

# THE *Eagle Eye*



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## Community Outreach

**KELLY SCHIFFMAN**

*Director of Development*



*“When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, “Look or the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.” - Fred Rogers*

The Eagle Ridge Academy community has expressed interest in helping others. In an effort to provide as much support to our community as possible, and as a way to be unified in our desire to help, we are providing an avenue for people to express their ideas for support and willingness to help.

From book distribution to food shelf support, ideas have been suggested by several people. If you have a suggestion of a community support project or are interested in providing supportive services to those in need, I ask that you contact me directly at [kschiffman@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:kschiffman@eagleridgeacademy.org). All ideas will be reviewed and combined (if similar), then carefully determined to be actionable and feasible.

A few immediate needs and opportunities have been identified, including the need for cloth face masks, gloves, and lotion for our frontline staff who greet families between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. If you or someone you know makes face masks, we would be grateful for the donation to help keep everyone safe.

To donate, participate, or submit ideas, [please use this Sign-Up Genius link](#) or email Kelly Schiffman directly.

Being a helper in time of need is a great gift to others...and to ourselves as we struggle in feeling of helplessness. Thank you.



*There will be no distance learning tomorrow, Friday, April 10, for a school holiday.* Eagle Ridge Academy will continue to follow our academic calendar days during distance learning. We will start a new week of distance learning on Monday, April 13! [View the academic calendar here.](#)

## Order Food Service for 4/13-17

In order to accurately prepare food each week, we have moved to an online ordering system for food service meals. If you would like to pick up meals from ERA next week, [please complete this form by Friday, April 10.](#) Meals may be picked up for a week at a time each school day between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. We recommend picking up meals on Tuesdays – sometimes food delivery is delayed due to COVID-19, and so it is possible that only one day’s worth of meals will be available on Monday each week. If you have questions about food service, please contact Brittany Radtke, Chef: [bradtke@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:bradtke@eagleridgeacademy.org)

# Community Updates



## School of Grammar News

**JANELLE MELLGREN**  
*Principal, School of Grammar*

Welcome to week one of Distance Learning – we are excited to be able to be learning with you again though it's from a distance. We really appreciate your patience and partnership as we walk through this process together.

Please be sure to let us know how things are going and if you have questions. Our goal is to support you and your family the best we're able. While we would wish to be with you in person here at school, we are excited to see what new and different things we can learn through this experience as well.

We hope you will take the time today to view a short video we made about CIPHER. One thing our students all know well are what each of these pillars means. I'm excited to hear about how you are seeing them put that into action in your homes.

Again, thank you for your partnership as our School of Grammar Gryphons embark on their distance learning journey. Be safe and well.



*Third grade teachers prepared a special welcome for their students this week. We miss all of our Gryphons!* | PHOTO COURTESY OF SAMANTHA ANDERSON



## Schools of Logic & Rhetoric News

**BART JOHNSON**  
*Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric*

We hope you are well and that your family is finding some normalcy in this unprecedented time. Distance Learning is underway and things are going very well. There are many opportunities for new learning on the online platforms. We still are dedicated to Classical Education and will use the tools available to deliver instruction to students. We know that the first few days may be a time of adjustment, and so we ask families and teachers to be patient with and extend grace to everyone involved. We are all in this together. We are all learning how to make school work in this time of challenge.

After considerable deliberation, we have decided that the Schools of Logic and Rhetoric will be assigning letter grades for 3rd and 4th Quarter. Students, teachers, and parents need a sense of closure for 3rd Quarter and with the provision of additional time to make up work, teachers will be ready to give 3rd Quarter grades.

The window for students to do the following 3rd Quarter make up work will be extended until Thursday, April 16:

- turn in any 3rd Quarter late work that was due March 2 to March 13 or
- complete critical work in their 3rd Quarter classes (as deemed by the teachers)

Teachers will finalize 3rd Quarter grades on Monday, April 20. Teachers will have discretion about exemptions for certain tests, quizzes, labs, assignments, projects, etc. Teachers may also require an earlier due date for any assignments if it will require a longer time to grade it.

