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Executive Director News

JASON ULBRICH

Executive Director

Veterans Day Celebration is Friday, Nov. 10

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.

On Friday, Nov. 10, Eagle Ridge Academy will host our annual celebration of Veterans. The celebration includes a musical performance from our students, a flag ceremony, recognition of Veterans in attendance, and a speech from Dan Clapero, who is in his eleventh year teaching at the Academy and is the spouse of a Veteran.

See the assembly time for each grade level below:

- Grades 2-3** 8:15-8:40
- Grades K-1** 8:50-9:15
- Grades 4-5** 9:25-9:50
- Grades 6-8** 10:00-10:25
- Grades 9-12** 10:30-10:55

We would love for families to send in a picture of a Veteran you know. We will be making a slide show of pictures of Veterans to begin the celebration. Photos may be sent to mcornelius@eagleridgeacademy.org by Nov. 7. Please include branch of service and name. Send a veteran you know [an invitation from our webpage](#).

Veterans Day Poster & Essay Contest

Eagle Ridge Academy will be sponsoring a Veterans Day Poster Contest for Grades K-2 and a Veterans Day Essay Contest for Grades 3-12. You may view contest guidelines and deadlines here: [Poster Contest \(K-2\)](#) | [Essay Contest \(3-12\)](#)



School of Grammar Update

JANELLE MELLGREN

Principal, School of Grammar

Citizenship, Integrity and Respect: these are three of our Pillar values at Eagle Ridge Academy and wonderful values for each of us to practice and improve. They are also the values that three of our newest members to Eagle Ridge Academy School of Grammar will be helping us recognize in one another.

In past years a stuffed eagle named Aquila has been passed from one class to another in recognition of that class showing any of our Pillar values. This year, two new friends have joined her. There are now two stuffed gryphons who will help all of our School of Grammar classes recognize one another. Our fourth graders named one of the gryphons Thunder Claw and our fifth graders named the other one Gryff.

Aquila will be helping classes notice and recognize Citizenship in one another. Gryff will do the same for Integrity and Thunder Claw will be given in recognition of Respect. We are excited to help our students look outside of themselves and celebrate the truth, beauty and goodness they see in those around them. I wish you all a very good Fall Break and we're very much looking forward to seeing each of you during conferences!



MEET THE PILLAR PALS: *Thunder Claw (Respect), Aquila (Citizenship), and Gryff (Integrity).*



Logic & Rhetoric Update

ERICA POWELL

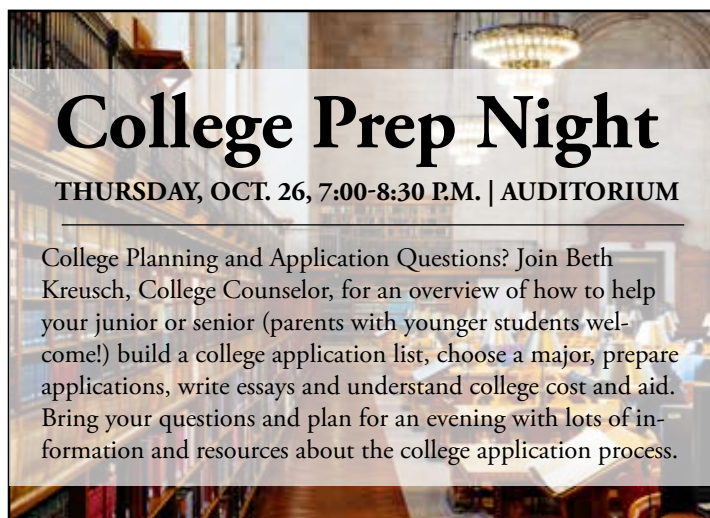
Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric

Homecoming Week Recap

Homecoming took place this week at Eagle Ridge Academy. Historically both Yale and Harvard claim to have hosted the first Homecoming games, with celebratory events starting in 1910. The University of Missouri is recognized by the NCAA and Jeopardy with starting of Homecoming in 1911. The origins of the tradition may be argued, but the events that take place are similar in most places: athletic events, games, rallies, speeches, and dances to bring students from the school community together. We had many fun days planned for students this week, beginning with a pep fest on Tuesday that recognized student athletes, many grade level activities, and a staff vs. student volleyball match. The pep fest was followed by a volleyball game on Tuesday night where the ERA/ISM Huskies got a big win. Homecoming will end tomorrow with a dance at the Minnesota Harvest Apple Orchard.

Upper School Attendance

Eagle Ridge Academy recognizes the positive impact that regular student attendance has on academic achievement. As we start the beginning of the colder months and sniffles and sneezes are heard throughout the halls, please remember that if your child stays home sick, we ask that parents contact the school before 8:00 a.m. Parents should contact the school by calling: 952-746-7760 ext. 2 or emailing attendance@eagleridgeacademy.org and provide the student name, grade, and reason for the absence. This applies to absences, late arrivals, and early releases. Without parental contact, student attendance will reflect absent unexcused (AU) resulting in possibly preventing students from earning credit for missed work while absent. The [complete attendance procedure](#) is available on our website.



