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You're Invited: Party with a Purpose on Feb. 29

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Executive Director

Please join us as we build a stronger Eagle Ridge Academy community through *Party with a Purpose*. Eagle Ridge Academy's student body is comprised of over 32 different school districts. This wonderful fact of ERA can also come with the challenge of how our community connects outside of school. *Party with a Purpose* is comprised of individual parties hosted, through the school year, by ERA parents, teachers, and staff. Our party hosts have created a variety of wonderful experiences that will bring us together in smaller settings to share interests, good food, and fun. All proceeds from these parties will go back into our classrooms and to our teachers. These parties are a social way to get to know each other, and make ERA a wonderful community of belonging.

On Feb. 29, a *Party with a Purpose Kick-Off* will be held at ERA from 7:00-10:00 p.m. The *Party with a Purpose Kick-Off* is an adults-only event that parents/guardians, teachers, and staff attend. The ERA community is invited to gather for a fun evening filled with conversation, food, entertainment, and an opportunity to be the first to sign up for parties hosted by members of our ERA community. After the kick-off, if there are any parties available, sign-ups will be made available to the entire ERA community. It's a great way to connect with friends and meet some new ones, as well.

A school that works hard can also play hard, and I am looking forward to seeing you at the kick-off on Feb. 29. Together, we will build a stronger ERA community, one party at a time.



Upcoming Events |

JAN. 24 - FEB. 7

- Jan. 24 – PTO Ski & Snowboard Club
- Jan. 28 – School Board Meeting
- Jan. 30 – PTO Quarterly Meeting
- Jan. 31 – Two-Hour Early Release
- Jan. 31 – PTO Ski & Snowboard Club & Potluck
- Feb. 3-7 – 6th Grade Field Trip: Eagle Bluff
- Feb. 4 – 2nd Grade Field Trip: MN History Center
- Feb. 4-6 – Gr. K-2 Share Your Talent Day
- Feb. 7 – PTO Ski and Snowboard Club
- Feb. 7 – Marilyn Strand Memorial Game

For more info and events, visit the school calendar.



Early Release on Friday, Jan. 31: School Will Dismiss at 1:00 p.m.

- **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 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29.
- **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 Koffin](#) with any questions.
- Other scheduled early release days include Friday, May 22. Please consult the [Academic Calendar](#) for all pertinent school dates.

Community Updates



Spring Conferences:

Feb. 13 and 14

KAREN CONNER

Operations Manager

Parent teacher conferences will be held on the following dates:

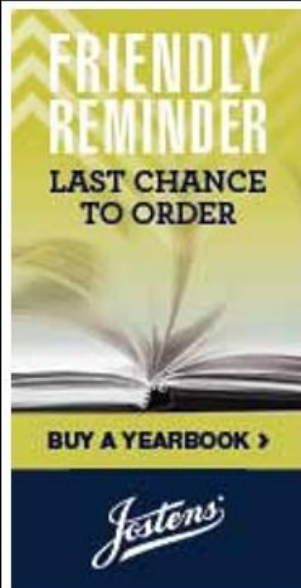
- Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020 from 4:00-8:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 14, 2020 from 7:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The sign-up session for conferences will start Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 7:00 a.m. and will close Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 9:00 p.m.

Conferences for all grades should be scheduled using the on-line 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.



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Spring Break & Summer TEL Update

Eagle Ridge Academy will be offering The Eagle's Lair (TEL) for students in Grades K-6 during Spring Break and over the summer this year. Read below for some details, and stay tuned for more information and registration links, which will become available as the dates approach.

During Spring Break, we will be learning about different ecosystems. At the end of the week, we will have a field trip to the Minnesota Zoo. The hours available will be 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Full details will be available in the Feb. 6 issue of the Eagle Eye.

Summer TEL will be available from 7:30 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., but the exact schedule is yet to be set for hour by hour. There will be outside activities and field trips, and students will develop skills that follow the Eagle Ridge Academy rigor.

Questions? Stay tuned for more details to come, or in the meantime, email Isabelle Kofflin, Student Program Specialist:
ikofflin@eagleridgeacademy.org

Coming Soon: 2020-21 School of Rhetoric Course Registration

Current 8th-11th Graders:
Watch for more information coming
next week!



Introducing the Logic & Rhetoric Uniform Closet

ROMELLE PORNSCHLOEGL

Assistant Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric

The Schools of Logic and Rhetoric are excited to announce the opening of the Schools of Logic & Rhetoric Uniform Closet. The Uniform Closet will allow students to sign-out and borrow uniform items for the day in order to immediately correct any uniform infractions. Parents will still be notified via the Pillar referral process. The uniform is an important part of the ERA philosophy and the Uniform Closet ensures our students are in uniform and set on the right path for success.

