

Eagle Academy

Fall Quarter



EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Eagle Happenings



Eagle Academy Awesomeness!

In June, Eagle Academy graduated its largest class ever. Eagle Academy staff and students wish the 2013 graduates the best of luck in their upcoming adventures!

In September, Eagle welcomed new and veteran students to the start of an exciting and action-packed school year.

2013 was amazing but 2014 will be EPIC!

The Eagle Academy building will be one hundred years old in 2014!! We will be celebrating in style!!!

Join us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/bargaintownschool> and share your memories. If you went to this school or you know someone who did, please join us!

students of the week

September 9-13: Darius Ellis,
Ashley Hooven, Gabriela Tarsitano

September 16-20: Darius Ellis, Isael
Guzman, Gabriela Tarsitano

September 23-27: Amanda Diluzio,
Ashley Hooven

September 30-October 4: Arturo Ber-
rera, Michael McHale

October 7-11: Arturo Berrera,
Isael Guzman

October 14-18: Gabriela Tasi-
tano, Ashley Hooven

October 21-25: Isael Guzman

October 28-Nov. 1: Jordan Win-
ston, Frank Taylor

student of the month

SEPTEMBER
Gabriela Tarsitan

OCTOBER
Daniel Lopez

Eagle's Summer Program



Cleaning & Painting Districtwide

Eagle's Summer Program



Did you know all the schools in EHT are cleaned and painted throughout the summer?? Did you know the students of the Eagle Academy Summer program work with the maintenance crews to help with all this cleaning and painting?

Summer of 2013 was the Summer of Clean Schools. All participant were assigned to several schools (Davenport Complex, Swift and Slaybaugh complex and Eagle Academy) and assigned a supervisor from the maintenance crew. Eagle students worked side by side with their supervisors 3 days every week and they worked hard to make the district shiny for the new school year. Mondays of the program were focused on work readiness skills.

I have never painted an entire room before. I learned enough that I think I can paint my own room at home! ~G.Tarsitano

I scraped gum off the bottom of desks, then emptied all the classrooms. We then cleaned and waxed the floors until they shined. ~I.Guzman

Eagle needed a new coat of paint. It was fun to paint but what a mess painting can be. ~A.Lopez

Eagle grew tomatoes and I worked with Ms. McGinnis to make salads for our Monday lunches. ~M.Mchale

Little kids make a mess of their school! They (the janitors) really needed our help. ~J.Willetts

Cleaning & Painting Districtwide

Another Reason We Do What We Do



Did you work this summer? If you are a returning Eagle student, chances are that you participated in our summer work program or had your own job. If you were a teenager a decade or so ago, chances are high that you had a summer job. Summer jobs often are the first taste of “real” employment. Many of us remember moving on from babysitting & lawn cutting to fast food, retail and beach jobs as we hit 16 or 17. My first real paycheck came from “Bippert’s Farm & Market,” in Elma, New York during the summer between 8th & 9th grade. It was difficult work. I remember one day picking strawberries for 5 hours straight. Doesn’t sound that bad? You try it. You knew that you really earned those dollars. Most of the kids my age started getting jobs around the same time.

Surprisingly though the trend in teen employment is changing. Up until 1999 most teenagers had jobs during the summer months*. This year (2013) that number had plunged to less than

1 in 3. If you are a minority the numbers are much lower. Only 19% of African American teens held a job this past summer. It wasn’t much better for Hispanic youth whose rate was 27%. The bad economy of the last 6 years has kept older workers in the workforce much longer. Simply put, there are fewer opportunities for teens. Can you imagine not getting your first job till after you graduated from High School or even College? This is a said truth in the current economy.

At Eagle Academy we are developing workplace readiness skills and employment opportunities. We work through a grant with the Cape Atlantic Workforce Investment Board. This allows students to earn performance based stipends, operate a school based business and attend a summer job program. Real life job- skill development can begin whether kids have jobs outside of school or not. Our Academic teachers double as job coaches.

What can be done to help teens get jobs?

Small business owners can work with schools, civic groups and churches to set up job shadowing positions.

