

# THE *Eagle Eye*



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## Executive Director News

**JASON ULBRICH**

*Executive Director*

The days have become longer, the sun more intense, and there is an energizing crispness to the morning air. Early summer in Minnesota begets a sense of nourishment and renewal of the soul, a long awaited respite from the winter freeze. As the students and staff of Eagle Ridge Academy set forth on their three month sabbatical from the classroom, I am reminded of a summertime poem authored by William Butler Yeats in 1888, "The Lake Isle of Innisfree." Minnesotans are able to relate to Yeats as we visit family cabins or campgrounds with our families, enjoying time when untangling the fishing line is the concern of the day. My hope is that your family takes time to slow down and step away from the technology and organized activities. Step into the natural world and enjoy what is good and beautiful. **Read the June Community Letter for a deeper look into this classic work.** The Community Letter also addresses:

- 3rd Annual Volunteer Saturday. Save the date for Aug. 4!
- After Expansion Review Survey Data Summary.
- Introducing Taher, Inc., our food service partner for 2018-19.

**CLICK TO READ JUNE  
COMMUNITY LETTER**

## Summer Office Hours

June 12-Aug. 24 | 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Monday-Thursday, District Office Entrance

**Closed June 11 | Golf Tournament**  
**Closed July 3-7 | Independence Day**

## Back to School DROP IN FORMS WORKSHOP

Wednesday, June 27 | 12:00 - 7:00 pm

<i>Нужна помощь при заполнении анкет?</i>	<i>Ma u baahan tahay saaw- imo foomamka? Nagala</i>
<i>Присоединяйтесь к нам на семинаре "Снова в школу".</i>	<i>soo xiriir Ku-noqoshada</i>
<b>Среда, 27 июня с 12:00 (полудня) - 7:00 (вечера)</b>	<i>Iskuulka Tababar-qaada- shada:</i>
<i>Академия "Eagle Ridge"</i>	<b>Arbacada, Juun 27</b>
<i>(Игл Ридж)</i>	<b>12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</b>
	<i>Eagle Ridge Academy</i>



## 2018-19 SUMMER LAUNCH PACKET

As summer draws near, we know the next school year may be the last thing on your mind. Stay strong, Gryphons! Give yourself the gift of a stress-free break. Take note of all **Back to School forms and their deadlines**, and get them done on time so that come August, your child is **READY TO LAUNCH!**



## Textbook Changes for 2018-19

**SUSAN BLOOMGREN**

*Director of Academics*

Eagle Ridge Academy has a curriculum review process in place to ensure we maintain a high quality Classical curriculum. Through this process, it was determined that there was a need to examine our current textbooks in 7th and 8th grade history as well as the grammar textbook used in 7th and 8th grade English. Below is the process followed when exploring a textbook change.

1. During the first phase of the curriculum review process, teachers examine their course textbook to ensure it still aligns to MN standards and course content, as well as compare the text to new versions that might exist. The versions of history and grammar textbooks used are out of print, which required the team to look at new versions.
2. The Director of Academics works with publishers to receive the newest version of our current textbook and other options of textbooks.
3. Teachers evaluate the textbook using a rubric. In this case five teachers in the upper school history and English department separately reviewed the history and English textbooks.
4. The top rated textbooks had the following characteristics: aligned to MN standards and Core Knowledge, appropriate reading level for students, supports for struggling students, and teacher resources for assessing learning.
5. The Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Achievement group (CISA) reviewed all textbooks and found the same information.

Starting next year, the 7th grade will use *United States History: Beginning to 1877* and *Write Source* by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. The following year 8th grade will receive the new textbook. If you have any questions about the process or would like to view the textbook, [please contact me](#).



