



# EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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## FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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## EARLY DISMISSAL Teacher Work Day Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> - 1 pm

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

-Desmond Tutu

“If you're walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress.”

-Barack Obama



### Notes from Michelle

Next week we will have our first Crab Feed ever. We are completely excited!! These are supposed to be big events in this area. The Adolescent Program has brought about a lot of “firsts” for Eagle Peak. If you have purchased tickets, please be kind and gentle in your expectations and feedback. ☺ If you would like to attend and have not purchased your tickets - please contact Amy in the office.

Also, please remember that we have two Field Trip Trainings coming soon. The first is Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, and the second is on Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm. These trainings take approximately 10-15 minutes, and I have a prospective parent meeting immediately following those, so I will begin promptly at 6pm.

On Thursday, January 12, we held our first Cultural Awareness Committee meeting. While we are still fine tuning the mission of this group, Amy Chionis-Bloxam was willing to take notes, which are shared below. We would love to have you join us after the next PTLG meeting on February 9.



### Notes from Michelle (con't)

#### Notes from the Cultural Awareness Committee:

1. Parents and administration convened January 12, 2017 for an initial meeting to explore ways of supporting a pluralistic and peaceful community on campus.
2. Our purpose remains open-ended and evolving. We aim to foster respectful and inclusive community experiences that reach beyond mere tolerance to true pride and celebration of our cultural, ethnic, social diversity as families committed to the common cause of nurturing peace makers.
3. We are committed to supporting critical thinking skills in our community that equip students to consider ideas and respond thoughtfully. We encourage peaceful communication as the means of engaging in social dialogue. We acknowledge it is modeled in Eagle Peak classrooms and public spaces. We affirm the faculty, administration and staff for their commitment to modeling social engagement with kindness and mutual respect.
4. We are interested in supporting our students in projects that explore heritage and identity, in ways that honor the diversity and unique individuality of each person of our school community.
5. We affirm service as a key practice in fostering kindness and empathy. An eventual Parent Ed night, that discusses ways of engaging in service as families, is something we would like to make happen.



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6. We deeply desire participation from many points of view.
7. As such, we continue to INVITE families with a diverse range of viewpoints and experiences, to share their ideas and energies with us.
8. Currently, we will use a pre-existing Eagle Peak structure - Family Groups - to explore and celebrate the virtue of KINDNESS. We would love to hear from YOU about activities that teachers and AP students can lead their Family Groups in on Monday afternoons (once a month). Activities should be 20-30 minutes in duration and explore the ethic of kindness. Activity should be accessible to all grade levels and collaborative in nature.
9. Once again, we want to hear more about tools and ideas you have to build community that daily celebrates diversity.
10. Next meeting will be after the PTLG meeting on Thursday February 9. At this time we'd like to create 3-4 activities for monthly Family Group meetings. Please join us, and if you aren't able to be there, please engage via email - email Michelle or parent Amy Bloxham Chionis ([aechionis@gmail.com](mailto:aechionis@gmail.com)).



## Monday Gathering 1/23/16

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Gathering Leaders Itzel Balcazar  
& Keren Trost

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Quotes:

### Leilany Albuquerque

"Treat people the way you want to be treated.  
Talk to people the way you want to be talked to.  
Respect is earned, not given."  
~ Hussein Nishah

### Layla Solis

"Respect for ourselves guides our morals; respect  
for others guides our manners."  
~ Laurence Steme

### Katelyn Takahashi

"Never judge someone by the way he looks or a  
book by the way its covered, for inside those  
tattered pages, there's a lot to be discovered."  
~Stephen Cosgrove

### Morgan Woelfel

"Respect others not because of who they are but  
because it's who you are-someone who is  
respectful to others."  
~Anonymous



## Notes from Childcare

February Childcare Registration payment is in this week's Friday Folder (a little early this month) and is due by Wednesday, February 1st. Please bring any past-due invoices for drop-in charges up to date.



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**GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE**.... please drop off your ticket stubs and money to the office by Monday 1/23!!!

Make your last push to sell tickets to support EPMS programs! It is your chance to WIN the NEW MacBook Pro with touch bar!!!!

Drawing for both the buyers and sellers happening at the EPMS Crab Feed on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. No need to be in attendance to win.



## PTLG Quick Notes

Hello EPMS families,

**Golden Ticket Raffle** pull and Crab Feed on January 27!!! Be sure to attend this important event for the AP program!!! You can purchase tickets from an AP student or the EPMS office.

## Upcoming Events

- **PTLG Meeting:** February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at EPMS. We will discuss the EPMS auction and other events throughout the year! Come and get to know your Room Parents and the other parents as well as address any questions you have for PTLG, CFEP, the Board, teachers, and Ms. Hammons. You will receive volunteer hours for attending the meeting! Childcare available!!!!
- **EPMS Talent Show:** March 24. Information regarding this event and registration forms will be in your Friday Folder after the winter break. If you have questions, please, contact Christie Elwood ([christie.elwood@gmail.com](mailto:christie.elwood@gmail.com)). See the registration info in the Friday Folder.



## PTLG Quick Notes

- **EPMS Auction:** April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. The EPMS auction preparations are in full swing! **Be sure to attend the auction on April 29 at Civic Park in Walnut Creek.** The "Early Bird" tickets coming in February for \$40. The price will then increase to \$45 and \$50 at the door. Also, there will be an early bird raffle. So buy in advance!!!

## Volunteer Needs

- **Talent Show/Art Exhibit:** This event is a fun way to get your volunteer hours. The team is currently looking for:
  - 1) Someone to shadow the event coordinator.
  - 2) Video, edit and burn DVD's.
  - 3) Provide a full size keyboard for use during rehearsals and show.
  - 4) Art exhibit coordinator.
  - 5) Two or three rehearsal assistants.
  - 6) Four door greeters to pass out programs.
  - 7) Set-up & cleanup crews.
  - 8) Concessions assistant.