Church youth groups can promote employment among teens and use their network to open up opportunities.

Parents can stop giving older teens money and put them on an “earn it,” program. This should go for cell phone costs as well. And instead of sending your kid out the door with the task of “getting a job,” go with them. It’s tough out there.

Teachers can teach resume writing, interview skills and be willing to be listed as a reference. They can also use their contacts and associates to connect good students with job opportunities.

We all can take a chance on the younger generation. They are smart, strong and in most cases, more computer literate than their older counterparts in the workforce. We have to be patient with what they don’t know. We should be dedicated to help them learn what they should know. And lastly let’s try to remember what it was like cashing that first paycheck (even if it was in a strawberry stained-tee shirt)

*Teen employment numbers are calculated by the Census Bureau



Eagle Academy hosts EHT's annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony

On Wednesday, 9/11, the township remembrance ceremony took place at the newly created Veterans Memorial at Eagle Academy. Psychologist Cori Feiner-Escoto spoke about her work at ground Zero days after the attack. She worked to fight off tears as she told a story of finding a lone child's shoe in the rubble. Also addressing the gathered crowd of about 30 people were the Mayor James "Sonny" McCulloch and Deputy Mayor Paul Hobson.

Eagle Academy's veteran's Memorial was a project undertaken by Mr. Greg Smith and his Social Studies classes last year. Funding for the project came through a mini-grant awarded by the EHT Education Foundation. Patcong Farms donated fresh flowers to beautify the site.

The complete story can be found in the Current.

<http://www.shorenwestoday.com/snt/news/index.php/egg-harbor-twp/eht-general-news/43928-egg-harbor-township-marks-911-anniversary.html>

The Hard Way

Twice a week during physical education class, students are encouraged to do the W.O.D., or the workout of the day. The WOD is a grueling workout that promotes hard work, strength, conditioning, and perhaps most of all, persistence. If you are the type that can't follow through when the going gets tough, then the WOD is probably not for you.

For two first period students, the hard way is never enough. It keeps getting harder; and that is by design. Tim Tolbert and Danny Lopez continue to display the hard work and persistence necessary to come face to face with Pukie the clown (a fictitious Crossfit character that an extremely difficult workout will bring you face to face with). Each workout, these young men push it to the limit as they continue to grow stronger each week. Now they are looking forward to the workouts getting even more difficult.

In the latest workout, Tim and Dan were asked to beat a previously established time for the exact same workout. They didn't just beat their previous time; they smashed it to bits!!! Dan improved his time by twenty five percent, while Tim improved his by a whopping fifty percent! These are incredible improvements. Now the boys are looking for new challenges. "How do we make it even harder," Tim said after this last workout.

For the next timed workout we will be adding one exercise to the routine. This increase in intensity will bring the workout to a new level. Can we break through and crush the workout? Time will tell, but if history is any indication, these two workout warriors will make it look easy.



“INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR ART” IN MEISTERVILLE

New projects going on in Mr. Meister’s “Interior / Exterior design class have been moving on steadily. There have been three projects that have been worked on since the beginning of the school year. As the quarter rolls along each should be coming closer to completion! Check out our projects described below!

Project one- Bookcase for Mr. Meister’s room. Students to date have worked on understanding different types of ply and stock woods. We have cut and began to mill the solid reclaimed mahogany decking material by cutting and planing it. Students were able to come up with a scaled design that we will implement.

Project two-EHT Arboretum Shed Project. Students were able to go over to the Arboretum and dismantle the original one. With hard work and determination they were able to level the ground and put down gravel to make the foundation sturdy.

Project three-Plain & Simple skateboards. A high interest project for the year so far. Students have completed the task of silk screening graphics to their project. We have spent time discussing,” Repetitive work,” to learn ways to simplify art designs over and over again. We were fortunate to road trip to Easter Signs right here in EHT to learn more about graphic arts and sign making.

We will keep you posted on our progress as we continue. For now, enjoy the numerous picture of our projects to date!



