



# EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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## FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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*"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something I can do." -Edward Everett Hale*

*"Teaching has always been, for me, linked to issues of social justice. I've never considered it a neutral or passive profession." - Bill Ayers*



## Notes from Michelle

Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, the PTLG will be hosting a special guest speaker, Dr. Lizette Ortega Dolan. We are excited by this opportunity. Eagle Peak Montessori is committed to following in Dr. Montessori's work not just through the academic program but also through constantly working towards more inclusiveness and social justice work. We ask our parents community to join us on that journey. In addition to the PTLG speaker, our Community Connection Committee is continuing to meet and provide an opportunity for all parents who want to work on anti-bias and understanding our role as individuals in that process. Their next meeting will be Monday, October 30 at 6pm.

Tuesday, November 7, at 6:30pm, we will hold our Parent Information Night for the Adolescent Program. This is an evening designed to help Upper Elementary parents know more about the program when they are determining if their child will remain at Eagle Peak for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. I highly recommend this event for all Upper Elementary parents.

Speaking of AP, they will head out on Monday for their Fall Erdkinder experience at Hidden Villa. They will work on the farm and study food justice issues.

I know many of you have been asking about Fall Fest. At this time, we are still discussing the possibility of rescheduling. It may be difficult to find volunteers who are free to hold the event. Once the discussion has been finalized, we will share the information with the Eagle Peak community.

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Parents who are interested in having their 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attend a different high school other than their "home" school, need to apply for an inner district transfer. This process is now ONLY available online. Please see the MDUSD website for further information. There is also only a month window for this process.

[http://www.mdusd.org/news/view?d=x&id=1508063941713&group\\_id=1263280610229&return\\_url=1508343036699](http://www.mdusd.org/news/view?d=x&id=1508063941713&group_id=1263280610229&return_url=1508343036699)



## Notes from the CFEP

CFEP thanks all families that contributed to the Annual Giving Campaign. We have received approx. \$35,000 since the campaign began. We still have \$85,000 to go to hit our goal of \$120,000!

We are significantly behind where we were the same time last year with family pledges. We ask all families to take some time and donate what you can to support the school.

Donations are 100% tax deductible!

Use [cfep.us](http://cfep.us) to donate! If you prefer to write a check, pledge forms are available in the office.

Find out if your company does a Corp Match to double your donation.



## Notes from the Office

It's Box Tops submission time! Our school will be sending in the Box Tops we've collected by Wednesday, November 1, 2017. Remember, our goal this year is to earn \$1,000. You can help us to reach that goal by sending in your Box Tops as soon as possible. Once we send in all of our Box Tops, our school will receive a check, which we can use to purchase anything the school needs.



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### Notes from the Garden

Last week brought a lot of reflection and gratitude for the students and me. On Wednesday, we were able to use our Nature Journals as a place to reflect on our feelings about the Sonoma and Napa fires, incorporating poetry, performance art and watercolor painting. The air quality forced us to be creative with how we used our time together and I am always moved by the depth of sensitivity our students show for the hard things in our world. I teach by a developmental gold standard in Environmental Education, which is "No catastrophes before 4th grade" (David Sobel). We can honor and appreciate our world without scaring our youngest students, and still being very constructive and careful with the growing minds of our older students. I approach environmental stewardship by sparking wonder. We will protect what we love, touch and feel akin to.

This week we studied components of healthy soil, sampled spinach grown by some of our Lower Elementary students, continue to prepare an area for our Indigenous Peoples Study Garden, and have started getting our cool season crops into the ground. Fava beans are poking up in a few beds, we've built some experimental sweet potato and potato towers, sowed wildflowers for early spring blooms, and we continue to work on cleaning up our bin compost system.

This Saturday is a garden workday for parent volunteers, 8:30-12. I will arrive as early as 7:30 if you are curious about plans moving forward with the garden and the role you may play in that. If you are coming for work, please be dressed for heavy, dirty work, and bring tools - leaf rakes, spades, a chainsaw, pruning tools are all needed.



### Notes from the Garden con't

I am still looking for loads of wood chips, aged horse manure, cardboard and (chemical free) sawdust. If you are able to transport a load to school please contact me at [garden@eaglepeak.org](mailto:garden@eaglepeak.org) to make arrangements. See you in the garden!



