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Executive Director News

JASON ULBRICH

Executive Director

Seeking Board Members: ERA's Affiliated Building Company

Eagle Ridge Academy's facility is owned by the Eagle Ridge Academy Affiliated Building Company (ABC) which is a not for profit board. ERA leases the facility from the ERA ABC board which is comprised of parents, former parents, and a staff member. The ERA ABC is looking for a couple new board members to start in November. The ABC board members review capital improvements, invest the bond reserve money, and the ABC board members will be instrumental as we look to conduct our Phase III project over the next 10 months. The ERA ABC meets five to ten times per year and is a great way to get introduced to governance at the Academy. Please email Mr. Ulbrich if you are interested.

Veterans Day Celebration is Monday, Nov. 11

I am excited to announce the schedule for our annual Veterans Day Celebration. Part of the Eagle Ridge Academy vision statement is for our students to appreciate the United States of America and her unique role in the world. We want our students to understand what it means to be a Veteran and to honor the selfless sacrifice that so many men and women have made for our freedoms. The celebration includes a musical performance from our students, a flag ceremony, recognition of Veterans in attendance, and a speech from honored guest Sergeant Major Ty V. Emmans.

See the assembly time for each grade level below:

- Grades 2-3 8:15-8:40
- Grades 4-5 8:50-9:15
- Grades 6-8 9:25-9:50
- Grades 9-12 10:00-10:25

Please note that Kindergarten and first grade will not take part in the assemblies. They will participate in other activities to honor veterans in their classrooms.

Upcoming Events

OCT. 25 - NOV. 17

- Oct. 25 – Art Department Pit Fire
- Oct. 30 – PSAT for Juniors
- Oct. 31 – Two Hour Early Release
- Nov. 1 – No School - Grading Day
- Nov. 5 – Winter Athletics Meeting
- Nov. 9 – 2020-21 Enrollment Extravaganza
- Nov. 11 – Formal Dress Day
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day Celebration (Gr. 2-12)
- Nov. 12 – Monthly Volunteer Day
- Nov. 12 – School Board Listening Session
- Nov. 14 – Give to the Max Day
- Nov. 14 – PTO Quarterly Meeting
- Nov. 15-17 – Fall Play, *Twelve Angry Jurors*

For more info and events, visit the school calendar.

5 Spots Left!

Volunteer with Mr. Ulbrich to Deliver Thanksgiving Meals on Nov. 25

Monday, Nov. 25 from 2:15-7:45 p.m. | Transportation Provided, Free to Join: [Sign Up Here](#) (Must Be Age 13+)

Share a Photo

We would love for families to send in a photo of a veteran they know. We will be making a slide show of photos of Veterans to begin the celebration. Photos may be sent to [Mary Cornelius](#) by Nov. 6. Please include branch of service and name.

Community Updates



One Week Left: 2020 AP Exam Registration

SUSAN BLOOMGREN

Director of Academics

The AP registration window is open now through Oct. 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



Early Release on Thursday, Oct. 31: School Will Dismiss at 1:00 pm

- **School of Grammar Dismissal: 1:00 p.m.**
- School of Grammar: the **deadline for Silent Dismissal changes is 12:45 p.m. on Early Release days.**
- If you need assistance with your Silent Dismissal password or have not yet set up an account for your child, contact [Mary Cornelius](#) by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 30.
- **Schools of Logic & Rhetoric Dismissal: 1:10 p.m.**
- **For after-school bus drop-off times**, simply subtract two hours from your child's typical drop-off time.
- **After-school TEL** will be available from 1:00-6:00 pm for students in grades K-6. The daily fee for Early Release is \$25. If you have not registered your child for TEL but would like to utilize the service on Friday, you will need to register your child (\$30 fee). Please contact [Ms. Isabelle Kofflin](#) with any questions.
- Other scheduled early release days include Friday, Jan. 31 and Friday, May 22. Please consult the [Academic Calendar](#) for all pertinent school dates.



Juniors Will Take the PSAT on Wednesday, Oct. 30

Students will pre-bubble their exams during homeroom.

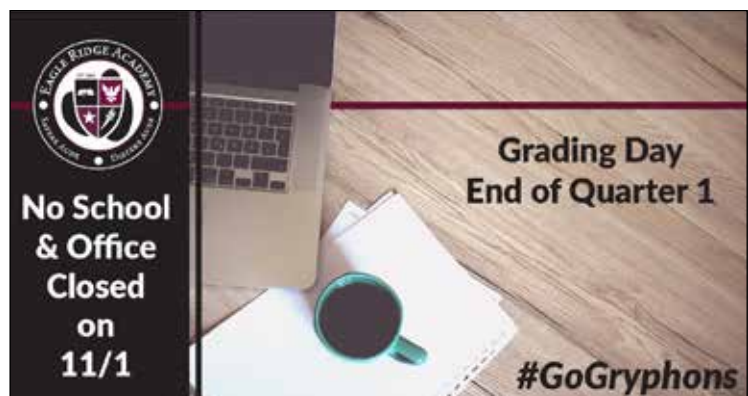


Student MCA scores were sent home before fall break. If you have not received your student's scores, please contact [Susan Bloomgren](#), Director of Academics.