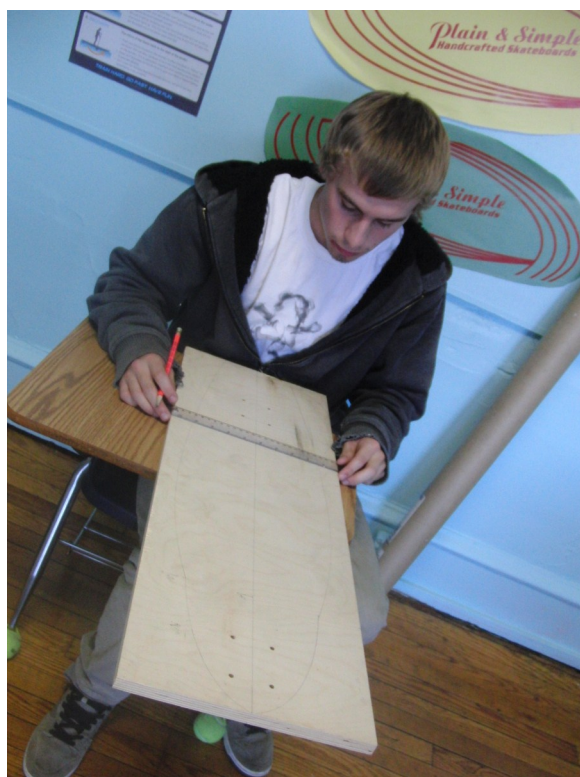


I learned to use tools. And measure and cut wood. I learned to build a shed. I have never built anything before. ~Cory Delgesso

When I left the high school I lost my auto mechanics class. I was worried I would miss all that hands-on learning. I enjoyed going out to the Nature Preserve to help build the shed! ~Brandon Phister

I Like working with my hands and building stuff! I have never been able to do that in school. ~Michael McHale

Measure twice, cut once. ~Daniel Lopez





During the AtlanticCare trip we learned about the hospital. We were taught lessons about the hospital itself as well as how the hospital handles traumas. There were guest speakers talking about traumas caused by drinking and driving, smoking, and making dumb decisions. The trauma surgeon walked us through the hospital and then he showed us the actual trauma center. While in the trauma center, the surgeon told us crazy yet sad/scary stories. The whole field trip really woke me up. ~Gabriela Tarsitano

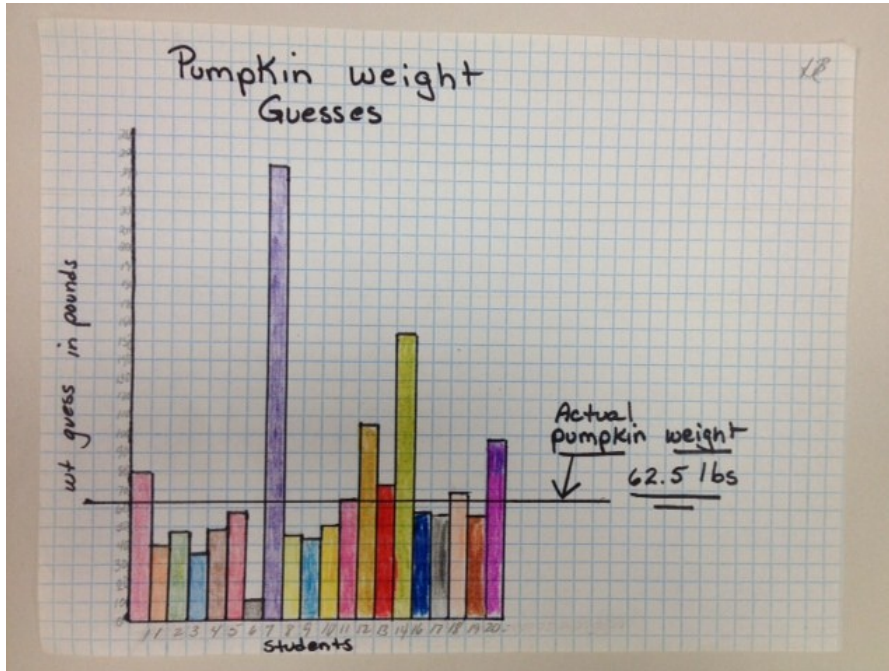


The Great Pumpkin Guessing Game!