Beginning second semester, students earning a referral for being out of uniform will be directed to the Uniform Closet to sign-out and borrow the uniform piece that allows them to be “in uniform” immediately. Pieces can be returned to the Uniform Closet at the end of the day or the very next day. Volunteers will be available in the Uniform Closet to assist students from 8:00-8:15 a.m. Uniform needs outside of this time will be assisted by the teacher.

Our 6th graders will utilize the Uniform Closet located in the School of Grammar between the 3rd and 2nd grade hallways. Our 7th -12th graders will utilize the Uniform Closet located in the upstairs behind the Principal’s office. Please feel free to donate items to our closet by sending them in a bag and marking them “Uniform Closet donation”.

Items available from the Uniform Closet daily: burgundy polo shirts, khaki pants, plaid skirts, leggings, black ponytail holders, hijabs, socks, belts, and white undershirts. Tennis shoes are available in gym.

Items ONLY available for fieldtrips (not formal dress days due to quantity): ties, white dress shirts or white blouses

Items NOT available in the Uniform Closet: spirit wear, dress shoes, and fleece jackets/sweaters/sweatshirts.

Please review the [ERA uniform policy](#) to ensure you are dressed in appropriate uniform purchased from our required vendors: Lands’ End and Educational Outfitters.



Schools of Logic & Rhetoric News

BART JOHNSON

Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric

NEW SEMESTER BEGINS

It’s hard to believe that the school year is half over. The students and staff have been working extremely hard and deserve congratulations for their efforts. As we begin the second semester, we all are granted a new beginning. Students may have new classes and these present new challenges and opportunities. This is a good time to set some goals for the rest of the year. How does your child envision the end of the school year, and what accomplishments do they hope to achieve?

Please talk to them about maintaining focus. Continue to encourage them to plan ahead and ask for help when they need it.

FINALS WEEK RECAP

Students had a successful finals week. Classes were organized and prepared for presentations and exams. Teachers spent last Friday in professional development and entered grades on Monday. Semester 1 Report Cards are available through the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#). Thank you all for a smooth and productive finals week.

SPRING CONFERENCES

Winter parent-teacher conferences will be held on Feb. 13 from 4:00 – 8:30 p.m. and Feb. 14 from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 pm. We encourage all parents to attend conferences.

Community Updates



Developing Connections

KELLY SCHIFFMAN

Director of Development



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SARA NIELSEN

DONUT DASH 5K & MINI-DONUT DASH ON 5/9

The 2020 Donut Dash 5K and ½ Mile Mini-Donut Dash is on May 9 at Purgatory Creek Park in Eden Prairie. **Registration is now open**, so sign up now to get the Early Bird pricing (available until Feb. 29, 2020). Don't miss this fun Eagle Ridge Academy tradition!



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MARY CORNELIUS

GRYPHON CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT ON 6/8

The 2020 Gryphon Classic Golf Tournament will take place on June 8, 2020 at Bent Creek Golf Club in Eden Prairie. Registration will open soon. Would you like to be part of our planning committee? We are welcoming new faces to help plan our annual golf tournament. Committee members do not need to play golf or know a lot about it to help plan.

EMPLOYER DONATION MATCHING PROGRAMS

Do you work for an employer who has a matching gift program or supports community events as recommended by the employee? Consider reaching out to your Community Relations or HR departments to ask about their community support and employee giving opportunities. Many organizations match employee gifts up to 100%, essentially doubling your donation to the Academy, donate to charities of choice based on volunteer hours, and sponsor events financially or with in-kind donations.

Some organizations that are actively giving to Eagle Ridge Academy are Ameriprise, AT&T, Boston Scientific, Cargill, EcoLab, General Mills, Medtronic, Optum, United Health Group, US Bank, and Wells Fargo. Be informed by asking today! [See if your workplace participates here.](#)

GIVE A GIFT FOR THE GYMNASIUM

It's not too late to donate a gift toward the building of a new gymnasium! All funds raised through this campaign will help fund a new 5,000 square foot gymnasium, on which construction will start in June. To help build these resources, [please consider a tax-deductible donation.](#)

SHOP WITH SCRIP IN 2020

Don't forget that ERA offers SCRIP, a gift card program that gives back to the Academy with purchases on everyday items such as groceries, restaurants, retail, or gas. You buy gift cards from more than 400 retailers at face value, and SCRIP donates a portion of all purchased back to Eagle Ridge Academy. [Learn more on the school website.](#)

SUPPORT FRIENDS OF EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY

Friends of Eagle Ridge Academy (FERA), a certified 501c3 and the Academy's foundation, has a sole purpose of funding Eagle Ridge Academy and sustaining its existence into the future. FERA is committed to developing community and national partnerships in order to fund critical needs of the Academy and support the Academy's goals to provide a traditional, Classical Education to our students. To support areas like post-grad student scholarships, student leadership, activities and athletics, the performing arts, robotics, endowment, or general areas of high priority like the gymnasium, you may donate [here.](#)

Please contact me to talk about any of these opportunities if you would like to be involved!



