

# THE *Eagle Eye*



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## Executive Director News

**JASON ULBRICH**

*Executive Director*

On Oct. 20, our building project was complete, to include the auditorium, walking track, and activity fields. On Oct. 27, we had another type of facility project forced upon us, a project that included smoke and water damage due to a fire in the kiln room. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with **details of the incident, our process of communication and recovery, and our next steps.**

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COMMUNITY LETTER**

### *Schools of Logic & Rhetoric*

## October Pillar Award Winners

*Teachers nominate students for Pillar Awards each month to recognize outstanding embodiment of the school's values.*

#### *6th Grade (Team Eagle)*

Citizenship: Jackson S.  
Integrity: Emily E.  
Perseverance: Alex T.  
Honor: Aafia F.  
Excellence: Abbi W.  
Respect: Jay J.

#### *6th Grade (Team Lion)*

Citizenship: Paige M.  
Integrity: Antigone V.  
Perseverance: Araely E.  
Honor: Angelina Y.  
Excellence: Abhinov K.  
Respect: Srikar S.

#### *7th Grade*

Citizenship: Sivaani A.  
Integrity: Lahari H.  
Perseverance: Amina V.  
Honor: Luqman A.  
Excellence: Zoe H.  
Respect: Alexandra A.

#### *8th Grade*

Citizenship: Evan N.  
Integrity: Marit H.  
Perseverance: Shreya S.  
Honor: Silas D.  
Excellence: Celia S.  
Respect: Brody M.

*9th Grade: Gaby G.  
10th Grade: Jadera S.*

*11th Grade: Dominic M.  
12th Grade: Taylor M.*



### *Veterans Day Celebration is Friday, Nov. 10*

Eagle Ridge Academy will host our annual celebration of Veterans on Friday, Nov. 10. 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 they know.** We will be making a slide show of pictures of Veterans to begin the celebration. Photos may be sent to [mcorneilius@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:mcorneilius@eagleridgeacademy.org) by Nov. 7. Please include branch of service and name. Send a veteran you know [an invitation from our webpage](#).

### **Veterans Day Contest - Deadline Extended to Nov. 3!**

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 \(3-12\)](#)



## Gryphons are Proactive

**ROMELLE PORNSCHLOEGL**

*Assistant Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric*

**“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then is not an act, but a habit.”** *Aristotle*

In life, we can control only one thing: how we respond to the world around us. Over the past few months students have acclimated to Gryphon behavior and academic expectations. But what should students do when the inevitable happens and routines are disrupted or hurdles prevent achievement? Learning how to react when problems arise is a vital part of maturing. Sure, it is easier to blame parents, teachers, or even the rules. Students can choose to respond proactively or reactively. Being proactive means taking responsibility for your own actions whereas reactive means being controlled by events or emotions. After reading Sean Covey’s *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*, I thought it would be a good idea to share some of his suggestions.

Proactive students do not let the outside forces dictate how they react to negative events. They are not easily offended. They take responsibility for their choices. They think before they act. They bounce back easily and learn from their mistakes. They persistently try to find ways to make things happen and don’t worry about things they cannot change. They don’t blame others for their problems and always try to problem solve rather than just complain.

Scenario: Student has accumulated over three tardies, is assigned detention, and blames it on locker malfunction.

Addressing this problem proactively involves:

- Remain Calm – take a few deep breaths before deciding what to do. *Proactive Language: I can do it.*
- Focus on solving the problem – try to identify what the problem truly is. Is the locker too full, unorganized, or is the lock stuck and cannot be opened? *Proactive Language: Let me look at all my options.*
- Take responsibility – try to solve the problem. Slow down. Decide if the locker needs to be cleaned out or does a teacher need to be contacted to help with the lock. *Proactive Language: I choose to...*
- Take initiative – to solve the problem, ask for help! While teachers have 120 students, students may only have one teacher. Do not assume teachers always see the problem happening. *Proactive Language: There has to be a better way. Who can help me?*
- Think before acting – Decide when would be a good time to clean out the locker or which teacher to ask for help. *Proactive Language: I am not going to let this affect my mood.*

## Community Updates



## Developing Connections

**KELLY SCHIFFMAN**

*Director of Development*

### Gala for the Gryphons

We are very excited for our annual Gala next Friday, Nov. 10! **Registration is extended to Friday, Nov. 3.** If you are interested in attending, please register by tomorrow.



Watch for the **online auction** to go live Friday afternoon, Nov. 3! You’ll be pleased with the wide variety of items up for bid, including many experiences, baskets, travel, professional and collegiate sports, collectables, theatre, crafts, health and beauty, dining, and much more.

*If you are unable to attend the Gala but still want to support the Academy, following are two opportunities:*

### Give to the Max on 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 gifts.

# Community Updates



## Senior Yearbook Photos NEW DEADLINE: Nov. 30

[EMMA CONNER](#)

*Art Teacher*

Email your digital senior photo to Ms. Emma Conner as an attachment anytime: [econner@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:econner@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!



## Drivers Education will be Offered Nov. 6-17

[KAREN CONNER](#)

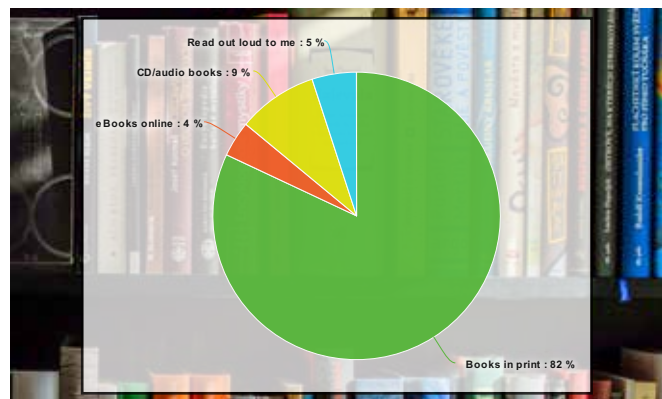
*Operations Manager*

A+ Driving School will be facilitating a Drivers Education course at Eagle Ridge Academy on Mondays-Fridays from 3:15-6:15 p.m. beginning Nov. 6 and ending Nov. 17. You may [find more information here](#) and register by contacting [A+ Driving School](#).

