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"No man ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and he's not the same man." -Heraclitus

"Peace is what every human being is craving for, and it can be brought about by humanity through the child."- Dr. Maria Montessori

"Education today, in this particular social period, is assuming truly unlimited importance. And the increased emphasis on its practical value can be summed up in one sentence: education is the best weapon for peace."- Dr. Maria Montessori



Notes from Michelle

We hope that all of you have had as peaceful a week as possible.

While we work hard to plan out the year for scheduling purposes, sometimes events come up that change those plans. The week we scheduled the parent observation week, is also the week that the AP students are going on their Erdkinder experience and the Lower Elementary students have a field trip scheduled that week. So... this means there will be some changes to the observation calendar.

PARENT OBSERVATION WEEK will now be the week of October 16th -20th. If you have already requested time off from work for the week of the 23rd, please notify your child's teacher. We will do our best to accommodate requests.

While on the topic of parent observations, we want to stress the importance of this part of the partnership between teachers and parents. Even if your child is in the 8th grade, you will not have seen the exact same child twice in all of these years. There are always

subtle changes and observing in your child's classroom allows you the chance to see those changes. Please schedule your observation time with this in mind.

There will be a PTLG meeting on **Thursday the 26th of October** with a very special speaker. Dr. Lizette Ortega Dolan will speak on the topic of cultural diversity and anti-bias. Here is a link to more information about Dr. Dolan.

<http://www.carondeleths.org/about/press-room/news-article/~post/carondelet-welcomes-new-vice-principal-for-mission-and-community-development-20170530>

Please plan to attend, childcare will be provided.

We ask that all parents who anticipate wanting to be a field trip chaperone take Field Trip Training. This is a simple, 15 minute training that allows all chaperones to have received the same information and guidelines. We only have a limited number of these meetings each year. **You only need to do this training once.** If you have not already taken this training, please mark these dates on your calendar so that you can make one of these trainings.

October 10 6pm October 25 1:30pm

October 26 6pm January 17 1:30pm

January 23 6pm

There are NO additional trainings scheduled at this time.

Have a great weekend



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Notes from the CFEP

Early Bird Auction Ticket Reminder!

October is the last month to take advantage of discounted auction tickets: \$55 per ticket OR 2 for \$100. Your purchase includes; appetizers, dinner, 1 beer/wine drink ticket, \$50 in casino chips & full access to all the evening's festivities!

Starting NOVEMBER 1st ticket prices WILL GO UP to \$65 per ticket.

Here is the link to purchase your way to Casino Night FUNdraiser & Auction!

Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Boundary Oak in Walnut Creek.

www.epms2018.eventbrite.com

Our next CFEP meeting is on Monday October 9th at 7pm at the school. We welcome any parent that wants to join us!



Carpool Parking Lot Reminder

- Please wait to have your child enter your car until after you have driven past the crosswalk during the pick-up time.
- Please do not drive through the area that is sectioned off by the orange cones. This is set up to protect the children.
- Please park only in spaces that are not marked for staff.
- Please use the crosswalk when walking children to or from your car.

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- Please do not pass other cars when you are in the drop off or pick up lane.
- Please ONLY park in designated parking spaces and not along the sidewalk where the drop off and pick up takes place.



PTLG Quick Notes

Fall Fest & Chili Cook-Off is finally here! Don't miss out on all the fun. Join us Sunday, October 15 from 1-4p.

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to volunteer at Fall Fest/Chili Cook Off. We still have lots of positions open to man booths. Food & Beverage, Arts & Crafts, Face Painting, Ticket Sales, and of course we can always use more help Set-Up and Clean-Up Crew.

As a reminder to parents of 6th, 7th, and 8th year students and alumnae your child is also encourage to participate as a volunteer for Games booth. Just add their name under comments. Their time gets counted for your family volunteer hours as well. Please visit link <http://signup.com/go/abcxsgj>

It is highly recommended that you purchase your "TICKETS" in advance for pre-sale savings. Extra forms can be found in the office. Last day to turn in is next Wednesday, October 11th and will be available for pick up at Will Call on the day of the event.

Don't forget that due to limited street parking we have use of Northgate High School's (425 Castle Rock Road) parking lot. Just park and follow the footpath to EPMS!



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Notes from the Garden

We observed the Autumnal Equinox recently and we are starting to see Fall show up in the garden. Our buckeye tree, which sets its flowers first in spring, also drops its leaves before other trees even turn color. We will be talking about the Fall cycle, learning about our soil and its care, and planning our cool season garden this next month. Our mindful practices have focused on noting signs of seasonal change. The concentration and silence of even our youngest students are powerful. I invite you to take a detour through the garden at drop off or pick up and see for yourself the beauty of our natural space.

Worms have arrived for our vermicomposting projects and we are busy studying these useful and fascinating invertebrates. Studying worms directly relates to our study of soil and 'closed-loop' ecology practice. Many of the students have been on worm duty these last two weeks preparing cozy quarters for our Red Wigglers. Please feel free to send bundled newspaper to school this week for our worm bins.

We are also working to renew our bin composting system. The AP students are working with me and Ms. Kimberlee to update our Waste Wizard program as a way of serving the school and further "greening" our school-wide waste stream management. Please consider helping your children to pack zero-waste lunches every day of the week.

Two weeks ago we began Nature Journaling with all students years 1-6. Nature Journaling bridges observation, science, art, personal reflection, and



Notes from the Garden cont...

writing; ultimately, it provides each individual space to personally reflect on their experience of a natural place. Ask your child about what they are observing and recording in the garden - and be ready to hear about lizards, purple potato bush, hummingbirds, moldy tomatoes, and millipedes. Our garden is a teeming with life and it's our privilege to care for it.

See you in the Garden!
Ms. Amy



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TURN IN YOUR BOX TOPS NOW!

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.

Thank you for your help!

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



Office Notes

Calendared Events

- Oct 9 Indigenous People Day/No School
- Oct 10 Prospective Parent Meeting 6:30p
- Oct 15 Fall Fest & Chili Cook Off 1-4
- Oct 16-20 Parent Observations
- Oct 17 Board Meeting 6:30p
- Oct 19 AP to Oakland Museum
- 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 EI to Ardenwood Farm
- Oct 28 Prospective Parent Meeting 9:30a
- 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



Attachments this Week

- Community Connection Committee (CCC)
- Box Tops for Education

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		 Fall Pics 			 Friday Market	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	 Indigenous People Day No School CFEP 7PM	 Field Trip Training 6pm PPM 6:30-7:30 pm		Community Connection Meeting 6pm	 Friday Market	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Fall Fest & Chili Cook-off 1 - 4	----- 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						PPM 9:30-10:30 am
		 PPM 6:30-7:30 pm	Field Trip Training 1:30pm	to Ardenwood Farm Field Trip Training 6pm PTLG 6:30P	 Friday Market	

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
		----- Parent/Teacher Conferences ----- --- November 1 thru 3				PPM 9:30-10:30 am Daylight Savings (Fall Back) Sun at 2 am
		Historical Halloween Timeline 11 am  Early Dismissal 1:00 pm	Early Dismissal 1:00 pm	Early Dismissal 1:00 pm	 Early Dismissal 1:00 pm	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Daylight Savings (Fall Back) Sun at 2 am	 Fall Picture Re-Takes	 Parent Ed AP info night 6:30p			VETERAN'S DAY  NO SCHOOL	