## Find it in Lost & Found

**KAREN CONNER**

*Operations Manager*

The lost and found is overflowing with misplaced items. Please have your children check for missing items. Any items remaining will be donated on June 15. You may check for missing items during office hours: Tuesday, June 12 – Thursday, June 14 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



## Board of Directors News

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*Eagle Ridge Academy*

### Listening Session: Board Reimbursement Proposal

The Board of Directors invites parent, faculty, and staff to our Board Listening Session on Tuesday, June 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the school library. The topic will be a current proposal the Board will consider to provide nominal reimbursement to Directors for attendance at workshops and meetings.

### Volunteer Opportunity with Governance Team

The Governance Work Group of the Board of Directors is looking for some help this summer. We need three or four interested people to review various governance documents and provide feedback. Meeting times are yet to be determined, but overall effort will take about 20 hours total. For more information, please contact Ann Watanabe: [awatanabe@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:awatanabe@eagleridgeacademy.org) or John Schwirtz: [jschwirtz@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:jschwirtz@eagleridgeacademy.org).



# Developing Connections



**KELLY SCHIFFMAN**  
*Director of Development*

Eagle Ridge Academy families and friends,

This school year, **we raised nearly \$120,000** from our events, corporate matching programs, and other miscellaneous fundraising, all thanks to the kindness and generosity of you, our families, and community partners who support our efforts daily. Thank you for helping enrich the lives of our students.

While financial support and event participation are important, **volunteering of one's time and unique talents is instrumental in helping us reach our goals.** At last week's Volunteer Appreciation Night I had the pleasure of saying a few words of gratitude. But because I didn't read from my carefully prepared notes, I missed half of what I wanted to say. I'd like to include my heartfelt thoughts in this, our last Eagle Eye of the school year.

Be part of something bigger than yourselves. That's what I tell my own kids all of the time – there is a big world out there that is so much larger than just yourself, and you need to put back into it as much as you take out. You are modeling this daily and setting a precedent for the future generation of volunteers—our youth.

I've worked with volunteers for 20 years and have had the pleasure of working with hundreds of people of all ages who give of themselves for the better of the organization. I know firsthand that organizations such as schools, hospitals, youth sports and activities, and community organizations cannot prosper without them. The volunteers fill in the gaps that make a well-oiled machine. Sometimes they are hidden in the background, unnoticeable to the public eye. Sometimes they are right out in the public, blending in with staff and parents. Sometimes they take on leadership positions that

drive activity and results. Sometimes they themselves ask for others to help as the tasks they take on become overwhelming. Sometimes, recognition isn't there right away. But each act of kindness is appreciated.

Here at Eagle Ridge Academy, we depend upon volunteers for more things than we realize at times. You are in every fiber of the Academy from classroom and teacher assistance to event participation. **The extra wonderful things that happen here are possible because of you.** You often times make our jobs easier without even knowing it. Your selfless presence brings joy and relief to ERA staff, who see the difference you are making.

Sometimes being a volunteer seems like a thankless job ... you show up, do your job, and leave, wondering if anyone knew you were there. You leave your families to be at school or church or any number of other activities to which you donate your time. You don't know it now, but your kids will remember that you were there, helping make their school a better place. We are grateful to each and every one of you for your individual talents, special gifts and abilities, and service.

Thank you for an amazing year of giving—time, talent, treasures, and everything else.

There will be many opportunities in which to be involved next school year...I hope you will be there raising your hand to help.

Over the summer, if you have ideas you would like to share or would like to be involved in planning for our annual Fall Gala for the Gryphons, [please contact me](#). I hope you enjoy your summer.





**Summer Basketball Camps**

GRADES K-12 | DATES & COST VARY BY GRADE  
[CLICK TO LEARN MORE!](#)



**Summer Robotics Camps**

GRADES 3-5 | AUG. 6-9 | \$120 PER CHILD  
[CLICK TO LEARN MORE!](#)



**Youth Sports League**

GRADES K-6 | STARTS AUG. 20 | \$70 PER CHILD  
[CLICK TO LEARN MORE!](#)



## Thank You, Volunteers!

Thank you to all who joined us at last week's Volunteer Appreciation Event on May 30. Please [enjoy this appreciation video](#) to get a sense for the celebration! Next school year, Karen Oglesby and Jodie Greer will be Marilyn's Volunteer Support Team. There are some exciting things coming soon to the ERA volunteer world. Stay tuned!



