Eagle Bluff online back to school registration will soon begin!

Please go to your PowerSchool Parent Portal to access student back to school registration forms. One-click sign on will allow secure access to forms.

https://ona.powerschool.com

★ Click here to make an appointment to come for student pictures:
★ www.empirephotos.com/eaglebluff2023 ★
★ AUGUST 7TH 1:00 pm-6:00 pm ★
★ AUGUST 8TH 9:00 a.m.-2:00 pm★

A picture makeup day is scheduled in October during the school day.

Empire Photography pictures can be ordered online at www.empirephotos.com

Please watch your email to stay up to date on important school information. We also have a facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/people/Eagle-Bluff-Elementary-School/100057137214663/?mibextid=LQQJ4d

IMPORTANT DATES:
AUGUST
7 & 8 Back to School Pictures
15 New Family Orientation GRADES 1-5 6:00 PM
16 Kindergarten Family Orientation A-L at 5:00 PM
M-Z at 5:30 PM
17 Open House GRADES 1-5 5:00 – 6:00 PM
21 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL K-5
21 Pre-K visits
25 - Kindergarten Orientation

SEPTEMBER
4 Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
17 PTO Meeting 5:30 PM at Eagle Bluff

OCTOBER
4 & 5 - Family Conferences
6 - NO SCHOOL

School Nutrition payments are paid online using MyPaymentsPlus
** 2023-2024 Meal Prices: lunch $3.25 breakfast $2.05 **

Go to: WWW.ONALASKA.K12.WI.US
Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I hope that you all enjoyed some quality family time over the summer. In the lives of children, there is nothing more important than a strong family unit, no matter how it is structured.

School is also a very important part of a child’s growth and development. At Eagle Bluff, our staff is committed to our district and school mission of ensuring high levels of learning for ALL students. You, our families, are an integral part of our success and ultimately, the success of our children. Thanks, in advance, for the effort you will expend in keeping this partnership alive as together we work to educate the children of Eagle Bluff!

I would like to offer a special word of welcome to families that are new to our school. Many of you have chosen to live here because you believe that the Eagle Bluff staff will provide the best education possible. We are grateful for your trust and will work hard to live up to your expectations.

The new year is bringing several staff changes. Here are the new staff that have been hired at this point:

- Andrea Alvin - Speech Language Pathologist (replacing Bria Ames)
- Kaylee Olson - 3rd grade (replacing Suzie Pence)
- Stacy Howden - 4th grade (replacing Christine Stolz)
- Nadiya Carney joined our custodial team (replacing Dave Gjere)

Our school motto is Soaring with Eagle Pride. Our school has a team (Eagle Pride Team) of staff trained in a framework for student behavioral expectations called Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports – PBIS. Our entire staff was involved in creating a “behavior matrix” outlining the expectations in various areas of the school. Expected behaviors may be categorized as being respectful, responsible, productive and safe. These will be explicitly taught to students with “boosters” for reinforcement throughout the year. With leadership from the Eagle Pride Team, we have developed a system for acknowledging the positive behaviors exhibited by students utilizing “wings” cards. Half of the card goes home with the student and the other half (including the child’s name) goes into a bucket. One card from each grade level is drawn per week with the winner’s names announced and a special postcard is sent home via US mail.

In closing, I encourage you to be as active as you can be in the life of Eagle Bluff. Although all of us lead very busy lives, do your best to make time to participate in PTO events and school listening/discussion sessions, volunteer in classrooms and most importantly, ask your child about what he/she is learning.

It's going to be a great year!
Todd Saneç, Principal
General School Information

School Schedule
The morning bell rings at 8:30 a.m. Children should NOT arrive before 8:05 a.m. There is no supervision prior to this time. Dismissal: parent pickup 3:25 p.m. Bus riders 3:35 p.m.

Attendance
Regular school attendance is directly linked to academic and future job success. Parents/Guardians may excuse students for up to 10 days during the school year for illness, vacation or personal reasons. Administrators may excuse days over the limit in extenuating circumstances. Written documentation from a medical provider for a medical appointment or illness does not count as a parent excused day. Please call the school office 608-783-2453 BEFORE 8:15 a.m. or email eboffice@onalaskaschools.com if your child will be absent or late.

Family Communication
We communicate mainly through electronic communication. Parents are encouraged to check our website weekly and look for email updates from the Principal. We also have a Facebook page that is updated regularly to showcase our students' achievements.

Volunteers/Visitors
Safety is the number one concern at Eagle Bluff School. For this reason, all doors to the school are locked during the school day. All volunteers and visitors must come in through the main office. You will need your Driver's License to sign in. Volunteers are required to fill out a Volunteer Service Form through this online system:
http://www.onalaska.k12.wi.us/district/volunteer-background-check-information.cfm

Updating Student/family Information
Please make sure that your child's enrollment information is kept up to date. We need to keep accurate records of home address, phone number, emergency contacts, and email address. If changes occur during the year, please contact the office. We communicate mainly through electronic communication. Please check our website weekly and look for email updates from the Principal.

