

# Eagle Peak Montessori Celebrating 10 years of Educational Choice

## FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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MAY 4, 2012



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“Gratitude is one of the least articulate of the emotions, especially when it is deep.”

~ Felix Frankfurter

“Develop an attitude of gratitude, and give thanks for everything that happens to you, knowing that every step forward is a step toward achieving something bigger and better than your current situation.”

~Brian Tracy



### Notes from Michelle

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!!!!!!

On behalf of the staff and myself, I cannot express how wonderful it feels to have such supportive parents. To come in to work this week and see the outpouring of appreciation is just amazing!!!! This is just one of the many reasons that the Eagle Peak community is such a special place. I feel so fortunate to be a part of it every day.

Tonight is STAR GAZING!! This is a completely parent run and family attended event! I always hear great things! If you are coming out, I know you will have a great evening!!

This week you are receiving your tickets for the GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE!!! This was such a huge hit last year, and we hope you will go out and sell these to your friends and neighbors this year as well!!

Last week one of the Upper Elementary teachers was speaking with several of the Upper Elementary students about what they like at Eagle Peak. Below are several of their thoughts:

“Freedom” - “Chance to explore” - “Teachers support us in our learning also when we are having a bad day.” - “The garden, EE and marketplace.” - “Specialists” - “Wildlife and no uniform” - “No desks” - “Learning through dialogue and 2 teachers for 35 students instead of 1 for 35” - “More attention from teachers” - “Projects” - “Free choice during work period” - “Works” - “Option to work solo or in groups” - “Create your own projects” - “Actual lessons with clear explanations and meaningful study” - “Not too much homework.” - “Challenge yourself” - “Teachers dedicating time instead of instructing and giving orders”



### Notes from Michelle (con't)

In the next week you will be receiving a survey link regarding the child care program

Happy Mother's Day! Enjoy a beautiful weekend in the Bay!



### Notes from PTLG



We hope you can all join us for Star Gazing this evening. This is a wonderful and unique event that you will be delighted to be part of! Stargazing will be held tonight at 7 pm at EPMS.



The end of the year is fast approaching and there is still much to do, we are in full Golden Ticket raffle mode. If you would like to help out as we hope you will please contact Kim Newman at [kim.newman@comcast.net](mailto:kim.newman@comcast.net). This wonderful and much needed fundraiser will have great prizes and will take place at the end of year picnic on 6/8.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all EPMS teachers and staff during this week of teacher appreciation.

All of you form an oasis for not only our kids as well as the parents. Your dedication is always appreciated and we are unbelievably thankful for the magical place that is EPMS. A huge thank you!

For this and any other information please contact [PTLGCoChair@gmail.com](mailto:PTLGCoChair@gmail.com).

Sharon Bomar & Kim Newman

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### .....from the CFEP

#### Calling All Parents...Come Join CFEP!!!

Our next meeting is Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Multi-Use Room. The Community Foundation for Eagle Peak (CFEP) Board is comprised of Eagle Peak parents who want to make a difference at the school by improving our financial position. We focus on ways to raise funds for the school, as well as improve community awareness and support for the school. ALL parents are welcome to become a Board Member of CFEP. Please join us at our May meeting to find out what we do and how we work. We oversee grant writing, fundraising activities, Chamber memberships, and much more! All interested parents are encouraged to attend ☺



### Help Wanted

**Field Day:** Volunteers need to help with Field Day activities in the morning of Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> between 8 and Noon. If you are available and interested please contact Wendy Citron at wendyepms@gmail.com or call the school. Thank you.



### Eagle Peak Garden Workday

Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> will be a garden workday from 9-12. Feel free to join us for all or part of the morning! I bring fruit and chilled water, but not disposable cups, so please bring a refillable water bottle. We have a limited supply of tools and gloves, and many are sized for children, so please bring your own gloves and shovels if possible. See you there!



### Who is Going to Win the Trip to Maui?!

The Golden Ticket Raffle is here...

The last fundraiser of the school year is here and - with your help - it could be the biggest! In this week's Friday Folders you will receive a raffle ticket package that includes 20 raffle tickets and raffle instructions. Tickets will be \$20 each. We are asking every family to sell as many tickets as possible (think work associates, all those people you hang out with on the soccer/softball/baseball fields with, family, friends...!) Here is an opportunity for each one of us to do a little work that combined will net a big result.

#### FANTASTIC GOLDEN TICKET PRIZES:

- A week stay in a luxury Maui timeshare plus \$800 in airfare vouchers to get you there (\$7,800) from the Dinh family.
- His & Her Electra Super Deluxe Cruiser Bikes (\$750) from Pegasus Bicycle Works and Eagle Peak Parents Annie and Chris Rodriguez.
- An iPad2 from the Vlavianos family.
- Tickets to Sugar Bowl (good through 2012)
- And much, much more.....

See attached flyer for details.

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### **Help Raise Money for the Lindsey Wildlife Museum**

As you know we are doing a fundraiser for Lindsey Wildlife Museum Fundraiser. EPMS decided to expand it for one week more. It will end Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to get at least \$100 per classroom.

Thank you.

EPMS Student Government



### **Attachments this Week**

- Golden Ticket Raffle Flyer & Tickets
- Boxtops for Education
- Spaghetti Factory Flyer



### **Boxtops & Labels for Education**

Don't forget to send in Boxtops for Education and Campbell Labels for Education in your child's Friday Folder. See attached for details.

We process them each month to earn money for our school. For more information you can visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) or [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com).



### **Notes from Childcare**

Childcare payments for the month of May/June 2012 are now past due. If you have not already submitted payment, any hours incurred will be charged at the drop-in rate. Any billable hours accrued in May/June will be mailed to your home at the end of the school year.

Please clear up any outstanding childcare payments at this time. If you have any questions regarding hours billed contact Ms. Sibyl; questions regarding payment please contact Mrs. Mahraj in the office or email: [epofcmgr@MDUSD.org](mailto:epofcmgr@MDUSD.org). Thank you.

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## MAY 2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					 Star Gazing 7:00 pm	 Garden Work Day 9 -12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	CFEP 7 pm	Board Mtg. 7 pm	Room 302 MOCHA 	Room 301 MOCHA	FRIDAY MARKET (Host 302)	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Room 401 MOCHA 	 Science Fair	FRIDAY MARKET (Host 302)	
27	28	29	30	31	6/1	6/2
	Memorial Day  No School			 Dine & Donate	EARLY DISMISSAL 1 pm	

## JUNE 2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
LAST WEEK OF HOT LUNCHES	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Years - Westminster Woods Overnighter June 4 <sup>th</sup> thru 8 <sup>th</sup>					
		PTLG 7 pm				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			 Field Day	Last Day Of School  Early Dismissal 1 pm		