for more information and schedule your gift!

Help us increase our odds and make the most of your gift by making a donation on November 14 on GiveMN.org. Search for Friends of Eagle Ridge Academy then make your donation. Together, we hope to raise more than \$5,000 on Give to the Max Day, and you can help us reach our goal!

*For more information on how you may participate in helping develop Eagle Ridge Academy, please contact Kelly Schiffman at 952-746-7760, ext. 1107 or by email at [kschiffman@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:kschiffman@eagleridgeacademy.org). Visit our website for online giving and other important information at [www.eagleridgeacademy.org](http://www.eagleridgeacademy.org).*

Interested in playing the school baby grand piano?  
[Sign up here to share your music!](#)



Join the Eagle Ridge Academy community on Saturday, Oct. 12 for a crazy Zumbathon® where everyone is welcome to come shake it and no move is wrong! ERA parent and master Zumba® instructor, Eryn Stennes, will take us on a trip around the world with international music and sweat like crazy, all while supporting the students of Eagle Ridge Academy. Pre-register for \$10 per person (ages 4 and under are free.) Cost to participate is \$15 after Oct. 10 to day of event.

[To register online, click here!](#)



*Friday, November 22, 2019*

**6:00 – 11:00 p.m. • Hazeltine National Golf Club**

- Watch for your invitation early October and purchase your tickets. Registration is live now at [www.eagleridgeacademy.org/gala](http://www.eagleridgeacademy.org/gala)
- Put together a themed basket for the Silent Auction or volunteer in your child's classroom to do a class project or themed basket.
- Ask your employer to donate to the Silent Auction or sponsor a table for their employees.
- Honor teachers or staff by donating a ticket.
- Share the [event](#) on your Social Media pages.



# PTO News

## PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

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Rockin' the Ridge was a blast last weekend! | PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE ERA PTO



### ROCKIN' THE RIDGE

We can't find enough ways to say THANK YOU to all of our ERA Families who volunteered and/or attended our largest K-5 event of the year,



Rockin' the Ridge, this past weekend. Our School of Grammar students enjoyed a wide variety of carnival games, spin art, origami, seed planting, face painting, crazy hair styling, inflatables, laser tag, and a mobile GameTruck. Our School of Logic and School of Rhetoric students who volunteered at the event were rewarded with a fun after-party consisting of inflatables, laser tag, Game Truck, and complimentary pizza. Everyone enjoyed delicious food from our three featured trucks: Purple People Feeder, MedBox Grill, and Addie's Mini Donuts! A special thanks to the hundreds of parent and student volunteers—we couldn't have done it without you. We sold nearly 350 wristbands, 130 punchcards, and 866 concession items—a success all around!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: CONFERENCE MEALS

Parents—are you looking for an easy and fun place to get plugged in? We'd love your help serving a meal to our wonderful teachers during Parent Teacher Conferences on

Oct. 14 and 15. We'll pre-plan and purchase the food; you just show up to assist with preparation, serving, and clean up under the direction of our PTO Leader, Elena R.

**SIGN UP FOR YOUR SLOT HERE**

### PTO QUARTERLY MEETING

The PTO Quarterly Meeting will take place on Nov. 14 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the ERA forum. Please join us to hear a detailed debriefing of Rockin' the Ridge and to participate in our planning for the upcoming year.

### SEE IT...SAVE IT!

Our Box Top app contest is being EXTENDED! If you haven't already downloaded and started using the Box Tops app, you have until Sunday, Oct. 6 to download it and send a screenshot to [seeitsaveitera@gmail.com](mailto:seeitsaveitera@gmail.com). Put your homeroom teacher's name(s) in the subject line for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift card for their classroom. The classroom with the most entries wins! BONUS: If you've started using the app and "My Lifetime Earnings" show any amount over \$0.00, your entry counts double!





# Eagle Ridge Academy

October  
2019

## Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 <p>Choose <b>MyPlate</b>.gov</p>	<b>1 World Vegetarian Day</b> Roasted Vegetable Flatbread (V) Grilled Cheese Sandwich (V) Tomato Soup (V) Egg Salad Sandwich (V) Yogurt Pack (V)	<b>2</b> Italian Meatball Sub Chicken Parmesan Sandwich Pretzel and Cheese Cubes (V) Turkey Munchable Tator Tots	<b>3</b> Beef Chili Loaded Baked Potato (V) Crispy Chicken Salad Turkey Deli Sandwich	<b>4</b> Cheese Pizza (V) Buffalo Chicken Wrap Turkey BLT Wrap Chicken Caesar Salad
	<b>7</b> French Toast (V) Syrup Egg Bake with Turkey Sausage  Cravin Craisin Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Breakfast Potatoes	<b>8</b> Pasta w/ Meat Sauce (V) Chicken Alfredo w/Pasta Garlic French Toast Asian Chicken Salad Chicken Ranch Wrap Roasted Cauliflower	<b>9 National Sub Day</b> Cheeseburger on Bun BBQ Chicken Sandwich Fritted Spinach Salad (V) Turkey Deli Sub Sandwich Firenze Corn Salad	<b>10 Great Apple Crunch</b> Turkey ala King Meatballs and Gravy Yogurt Pak (V) Turkey Deli Mashed Potatoes
<b>14 National School Lunch Week</b> No School	<b>15 HOM Turnip</b> No School	<b>16</b> No School	<b>17 National Pasta Day</b> No School	<b>18</b> No School
<b>21 HOM Mace</b> Beef Hotdog Crispy Chicken Nuggets Pretzel and Cheese Cubes (V) Turkey BLT Wrap California Blend Vegetable	<b>22</b> Cheese Bosco Stick (V) Marinara Sauce Cheeseburger Flatbread Buffalo Chicken Salad Turkey Deli Sandwich	<b>23</b> Chicken Burrito Bowl Cheese Quesadilla (V) WG Chips, Cheese, and Salsa (V) Chicken Caesar Salad Corn	<b>24</b> Pancake (V) Syrup Hard Boiled Egg Biscuits & Gravy Chicken Waldorf Salad Turkey Deli Warm Cinnamon Applesauce	<b>25</b> Cheese Pizza (V) Chef's Choice Yogurt Pak with Bagel Chicken Caesar Salad Garlic & Herb Broccoli
<b>28</b> Chicken Ranch Flatbread Philly Flatbread Cheese Pizza Munchable (V) Chicken Caesar Wrap	<b>29</b> Marinara Lasagna (V) Alfredo Lasagna (V) Garlic Toast Turkey BLT Salad Chicken Banh Mi Sandwich Caesar Salad	<b>30</b> Crispy Chicken Sandwich Fish Sandwich Fritted Spinach Salad (V) Pretzel and Cheese (V) Golden French Fries	<b>31 Happy Halloween!</b> Meatloaf Roast Turkey & Gravy Hummus and Veggie Bowl (V) Turkey BLT Wrap Garlic Mashed Potatoes	

<b>PRICES</b>	K-5th Grade	\$3.25
	6th-12th Grade	\$3.60
	Allergen Meal	\$3.75
	Adult Meal	\$3.75
	Extra Milk	\$0.50

**EXTRA INFO**

If you have questions; contact Brittany Radtke:  
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