ERA

BASKETBALL

Marilyn Strand

Memorial Game

Friday, Feb. 7, 2020

4:30 p.m. - Boys JV Game

5:00 p.m. - Girls Varsity Game

7:30 p.m. - Boys Varsity Game

Proceeds and freewill donations at this game will go to support the **Marilyn Strand Memorial Scholarship.**



Athletics Updates



Paying It Forward

[KRIS BABLER](#)
Activities Director

Two major youth activity initiatives just wrapped up. Gryphon Youth Sports League – Basketball just concluded and our Lego League program finished their fall season, sending one team to compete at the state level.

Our youth basketball program grew from 57 last year to 105 this year, with space to grow in 2020-2021 as we add to our gymnasium space. Our Lego League program, led by Mr. Derek Lutz, had 40 students and was busy Monday-Saturday this year.

Both programs featured students and coaches of varsity activities leading them – investing time and energy in the next wave of Gryphons. Our athletics and co-curricular programs give our students opportunities – not just to be a part of a sport or activity, but also to teach, lead, and pay it forward.

Notes: Spring club registrations and some spring sports registrations are open now.

Register Now for Spring Clubs and Spring Sports!

Start your semester on the right note by joining a spring club. There are new clubs starting, and there is still space available in several year-long clubs, as well. Check out Improv Club (9-12), Club Terra (6-12), Lego Robotics (3-6), Culture Kids (K-5) or visit the [Activities page](#) for all options.

Spring sport registration is also rolling out. Visit the [Athletics page](#) to sign up for Girls Badminton, Boys Baseball, Boys & Girls Golf, Boys & Girls Track and Field, or Boys Volleyball. More options, including Strength and Conditioning, Synchronized Swimming, and Ultimate Frisbee, will be available soon!

Questions? Contact Donna Cornelius:
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PTO News

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

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Community Updates

PTO QUARTERLY MEETING

The PTO Quarterly Meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 30 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the ERA forum. We welcome all ERA parents and community members to participate in our quarterly planning meetings. Please attend to hear about upcoming community events, Teacher Appreciation Week, and opportunities to join the ERA PTO Board for the 2020-21 school year.

SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

The upcoming Ski & Snowboard Club dates are Jan. 24 and 31; and Feb. 7, 14, 21, and 28 at Hyland Ski Area in Bloomington. Please feel free to come on any club dates that work for you. No commitment is required.

Pricing for Tickets and Rentals:

- Daily Lift Ticket: \$23
- Ski Rental: \$17
- Snowboard Rental: \$17
- Helmet Rental: \$8
- Lesson: \$13

To get started, we ask each family to sign the waiver for the year, which may be [found here](#) or signed when you purchase your discount lift ticket and/or rental package from our ERA volunteer sitting upstairs in the Hyland Chalet from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Ski and snowboard group lessons are held on Friday evenings from 5:00-6:30 p.m. for \$13 per person. All waivers and lesson pre-payments must be turned in to the Main Office in an envelope labeled "Ski & Snowboard Club, Child's Name, type of lesson (ski or snowboard)" by 3:30 p.m. on the Thursday one week before the lesson. Please note that the Jan. 31 lesson payment is due on Thursday, Jan. 23 and Feb. 7 lesson payment is due on Thursday, Jan. 30.

The first Community Potluck of the year will be held next Friday, Jan. 31. [Sign up here to participate in the potluck.](#)

If you have any questions about lessons, please [email Kelli TenPas](#). Hyland reserves the right to cancel lessons if we do not have enough students to meet their minimum requirements. More details to come on our school website. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact [Kelli TenPas](#).

USED UNIFORM SALE: FEB. 13 & 14 DURING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

- Thursday, Feb. 13, from 5:00-8:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 14, from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

This is a reminder, parents! If you have gently used, outgrown uniforms at home, please consider selling them at our PTO Used Uniform Sale. Otherwise you may choose to donate uniform items, with proceeds to benefit your ERA PTO. Labeled uniforms may be dropped off in the Main Office near Door 2 anytime during office hours.

Information for Uniform Sellers:

- Please carefully read our uniform sale policy [HERE](#).
- In addition to labeling each item for sale, sellers must also register their information on [THIS FORM](#) in order to receive a mailed check of their proceeds.
- Feel free to use our printable [GARMENT LABELS](#) to clearly label your uniform items for sale.
- Any unlabeled items will be considered a donation to the PTO.

