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FORSYTH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES NEW EYAS PROGRAM FOR AGES 2–3 FOR 2020/21 SCHOOL YEAR

(ST. LOUIS, MO)—Forsyth School is pleased to announce a new [Eyas Program](#) for ages 2–3 for the 2020/21 school year, offering part-time and full-time care options, available 7:00am–6:00pm daily during the school year.

The name Eyas [[ahy-uh s](#)] was chosen in reference to the Forsyth School mascot (the falcon). According to [Vocabulary.com](#), “An eyas is a very young falcon or hawk, one that hasn't yet learned to fly. The feathers of an eyas look very different from an adult bird's, being very downy and soft.”

An expansion of Forsyth's established "challenge curriculum" for children age 3 through Grade 6, Eyas is much more than traditional daycare. Through “purposeful play,” children experience concepts of math, language and literacy, art, music, science, and Spanish under the guidance of highly skilled and dedicated teachers. Eyas prepares children (age 2 by August 1) for academic success and social-emotional growth in Forsyth's [Early Childhood Program](#) and beyond.

“The more we learn about the cognitive development of children, the more we realize the critical importance of early education for the youngest of learners,” says Dan Hildebrand, Head of School. “Through our unique educational philosophy, Forsyth will now engage and challenge our two-year-old Eyas Program students in their very own space, just as we already do with our three- and four-year-old Early Childhood students in Fillmore House.”

Lower School Division Director Jason Hooper adds, “With Eyas, we are so pleased to offer two-year-old children a true ‘Forsyth education’ in which their social-emotional, gross and fine motor, and cognitive skills can develop through developmentally appropriate experiences.”

The Eyas Program will be housed in a dedicated program space located in the heart of Forsyth's one-of-a-kind campus, with easy access to Forsyth's Big Backyard, Butterfly Garden, and Rand Center Gymnasium for gross motor play. Newly nicknamed the "Falcon's Nest," the current stand-alone Science Center will undergo renovation during the summer of 2020 in preparation for Eyas.

The transformation of the current Science Center into the "Falcon's Nest" for Eyas is just one of a two-part renovation project with [Mackey Mitchell Architects](#), which also includes the relocation of the Science Center to a brand-new Science Lab on the third floor of New House. New House is also home to classrooms for Senior-Kindergarten and Grades 1–2; offices for the Head of School and Lower School Division Director; Arts Center for Drama, Music, and Visual Art; and a Lunchroom.

The Eyas Program follows the Forsyth School calendar (late August through May); children are eligible for the Forsyth Summer Discovery program beginning at age 3. Tuition for full-time enrollment (weekdays, 8:00am–3:30pm) is \$18,000; tuition for part-time enrollment (weekdays, 8:00am–12:00pm) is \$12,000. Additional fees apply for Before Care (7:00–8:00am, \$1,000) and After Care (3:30–6:00pm, \$2,500). Forsyth does not anticipate the availability of financial aid for the Eyas Program for the 2020/21 school year. Program capacity is 12–15 children, with limited availability for part-time enrollment. The application deadline for the 2020/21 school year is Friday, January 31, 2020; visit ForsythSchool.org for more information and to apply online.

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Forsyth School's mission is to provide children with a supportive atmosphere and opportunities for success in order that they may develop self-confidence and a love of learning. Forsyth School is a leading independent, co-educational elementary school currently serving children age 3 through Grade 6. Located next door to Washington University and across the street from Forest Park in the Wydown-Forsyth Historic District, Forsyth provides an unforgettable experience on a one-of-a-kind campus with classrooms in six historic homes. The challenging and engaging curriculum fosters independence and prepares students to thrive in secondary school and beyond.



Looking Southwest; Rendering by Mackey Mitchell Architects



Looking Northeast; Rendering by Mackey Mitchell Architects