



Eagle Ridge Academy PTA Newsletter

Welcome to Eagle Ridge Academy Message from PTA President...

Welcome to Eagle Ridge Academy! Whether you are returning for another great year, or you are new to the community and school, I hope you are off to a great start and already feel like part of the Eagle Ridge Family! Our PTA Board has been gearing up for the beginning of school since June! We had two very productive meetings over the summer to brainstorm ideas that will allow us to be even better prepared to serve our students.

I hope that each and every one of you will join PTA this year. PTA keeps you informed, involved, and truly allows you to partner with teachers, administrators and other parents in one of the most important parts of our children's lives—their education. For a closer look at everything Eagle Ridge Academy PTA, please take a look at our website at www.teacherweb.com/GA/EagleRidgeAcademy/EagleRidgeAcademyPTA. A link is also available from the Eagle Ridge Home Page.

At Eagle Ridge Academy we are lucky to have a fabulous group of Teachers, Staff, and Parents that are extraordinarily dedicated to guiding our children through their elementary school experience. I look forward to another fantastic school year and I invite any questions you may have regarding Eagle Ridge Academy PTA. Please feel free to contact me at jenniferhgllover@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Glover
PTA President

Summer/Fall
September 2011

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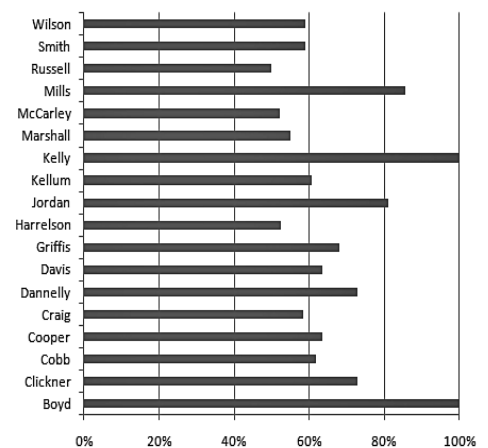
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PTA Membership Drive

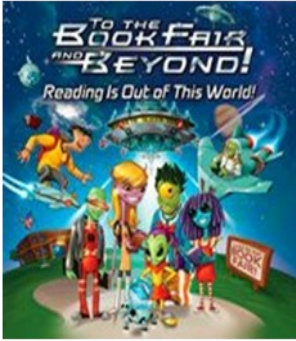
The PTA is having a Membership Drive with a goal of 100% of our parents participating and supporting our PTA. To reach 100%, each child in a class must have a parent join. In order for membership to count toward a student, one membership per student must be purchased. PTA Dues are paid yearly and are \$5.

This year PTA has introduced classroom incentives to increase membership. All classes that achieve 100% participation will receive a treat. The following classes have at least 50% participation. If your child's class is not listed, the class has not reached the 50% mark. Please visit our website at www.teacherweb.com/GA/EagleRidgeAcademy/EagleRidgeAcademyPTA for a link to the membership form and send it in with your child.



The Book Fair is Coming...

Calling all Astronauts and Aliens!



It's time to go out of this world for our Fall Book Fair. Come aboard our ship named "The Media Center" and explore all the wonderful worlds of stories waiting to be discovered. Our first launch is scheduled for Monday, September 26 at 8:00 a.m., and we will return at 2:00 p.m. We will depart daily until Friday, September 30. Our return time on Friday will be 12:00. We will also have a special launch on Tuesday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m. and will return from our flight at 8:00 p.m. Please come join us on any flight. It's going to be a BLAST!

If you are interested in helping with the book fair, contact Leslie Bellware at bellwarel@aol.com.

PTA Supporting Board Members

Book Fair.....Leslie Bellware
 Box Tops for Education.....Tami Evans
 Fundraising.....Lindsey Morgan
 Hospitality.....Wanda Logan
 MembershipBev Rogers
 Reflections.....Erica Edenfield
 Room Mom.....Angie Strother
 Santa Shop.....Bev Rogers
 Sara Spano Clothing Bank....Lezli Braswell
 Spirit Wear.....Lori Edwards

Sara Spano Clothing Bank

The Sara Spano Clothing Bank is a great resource for Muscogee County school children who are in need of clothing and shoes. The clothing bank is run by PTA volunteers from around the school district, and it relies on donations of new and used clothing and shoes. Eagle Ridge Academy is responsible for sending 3 volunteers to help at the clothing bank on November 8 and 10, from 9:15 a.m. until noon. Volunteers help children "shop" for clothing items and also help sort and organize donations. If you would like to help by volunteering at the clothing bank, please submit your name and which date you prefer to Lezli Braswell at lezlibraswell@yahoo.com.

Thanks for your help!



Spirit Days EVERY FRIDAY!



Encourage your child to wear an Eagle Ridge t-shirt on Friday, to show school spirit!

Order Your Yearbook Today!