Teachers will be assigning letter grades for 4th Quarter. Students will continue learning and working on assignments on a daily basis. Their grades will be recorded in the gradebook. Their grades will count toward 4th Quarter report cards and will be part of their student records. Any new assignments from April 6th and after will be included in teachers' 4th Quarter grade books. Students must maintain regular contact with their teachers and ask for help when they need it. Starting Monday, April 13, all students must check in and sign in with their 1st Hour teachers each day to be counted in the attendance for the day. Signing in once per day with the 1st Hour teacher will signify student attendance for the entire day. Students must sign in and complete this act by 3:15 pm each day. The status of what will happen with final exams is still being determined and we will inform families as soon as we decide.

Please continue to stay positive and look to find the silver lining during this time. We wish you well and will continue the journey with you to find Truth, Beauty, and Goodness in the world.

**Juniors:** The ACT has been postponed until **June 2.**



Contact **Jean Soule** with questions.

## Community Updates



### Taking a Knee

**KRIS BABLER**

*Activities Director*

School cancellation has put all spring activities on hold. The Minnesota State High School League has not cancelled the spring season yet. That decision hinges on the Governor's decision on when students return to school, which is currently May 4.

In athletics, the arts and music, we are taking a knee. The coaches and program directors are looking forward to re-starting rehearsals and practices as much as our students are. This is an opportunity for us to plan and prepare for when we do get back together.

My hope is that our students are finding time to practice – running, singing, playing – wherever their passions lie – during this time beyond their studies. My hope is that in the absence of time as a member of a team, our students are dedicating themselves to fruitful work in a simple pursuit – basketball, piano, acting...and that while we are taking this knee, we are preparing to come back stronger.

1. Register your information at [join.myschoolanywhere.com](http://join.myschoolanywhere.com)
2. You will receive login instructions and the directory will be live

*Why are we doing this?*

- Saves time – this new system will help us publish the directory at the beginning of the school year AND we can keep it up to date throughout the school year.
- Reduces errors - because you enter your information yourself, you can be guaranteed that it's what you want and how you want it shared.
- Connects families - as the only way to reach each other outside of the classroom.
- Quickly and easily signup for all volunteering opportunities in one location.

Thank you for connecting our ERA community.

If you have any questions please contact:

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Jodie - [jodielynn20@yahoo.com](mailto:jodielynn20@yahoo.com)



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### PTO News

**PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION**

[pto.eagleridge@gmail.com](mailto:pto.eagleridge@gmail.com)

#### CHANGES TO UPCOMING PTO EVENTS

The PTO Board Meeting (originally scheduled for April 16) has been canceled. The Annual Roller Garden on May 9 has been postponed, with the new date to be determined.

#### SEEKING 2020-21 PTO BOARD MEMBERS

Please nominate yourself or another person to join our 2020-2021 ERA PTO Board. We are looking for engaged, enthusiastic ERA parents to join us to fulfill our mission of creating fun student events and supporting our teachers. No experience is necessary, just a desire to have fun, meet other parents, and serve our community. Most positions are paired, and we thrive on teamwork. All are welcome and we hope you'll join us! [Nominate yourself or someone else here.](#)

