

## What's Said About Our School

### *Parent*

“Eagle Elementary School of the Arts is a community of students, staff and parents committed to a enriched curriculum of learning by incorporating the arts in fun and innovative approaches. What impressed me the most as a parent is the staff philosophy that “the arts are for everyone”. Academic success, creativity, and challenging my child to try new things has been a wonderful experience. She loves to go to school!”

**Crystal Christensen**

### *Student*

“I like Eagle Elementary School of the Arts because of the teachers. They are nice and helpful to kids that need help. That's what I like about this school.”

**Siena E.**

“I like Eagle Elementary School of the Arts because they were welcoming when I came from a different school.”

**Olivia M.**

“I like Eagle Elementary School of the Arts because, they offer so many extra things.”

**Sydney S.**

“One thing I like about Eagle Elementary School of the Arts is that its fun learning about the history of art & music.”

**Emily A.**

### *Landing*

“The Landing Community Center is a proud partner with Eagle Elementary School of the Arts. The Landing is well aware of the importance of the arts in the life of a child, and appreciates the opportunity to work side by side with Eagle Elementary to meet this need through the annual fall drama production. By joining creative resources to reach a shared vision, The Landing Community Center and Eagle Elementary provide a sense of community and an appreciation of the arts in kids and adults alike.”

## About Our School

We are a K-5 school offering three classes in each of the six grade levels.

- K-2 class size is limited to 20 students
- 3<sup>rd</sup> class size is limited to 24 students
- 4-5 class size is limited to 30 students

Our campus lies on two levels and contains five buildings available for student and staff use. We are unique in the fact that we have a gymnasium with a stage at one end of it. This building is part of the original Eagle High School. We received a grant to refurbish our current stage and to build an outdoor stage on the lower back field of our campus. New lighting, enhanced sound system, painting and moving of the curtains are just a few of the improvements that have been added to our existing stage. We are committed to continued improvements on our campus, keeping up with the new focus of our school.

## School Boundary

Our primary boundaries include the Cities of Eagle and Star as well as the area between the two cities. Students in these areas are bussed to school through local school busses or by shuttle busses into their home school and then on to Eagle Elementary School of the Arts. We do accept students who reside within the Meridian District boundaries, but outside our primary boundary although transportation to and from school is the responsibility of the parents.



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## Mission Statement

**All Students Can Learn**



At Eagle Elementary School of the Arts we believe that all students can learn by:

- Students, Parents & School Staff working together as a team to promote academic & social success
- Showing respect for themselves and others.
- Regular attendance at school, including arriving on time at the start of the day
- Completing school work on time
- Taking an active role in their own education
- Utilizing art applications to improve academic and creative skills



## Description of the school

Eagle Elementary School of the Arts is a school that promotes respect, sets high expectations, and involves the community. We are renowned for our warm, volunteer-friendly atmosphere, and competent staff. It is truly our mission to meet the needs of every student who walks through our doors. As our school motto states, every child can learn. The staff members of our school are committed to this motto and will treat each child as an individual with their own individual needs.

## Partnership with The Landing Community Center

Eagle Elementary School of the Arts has a partnership with The Landing Community Center. The Landing Community Center works with many of our students in an after school program. Their staff has also worked with our students during the lunch recess, supervising and helping with playground games. In addition the school and community center staff have worked together on the production of "The Wizard of Oz", a play put on at the school during the first semester of the school year. We look forward to a continued partnership, working together to do what is best for students.

## Block Scheduling

Eagle Elementary School of the Arts uses a unique color coded block schedule that consists of 50 minute blocks for 1st-5th grade students and 30 minute blocks for kindergarten students to go to art, music, P.E./health, library and computer classes.

## Exploratory Classes

Throughout the year students are given the opportunity to participate in a variety of *Exploratory* classes. These classes can range from drama, music and dance, to creating and building structures. *Exploratory* classes provides each child the unique opportunity to have a voice in their own creative learning and to venture into new experiences.

## Afterschool Programs

We have six extra-curricular activities at our school.

- Honors Choir
- Orchestra 1 & 2
- Art
- Intramural Sports
- Dance

Although each club is open to all students, they each are set up differently. Honors choir is by auditions for 4th and 5th graders. Students learn vocal techniques to help improve their singing voice, develop skills in sight-singing and ear training, and learn how to blend voices in a choir. The choir has many performance opportunities through the year. These performances help students to gain confidence, learn concert etiquette, and gain experience in preparing music to a performance level. In orchestra 1, students learn the basics of playing a string instrument (violin, viola, or cello). Orchestra 2, students learn to read notes on all four strings and begin learning lowered finger positions. The orchestra performs in numerous school concerts and also takes a field trip to the retirement home. It is a great preparatory program for students who are interested in being in middle school advanced orchestra. Art is on a first come first serve basis, up to 20 students in 4/5 and 20 students in 2/3. Students experience both styles of art from Craft to Fine Arts. Their art work is displayed in the school and around Eagle. Intramural sports run by different teams playing against each other in tournament style. This class teaches discipline, responsibility and sportsmanship. Dance accepts up to 20 students in grades 2 - 4 and develops flexibility and movement in a variety of dance forms from modern to ballet techniques.



The Wizard of Oz, a story about friendship, magic, and finding your way home, was presented in December 2008 as Eagle Elementary School of the Arts first big production. The play was adapted by Jessie Horney of The Landing Community Center, to fit elementary age students. Auditions were held in

September for all students wanting to be a part of the play. The parts included acting, set design, costumes and lighting. Participants ranged from kindergarten to 6th grade. A very talented kindergartener took on the role of Toto and captured the hearts of all as she accompanied Dorothy through the Land of Oz. The audience was pulled right into the story as Dorothy and Toto met up with the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion. Munchkins, Flying Monkeys, Field Mice, Guards, the Mayor, Witches and of course The Great and Powerful Oz rounded out the cast. Students helped parents, parents helped students, school staff pitched in wherever needed and the crew from the Landing led the way. What's next? Come aboard and help us find out.

