

# THE *Eagle Eye*



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## Two Important Letters:

*Principal Search Letter &  
2019-20 Transportation Letter*

**JASON ULBRICH**

*Executive Director*

Please read on for two important letters. The first is the announcement of our **Candidate Search for the Principal of the Schools of Logic and Rhetoric** that was shared with the community on Wednesday, April 24. The second is our **annual notification of our transportation registration process**, which includes dates and deadlines to apply for Academy-provided transportation in the 2019-20 school year. Read on using the links below for more details.

**GR. 6-12 PRINCIPAL  
SEARCH LETTER**

**2019-20  
TRANSPORTATION LETTER**



## 2019 Election Results

**RAHUL DEEP & KATHY OBERSTAR**

*Election Coordinators, Board of Directors*

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is our pleasure to announce the following newly-elected (or re-elected) members of the Eagle Ridge Academy Board of Directors:

- Julis Demakis-Haustein (teacher)
- John Schwirtz (community member)
- Angela Berger (parent)
- Ramesh Babu (parent)

View the full election results in the Board's announcement letter. We thank everyone in our community who participated in this year's election and express gratitude to all the candidates. Your willingness to serve demonstrates your commitment to our mission and vision. Together as one community, we will continue to pursue truth, beauty, and goodness.

## Upcoming Events

APRIL 25 - MAY 11

**April 27** – NHS Hike for Microloans

**April 28** – PTO Roller Garden Event

**April 29** – PTO Quarterly Meeting

**May 2** – 2019 State of the Academy

**May 4** – Prom: Starlit Galaxy

**May 6** – School in Session: Weather Make-Up Day

**May 7 & 9** – Fine Arts Festival (Gr. K-5)

**May 7 & 9** – Usborne Spring Book Fair

**May 10** – 11th Annual Art Expo (Gr. 6-12)

**May 11** – Donut Dash 5k & Mini-Donut Dash

*For more info and events, visit the school calendar.*

## Grandparents Day in First Grade



This past Tuesday, the Academy had the pleasure of welcoming more than 80 grandparents and grand"persons" for our annual First Grade Grandparents Day. Our special guests were treated to a fun musical concert directed by music teacher Mrs. Rechelle Boulter, followed by an art activity and snack, then classroom visits to show off student art work, reading, and a tour of the students' classes. Eagle Ridge Academy Ambassador students volunteered their time to make our guests' visit memorable and special. Our special guests left Eagle Ridge Academy with a smile, a memory, and a carnation to remember their grand day. • [VIEW MORE PHOTOS HERE](#)

# Community Updates



## Mrs. Toso Honored as Fox 9 Top Teacher

**JANELLE MELLGREN**

*Principal, School of Grammar*

Eagle Ridge Academy Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Suzannah Toso was surprised with the Fox 9 Top Teacher award today at the Kindergarten and 1st Grade CIPHER Assembly. A parent nominated her for the award, mentioning her outstanding efforts to inspire her students and work hard while celebrating each small success. The honor includes a \$1,000 award to use in her classroom and a Subway party for 50 people. [If you missed the initial broadcast, you may view the story on Fox 9's website.](#) Go Gryphons!



## Logic & Rhetoric News

**BRUCE LOCKLEAR**

*Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric*

As you have seen by now, I have decided to re-enter retirement and do more with consulting and service to the Tree House Board, on which I serve as a member. It has been a fun-filled year, and it has been a pleasure to work with our students and staff on all the initiatives that have unfolded for next year. I will be available to lend support next year, to assist in any way needed to support our students and staff.

I do, however, want to close out a couple of communications regarding the new beta schedule conducted this year. We have decided to stay the course with our current schedule and to make iterations with academic support time and homerooms. We will appoint an implementation team to review all data from the beta and render decisions beyond next year.

Prom and graduation are around the corner and we look forward to all the fun things the graduation season has in store for us!



*Executive Director Jason Ulbrich with 2018 Legacy Scholar Jack Orr and 2017 Legacy Scholar Harshita Kalidindi.*

## Seniors: Apply for Legacy and Fine Arts Scholarships by Sunday, April 28

Scholarship opportunities are open for Eagle Ridge Academy seniors. The Legacy Scholarship and the new Fine Arts Scholarship application period is open from April 5 to April 28. [For more information, visit the Eagle Ridge Academy website.](#) In the 2019-20 school year, we will add a third scholarship opportunity, the Marilyn R. Strand Scholarship, honoring the memory of Marilyn Strand, who selflessly served our families and community. We are grateful for the generosity of individuals and organizations in the Eagle Ridge Academy community who make these scholarship funds possible.