Your stuff misses you, too!

Please check the Lost & Found for any missing items by the **end of the day on Thursday, Oct. 31**. The Lost & Found will be cleaned out on Grading Day, Nov. 1, and anything left will be donated.





Schools of Logic & Rhetoric News

BART JOHNSON

Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric

CONFERENCES

Thank you to parents for attending conferences last week. Your involvement helps to reinforce feedback delivered from the teacher to student. It also reminds students that parents value learning and want them to do well. Having high standards for our students is the responsibility of the student, the teacher, and the parent. Challenge balanced with support is how learning is optimized. Checking in regularly with your child and taking a quick glance at their grades in Infinite Campus can help parents know whether to raise the amount of challenge or provide more support. Another way to get a pulse on how students are doing in school is to confer with them about their homework.

HOMEWORK

The research on the benefits of homework is extensive and it centers on two general conclusions:

- The amount of homework assigned and expected as a school is positively correlated with student achievement
- The more homework assigned by a school, the greater the variance in individual achievement.

These two findings leave schools with a conundrum as to how to help students who have trouble doing their homework. The reasons students give for not completing homework are varied. These include no time to do their homework, not understanding how to do the homework, and not wanting to do homework.

If parents notice that their child is not doing homework, it helps to ascertain why this is. Communication with the teacher about why the student is not completing the homework may help the student. The teacher may be able rethink how homework is assigned or differentiate the homework for students. As noted above, homework can be very beneficial to learning if students do it. Please make it a point talk to your children to gauge their perceptions about and habits around homework.

We, at Eagle Ridge Academy, will continue to have high standards for all of our students and homework is a part of this. It deepens the learning, builds stamina, forces students to prioritize their time, and solidifies their sense of self-discipline and agency. All of these are qualities we believe are important to develop in our students.

Go Gryphons!

Community Updates



Infinite Campus Grade View Closed 10/30-11/6

KAREN CONNER

Operations Manager

The grading view in the [Infinite Campus parent portal](#) will close at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 30 for teachers to enter Q1 grades. Report cards and quarter grades will be available for viewing on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at the end of the school day. We encourage you to log into the Infinite Campus parent portal on a regular basis to track your child's progress.

If you need assistance accessing your Infinite Campus parent portal account, please contact [Janice Gerheart](#).



Yards Needed! Host an ERA Lawn Sign

MARY CORNELIUS

Communications Specialist

As we prepare for our fall and winter open house events, we need your help to spread the word about what Eagle Ridge Academy means to you and what an impact it has made for your child. If you live on a well-travelled street where you are able to post a lawn sign, please consider volunteering to place one of our **"Ask Me About Eagle Ridge Academy!"** informational signs.

We ask that you post your sign through Jan. 15, since these signs spread the word about our 2020-21 enrollment deadline. If you have a sign posted, please be prepared to share a few details with anyone who asks, including why ERA has made a difference for your students and how families can learn more (attending our open house events, scheduling a tour or shadow day through our website, or connecting with Admissions Specialist [Janice Gerheart](#) via phone or email).

To register for a sign, [email me](#) and then pick up your signs and stakes from me in the District Office! Please plan to return signs at the end of your commitment. Thank you!

Ask me about

EAGLE RIDGE
ACADEMY

K-12 Public School
inspiring joy in learning

APPLY BY JAN. 15

Community Updates

Interested in playing the school baby grand piano?
Sign up here to share your music!



Ways to Get Involved & Give Back!

KELLY SCHIFFMAN

Director of Development



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!

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.](#)

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. Visit our website for online giving and other important information at www.eagleridgeacademy.org.



Friday, November 22, 2019

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

- Purchase your tickets now! Registration is live now at 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.



We are pleased to welcome this year's Key Note Speaker and Auctioneer, Lea B. Olsen, Speaker/Broadcaster/Founder of Rethink the Win.

Community Updates



The Girls Volleyball team celebrated after their 3-2 victory over Lakes International Language Academy on Monday. This was the team's first post-season victory in school history. | PHOTO COURTESY OF JANNA COLLINS



The Next Monthly Volunteer Day is Tuesday, Nov. 12

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 Nov. 12.](#)



Writing Our History

KRIS BABLER

Activities Director

On Oct. 21, the Eagle Ridge Academy girls volleyball team won their first section tournament game in school history. It was a 14/19 seed matchup in Section 4A play against Lakes International Language Academy. Our girls won in five sets.

The night came on the heels of a 3-14 season in a new, more-competitive conference. To anyone outside our community, it is an unremarkable achievement. It is just another early-round tournament game.

But for us here at Eagle Ridge, it is history. Not just for volleyball, but this was the first solely Eagle Ridge Academy Gryphon athletic team to win in postseason section tournament play. It is a first step towards fulfilling our potential as a school. Our students will continue to have opportunities to write our school history.

