# THE EAGLES VIEW

**OCTOBER** Newsletter

#### **ETHAN ALLEN SCHOOL**

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#### Dear Parents/Guardians:

As the temperature begins to drop and darkness comes earlier with each passing day, FALL finds our school in full swing! My faculty and I appreciate your continued collaboration with your child's teachers in order to strengthen your child's academic progress. Monitor and encourage your child to practice reading every day – at home – and have him or her spend some time reviewing classroom notes before doing their homework, and have him or her work on their writing and arithmetic skills too!

Encourage your child to keep a journal and record interesting facts, descriptions of family outings, and ask your child to keep a vocabulary list of challenging words; and have him or her attempt to spell them by sounding out the word and writing the letters that make that sound. Invite your child to share their observations to you.

Thank you so much for the great parenting job you do. Your precious child is the reason the Ethan Allen Staff is here. Together, we will make this school year one which focuses on improvement in literacy, mathematics and science for all of our students.

Dr. Cassandra Houston, Principal





## Calendar Highlights

Oct. 3 Rosh Hashanah No School

#### **Oct. 9 Kilowatt Kitchen Assembly** 9:00 K-2<sup>nd</sup>; 9:40 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>; 10:20 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

Oct. 11 Little Friends of Wissahickon 1st Grade Visit

**Oct. 25 Professional Development** No School

**Oct. 31** Halloween Halloween Parade 1:30pm

#### OCTOBER

Autumn leaves of red and gold that crunch beneath your feet, Pumpkins on front porches, candy corn & trick-or-treat, Tart and tangy cider, Apples ripened on the trees, A hint of winter coming on the chilly autumn breeze.



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Since time immemorial, American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiian have built vibrant and diverse cultures – safeguarding land, language, spirit, knowledge and tradition across generations.

On Indigenous Peoples' Day, America celebrates the invaluable contributions and resilience of Indigenous peoples, recognizes their inherent sovereignty and commits to honoring the Federal Government's trust and treaty obligations to Tribal Nations.

Our country was conceived on a promise of equality and opportunity for all people – a promise that, despite the extraordinary progress we have made through the years, we have never fully lived up to. This is especially true when it comes to upholding the rights and dignity of the Indigenous people who were here long before colonization of the Americas began. For generations, Federal policies systemically sought to assimilate and displace Native people and eradicate Native cultures. Today we recognize and celebrate Indigenous Peoples' resilience and strength as well as the immeasurable positive impact that they have made on every aspect of American society.

This annual holiday (also called First People's Day or Native American Day) is celebrated on the second Monday in October, and began as a counter-celebration held on the same day as the U.S. federal holiday of Columbus Day which honors Italian explorer Christopher Columbus. In 2021 President Joe Biden formally commemorated the holiday with a presidential proclamation – however Indigenous People's Day is not a recognized holiday under U.S. Federal Law.

Many students learn the phrase, "In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue". But Columbus was not the first explorer to land in the Americas. Neither he nor those who came before him discovered America – because Indigenous Peoples have populated the Western Hemisphere for tens of thousands of years. European contact resulted in devastating loss of life,

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disruption of tradition and enormous loss of lands for Indigenous Peoples in the Americans. It is estimated that in the 130 years following first contact, Native America lost 95% of its population.

Indigenous Peoples of the Western Hemisphere immediately experienced enslavement and theft of resources by the explorers turned settlers. Colonies created by the Portuguese, Spanish, French, Dutch and English grew throughout the Americas and increasingly encroached upon Native lives and lands.

Indigenous Peoples Day is meant to recognize the painful history Indigenous people have faced and to celebrate their communities.



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# Back to School Night 09/05/2024

We would like to thank each and every parent for coming out for back-to-school night. Hopefully you will be able to join us for our Student of the Month Celebrations and Family Night.



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We would like to thank Thornbridge Community Church for their generous donation of Winter coats and accessories. Our students will remain safe and warm. If you know of a student or family in need at Ethan Allen please let us know via email, <u>ethanallen@philasd.org</u>.

### **Ethan Allen Choir**



We are still accepting permission slips for our fantastic talented choir! We meet Mondays and Wednesdays from after school until 3:45 pm. This is for anyone who would like to try. Kindergarteners, 1st, and 2nd graders will be picked up and brought to room 224 for choir practice. If you need a permission slip please see Ms. Crawford in room 224. Thank you!

## **ECO Eagles**

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ECO Eagles is a powerful group of students who volunteer their time twice a week afterschool to help clean and decorate. We are still accepting permission slips for this hardworking group. We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays after school and dismiss at 3:30 pm. This is only for grades 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th. Eighth graders can earn community service hours. Please see Ms. Crawford in room 224 for a permission slip.





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# October 2024

Ethan Allen Fine Arts Academy

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		01	02	03 Rosh Hashanah NO SCHOOL Rosh Hashanah	04	0
06	07	08	09 Kilowatt Kitchen Assembly 9:00 K-2nd 9:40 5th & 6th 10:20 3rd & 4th	10	11 Little Friends of Wissahickon 1st Grade visit	1 Yom Kippur
13	14 Indigenous Peoples' Day	15	16	17 1st Grade Zoo trip	18	1
20	21	22	23 5-6 Assembly 1:15 7-8 Assembly 1:45	24 Student of the Month Assembly 8:45 Schoolwide tasting	25 Professional Development NO SCHOOL For Students	2
27	28	29	30	Halloween 31 Halloween Parade 1:30 pm		

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