at Eagle Ridge Academy

TUES. MAY 7, 5:00-8:30 PM • THURS. MAY 9, 5:00-8:30 PM

*Don't miss this unique opportunity to add fabulous books that support your students' learning to your at-home library.*

Usborne Books offers high-quality, beautifully illustrated, educational titles for readers of all ages. To learn more or order ahead of time, [click here](#). At the book fair you will be able to select from many educational and fun titles to enhance learning and inspire the wonder and awe that a Classical Education aims to instill in students. The goal of this fair is to earn enough free books to send one book home this summer with every student in grades K-5 to kick start a great summer of reading! There will be an Usborne Books representative on site to answer any questions. We also need parent volunteers to help. It's a great way to support the entire Eagle Ridge community. Can you help before or after your informance time? If you want to be part of this exciting event, [please sign up now!](#)

# Community Updates



## College Boot Camp on 8/26

WENDY KLUTE

*Academic Counselor*

SAVE THE DATE! Our 3rd Annual College Boot Camp for Seniors (Class of 2020) will take place on Monday, August 26 from 8:00 am – 3:09 pm. This event is not to be missed!

It is the first day of school for Lower School students, so buses will be running if transportation is needed. Uniforms are not mandatory, but please dress appropriately since the School of Grammar will be in session.

We will cover many aspects of the college search process, such as finding the right fit, types of applications, recommendation letters, essay writing, ACT/SAT requirements, scholarship opportunities, and more. We will be utilizing the computer lab to get a jumpstart on applications.

Snacks and lunch will be served. This is a free event and students who attend will be excused from school in April of 2020 when the juniors take the ACT (exact date to be determined).

Please reach out to Miss Klute with questions.



## Athletics Banquet: May 19

KRISTIN MELENDEZ

*Husky-Gryphon Booster Club Member*

Athletes are invited to join the Husky-Gryphon Booster Club on May 19 for the 14th Annual Varsity Sports Banquet, which honors our ERA/ISM athletes who played on junior varsity or varsity sports teams this school year. The evening at the Woman's Club of Minneapolis will include a silent auction, dinner, and award presentations. Athletes will receive their invitations with more details in the mail by April 24.



Eagle Ridge Academy is excited to announce its plan to **build a community garden** on the grounds of the Academy. Our garden will be filled with delicious vegetables and herbs, which will eventually be used in the Eagle Ridge Academy meal program, Harvest of the Month samples, and culinary club. Because of two recent grants, we are able to start this spring. A community build date will be determined in the near future, but in the meantime, we are accepting donations of the following to help us prepare:

- Shovels and hand tools
- Gardening gloves
- Watering cans
- Garden hose
- Peat moss
- Rain barrel
- Mulch
- Storage bench
- Outdoor patio tiles
- Gardening soil

*If you are interested in donating new or gently used items, please contact Kelly Schiffman at [kschiffman@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:kschiffman@eagleridgeacademy.org).*



## Eva Denis, Sophomore

### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Eva Denis is a foreign exchange student from France who has attended Eagle Ridge Academy since August of this school year. She decided to become an exchange student after hearing about the program from friends in France. She was open to any schools in the United States, but was placed with a family who also attend ERA.

The schedule at school has been the biggest difference or surprise for Eva so far. "In France, the schedule is different every day and you can start at 8:00 a.m. and finish at 6:00 p.m.," Eva shared. The connection between students and teachers is Eva's favorite part of Eagle Ridge. "This school is smaller than mine in France," she said, "therefore the teachers have more time to share with students. I really like that."

When asked about something she wished others knew about being an exchange student, Eva shared, "My brain works 24/7 to translate every word from English to French. I sometimes mix my words between the two languages, but I love when people ask me about my country." If you and your family are interested in hosting a foreign exchange student, visit [www.ayusa.org](http://www.ayusa.org) for details, or connect with Miss Wendy Klute to learn more. Eva is happy to answer questions and share more about her experience. •

# Spring Events Update



## Developing Connections

**KELLY SCHIFFMAN**  
*Director of Development*

The Donut Dash 5K and Mini-Donut Dash ½ Mile is just two short weeks away on May 11! [Registration is still available.](#) The Gryphon Classic Golf Tournament is on June 17 and is [taking golfer registrations now!](#)

Proceeds from both events will help support Robotics and a new student Pep Band at Eagle Ridge Academy.

### WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

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

We are 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!

## GRYPHON CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT:

*June 17 • Register Now*



Join us for  
**the 5th Annual Dash!**

**Race on Saturday,  
May 11, 2019**

**Register Today**  
for Only \$30  
until 4/29!



# Fine Arts Events

GR. 6-12



11TH ANNUAL

## Art Expo

**Friday, May 10 • 6:30-9:00 p.m.**

**EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY**

View and Purchase Student Art!