## Presidential Fitness Awards for Gr. 4-5

**MITCH JENSEN**

*Physical Education Teacher*



Congratulations to the 22 School of Grammar students that earned the Presidential Youth Fitness Award. Every year the fourth and fifth grade Physical Education classes participate in the President's Challenge. The intent of this challenge is to promote physical fitness as the students strive to reach their full potential in five fitness areas. The five areas are as follows: the pacer (a cardiovascular endurance test), shuttle run (an agility test), sit ups (a test of abdominal strength and endurance), pushups (an upper body strength test), and the sit and reach (a hamstring /lower back flexibility test).

Students are encouraged to strive for scores that place them into "fitness zones" for each test. All students who complete all five of the tests earn an Eagle Ridge Fitness Certificate. Students who earn a score of excellence in all five tests earn an additional award of a patch for the Presidential Youth Fitness Program. 276 students did the challenge and 22 of them achieved excellence level in all five areas. Congrats to this year's patch winners!

### 4TH GRADERS

Gabriel B. Abigail H.  
Tanisha K. Lila C.  
Lily Belle K. Scottlynn G.  
Isabella T. Nikita N.  
Aahil G.

### 5TH GRADERS

Oliver K. Taylor W.  
William K. Joseph B.  
Sophia M. Mark H.  
Abby O. Paul H.  
Hannah P. Dylan L.  
Carter S. Elli L.  
Addison K.



## Cool Treats on the Last Day of School

The tradition continues! The ERA PTO provided cool treats to students in Grades K-5 on June 6 and students in Grades 6-12 on June 7. Lower school students enjoyed Italian Ice from Legends on Main, and Upper School students enjoyed a choice from a variety of ice cream and non-dairy treats from the 9-Yum-Yum Ice Cream truck!

## PTO Kick-off and Used Uniform Sale

Come shop our uniform sale and purchase your all-new Spirit Wear at our Annual PTO Back to School Kick-off on Thursday, July 26 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the ERA Commons. All details about buying and selling at the Used Uniform Sale [may be found here](#). Please note the new procedure this year for all sellers, including those who have items in storage from previous sales. To receive a mailed check, [please submit your information to our Uniform Seller Registry](#). In order to make this event successful we are looking for volunteers to help set up, assist in sales, and clean up. [If you are available to help, please sign up!](#)



## 2018-19 School Supply Kits are Now Available

2018-19 school supply kits are now available for online purchase at [schooltoolbox.com](http://schooltoolbox.com). We are excited to be working with School Tool Box, a company new to our school this year. Quality supplies come with a school-year guarantee. Quality and brand name supplies matter:

- Our teachers are experts at knowing what works best in their classroom
- Shared classroom supplies are ALL at the highest quality
- Preservation of our school equipment by using the right products

Online ordering is open now through June 30, with delivery at Meet Your Teacher Night. Contact Jodie at [jodielynn20@yahoo.com](mailto:jodielynn20@yahoo.com) with questions or for assistance.



## Watch for these logos at picnics this summer!

As you enjoy your summer activities, don't forget that the next Box Tops contest has already started! Camping, reunions, and picnics are perfect opportunities to earn money for our school. Simply watch for the symbols above, collect them, and send them to school with your student in the fall. Some of the brands to watch for include Coke, Powerade, Dasani, Annie's, Nature Valley, Hefty, ZipLock, and many more. We also collect Milk Moola, Tyson Project A+, Loaves 4 Learning, and Ink and Toner cartridges. Classes that collect the most eligible items win prizes and our school earns money! [Click here form more details about the PTO Redemption Program.](#)