When students in Mr. Smith's Social Studies classes planted seeds in the pumpkin patch, they were told that there was a chance we might see some very big pumpkins. When those same students returned in September, they saw just how big those pumpkins could get. A giant pumpkin had grown amid a field of smaller pumpkins and gourds that were taking over parts of the lawn and adjacent vegetable garden.

This week, students throughout Eagle Academy took their best guesses at the weight of the Giant Pumpkin that has become a fixture on Bargaintown Road for the past few months. Guesses of between ten and 245 pounds prove just how difficult it is to estimate the weight of the beast without picking it up to get a better idea.

Throughout the morning, students in Mrs. Walters' science classes entered their guesses through secret ballot. Afterward the numbers were plotted on a bar graph.



I carved a pumpkin in science class for Ms. Walters. I drew an anchor onto my pumpkin free-hand. Drawing the anchor was the easy part. I had a lot of fun drawing and carving my pumpkin! ~Josh Willetts

I carved Donkey Kong on one side and a ghost on the other. I never actually carved a pumpkin for real. This was pretty cool! ~Daniel Lopez

I carved pumpkins with my science class for Halloween. I really enjoyed it! ~Gabriela Tarsitano

Student winner Jordan Winston was closest with a guess of 65 pounds, just 2.5 pounds over the actual weight of 62.5 pounds. His prize was an Eagle Academy hoodie, compliments of Principal Smith.

The pumpkin was then carefully moved downstairs to Mrs. McGinnis's fine arts classroom where student Amanda DiLuzio will paint it for Halloween. Perhaps next year we can grow an even bigger one!





This trip was something else. I was a cranky baby during most of it. Now looking back at the courses that we did, they were teaching us life lessons. I regret the way I acted and I wish I had taken advantage of this trip by learning what was offered. I realize now, the lessons were about working together as a team to accomplish a greater goal. I am very much looking forward to going back to the park for a second time. This time I will show everyone I am a better person than the way I acted the first time. ~Gabriela Tarsitano

I went on a field trip with Mr. Liddell and Mrs. Newman to the Atlantic County Nature Park. It was fun to be there and I learned new ways to express my ideas to the public. I learned how to be heard and I learned how to listen to the group. Working in a group and relying on others to complete a project, to get something done, is harder than I expected. Now when I want to express my ideas, I just talk until they hear me. Then we can talk about it until things are fixed. Or we can decide we just don't and won't agree or come to a plan. Now I have a new skill that I can use in everyday life. ~Anton Lopez



Sports Expo @ Golden Nugget

Josh Willetts:

During the first marking period I only went on one field trip and that was to the Sports Expo in Atlantic City. It was an okay trip. We learned how businesses, specifically businesses dealing with sports clothing and products, are run and companies get their products into the stores. It was pretty cool to learn how this stuff works!