GR. K-5



## Fine Arts Festival

The students, as well as the music and art departments, are beyond excited to present to you the ERA School of Grammar Fine Arts Festival. This affair is presented over the course of two evenings where audience members will have the opportunity to hear songs prepared in music class and view the art works created in art class.

**The first evening will be Tuesday, May 7.**

- 6:00 p.m. – Grade 1 Informance
- 6:45 p.m. – Grade 3 Informance
- 7:30 p.m. – Grade 5 Informance

**The second evening will be Thursday, May 9.**

- 6:00 p.m. – Kindergarten Informance
- 6:45 p.m. – Grade 2 Informance
- 7:30 p.m. – Grade 4 Informance

*We respectfully ask for your assistance in assuring all students and guests model anticipated behavior in the auditorium and art gallery. Our responsibility as teachers of the Fine Arts is to educate students in an atmosphere of reverence and appreciation of the Fine Arts. They have been taught to use only their eyes when looking at art. Students have been informed of proper performance conduct as well as gallery or museum behavior. This includes no touching, walking, and quiet voices. Thank you, and we look forward to your attendance.*

## Choir Concert

**Monday, May 13  
7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY**

## Band Concert

**Thursday, May 16  
7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY**

## Orchestra Concert

**Tuesday, May 21  
7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY**



# PTO News

## PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

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



### PTO BOARD NOMINEES

We are pleased to announce the nomination of the following individuals for positions on the 2019-2020 ERA PTO Board:

#### **PRESIDENT:**

Christie Wills\*\*  
Resmy Kurian\*

#### **VICE PRESIDENT:**

Samantha Hudson\*\*  
Elena Ryabinin\*\*  
Penny Teder

#### **TREASURER:**

Tina Loutsch

#### **SECRETARY:**

Amanda Weidner\*  
Sabiha Khandwalla

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR:**

(2+ open positions)

#### **TEACHER/STAFF LIAISON:**

Jessica Bergeron\*\*

\*\* indicates current board member, applying for same position as 2018-19

\* indicates current board member, applying for new position

In the interest of inclusivity, it is our intention to pair each role to allow all willing nominees to serve. Voting will take place at the PTO Quarterly Meeting on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at ERA, and is open to all members of the ERA community.

We are particularly interested in continuing to accept applications for Community Engagement Coordinators. Any ERA parent is welcome with no experience necessary. [Please apply here.](#) Thank you, and welcome to all of our nominees!

#### **SEE IT...SAVE IT!**

The final contest is still on, which means keep collecting those redemption items to win class prizes and earn money for our school! Be on the lookout for Box Tops, Coke codes in caps and boxes, Loaves4Learning, and Tyson Rewards. Let's finish the year strong. There are also clipping and counting volunteer opportunities available. Check out the [ERA Volunteer web page](#) for more information.

### 8TH ANNUAL ROLLER SKATING PARTY • APRIL 28

K-8th grade families, come and join us for one of our popular events, a private party set just for you! The [Roller Skating Party](#) will be held at Roller Garden in St. Louis Park on Sunday, April 28 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Cost is \$6 for students, which includes skate/rollerblade rental. Non-skating parents may stay and visit for free (no drop-offs!). All students receive a FREE glow necklace. Food and beverages are available for purchase.



### TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

*A Teacher Takes a HAND, opens a MIND,  
and touches a HEART!*

For all the teachers and staff at Eagle Ridge Academy do for all of us, it's an honor to be able to show our immense appreciation for them during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10, 2019. We have planned a variety of things to express our gratitude and we look forward to serving them alongside all of you. Parents of kindergarten through 5th grade students will receive a flyer at the end of this week that has all the specific information about the week. [We also have that flyer on the ERA PTO website.](#)

Here is a quick layout of the schedule:

- **Monday:** Breakfast Goodie Buffet
- **Tuesday:** Baked Potato Bar Lunch Sponsored by ERA Administration
- **Wednesday:** Beverage Delivery to Classrooms or Pick-Up in Commons Area for those Teachers and Staff on the Go
- **Thursday:** Chocolate Treats Buffet Sponsored by ERA Moms in Prayer
- **Friday:** Gifts and Massages

We will be so grateful for any support and assistance you might be able to give us during this time of teacher celebration! It is great to come together as a community of parents and loved ones to shower this amazing group of teachers and staff. We are also [accepting online donations at our Square Store.](#)

If you have any questions, please e-mail Jennifer Lundquist: [jennifermlundquist@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifermlundquist@yahoo.com)