College Prep Night

THURSDAY, OCT. 26, 7:00-8:30 P.M. | AUDITORIUM

College Planning and Application Questions? Join Beth Kreusch, College Counselor, for an overview of how to help your junior or senior (parents with younger students welcome!) build a college application list, choose a major, prepare applications, write essays and understand college cost and aid. Bring your questions and plan for an evening with lots of information and resources about the college application process.

Community Updates

Eagle Ridge Academy presents

CLASSICAL EDUCATION PARENT NIGHT

Why is Classical Education Needed in America?

featuring DR. CHRISTOPHER PERRIN

Thursday, Oct. 19

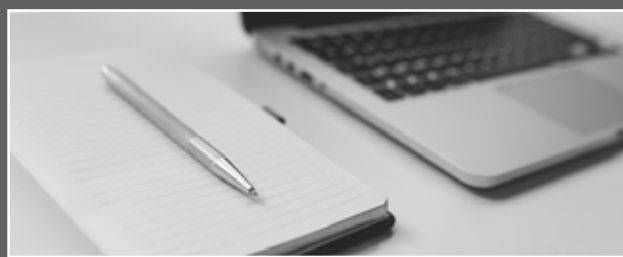
5:30-6:00 p.m. | Light refreshments
SPONSORED BY ERA PTO

6:00-7:00 p.m. | Presentation in
the ERA Auditorium

Introducing the ERA Student Blog!

www.eagleridgeacademyblog.weebly.com

Students and families, follow along with the *ERA Student Blog*, a student-run news and events blog curated by junior Gabby C. The blog will feature upcoming events, sports announcements and interviews, and more. Students may contribute to the blog by submitting work to Gabby through the site's contact form.



Community Updates



Lost & Found: Claim Your Items!

KAREN CONNER
Operations Manager

We will clear out the Lost & Found after Conferences are finished on Tuesday, Oct. 17. Please check for your lost items. All items remaining will be donated. The Lost & Found is located near the solarium in the hallway alcove outside classroom 1206.



Join the Flag Detail Team



JACK ORR
Student, Grade 12

Three years ago, Eagle Ridge Academy started a Flag Detail Team comprised of students of all ages. By honoring the American Flag, we represent Eagle Ridge Academy to the United States of America in a way that would make our Founding Fathers proud. This year, the Flag Detail Team is led by senior Jack Orr. We are accepting volunteers of all ages to join the Flag Detail Team for 2017-2018.

The responsibilities of the Flag Detail Team are to post the American Flag the first day of every week and safely recover and fold the flag at the end of the week. A ceremonial team will be formed to present the colors at special events like Veterans Day and graduation.

We will have at least two Flag Detail Teams. One team will meet at 8:00 a.m. on the first day of the week to post the colors and another team will meet at 2:45 p.m. to recover the colors. We are looking for individuals who are trustworthy and who uphold the pillars in their daily and scholastic lives. **Please respond to Jack Orr at jack.orr@me.com if you are interested in undertaking this patriotic endeavor by answering the following questions by Wednesday, Oct. 25.** Feel free to ask any clarifying questions you may have.

In your e-mail, please include and answer the following:

1. Name, Grade, and Homeroom or Advisory Teacher. (All ages are welcome!)
2. What does the American Flag mean to you, and how does it relate to Eagle Ridge Academy and the United States of America?
3. What team would you prefer to join? Posting the colors on the first day of the week at 8:00 a.m. or recovering the colors the last day of the week at 2:45 p.m.?

DON'T MISS OUT ON MEMORIES
YEARBOOK

BACK TO SCHOOL FALL SALE!
There's nothing like getting your yearbook at the end of school year and sharing memories with friends and family of the amazing, fun events that make this year special.

ORDER YOURS NOW, ONLY \$25 * Save \$3
Online Sales Only; www.jostensyearbooks.com
> Buy Your Yearbook: Eagle Ridge Academy Lower School K-5
Call: 1-877-767-5217 * Sale Price Ends 10/20/2017



Senior Yearbook Photos Due Oct. 31

EMMA CONNER
Art Teacher

Email your digital senior photo to Ms. Emma Conner as an attachment anytime: conner@eagleridgeacademy.org. Your photographer may send your photo on your behalf. Photos must be in portrait orientation (taller than it is wide), and your file must be a high resolution JPEG between 500 MB and 5KB. Strike a pose!

