

# Eagle Eye News

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*United We Soar!*

## UNITED WE SOAR

One vision. One team.  
Rising higher – together.  
Philippians 2:1-4



### A Message From The Principal:

Welcome to a brand-new school year!

I am so thankful to see our hallways once again filled with the joy, laughter, and energy of our students. Whether you are returning or joining our school family for the first time, you are a treasured part of what God is doing here.

Our theme this year is “United We Soar,” inspired by Philippians 2:1-4. In this passage, Paul reminds us to be “like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.” This is a beautiful picture of what we hope to cultivate—students, families, and staff working together in love and unity, encouraging one another, and always looking to serve.

This first week has been filled with new beginnings—freshly sharpened pencils, clean notebooks, and the excitement of meeting new friends and teachers. But even greater than these things is the opportunity we have each day to grow in Christlikeness. My prayer is that our words would build up, our actions would reflect Jesus, and our hearts would seek to glorify Him in all we do.

Together, let’s make this a year of faith, learning, kindness, and courage. Just as eagles soar higher by catching the wind, we will rise together by leaning on God’s strength and trusting His plan for us.

Blessings,  
Ms. Ellis 🙏

### CALENDAR

#### August

- 15 Friday Pizza
- 21 **PTO Meeting @ 6pm**
- 22 Friday Pizza
- 25 - **Sept 9** MAP Assessment
- 22 Friday Pizza

#### September

- 1 Labor Day (school closed)



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

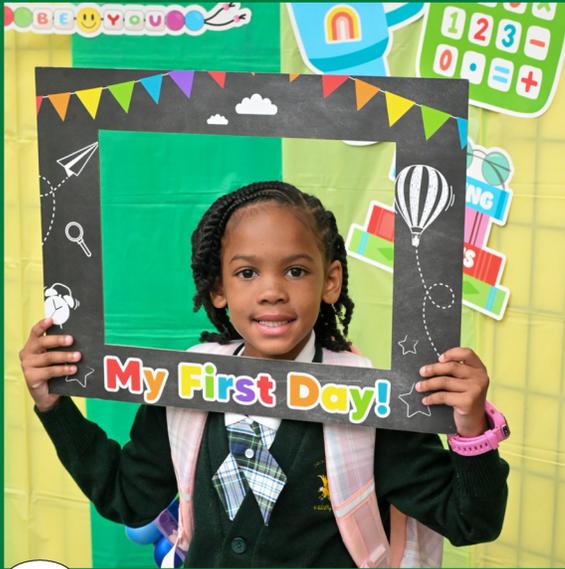
Parents, if you haven’t already, please follow the instructions sent to you via email to login to AE Connect.

Payments for Friday Pizza lunch can be made online or in person with cash.

- \$4 for ONE slice
- \$5 for TWO slices



# Meet our **EXCEL**lent Eagles!



**Abigail**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**



**Q: What is your favorite Bible story?**

**A:** David & Goliath, because it shows that no matter how small you are, you can do anything you put your mind to, with God's help.

**Q: Would you rather build a snowman or a sandcastle?**

**A:** Sandcastle!

**Q: What are you most excited for this school year?**

**A:** Pajama day.

**Q: What state did you move here from?**

**A:** Illinois

**Q: What's your favorite Bible text?**

**A:** Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." ~Matthew 19:26

**Q: How do you make learning fun?**

**A:** I love to incorporate hands-on activities in my classroom.

**Q: Would you rather travel to space or the bottom of the ocean?**

**A:** The bottom of the ocean!



**Mrs. Badillo**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>**





## Jesus Is The Door To Heaven

Ryan lay flat on his back in the cool green grass, watching the fluffy clouds floating across the sky above him. When he glanced over at the tall trellis covered with Grandma's rambling roses, he noticed it almost reached the small balcony with the slider door that led to the guest bedroom. Ryan scrambled to his feet and darted toward the house. I bet I can climb up to my room, he thought. He put his foot on a low trellis slat, pushed away a few roses, and began to climb. He stretched his arms, caught the balcony railing, and swung himself up. But before he could crawl over the railing, his foot slipped. He screamed, and the big pink roses zipped by as he fell to the ground.

"Ryan, can you open your eyes?" asked a faraway voice. "Can you hear me?"

Ryan blinked and slowly sat up. "What happened?" he asked.

"You had a bad fall," said Grandpa. "We need to take you to the emergency room to make sure you don't have a concussion."

After returning from the hospital with a clean bill of health, Ryan felt embarrassed about what he had done. "I wanted to climb onto the balcony to get into my room," he said. "I thought it would be more fun than just walking in through the door, but it wasn't fun at all!"

After dinner, Grandpa read from the book of John. "Your experience today reminded me of these verses," he said. "They say Jesus is the door to eternal life. We may think we can get to heaven by going to church, helping neighbors, giving money to charity, taking care of animals--doing all sorts of good things. But just like you couldn't get into your bedroom by climbing the rose trellis, none of us can get into heaven by doing good things."

"Right," said Grandma. "We can only get into heaven through Jesus. He is the door. Only He can save us from sin and give us eternal life."

Ryan nodded. "I didn't use the door when I tried to get into my room today, and that was a disaster. I'm glad I'm going through the door to heaven by trusting in Jesus!"

-Lois A. Teufel

### **HOW ABOUT YOU?**

Did you know that Jesus is the door—the only way—to heaven? Or are you trying to get there some other way? There is nothing you can do to work your way to heaven. You must simply come through the door. Jesus loves you so much He died to save you from sin so you could spend eternity with Him. Trust Him as your Savior today.

**I am the Door. Anyone who goes in through Me will be saved from the punishment of sin.**

~John 10:9

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

KingDavid - 7/4

PrinceEmmanuel - 7/27

Nadia - 8/1

Naazia - 8/4

Herrington - 8/20

Mrs. Badillo - 8/24



## RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

**What has hands  
but cannot clap?**

Answer: A clock!





# 1<sup>st</sup> Day Smiles, courtesy of Bro. Morton!