#### STAY CONNECTED WITH ERA FAMILIES

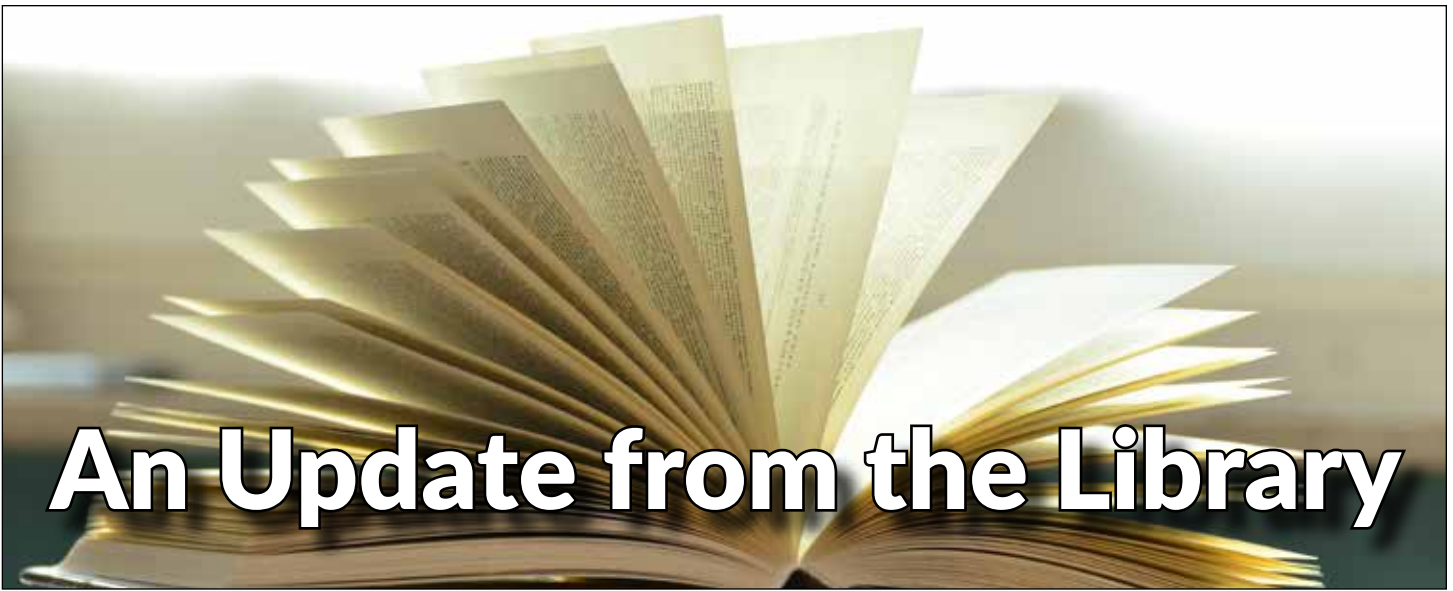
If you are NEW or haven't got the chance to register in our ERA directory app, now is the time to register. [My School Anywhere](#) is available both on computer and on mobile devices. Registering for My School Anywhere involves two steps: collecting your information online and then giving you secure access to the online system.



# Grades 6-12: Yearbook and Art Xpo Update

There are still Gr. 6-12 yearbooks available for \$55, but in limited supply. If you would still like to purchase a yearbook you can still purchase them from the [Jostens website](#) or you can reach out to [Emma Conner](#).

Due to current circumstances we are putting a hold on the 2020 ERA Art Xpo. We would still like to showcase artwork of our Upper School students through an online gallery. If you would like to have your art showcased, please email [Ms. Conner](#) an image of your work, along with your name (first and last), grade, and title of the work if there is one. Images should have a resolution of at least 750dpi. If there are any questions, please email [Emma Conner](#).



We have been hard at work during these last two weeks brainstorming ways that we can help support your children as we begin distance learning. During our many meetings, we have kept your children in the forefront of our minds, especially the joy and wonder that we observe when they hear or open an enjoyable book.

In the library, it is our belief that reading and great literature are the cornerstone of a well rounded Classical Education. Whether students are being read to, or doing the reading themselves, we know both to be equally important. For these reasons, we will be expanding our library services during these unprecedented times.

The first way we will be supporting our ERA students is by offering virtual story time. We will be continuing our “trip” around the world through picture books. We will explore different countries in Europe for the month of April, and take a closer look at Africa in May. Families can watch and listen to stories, and then do some guided exploration on their own from links we will be providing each week.

Next, we will be supporting our 5th and 6th grade students through a story time geared toward older students. We will be progressing through the chapter books they have been enjoying over the last several months in the library. We will be

offering the choice of five different novels they can tune in to. This will give students the option of continuing with the same story they have been listening to, or choosing a new option.

Third, we will be offering ideas and resources to families that they can utilize while learning from home. From access to audiobooks, homework help ideas, aiding with accessing local public libraries resources, virtual museum tours, and much much more, we are hoping to help make sense of the breadth of information and free services available to all during this time.

Finally, we will be giving families access to the 11,000+ books in ERA’s school library. Students will all have the opportunity to request and pick up books to read from the comfort of their homes. With local public libraries being closed, we are hoping that we can fill any void your student may be experiencing in reading material. We are also trusting that this will help alleviate any stress surrounding reading minutes expected by teachers during distance learning.

Please follow the following links for more information:

[How to Access ERA Library Books](#)

Blog (for video read alouds and other content):

[www.eralibraryblog.wordpress.com](http://www.eralibraryblog.wordpress.com)

*Happy Reading!*