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Executive Director News

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Executive Director

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ISHA KAMBIL

On Feb. 17, 2018, 3rd grader Isha Kambil passed away unexpectedly. Isha was a hard working student who was passionate about art, and she was a trusted friend to all her classmates. We made a proclamation that every Feb. 17, we would celebrate Isha by flying the ERA flag at half-staff. This year we honored Isha on Tuesday, Feb. 18 because Feb. 17 fell on a staff development day. In addition to the flag, we made an announcement and conducted a moment of silence.



Driver's Ed: 4/20 - 5/1

KAREN CONNER

Operations Manager

Does your School of Rhetoric student need to take Driver's Ed? ERA will host a two-week class from A+ Driving School this spring, from April 20-May 1. [For more details and registration information, visit the school website.](#)

Upcoming Events |

FEB. 21 - MARCH 7

Feb. 21 – PTO Ski and Snowboard Club
Feb. 21 – JCL Murder Mystery Dinner
Feb. 21 – 7th Grade Dance
Feb. 22 – JCL Parents' Day Out
Feb. 24-28 – Pennies for Patients Fundraiser
Feb. 25 – School Board Meeting
Feb. 27 – School of Grammar Variety Show
Feb. 28 – 6th Grade Winter Social
Feb. 28 – PTO Ski and Snowboard Club
Feb. 29 – Party with a Purpose
March 3 – Spring Athletics Meeting
March 6 – 4th Grade: A Day in Sherwood Forest
March 7 – JCL: Ludi Romani
March 10 – Monthly Volunteer Day
March 10 – School Board Listening Session
March 10 – School Board Workshop

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

Save the Date: The annual Volunteer Appreciation Event is scheduled for **Thursday, April 9 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Please join us for a celebration all about you – our volunteers. Formal invite to follow. • *Questions? Contact [Donna Cornelius, Activities Specialist](#)*



February 24 - 28

Eagle Ridge Academy will be doing Pennies for Patients for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society once again this year. The fundraiser will go from Monday, Feb. 24 - Friday, Feb. 28. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society raises money to fund research towards finding a cure for blood cancers, educates and supports patients and their families affected by blood cancers, and advocates for policies at the state and federal level. The top two classrooms in the Lower School and top two first hour classes in the Upper School that raise the most money will earn a class party. Last year, Eagle Ridge Academy raised over \$4,200! • *Submitted by Erin Schmitz*



Developing Connections

KELLY SCHIFFMAN

Director of Development

With the nice weather emerging, it's a good time to start thinking spring/summer! The Donut Dash 5K and Mini-Donut Dash ½ Mile is on May 9 and the Gryphon Classic Golf Tournament is June 8! Proceeds from both events will help support a new 5,000 square foot gymnasium at Eagle Ridge Academy.

Ways to participate:

1. Register today: [Donut Dash](#) | [Gryphon Classic Golf](#)
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 9. 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.

Watch for Sprinkles and Cocoa, our DD5K mascot donuts, to make special appearances in the coming weeks!

We are also 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.



6th Annual **Donut Dash 5k**

2020

May 9, 2020

Register Today for Only \$25!
Early Bird Price Good Through Feb. 29

**GRYPHON
CLASSIC GOLF
TOURNAMENT:**

June 8 • [Register Now](#)



Community Updates



The Next Monthly Volunteer Day is Tuesday, March 10

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 March 10.](#)



party WITH A PURPOSE

JOIN US ON FEB. 29 FOR THE KICK-OFF!

The Party with a Purpose planning team is excited to [share some of the community building opportunities available to families this spring and summer!](#) Take a look now, and then [RSVP](#) for the Party with a Purpose Kick-Off on Feb. 29, where you will have the first chance to sign up for these parties.

The goal of Party with a Purpose is to **build a stronger Eagle Ridge Academy community, one party at a time.**

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 we connect outside of school and bond as a community. Party with a Purpose is a fun, social way to get to know each other, put names with faces, and make ERA a wonderful community you belong to.

Plan to attend a gathering to spend time with old friends and meet new ones along the way, [starting with the Kick-Off on Feb. 29!](#)

Do you have questions about Party with a Purpose? View all the details on the school website, or contact Party with a Purpose coordinators [Suzy Toso](#) and [Jodie Greer](#).



Schools of Logic & Rhetoric News

BART JOHNSON

Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric

COURSE REGISTRATION

Last week, students registered for classes for the 2020-2021 school year. The process went very well with support and guidance from our counseling department led by Nicole Cec-ka. In the near future, we will begin working on the schedule for next year based on the course requests students made during registration. Thank you for helping your student with the planning before they registered.

