

# Eagle Eye News

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United We Soar!

**"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."**  
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

## CALENDAR

### January

- 15 Parent Meeting re: TEFA, 6pm
- 16 Noon Dismissal (no pizza, no ASC)
- 19 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day



## A Message From The Principal:

*John 16:33 – In this world you will have trouble.  
But take heart! I have overcome the world.*

There is so much happening in the world around us. News reports, global events, and daily conversations often reflect uncertainty, unrest, and confusion. It is easy to feel overwhelmed by the noise and chaos, especially when it seems constant and unrelenting. Yet Scripture reminds us that none of this takes God by surprise.

As people of faith, we are called not to lose hope or become fearful. The Bible tells us that these moments are signs—not meant to discourage us, but to point us closer to the fulfillment of God's promises and the soon return of Christ. While the world may feel unstable, our foundation remains firm. God is still sovereign, His Word is still true, and His plan is still unfolding.

In times like these, we are reminded to anchor our hearts in faith, prayer, and trust. Rather than giving in to fear, we choose hope. Rather than despair, we choose confidence in Christ. Our assurance is not found in the state of the world, but in the promise that He is coming again.

Blessings,  
Ms. Ellis 



## KNOW THE FACTS

### TEXAS EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNTS (TEFA) PROGRAM

#### 1. ELIGIBILITY & PRIORITIZATION

Students enrolled in an eligible school may receive \$10,500-\$12,000 annually. Priority is given to students with disabilities and those in lower-income households.

#### 2. PARENT EMPOWERMENT

Awarded funds are approved and directed by parents. Funds may only be used for eligible education expenses.

#### 3. STUDENT ACCOMMODATIONS REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for prioritization, schedule by January 2026: a private medical evaluation or an ISD-issued IEP. Additional funding is available for students with disabilities.

#### 4. APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIP

The TEFA application process opens February 2026. We will assist parents who need help completing the application.

#### 5. REGISTRATION

Watch for 2026-2027 registration dates to secure a spot for your child.



For More Information, scan the QR Code and sign up to receive parent updates



## KNOW THE FACTS

### TEXAS EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNTS (TEFA) PROGRAM

Have you considered enrolling your children in a Seventh-day Adventist School? With the launch of the new Texas Education Freedom Account (EFA) program in 2026, qualifying families can receive direct financial assistance to make Seventh-day Adventist Education possible.

#### New Funds at Your Fingertips

- Average student award: about \$10,000 each year.
- Students with disabilities: up to \$30,000.
- Eligible uses: tuition, uniforms, textbooks, and other approved expenses.

#### Who Qualifies

This program is open to all families, regardless of their income or the school they currently attend. Priority is given to students with disabilities and those in lower-income households.

Visit [insert school name] now to learn if a Texas EFA can help your family in the 2026-2027 school year.



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# Meet our **EXCEL**lent Eagles!



**Weyimi**  
**1<sup>st</sup> grade**



**Q: Which Bible story do you like the most?**

**A:** Noah and the Ark, because God promised He would never flood the Earth again.



**Q: What do you know how to cook?**

**A:** I like to cook mac and cheese with extra cheese!!!



**Q: Do you prefer summer or winter?**

**A:** I love summer; I go to the pool. I like snow in the winter.

**Q: Which Bible character do admire?**

**A:** Ruth.

**Q: What's something you enjoy doing with your family?**

**A:** I like when we go to the water park!



**Q: Tell me something I don't already know about you.**

**A:** I don't like the sound of fireworks.



**Nadia**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> grade**





## What's in a Name?

Alexis rushed into the house. "Mom! Bree's mom and new baby sister are home now! She's so cute, and her name is Arabella. I love that name! How do people decide what to name their babies?"

"Well, some are named after a family member or a person the parents admire, and sometimes parents choose a name for its meaning."

Alexis was surprised. "Names have meanings?"

"Most do," said Mom. "For instance, Alexis means 'helper' or 'defender.' I can show you a website where you can search for names and their meanings if you want."

"Oh, yes please!" So Alexis and Mom looked up several names together. Bree meant "strength," and Arabella meant "yielding to prayer." They even looked up Dad's name—Matthew—which meant "gift of God."

"Did you know the Bible says it's better to choose a good name than to choose great wealth?" Mom asked as they got up from the computer.

"But we don't choose our own names," said Alexis. "Parents give them to us."

"You're right. You didn't choose the name Dad and I gave you—you received it when you were born into our family. And there's another name you've received that's even more important."

"There is?" asked Alexis. "What's that?"

"When you trusted Jesus Christ as your Savior, you became part of His family and received His name—Christian, which means 'like Christ.' That name means He's made you a new person and that you have His righteousness, or goodness. Your new name means you belong to Him."

"Really?" Alexis smiled. "I didn't realize that's what Christian meant."

Mom nodded. "In the Bible, God even renamed some people when He called them to follow Him. Abram became Abraham, Sarai became Sarah, and Simon became Peter. Their new names had special meanings that told others God had made them new people and was using them to show others who He was." Mom smiled at Alexis. "He's doing the same with us as Christians, shaping us to be like Jesus so we can point others toward Him. When we trust Him to help us speak and act in ways that show others who He is, we're choosing to let people know us by the good name He's given us."

—Agnes Livezey

### **How about you?**

Do you know where your name comes from? Were you named after a special person or given your name because of what it means? We can't choose our names at birth, but the best name of all is one anyone can have by trusting in Jesus and becoming part of God's family. The name Christian means that Jesus has saved you and made you a new person. Let others know your new name by showing God's love in all you say and do.

A good name is to be chosen over great wealth; favor is better than silver and gold.  
Proverbs 22:1

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Yvonia - 1/1

Ihechi - 1/4

Khayden - 1/17

Samuella - 1/24

Samuel - 1/30

Elijah - 1/30

Deborah - 1/30



## RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

**What kind of room has no doors or windows?**



Answer: A mushroom!

