

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWSLETTER



## CONNECTING AT ENO RIVER ACADEMY

There are many opportunities to volunteer at Eno River. Three subgroups have formed within the board structure to help build community and further growth at Eno River Academy.

**Community Connections** is a group of teachers and parents who aim to work hard behind the scenes to support our caring and engaged community. Mrs. Hover and Mrs. Riggs can be contacted for more information!

**Teacher Appreciation** is a group of parents and administrators who work together on events throughout the year to make our teachers feel special and appreciated for all that they do! Please contact Mrs. Martin for more information!

**School Improvement Team** (formerly Future Visions) was recently formed to be a place where parents, teachers, and administrators can work together to find new ways for ERA to grow while ensuring we are living out our mission of nurturing a community of academic and artistic distinction, while we enrich each student's cultural literacy. Please reach out to Ms. Bair for more information on how to get involved!



Parent Volunteers

## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

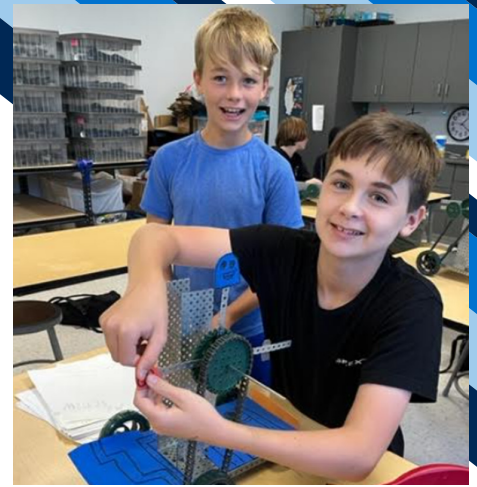
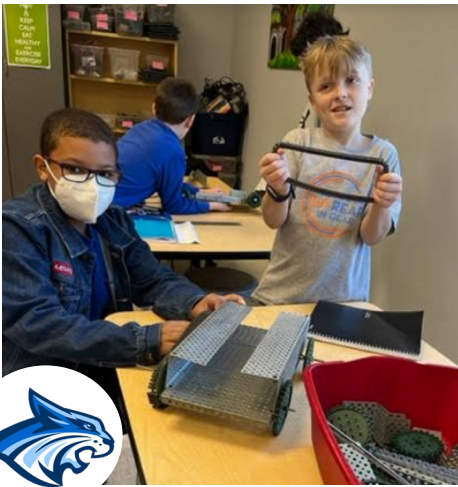
Welcome to our new board newsletter! This will be published quarterly to improve transparency and share the exciting things going on at Eno River Academy. The school year is off to a great start at ERA. We are seeing growth, success, and a strong sense of community in our classrooms and at our athletic and club events. At our annual retreat in September, the board met and discussed the importance of setting goals with a student-centered and data-driven focus. We will vote on these goals during our November board meeting and can't wait to get started!

Within this newsletter, you will find information on ways to get involved at ERA as well as the current board initiatives.

Sarah Yagnow  
Chair, Eno River Academy Board  
October 2022



Professional Development for the Teachers



Mrs. Apelgren, 6th Grade Engineering Classes

## S.T.E.A.M CORNER

Eno River Academy uses a S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) approach to instruction. This helps foster creative thinking and problem-solving in our learners across all grade levels. For each Board Newsletter, we will devote this section to S.T.E.A.M updates from one of our teachers.

Mrs. Apelgren, K-6 Engineering Teacher, has had our 6th graders hard at work with problem-solving skills and learning how gears work while building a toy.

The 6th Grade Engineering classes have been working on a Pull Toy Project and were presented with a problem to solve: You must build a pull toy that utilizes the turning wheels to power another mechanism(s).

You must include at least one gear system we have built in class. You can see from the photos that the creative juices are flowing as hands-on learning deepens their understanding of how gears are used.

## BOARD MEETINGS

The board of directors hosts monthly meetings throughout the school year. During these meetings, there is an opportunity for public comment, updates from our executive director, and a review of current financials in addition to committee updates and other topics that require board involvement. You can visit our Board on Track [website](#) to view meeting minutes from previous board meetings.

## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

ERA entered its second year working with our equity consultant, Dr. Sheldon Lanier. He is providing professional development to the staff and will be hosting sessions for families this year. Read more about Diversity and Inclusion at Eno River Academy on our [website](#).

## ANNUAL FUND

During the April 2022 Board meeting, the board of directors, working alongside the administration team, voted to begin an annual fund at Eno River Academy. The Bobcat Annual Fund will be a great way for families to contribute to growth here at ERA. Ms. Bair will be sharing a flier with more information and will be providing monthly updates on its growth.

# CALENDAR

- October 24-28 Fall Spirit Week
- October 31 Early Release Day
- November 1 D&I Meeting, ERA High School, 4pm
- November 11 No School, Holiday
- November 15 K-2 Specials Showcase
- November 15 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom, 5:30 pm

## PARENT FEEDBACK

TOGETHER WE CAN

We love getting feedback from families! The board will be sending out our annual survey in a few weeks. More info to come in November!