Health Room Information
School Medication forms are available in the school health office. The District follows the Wisconsin Childhood Communicable Diseases table when determining if a child should be sent home or excluded from school due to illness. When symptoms of possible communicable diseases are present, a child may be excluded based on the district RN determination (ie: fevers, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.)

After School Plan
Consistency and routine is always best to ensure your child gets to the right location after school. The plan you provide at registration is entered into our database and will be the plan staff follows for your child. If your child's after school plan changes, it is imperative that you notify the teacher AND the office of the revised plan. Please email eboffice@onalaskaschools.com to update your child's plan. Same day changes are to be made for emergency situations only. If absolutely necessary, same day changes are to be made with notes sent with the student to the teacher and the office the morning of the change, or with an email to the teacher and the office. Changes called into the office late in the day, may be difficult to ensure the information will be received by your child and his/her teacher.
School Meals
In the School District of Onalaska, our vision is to provide healthy, nutritious, and appetizing school meals through our school nutrition program. Such meals contribute to a student being ready to learn and do their best. Below is information on what is offered in our School Meals Program.

Breakfast
Breakfast will be available before school at 8:05-8:25 a.m. in the cafeteria. Milk is included with the breakfast meal or may be purchased a la carte for those not participating in the breakfast program.

Lunch
We encourage families to participate in the school lunch program. Children may opt to bring lunch from home. The lunch schedule varies by grade and recess times. Milk is included in the lunch meal or may be purchased a la carte for those not participating in the school lunch program. To promote healthy nutritional habits, pop and fast food carry-outs are highly discouraged.

Snack Break
Each grade has a snack break that varies in timing according to the child’s lunch and recess schedule. The snack break is a part of every child’s schedule. Children can bring a snack and healthy beverage that does not need refrigeration or water bottle for that time, as noted on the school supply list. Some classrooms may use a communal or bulk snack system – more information will be provided by your child’s teacher. Milk will no longer be offered a third time during the day at snack break as it is available at breakfast and lunch.

Applications for Free and/or Reduced Price Meals
All families are encouraged to complete an application for Free or Reduced meals, found here. Application is important to allow those that qualify to receive meals at a free or reduced rate. Additionally, completing the application allows the district to maximize state and federal funding.

Menus
Menus for breakfast and lunch can be found on our district website: www.onalaskaschools.com. Look for the fork and spoon at the top right of the website or look under the School Nutrition Department webpage.

Individual Student Accounts
Your payments are deposited into individual student accounts; these accounts are used for breakfast, lunch and a la carte milk. The 4-digit code your student uses for the lunch line is their code for payment.

Paying into Individual Student Accounts

- ONLINE – The online payment system, MyPaymentsPlus, allows payments from your checking account or credit card. Go to www.mypaymentsplus.com for more information.
- CHECK OR CASH – Please write your student’s account number on your check, or write it on a slip of paper to send with your cash. Place check/cash in an envelope in your child’s folder (preprinted envelopes available in office). Mark your child’s name, the amount of money enclosed, and what the money is for on the envelope.
OPEN HOUSE GRADES 1-5
August 17
5:00-6:00 pm

Families with students in grades 1 - 5 come meet your teachers and bring in your school supplies! Due to high traffic volume, please utilize the upper elementary playground for parking as necessary. Use the stairs to enter and exit through Door “F” if parked in this area. Please be cautious as the driveway is a single lane.

NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION
Grades 1 - 5
August 15
6:00 pm

As a way to welcome families with students in grades 1 - 5 that are new to the Eagle Bluff Community, we invite you to an orientation meeting on Tuesday, August 15 at 6:00 p.m. We will begin with a presentation in the Media Room directly across the hall from the main office. Afterwards, there will be an opportunity to tour our school building.

KINDERGARTEN FAMILY ORIENTATION
August 16
Last Names A-L 5:00 pm  Last Names M-Z 5:30 pm

Families will be able to meet all the kindergarten teachers, learn about the kindergarten day and familiarize themselves with the building.
There are many different ways to get involved in your child's education. Being a volunteer is a very rewarding way to do this.

- **Join our Parent Teacher Organization**
  PTO meetings are the third Sunday of each month at 5:30 pm. Joining our PTO is an excellent way to connect with other parents, have a voice in PTO supported activities and programs, and be an active part of your child's education. If you can't make it to a meeting and want to stay connected contact the PTO at: eaglebluffpto@gmail.com

- **Volunteer in your child's classroom.**
  Homeroom teachers will communicate their specific classroom volunteer needs. They will work with you to set up days/times that will fit into your schedule and the school day schedule.

**VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM**

The School District of Onalaska requires all parent and community volunteers to complete background checks through an online system called BIB. **BIB (Background Investigation Bureau)** is a comprehensive online system that will provide thorough background checks on all volunteers. A direct link is provided on the School District of Onalaska website - http://www.onalaska.k12.wi.us/district/volunteer-background-check-information.cfm

The volunteer will receive an email from BIB stating they have passed the background check to volunteer. All volunteers need to coordinate with the building administration on volunteer opportunities.