# Activities & Events

## How do ERA 5th and 6th Graders Prefer to Read?

Library Media Specialist Mrs. Erickson polled 5th and 6th grade students to see how they prefer to read. An overwhelming 82% prefer printed books! You may see results in the pie chart (right). Remind your child to visit the library and find a new book soon!



## Upcoming School Events:

Nov. 3 - 24



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

- Nov. 3 – No School, Grading Day
- Nov. 6-17 – 3:15-6:15 p.m. – A+ Driving School Drivers Education
- Nov. 10 – Various Times – Veterans Day Celebration
- Nov. 10 – 6:00-10:00 p.m. – Gala for the Gryphons
- Nov. 14 – 5:30 p.m. – School Board Listening Session
- Nov. 14 – 6:00 p.m. – School Board Workshop
- Nov. 14 – 7:00 p.m. – Winter Choir Concert
- Nov. 18 – 9:30-11:30 a.m. – 2018-19 Enrollment Extravaganza
- Nov. 21 – Spirit Wear Day
- Nov. 22-24 – No School, Thanksgiving Break

Eagle Ridge Academy  
Presents

The

Created By the Ensemble  
**Odyssey**

Buy tickets on the ERA website  
& 30 minutes before the show

\$5, \$3 for seniors  
and students

Performances:

Fri, Dec 1st ~ 7pm

Sat, Dec 2nd ~ 7pm

Sun, Dec 3rd ~ 3pm



## PTO Updates

We estimate 1,400 people attended Rockin' the Ridge this year! Thanks for coming out and joining in the fun. And thanks to the 350+ volunteers who had great time helping to create all the fun!

Do you have positive comment or some improvement ideas to add to our RTR debrief list? Please email it to [PTO.EagleRidge@gmail.com](mailto:PTO.EagleRidge@gmail.com) and we will add it to the list. Please check our [PTO Quarterly Meeting notes](#) for the financial reconciliation, and our current (not completed) list of positive and improvement items from our meeting. We will be adding input from administration in mid-November, and add community input as we receive it. Remember to check out our summertime and first quarter results for our PTO Organization, including Spirit Wear, School Kits, Uniform sale, Classroom Parent support, Conference Meals, carpool system, directory, and more. Our quarterly notes, proposals, and financial results can be viewed under the "PTO Board" toggle of the [PTO page](#) on the ERA website.

We value your financial support of our PTO efforts, including RTR, used uniform sales, and the annual family contribution, among others. We are very conservative with how we spend your contributions to our PTO Organization. Now the expansion of school is complete and we are ready to start funding some items for our school needs. A rough proposal was presented at our quarterly meeting, and all information can be accessed through the link above. As we finalize our process to distribute funds, we will advertise in the Eagle Eye and Facebook.

## 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.

## Ski & Snowboard Club

It is only 30 days until our first scheduled Ski and Snowboard Night at Hyland Hills in Bloomington (Dec. 1), but who's counting? We are!

Discount lift tickets and rentals will be available for purchase from the ERA PTO inside the Hyland chalet upstairs in front of the windows facing the hill. Anyone can come weekly (you do not "join" Ski/Snowboard Club). Come once, or come every week. The PTO receives a portion of our sales so invite your friends and family – they can take

advantage of our special rates. Please spread the word!! Potluck and Pizza Party dates in January and February will be set soon!

Group lessons will also be available weekly for \$10 by check or cash, with prepay due by the Friday before the lesson. If your child would like to have a lesson on Dec. 1, please pay for your lesson no later than Tuesday, Nov. 21 (due to the Thanksgiving holiday), and indicate if your child taking a ski or snowboard lesson. If Hyland is closed on Dec. 1, and the lessons are cancelled, the lesson reservation is applied to the next lesson on Dec. 8 (conflicts can be worked with Kelli TenPas email [kellitenpas@gmail.com](mailto:kellitenpas@gmail.com)). All [waivers](#) and payments should be placed in an envelope with PTO written on the front along with the child's name, type of lesson (ski or snowboard) and a parent cell phone number in case there are questions. Adults can take lessons as well!! The envelope can be dropped off in the Activities Office/ Mrs. Strand Office by Door 2. FAQ and other information will be coming available in November. Please check the tab at the [PTO page](#) on the ERA webpage for all documents.

## Redemption Program Contest Winners

Big congratulations to Ms. Stangler's first grade class for winning the lower school redemption contest #2! They brought in over 600 redemption items in a very short time! #AMAZING For the upper school, Mrs. Anderson's advisory class submitted the most (51).

### Lower School:

1. *Stangler (617)*
2. *Sorenson (329)*
3. *Gillitzer (172)*
4. *Molnar (133)*
5. *Seely (84)*

### Upper School:

1. *Anderson (51)*
2. *Tripps (48)*
3. *Williams (1)*

We are now the midst of contest #3! This contest will be open until February 22nd at 9am, so there is LOTS of time to send in LOTS of redemption items. Here are the items we collect to earn money for our school:

Send in those items: Box Tops, Coke Rewards, Tyson Project A+, Loaves for Learning, Milk Moola, and old cell phones/used printer cartridges. Bring all these items to your lower school teacher or the collection cart inside the vestibule of Door 2. Thank you so much for your diligence and support!