Gryphon Sports Notes: The ERA/ISM boys soccer team finished the year as MCAA conference champions; 12 Angry Jurors opens November 15-17th; Watch for GYSL Basketball registrations to open for K-6 students in the next week – it will run Saturdays in Dec-Jan; The Section Cross Country Meet will be held 10-24 at the Highland Golf Course in St. Paul – first race begins at 3:45 p.m.



PTO News

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

pto.eagleridge@gmail.com

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks to the wonderful volunteers who were able to assist with conference meals. It was a pleasure to show our appreciation by serving food to 157 staff members on two consecutive days!

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!

Congratulations to Mrs. Rau's third grade class! They had the most Box Top app downloads and won an Amazon gift card for their classroom. Thank you to all who downloaded the app; if you didn't have a chance during the contest, you can still do so at boxtops4education.com. This is an easy way to raise money for ERA and win prizes for your classroom! If you have been collecting physical Box Tops, Coke codes, and Loaves4Learning UPCs, now is the time to turn them in. Our first classroom collection contest ends Oct. 30! We will be counting both physical and virtual submissions. Check out the See it...Save it tab on the PTO website or email seitsaveitera@gmail.com with questions.

ERA Mock Trial
is seeking
LAWYERS!

Questions?

Contact Jeff Magnuson,
jmaguson@eagleridgeacademy.org



#GoGryphons



Mock Trial Seeking Lawyers

JEFF MAGNUSON
Advisor, Mock Trial

Eagle Ridge Academy is seeking attorneys or other people with legal knowledge who would be willing to help coach our young mock trial team.

Our students need knowledgeable guidance as they learn how to function in the judicial system. Particularly they will need help: learning rules of evidence; drafting direct-examinations of our witnesses and questions for cross-examinations of opponent witnesses; mapping out case theories; learning courtroom decorum and procedures.

Ideally we would like several attorney coaches who can come in after school (3:30-5:30) on Wednesdays and/or Fridays. But we could also benefit greatly by having coaches who would be willing to work with students via email or GoogleDocs to draft and improve theories and examination ideas.

Please email Jeff Magnuson, jmaguson@eagleridgeacademy.org, if you or someone you know would be available to help coach our mock trial team this year.

Families may view the full list of activity clubs still available for registration on the Eagle Ridge Academy website.



Driver's Education
at Eagle Ridge Academy

Dec. 2-13 | [Click Here for Details](#)



School of Grammar Art News

JAMI KRUSCHKE
Teacher, Gr. K-3 Art

During the week of parent/teacher conferences, Mrs. Kruschke and Ms. Thomas displayed "We Are One" weaving by the Main Office. This is a 30 foot collaborative weaving created from our School of Grammar, Eagle Ridge Academy 1st through 5th graders, including 690 students in all. Students learned *col.lab.o.rate* is a Latin verb that means to all work jointly on an activity, especially to produce or create something.

Students worked individually or took turns with a partner to weave weft lines through the plastic chicken wire loom. This winter, an additional 138 kindergarteners will join in on the weaving fun. Our desire is to have students understand they are individuals as well as part of a class while not forgetting the big picture, that we are one as the School of Grammar and larger ERA community.

Impart Art Club is also in full swing. We've just finished our first project faux stain glass. These 2nd-5th artists will explore two-dimensional art in this 10 week session. Artists will create five projects; Faux Stain Glass, Mandala Scratch Art with radial design, Monochromatic Silhouette Collage, Awe... Those Eyes with painting realistic pet eyes, and an Illusion Drawing with lines and color.





2020-21 Enrollment Extravaganza:
Send to a Friend!

We kicked off our 2020-21 application season on Oct. 1, and applications are flowing in. During this time we have two open house events scheduled to showcase all that ERA has to offer students. If you happen to have friends, neighbors, family members, or co-workers looking for a great school, please mention ERA and invite them to contact me. Word of mouth is our most effective marketing tool, and this is a great opportunity.

Share these dates:

- **Fall: Sat., Nov. 9**
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- **Winter: Thurs., Jan. 9**
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Parent Involvement Needed

I am looking for parents who are excited about Eagle Ridge Academy and are eager to share their experiences with prospective families at the Fall Enrollment Extravaganza. Think of the questions you had when changing schools—it can be a very stressful time. We want our families to feel welcome and have an opportunity to learn as much as possible about our school, and you can help make that happen. If you are available and willing to serve at the event, please contact [Janice Gerheart](mailto:Janice.Gerheart@eagleridgeacademy.org), 952-746-7760 x 1111.

Let us inspire joy in learning.

EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY inspires joy in learning, citizenship in action, and virtue in character. We provide a free public, Classical, college-preparatory education to students in grades K-12.

JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE TO SEE FOR YOURSELF, or schedule a tour through our website.

Fall Enrollment Extravaganza
Saturday, Nov. 9 • 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Winter Enrollment Extravaganza
Thursday, Jan. 9 • 5:30-7:00 p.m.

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