

# THE AMAZING RACE CLUB

2019-2020

## ➤ **What is the Amazing Race?**

Get ready to "travel" the world in this exciting, competitive club! Teams of two will race around the world (school) doing challenges. Teams will race against the other teams competing in challenges, trying to be the first team to finish. Try not to be the last team, because you may be eliminated from the race. The Final Three teams will race in the final round, hoping to become the winning team and win the prize!

## ➤ **How do you play the Amazing Race?**

In the beginning of each round, you will receive a clue which will lead you to a certain country. You will "book" plane tickets to that country, and then start the challenges. Each round typically has 2-3 challenges, described below. Once you finish the challenges, you will go to the Pit Stop which is the ending point for that round. The last team to finish the challenges and find the pit stop may be eliminated from the race. (All elimination legs are pre-determined)

There are many different challenges in the Amazing Race. Each leg usually consists of at least 1 route info, 1 roadblock, and 1 detour. Then the teams go to the pit stop.

**Route Info:** Tells you to book tickets to travel to a country, go to a place in the school, or to do something that both team members can work on.

**Roadblock:** This is a task that only ONE team member does. The team member who is not doing it may not help. You must choose who does it before you read the clue. Once you pick who does it, you may not switch. Each team member may only do five roadblocks on the race.

**Detour:** This is a task with two challenges. You can pick either challenge to do, and may switch at any time. Both team members can work on this challenge together.

**Fast Forward:** There are usually two fast forwards in the race. This is a challenge that allows you to skip every other challenge that leg and go directly to the pit stop. However, only one team may do this challenge. Each team may only do one Fast Forward on the race.

**Speed Bump:** On the non-elimination rounds, the team that is spared elimination will have to complete an extra challenge during the next leg.

**Sometimes there are the following in the race:**

**Yield:** If you yield another team, it will slow the other team down for three minutes. They must stay at the yield until their time is up.

**U-Turn:** If you U-Turn another team, they must do BOTH sides of the detour. This will cost them lots of time.

**Intersection:** This is a challenge where you have to pair up with another team, and both teams (a total of four people) will do the challenge together.

**Vocabulary:**

**Leg:** A 'round' in this game.

**Pit Stop:** Ending point in a leg.

**Finish Line:** Ending point in a race.

➤ **When is the Amazing Race?**

***The Amazing Race club will meet on Mondays, from 3:30pm to 4:23pm, in room A-1.***

**The club will run from the beginning of January up until spring break, depending on snow days. (About 10 meetings total, we will not meet every week due to holidays/workdays)**

There may be some Mondays that we do not meet. Please pay attention to any announcements indicating last minute cancellations.

\*\*Please be sure you are not involved with any other clubs/activities on the same day as Amazing Race. You are expected to come every week (unless you are eliminated).

➤ **How do I sign up for the Amazing Race?**

Once you have made your decision that you would like to compete in this amazing club, find a partner and apply online. There is a link to the Google Form Sign Up on the ERMS website, under "Activities" and "Amazing Race."

Once you have applied, you will eventually receive an email with more race information. There will then be a "Prep Day" where we will prepare for the race.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: Both Team Members MUST Apply!! \*\***

***I WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTING 13 TEAMS! THE FIRST 13 TEAMS TO SIGN UP WILL BE ACCEPTED.***

## **Other Race Information**

- The cost of this club is \$20. This includes a club T-Shirt AND materials for the race, including the prize for the winners. Please send in payment (either cash, or check made payable to ERMS) in an envelope or bag with the student's name on it. *You will not receive a refund if your child is eliminated from the race.*
- Please be sure to provide an email that is checked frequently. This is the main source of communication, so it is important to check it normally.
- The club payment and the signed Club Agreement/Permission form are all due on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> by 3:30 PM. Please bring all of this to the **HOUSE A OFFICE**, **NOT** the Main Office. There is a box labeled “Amazing Race Club” in the House A office.

### **Checklist:**

- ✓ Sign Up online
- ✓ Once you receive an email from me (after both team members sign up), send in the following ***before Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm.***
  - Club Permission Form
  - Club Rules Agreement
  - Club Payment \$20
- ✓ Get ready for our first club meeting on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm!

**\*\*\*\*\* DO NOT BRING ANYTHING IN UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED A CONFIRMATION EMAIL FROM ME!!!\*\*\*\*\***

- Please contact me if you have any questions!  
[Matthew.Hoyler@lcps.org](mailto:Matthew.Hoyler@lcps.org)

Thanks!

-Mr. Hoyler, Club Organizer

# The Amazing Race Club at Eagle Ridge

## Calendar of Events

**Friday, November 15**

**Applications Open**

If you are interested in signing up, you must apply online. The link is on the ERMS website under the "Activities" tab. ([www.lcps.org/erms](http://www.lcps.org/erms)). BOTH TEAM MEMBERS MUST APPLY!

Once both team members have completed their application, both team members will receive an email with more information regarding forms and payment.

**Sunday, November 24 (5:00pm)**

**Applications Close**

All applications must be in by 5:00 PM tonight. NO ONE will be allowed to join after this time. Remember, both team members must sign up!!! **IF THE 13 TEAMS ARE FILLED PRIOR TO THIS DATE, APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE EARLY!**

**Tuesday, November 26 (3:30pm)**

**Money / Forms DUE**

You must have your \$20 payment, permission form, and club agreement form in no later than 3:30PM today! If you do not bring in your payment by this time, you may not participate. ***Bring to the HOUSE A OFFICE by 3:30PM today. NOT the Main Office!***

**Monday, December 16 (3:30-4:23pm)**

**Prep Day**

We will meet this afternoon to prepare for the race. Come to A-1 after you get your things from your locker after last block. The t-shirts should be here by this day, so they will be distributed.

**Monday, January 6**

**LEG ONE**

Today is the day! Leg one of the race begins promptly at 3:30pm. Good Luck to all of the teams! BRING YOUR T-SHIRT!!

# **THE AMAZING RACE CLUB RULES AGREEMENT**

**Please be aware of the following rules for this club:**

## **Race Rules**

- NO RUNNING at any time unless instructed to.
- You must keep all of your clues with you at all times. If you lose a clue or envelope, you will receive a time penalty.
- Each team member can only do 5 roadblocks.
- Each team may only use one Fast Forward in the entire race.
- Each team may only use one Yield/U-Turn in the entire race.
- If you lose your “passports”, you are unable to travel to the next destination; therefore, you will be eliminated.

## **Behavior Rules**

- Participants must have good sportsmanship when competing.
- No cheating or doing anything that will either give your team an unfair advantage or giving another team a disadvantage.
- Out of the teams who participate, most teams will be eliminated. It is part of the game. Someone has to be the first out.
- Try your hardest!!
- HAVE FUN!!

**Please be aware that some pictures and/or videos will be taken, and possibly put in the yearbook.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to the rules stated above.  
(student's name)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**EAGLE RIDGE**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

# Eagle Ridge Middle School **CLUB PERMISSION FORM**



**EAGLE RIDGE**  
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My child \_\_\_\_\_ has permission  
(Name of Student – Please Print)

to participate in the following club/activity after school until 4:23pm:

**THE AMAZING RACE CLUB**

(Name of Club – Please Print)

### Transportation Home:

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will ride the activity bus. (More info on school website)

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will walk/bike.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my child.

\_\_\_\_\_ Someone else will pick up my child. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Information (in case of emergency between 3:30 and 4:30pm)

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_