70 FUN things to DO this FALL

1. Drink apple cider.
2. Make a friendship bracelet and send it to your friend.
3. Start or update a checking account.
4. Plan a Harvest Party.
5. Plan a fun filled trick with friends.
6. Hike a rail trail and check out the fall foliage.
7. Ride a trail on a ATV.
8. Stuff a scarecrow.
9. Make a leaf rubbing.
10. Make a gravestone rubbing.
11. Tell a ghost story.
12. Take a picture looking up into a fall foliage tree with your cell phone and send it to a friend.
13. Write a note to a friend that is far away.
14. Leave a motivational quote on a friend's social networking page.
15. Write a thank you note to someone who has helped you.
16. Play a murder mystery game.
17. Visit a corn maze.
18. Make a blue jean craft for school.
19. Eat candy corn.
20. Decorate for Halloween.
21. Take a hunters safety course and go hunting.
22. Attend a school football game.
23. Learn a new make-up trick.
24. Write a haiku about a leaf you've found.
25. Offer free babysitting for one night to someone who could use the break.
26. Take pictures of the fall foliage.
27. Picnic at a local park.
28. Have an overnight movie marathon.
29. Have a bonfire/campfire complete with marshmallows.
30. Bike five miles.
31. Sketch a tree that is losing its leaves.
32. Play in a pile of leaves.
33. Volunteer in a community effort for your local food pantry.
34. Camp in your backyard.
35. Sit or look outside and write a poem.
36. Sit or look outside and write a song.
37. Sit or look outside and write a play.
38. Write in your journal, "My Top Ten Favorite Fall Activities".
39. Get a new hairdo.
40. Watch last year's cool fall flick on DVD.
41. Go to this year's cool fall flick in the theater.
42. Make a leaf t-shirt.
43. Make a fall leaf shaped collage out of fall fashion magazines.
44. Go pumpkin picking.
45. Go on a hayride.
46. Take your dog/pet for a mile-long walk.
47. Clean out and organize your junk drawer so you have room for this school year's junk.
48. Create a sidewalk mural with chalk, use a fall theme.
49. Have a fall color scavenger hunt.
50. Write in your journal: "10 Things I'm Thankful For".
51. Read something that moves you emotionally.
52. Read something funny.
53. Roast pumpkin seeds.
54. Collect pine cones for the holidays.
55. Make a new after school snack.
56. Start a new healthy habit.
57. Visit a historical site.
58. Play hopscotch.
59. Think of three ways you can make your life better. Employ at least one of them.
60. Create a cartoon character.
61. Hug your parent, a friend and yourself.
62. Play Apples to Apples.
63. Play with Magnetic Poetry.
64. Experiment and decide what way is the best way to eat leftover turkey - journal it.
65. Carve a Pumpkin.
66. Make a dream catcher.
67. Paint a funny face on a pumpkin.
68. Change something about your bedroom.
69. Paint your nails in a fall color - toenails too!
70. Learn how to make a favorite family recipe.

If you do any of these fun tasks, let us know. We may print your story and/or pictures in the next newsletter!



Avoiding the Dangers of Autumn

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***Transitioning Youth Towards
Productive Independence.***



Along with fall comes potential risks for kids as they play outside. From the fallen leaves to the shorter days, the dangers might lead to child injuries. Being aware of the situations, taking precautions and teaching your kids to watch for the dangers prevents injuries.

Leaves

Fall leaves are beautiful to look at, but they also hold the potential for injury for kids. A pile of leaves might cover hidden dangers, such as the sharp ends of the rake, hard toys or rocks. Landing on any of these objects could result in a serious injury. Leaves piled on the side of a street also present a risk for kids. A child playing in the leaves could get struck by a car. Burning leaves are another hazard if burning is allowed in your area. Keep kids away when you burn leaves to avoid accidental burns.

Halloween Safety

Halloween brings excitement to many children during the fall months, but there are also several safety concerns during trick-or-treating. The costume is the first consideration. Choose a costume that allows your child to see well, particularly if there is a mask. Avoid dark costumes if possible, instead opting for a brighter costume that others can see after dark. Reflective tape or a blinking light attached to the costume increases your child's visibility.

If your child goes trick-or-treating alone, set guidelines for him. Restricting the area where he trick-or-treats helps you keep track of him. Set a specific check in time so you know he is safe. Also teach him to only approach homes with lights on. Inspect the candy before letting your child eat any of it.

Shorter Days

With fall comes later sunrises and earlier sunsets, cutting down on the amount of daylight. School-aged children don't get much time after school for playing before the sun begins to set. The safest option is to have your child in your yard or inside the home as soon as the sun begins setting. If she is out after dusk, make sure she wears bright clothing and checks in with you.

Home Maintenance Dangers

Fall is often a time for tackling home maintenance issues before winter arrives. If you are doing home maintenance, put away all tools as soon as you are finished. An unattended ladder, saw, drill or other tools leaves your child open for serious injury if he becomes curious and tests it out. Simple precautions keep the entire family safe during the fall months.