Developing Connections



Ways to Get Involved & Give Back

KELLY SCHIFFMAN
Director of Development

Gala for the Gryphons

We are very excited for our annual Gala, which is one month away! [Registration is open](#), and we welcome you to sign up. Our special guest emcee is Kate Raddatz from WCCO-TV!

- New this year to Gala Attendees: Childcare provided by NHS!
- We're looking to *#addsomesparkle* to our silent auction. Got a connection to a jeweler? We'd love to hear from you.
- Put together a themed basket for the Silent Auction or volunteer in your child's classroom to do a class project or themed basket.
- Donate an item to the Silent Auction.
- Ask your employer to donate to the Silent Auction or sponsor a table for their employees.
- [Share the event](#) on your Social Media pages.



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 gifts.

Give to the Max on Nov. 16!

Eagle Ridge Academy is celebrating Give to the Max Day on Thursday, Nov. 16!

- What if you could help our school receive \$1,000 just by giving \$10 or more? On Nov. 16, you'll have that chance.
- Join us for Give to the Max Day on November 16, and you could help us receive a \$1,000 Golden Ticket. Just make an online donation on [GiveMN.org](#), and your donation will be entered into an hourly drawing for a \$1,000 GiveMN Golden Ticket – which could go to 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!
- Help us increase our odds and make the most of your gift by making a donation on Nov. 16 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](#).



MARILYN STRAND
Activities Specialist



Activities & Events



*Winter Sports
start soon!
Register for
Basketball
by Friday, Oct. 13.*

Athletics Update

All of our athletics teams were in action this Homecoming week, including a volleyball JV and Varsity victory against Cristo Rey Jesuit High School on Tuesday, Oct. 10. Go team! The next JV volleyball game is today, Thursday, Oct. 12, versus Nova Classical. Varsity will be in action this weekend as part of the Twin Cities Athletic Conference Championships.

The cross country team competed in the Jordan Invitational on Tuesday, Oct. 10. All athletes had stellar performances. Freshman Henry L. was the team's top finisher. He was 16th in the Boys Varsity division with a personal-best time of 17:48 for 5k. The next cross country meet is next Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the Twin Cities Athletic Conference Championships.

Boys and girls soccer both played in Varsity section matches on Monday and Tuesday of this week. The next girls Varsity soccer game is on Tuesday, Oct. 17 away vs. Lincoln International.

PHOTOS COURTESY of Jeff Magnuson (volleyball) and Amy Witty (cross country).



Grades 9-12
Homecoming Dance
At Minnesota Harvest Orchard in Jordan, MN
HAVE FUN!



Grades 6-8
Middle School Fall Bash
Friday, Oct. 27, 3:30-6:00 p.m. | Cost: \$7
Questions? Contact Mrs. Strand in the Main Office

You Rocked the Ridge!

What do you get when you add together 571 wristbands and 327 punch cards purchased, chess, inflatables, iDance, crazy hair, fitness challenge, kids games, wounds and face paint, henna tattoos, little plants ... 375 bottles of lemonade, 600 scoops of Culvers ice cream, 1,300 cups of popcorn, tacos, pasta, mini donuts, and a great time was had by all? Around \$12,000 raised for the benefit of our school community! Thanks for coming out and joining in the fun. And thanks to the 350+ volunteers who had fun helping create all the fun.

PTO Quarterly Meeting

The next [PTO Quarterly Meeting](#) will take place Tuesday, Oct. 24 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the ERA Commons.

Carpool Matching

Interested in finding a potential carpool match? Your PTO keeps a data base of interested parents, and provides match information to those individuals in the data base. Please fill out information [at this link](#).

PTO Family Directory

Register your family for the K-12 ERA PTO Sponsored Family Directory. This directory will be available online in October for use by ERA families with a password sent out via email. [Fill in your family's data here](#). All information is not required, but information will not be edited so please double check for accuracy.

PTO Redemption Program Updates

Here are the results of our first contest! Thank you so much for sending in these items and volunteering with us! It's a great start to the 2017-18 school year!

- *K - Gillitzer (502)*
- *1 - Basic (568)*
- *2 - Vacinek (170)*
- *3 - Madson (205)* *only beat Rau by 5!
- *4 - Ralston (615)*
- *5 - K. Walker (120)*
- *6 - Kelash (120)*
- *9 - Lutz (221)*

Students in these classrooms received a coupon for a free soda, water, or bag of popcorn to use at RTR. In addition to the student coupons, the winning classroom teachers each received a \$10 Target gift card for their support.

We now begin the 2nd contest of the redemption program! Send in those items: Box Tops, Coke Rewards, Tyson Project A+, Loaves for Learning, Milk Moola, and old cell phones/used printer cartridges. One lower school classroom and one upper school advisory group will win a prize at the end of the contest for submitting the most redemption items. The next contest ends on Oct. 26 at 9:00 a.m.

**ROCKIN' THE RIDGE
2017**



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