### PTLG Quick Notes

Hello EPMS community,

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on the Fall Fest and Chili Cook-off. Thank you to Erica Chinchilla's coordination of the Fall Fest and Akiko Noguchi for coordinating the Chili Cook-off. We hope to reschedule this event for later in the year.

· **We need office volunteers....** Can you help support our amazing EPMS office crew with filing, stapling, organizing information? If so, please contact Kris Johnson at [nachogeek@gmail.com](mailto:nachogeek@gmail.com). This is a great volunteer opportunity.

· **We need garden help....** Please contact Amy Chionis ([garden@eaglepeak.org](mailto:garden@eaglepeak.org)) if you can help periodically or at special events. There is much to be done to drive this thriving part of our children's curriculum. We need you!!!

FYI- Room parents- please, keep an eye out for an email from Brandan Ricks. We need to confirm contact information and other needed responsibilities.



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### Key Events Coming Up

#### • Oct 26 PTLG Meeting

**6:30pm at EPMS and childcare is available.** We will have a guest speaker, Dr. Dolan. Her bio and relevant information can be found at <http://www.carondeleths.org/about/press-room/news-article/~post/carondelet-welcomes-new-vice-principal-for-mission-and-community-development-20170530>. We will also be available to answer questions about upcoming events, and the Community Connection Committee. Remember, you get volunteer hours for attending!

#### • Oct 31 Historical Halloween

All children have a timeline that was sent home to help them complete this project. It is extremely helpful in teaching them how to balance the workload of projects. Count down the days to Historical Halloween with us! We are very excited to see all the historical figures this year. FYI- we may still have a costume swap but details are still being finalized.



## Office Notes

### Calendared Events

- Oct 21 Garden Steering Committee 7:30a
- Oct 21 Garden Work Day 8:30a-12n
- Oct 23-27 AP/Erdkinger
- Oct 24 Prospective Parent Meeting 6:30p
- Oct 26 Lower El to Ardenwood Farm
- Oct 26 PTLG w/Special Guest
- Oct 28 Prospective Parent Meeting 9:30a
- Oct 30 Community Connection Meeting 6p
- Oct 31 Historical Halloween Timeline 11am
- Oct 31-Nov 3 Early dismissal 1p
- Nov 4 Prospective Parent Meeting 9:30a
- Nov 5 Time Change (FALL BACK)
- Nov 6 Fall Pictures(Re-Takes)
- Nov 7 Parent Ed/AP info night 6:30p
- Nov 10 Veteran's Day-NO SCHOOL
- Nov 13 CFEP Meeting 7p
- Nov 14 EPMS Board Meeting 6:30p
- Nov 15 Campus Thanksgiving Celebration
- Nov 20-24 Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 28 Prospective Parent Meeting 6:30p

**Remember, when donating Friday Market items, please package the items individually**

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## OCTOBER/NOV 2017 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
<b>Fall Fest &amp; Chili Cook-off 1-4</b>  Canceled due to poor air quality	----- Parent Observations ----- October 16-20				  Friday Market	 Garden Steering Committee 7:30a  Garden Work Day 8:30 am - 12	
		 Board Mtg 6:30 pm		AP to Oakland Museum of CA			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Erdkinder/Adolescent Program – Hidden Villa							
		 Prospective Parent Mtg 6:30-7:30 pm	Field Trip Training 1:30pm	Field Trip Training 6pm PTLG 6:30P	 All Lower EI to Ardenwood Farm  Friday Market	Prospective Parent Mtg 9:30-10:30 am	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
		Historical Halloween Timeline 11am  Early Dismissal 1:00 pm	--- Parent/Teacher Conferences --- November 1 thru 3			 Early Dismissal 1:00 pm	Prospective Parent Mtg 9:30-10:30 am  <b>Daylight Savings (Fall Back)</b> Sun at 2 am
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>Daylight Savings (Fall Back)</b> Sun at 2 am	 Fall Picture Re-Takes	 Parent Ed AP info night 6:30p			VETERAN'S DAY  NO SCHOOL	VETERAN'S DAY 
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	CFEP 7PM	 EPMS Board of Director's Mtg 6:30p	Campus Thanksgiving Celebration		 Friday Market	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
 <b>THANKSGIVING BREAK</b> 						
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
		 Prospective Parent Mtg 6:30p			 Friday Market	