If you can fill any of these roles or have questions please contact Christie Elwood at [Christie.Elwood@gmail.com](mailto:Christie.Elwood@gmail.com) THANK YOU!

- **Auction:** Several jobs both big and small.....
  - **Individual Student Project:** The auction team is looking for a parent or team with a great idea and the desire to make a project that showcases each child at EPMS. At previous auctions, we have offered personalized items for sale at a low price-point such as bookmarks with the children's pictures on them, refrigerator magnet, etc. Contact Kristi Koljian - [krconners@yahoo.com](mailto:krconners@yahoo.com) for this volunteer opportunity.



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### PTLG Quick Notes (con't)

- **Donations help:** Do you own a business or know a company that would like to donate item/s/services to the EPMS auction? Have a vacation rental to donate? You can receive volunteer hours for your efforts!! Contact Jennifer Womble - [jenwomble@gmail.com](mailto:jenwomble@gmail.com) for the donation letter that itemizes the tax ID number or visit the school office for a copy of the letter.
- **Other Donation Help:** If you have connections to wine distributors or have wine to donate, contact Jennifer Womble - [jenwomble@gmail.com](mailto:jenwomble@gmail.com).

Key note..... Want to help with the auction in any way? Contact Kristi Koljian at [krconners@yahoo.com](mailto:krconners@yahoo.com) every job, big or small, is important!!!

Cheers, the PTLG Team



### Calling All Handymen!

Ms. Ava, our PE teacher's shed has sprung a leak (not surprising with all this rain!!) and we're looking for some handy parent(s) to help stop the leak. If you can help please call/stop by the office and we can work out a game plan.

If you would also like to be on a list for future "Fix-Its" calls please let the office know. Here's a great volunteer opportunity.

Thank you.



### Notes from Ms. Diana

Can you believe it's already January? If you haven't met me yet, I am your new music teacher here at Eagle Peak. I am an accordionist and Orff educator with many years of experience working with children in various capacities. I also play and teach classical piano, and love dancing of all kinds. Thanks everyone for welcoming me onto team, I am thrilled to be here!

In Lower EI, we've been singing, dancing, playing games, and beginning to play simple melodies and drone accompaniments on the xylophones. In Upper EI, we are taking things a step further with the addition of soprano (4th) and alto (5th) recorders. (Please help your kids remember to bring these to class every Wednesday!). With recorders we develop fine motor skills, begin working more with written notation, naming pitches in both solfeg and as their letter names, and reading rhythms. We also sing songs, play games, and learn lots of folk dances, a great way to build community and work together while moving our bodies to a variety of music from around the world. Coming soon, we'll be adding occasional media to the Eagle Peak website so you can see some examples of what we're up to, so stay tuned!



### Boxtops & Labels for Education

Don't forget to send in Boxtops for Education and Campbell Labels for Education. Look for the paste on sheet in this week's FF. For more information you can visit [www.boxtops4educatino.com](http://www.boxtops4educatino.com) or [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com).



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## **Office Notes**

### **Calendared Events**

- Jan 24 Rm 202: Asian Art Museum
- Jan 24 Field Trip Training 6 pm
- Jan 26 Rm 201: Asian Art Museum
- Jan 27 Early Dismissal 1 pm
- Jan 27 Crab Feed & Raffle Drawing
- Jan 31 Field Trip Training 6 pm
- Feb 9 PTLG 6:30
- Feb 11 Garden Workday 9-12
- Feb 13 Lincoln's Birthday – Off
- Feb 13 CFEP – 7 pm
- Feb 20 President's Day – Off
- Feb 21 Board Mtg 6:30



## **Attachments this Week**

- Childcare Registration: March, 2017
- Yoga Class: Spring Session
- Human Society Animal Food Drive
- Box Tops for Education Collection

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## JANUARY 2017 School Calendar

| SUN | MON | TUE   | WED   | THU                               | FRI  | SAT |
|-----|-----|---|-------|-----------------------------------|--|-----|
| 22  | 23  | 24  | 25    | 26                                | 27   | 28  |
|     |     | <b>Rm 202</b><br>Asian Art Museum<br><br>Field Trip Training<br>6 pm<br><br>PPM<br>6:30-7:30 pm |       | <b>Rm 201</b><br>Asian Art Museum | Early Dismissal<br>1 PM<br><br><br>AP Crab Feed & RAFFLE<br>6:30 PM |     |
| 29  | 30  | 31  | Feb 1 | 2                                 | 3  | 4   |
|     |     | Field Trip Training<br>6 pm<br><br>PPM<br>6:30-7:30 pm  |       |                                   | Friday Market  |     |

## FEBRUARY 2017 School Calendar

| SUN | MON   | TUE               | WED | THU  | FRI           | SAT   |
|-----|---|-------------------|-----|--|---------------|---|
| 5   | 6   | 7                 | 9   | 9  | 10            | 11  |
|     |   |                   |     | PTLG / Cultural Committee<br>6:30  | Friday Market | <br>Garden Work Day<br>9 am - 12 |
| 12  | 13  | 14                | 15  | 16   | 17            | 18  |
|     | <br>Lincoln's BD<br>OFF<br><br>CFEP 7 pm |                   |     |  | Friday Market |   |
| 19  | 20  | 21                | 22  | 23   | 24            | 25  |
|     | <br>President's Day<br><br>OFF           | Board Mtg<br>6:30 |     | Science Fair<br><br><br>ROBOTICS | Friday Market |   |