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The Eagle Eye

**Special
Quarantine
Edition!**

Sebastian Middle School

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Principal's Message

Dear Eagle Families,

As a parent myself of two elementary school-aged students (in first and fifth grades), I can relate to your experiences of having your children at home all day, every day these past six weeks. Along with the challenges have hopefully come some opportunities for family bonding, home improvement projects, taking up a new hobby, or just hanging out in your pjs watching a movie!

In this second special "Quarantine Edition," we share what our students and their families have been up to at home. We know our students miss their friends terribly, and although they are staying connected through Schoology, FaceTime, and various forms of social media, we thought you would appreciate reading about your fellow Eagles here.

Fourth quarter interim progress reports were published this week in HAC (Home Access Center). If you haven't already, please check your child's grades and reach out to teachers via email with any questions or concerns. Again, I cannot stress enough that we want to hear from you! No question is too big or too small. We are here to help your students succeed.

Decisions have not yet been made as to whether or not we are allowed to hold summer camps and programs on campus. As soon as I have updates, I will be sure to pass those along to you.

Stay home, stay safe, and stay well! We will get through this together.

With much appreciation for your support,

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Yearbook Update

Yearbooks are currently being printed! A plan for distribution is forthcoming. Stay tuned!

PTO News and Notes

Although PTO meetings have been cancelled for the remainder of the year, planning is underway for next year! Nominations for PTO Board Officer positions are currently being accepted; nominations have been received for all positions except Secretary. If you would like more information or are interested in serving as PTO Secretary next year, please email PTO President Jen Stevenson at jenstevenson314@gmail.com. The slate of officers and budget for 2020-21 will be voted on at the kick-off meeting in August. PTO invites all parents to attend meetings and get involved with fun events like our annual Spring Fling. Be sure to see page 3 of this newsletter for a recap and photos from this year's event!



Gabriel Ashley (8th grade) and Khaili Kee (7th grade) are not only practicing 6' social distancing, but they are giving mom 6' of sibling distancing!

Logging Miles on our Bikes!



Vincent Craig (7th) misses school and his friends terribly but has enjoyed biking with his brothers and doing projects around the house like painting a shed and taking out a concrete wall.



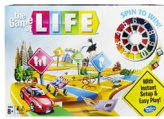
Madalyn Morrison (6th) is biking around her neighborhood with her siblings in between assignments.

Playing Games!



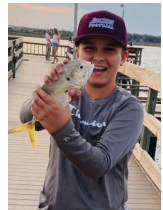
Levi Wright (6th) is spending some of his free time trying to level up his character in Roblox Arsenal.

Sophia Tagliarini (6th) is enjoying reading, biking, doing puzzles and playing board games with her family, especially the game of Life.



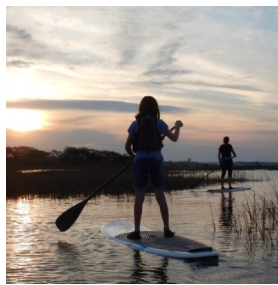
Niko Bekavac (6th) is also playing lots of board games at home with his family; his favorite is the classic detective game Clue!

Spending Time on the Water!



Von Birchall (6th) is enjoying fishing with great success. Nice catches Von!

Jane Rolandelli (8th) is kayaking with the dolphins in Salt Run.



Taryn Bishop (6th) is paddleboarding at sunset in the inter-coastal waterway and looking for meteor showers at night!



Gardening and Surfing!



Nathaniel (7th) and Collin (8th) Beese and their little sister Laurel turned a bare patch of ground into a beautiful garden. Collin and Nathaniel

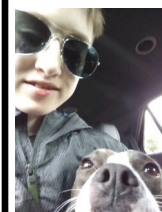
have also been spending time on the beach with **Alex Johnson (8th)** now that it's re-open!



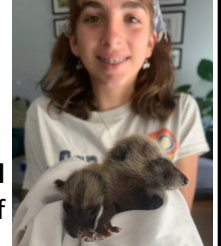
Loving on our Pets!



Lauren Gibson (6th) is practicing her equestrian hunting and jumping skills on her horse Whoovie (left), and spending time with her pups and her stepdad working on a Rubegoldberg Machine (right).



Bailee Dillon (7th) is working on schoolwork and taking selfie breaks with his dog Cocoa.



Elizabeth Jesse-Futrell (7th) is taking care of two baby raccoons.



Merrick Beamish (7th) is spending time training his new puppy Kai.

Graci Flaherty (7th) is fostering a momma cat named



Taco and now her kittens through Luna's Legacy. Follow [Luna's Legacy on FaceBook](#) to see more cats looking for homes!



Audrey Rowe (7th) is working on her farm with her goat Bella.

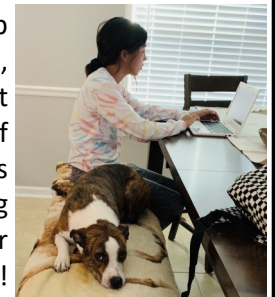
Jack Parkey (7th) adopted a 3-legged puppy named Sean Riddles.

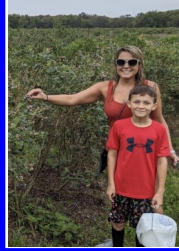


Peyton McGinn (8th) is spending time with his mare and her new colt.

Sophia Ladrado (7th) is enjoying bike

rides and having the Hyppo Pop truck visit their neighborhood, but reports that the best part of virtual school is having her dog Dexter by her side all day!





Blueberry Picking!

Ayden Toker (6th) and his mom drove out to Clay Ranch Blueberry Farm in Florahome, FL to pick their own berries. The season ends soon, so make the drive out there this week if you love blueberries!



Practicing our Skills!

Keira Johnson (8th) is keeping up with her daily golf practice. Luckily the golf course is still open, so she's staying active and ready for competition when life gets back to normal!



Kylie Graham (6th) is staying flexible by practicing gymnastics and choreographing dance routines to her favorite hip-hop songs.

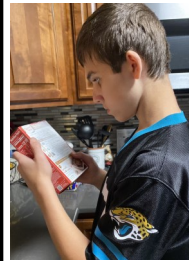


Cole Leschinski (6th) and his dad found a new skate spot and created a fun new way to skate together!

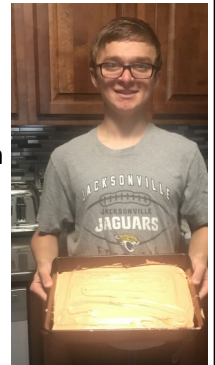
Baking in the Kitchen!



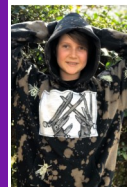
Sadie Benoit (6th) is getting creative in the kitchen baking cakes like this one she designed and decorated for Easter!



With a little help from their mom, **Kyle (7th) and Ryan (8th) Mitrosky** have been learning to bake as well. Happy 15th Birthday, Ryan!



Designing Fashions!



Olive Ferreira (6th) is painting and sewing to create custom t-shirts and sweatshirts!

Spring Fling—A Last Hurrah for the 2019-20 School Year!

Hindsight is always 20/20, but we are eternally grateful to PTO and our SMS teachers and staff for organizing a wonderful Spring Fling for all students on what turned out to be our last day together in person, Thursday March 12. Thanks to the generosity of families and students, PTO raised approximately \$5,500 from the event. Here are a few photos to bring back happy memories! Enjoy!