EXECUTIVE FUNCTION

The teachers in the School of Logic have been working with students on developing good habits in the classroom and as a responsible young person. Adolescence is a time of dramatic growth of the brain. One area that lags behind in brain development is the prefrontal cortex, which is located directly behind the forehead. This part of the brain controls decision-making and executive function.

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The following are examples of executive function skills: organizing lockers, binders, and folders; using a planner to remember due dates; impulse control to resist distractions; getting started on an assignment right away; setting goals; and completing tasks. It is plain to see that these are the skills of a good student.

Since these things do not come naturally to young people, the teachers have been teaching them these skills in the context of school and beyond. To hasten the development of executive function skills, please have regular conversations with your student about these important skills at home and in their lives.

CONFERENCES

Thank you for coming to conferences. We had a strong turnout and some great conversations about human flourishing and Truth, Beauty, and Goodness.

Activities Updates



Math Team & Mock Trial Team Head to State

KRIS BABLER

Activities Director

Big congratulations are in order to our competitive Math Team and our Mock Trial program as they have earned births to state-level competition.

Stephen MacLennan and Jeffery Magnuson have done a remarkable job recruiting for, organizing, and guiding these young programs to some of the best in the state in a short amount of time. Our co-curricular programs enrich the Gryphon experience here at ERA and we are proud of their efforts. Great work and good luck at state!

Spring sports registrations are open and filling up fast. We have added Ultimate Frisbee registration and a Gryphon Youth Sports League co-ed offering – Volleyball – for grades 3-6. Track & Field, JV Boys Baseball, Girls Badminton, Co-ed Golf, and Synchronized Swimming are now open.

Notes: Club and Spring Sports registrations are open now!



Gryphon Mock Trial teams pose after their competition on Feb. 13.
PHOTO COURTESY OF JEFF MAGNUSON



Register Now for Spring Break TEL: 3/30-4/3

Eagle Ridge Academy will be offering The Eagle's Lair (TEL) for students in Grades K-6 during Spring Break this year. During Spring Break, we will be learning about different ecosystems, ending the week with a field trip to the Minnesota Zoo. Registration is open through March 9, with a \$5/day late fee added for registrations after the deadline.

Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$40* per day, 3/30-4/2

\$55* on 4/3 (includes field trip)



MINNESOTA ZOO
Changing how you see the world

Payments will be posted March 10 and are due March 19. If a payment is not made by March 19, the student will not be accepted, with no exceptions. *If students are not yet registered for TEL, they must be registered to join the camp (\$30 fee)

Questions? Email Isabelle Kofflin, Student Program Specialist:

ikofflin@eagleridgeacademy.org



May 15-16

MAY 15: 6-9PM
AWARD CEREMONY
@6:30
May 16: 9-11am

Submit artwork to
Ms. Conner, Ms. Gizzi or
Mrs. Lisa Johnson
Submissions due
Friday May 1



PTO News

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

pto.eagleridge@gmail.com

PTO QUARTERLY MEETING

The PTO Quarterly Meeting was held on Thursday, Jan. 30. [Check our PTO page of the school website for meeting minutes.](#) Save the date for our next PTO Quarterly Meeting on Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the ERA Forum. We welcome all ERA parents and community members to participate!

SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB: TWO LESSONS AND ONE POTLUCK REMAINING!

The Ski & Snowboard Club is coming to an end, and there are two more lessons left on Feb. 21 and 28 at Hyland Ski Area in Bloomington. We want to thank Kelli TenPas for leading the club and all the parent volunteers who made it successful this year. Before we wrap up the Ski Club, you don't want to miss out on the Potluck which will be held this Friday, Feb. 21. [If you like to contribute to the potluck, please sign here.](#) If you haven't got the chance to join, we welcome you to any club dates that works for you and no commitments 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 les-son (ski or snowboard)" by 3:30 p.m. on the Thursday one week before the lesson. Please note that the Feb. 28 lesson payment is due on Thursday, Feb. 20. Hyland reserves the right to cancel lessons if we do not have enough students to meet their minimum requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact [Kelli TenPas](#).

Community Updates



9th Annual Roller Skating Party May 9 • 4:30-6:30 • Roller Garden in St. Louis Park

Join your ERA friends and their families for a fun evening of music and roller skating! Save the date now, more information will be available soon.

See it...Save it!



Contest ends February 26!

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