Prices will go up soon

Now through October 1:	\$30
October 2 through December 31:	\$35
January 1 through April 15 2012:	\$38
After April 15, 2012:	\$40



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Fundraisers

Eagle Ridge Academy PTA has just kicked off the first fundraiser of the year with our 3 in 1 Fall Fundraiser. Packets have been sent home with your child that include information for the sale of Yankee Candles®, “EnviroVogue” Eco-friendly multi-purpose, reusable Tote Bags, and Chick-fil-A 2012 Calendars. Other major fundraisers for the year will include our annual Santa Shop and Spring Fling. Also back by popular demand are Spirit Cards. Spirit Cards will be sold by our students in February.

As a parent, you may wonder why PTA coordinates fundraisers. With budget cuts having been made at all levels of education, now more than ever it is important for parents and communities to come together to make up for lacking funds. Eagle Ridge PTA has always been fortunate to step up by funding programs for our school that may not otherwise be available. Yearly, the PTA sets monetary goals that will greatly enrich our school both academically and aesthetically. This year the PTA is committed to purchasing books for both individual classrooms and the media center. We are also committed to furthering the beautification of the school campus. PTA helps fund programs for art, music and physical education. We also hope to have funding for even more student activities that will enable our students to go beyond the classroom and experience education through real life scenarios. Money raised through fundraisers will go directly to accomplish these objectives in addition to the activities already coordinated by the PTA aimed at making the staff feel honored and fostering student’s ability to learn and have fun learning in a safe atmosphere. None of these things would be possible without your support and dedication as parents. Together we can all make sure the Eagle Ridge students continue to Soar with the Eagles.



the difference
I can make.

Eagle Ridge Academy will kick-off Box Tops for Education Collection Monday, September 12. The first contest will run through Friday, November 18. The class with the most Box Tops collected as well as those in second and third place will earn parties and receive money to be used in the classroom by the teacher. If you are not familiar with the Box Tops for Education Program, you can earn cash for your child’s school by clipping Box Tops coupons from hundreds of participating products. Each one is worth 10¢ for the school. Go to www.boxtops4education.com to see Eagle Ridge Academy’s goal for the year, past earnings and even more ways to earn Box Tops for the school. Look for more information regarding the Box Tops for Education contest soon!

PTA Reflections

2011-2012 Theme: “Diversity Means...”

We are excited to introduce you to the National PTA’s Reflections Program! Reflections is a cultural arts program seeking new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme. Entries must be student’s original work. Selected entries will be eligible for school, council, state, and possibly national recognition. All students who participate will receive a prize and a participation award. Classes with 100% participation will receive a treat for the whole class. All students with winning entries and their families will be invited to a reception in their honor held at Eagle Ridge Academy where they will receive an award. Please take a look at the information sent home with your child and encourage your student to enter. If you have questions regarding the Reflections Program, contact Erica Edenfield at reflections4eagles@bellsouth.net.

Mark Your Calendar for Important Dates...



September 2011

- 6 Tuesday Fall Fundraiser Begins
- 26 Monday Scholastic Book Fair (9/26 - 9/30)
- 27 Tuesday PTA Meeting/Open House/Book Fair Night

October 2011

- 18 Tuesday PTA Meeting

November 2011

- 8 Tuesday Sara Spano Clothing Bank
- 10 Thursday Sara Spano Clothing Bank
- 15 Tuesday PTA Meeting/Fundraiser Distribution

December 2011

- 5 Monday Santa Shop (12/5 - 12/9)
- 13 Tuesday PTA Meeting

February 2012

- 7 Tuesday PTA Meeting

March 2012

- 2 Friday Eagle Idol
- 20 Tuesday PTA Meeting

April 2012

- 24 Tuesday Sara Spano Clothing Bank
- 26 Thursday Sara Spano Clothing Bank
- 27 Friday Spring Fling

May 2012

- 7 Monday Teacher Appreciation Week (5/7 - 5/11)
- 15 Friday PTA Meeting

Spirit Night!

Marco's Pizza

(Warm Springs Road)

1st Thursday of each month

Chick-fil-A

(Bradley Park Drive)

3rd Thursday of each month

Each restaurant donates a portion of their Spirit Night sales to Eagle Ridge Academy



Membership has Privileges

A PTA membership provides many benefits to a card-carrying PTA member. National PTA and Georgia PTA offer a variety of PTA Member Benefits from businesses and organizations. Some are ongoing, while others are seasonal or event related. Use your PTA membership card to take advantage of these benefits. Visit

www.georgiapta.org/membership-benefits for a full list of Georgia Membership Discounts and www.pta.org/pta_member_benefits for information on National PTA membership discount providers.

Get your pictures in the Yearbook!

Parents and Teachers are invited to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events featuring Eagle Ridge Academy Students and staff we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere! Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

1. Go to: <https://images.jostens.com/login?user=400113138&pw=eagleridge>
2. If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter

username: 400113138 and password: eagleridge

3. Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
4. Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
5. Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! The last day to submit photos is January 31, 2012.

The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.