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"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."
~Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."
~Mahatma Gandhi



Notes from Michelle

I hope that you are all planning to come out and have a great time at the Fall Fest and Chili Cook Off on Sunday!! This is such a fun event for both students and parents. If you look carefully you might even catch a staff member or two at the event! Anyone bringing some Cincinnati Chili this year???? (I'll bring the spaghetti if you do. ☺)

If you are looking for a way to get involved more at Eagle Peak, my suggestion would be to attend everything and figure out what feels right for you. We have Board, CFEP and PTLG meetings that are all open to the public. If you have been fingerprinted, we welcome you to call Amy and say you would like to come and try a day of lunch/recess volunteering. You can come and check in on a Friday morning to see what it takes to pack up the Friday Folders. Another great idea is to look at the different events and ask the coordinator if you can "shadow" them, so that you would be able to step into a more active role next year. There are so many ways to find your niche. It's kinda like jumping rope, you just have to jump in.

Speaking of volunteer jobs... We have so many wonderful school traditions that were started by Eagle Peak parents. Some of those may have started as a "new" idea but soon became a huge part of what helps to create community amongst the students and staff. One of those events is the Thanksgiving Meal. For the past 5 (maybe 6) years, Lena Takahashi has led this event with incredible expertise. However, it is time for someone else to take this on. The great thing about



Notes from Michelle (con't)

traditions is that they tend to take on the flavor of the person leading them. There are many ways that this tradition can continue. If you would be interested in taking on the organizational role of the Thanksgiving Meal, please contact me at mshammons@yahoo.com. We can discuss various ways this tradition might continue. (see the email sent out separately for more details)

If you have friends in the area who are hoping to have their child start at Eagle Peak in the fall, the time to start the process is now. Our Prospective Parent meetings begin on October 11. There is a list of dates in the office, as well as on the website. Please pass that information along. Also, if you have a younger child who will be starting Eagle Peak next fall, please stop in the office for an application.

See you SUNDAY AT FALL FEST!!! (1pm-4pm)



Fall Fest & Chili Cook-Off is finally here! Don't miss out on all the fun. Join us Sunday, October 9th from 1-4 pm

Please make sure you check in with Will Call to pick-up your pre-sale tickets. Full price tickets will also be available for sale on day of 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!

A huge THANK YOU to all the parent and student volunteers who have signed up to make this event a success. Looking forward to working with you all!

Erica Chinchilla & Leah Larson-Auld
Fall Fest Coordinators



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Board Update

The Board met on Tuesday, September 20, and had a great meeting. We started off with a report from the students of the Adolescent Program, which is always my favorite part of the evening! The students told us about what they had been working on so far in class, how Friday Market was going, and about their favorite parts of the year so far. Many of the items we discussed that evening dealt with the logistics for the Montessori Model UN conference in New York, which the AP students will be attending in the spring and for which they will be preparing throughout the year.

When it was time to talk about the budget, we realized that we wanted to communicate something important to the parents. Many of you already know, but some of you may not, that state funding for public schools is directly tied to attendance. We receive approximately \$17,000 more as a school if we raise our attendance by a percentage point. There are, of course, many important reasons for your kids to be in school, but add this one to the list! And please be sure, if your child is out for two or more days, please ask your teachers for an Independent Study packet. The teachers will prepare a packet of work to be completed at home that will complement what the class was doing during your child's absence. You will need to sign a copy of the plan in the office. For your child, it means that they will be able to make up some of the work that they are missing. For the school, it means that your child's absence will not count against our overall attendance record.

If you have any questions about any of the above issues or about what is going on with the school, please come on by and visit a Board Meeting! They are the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 and are open to the public. There is a period at the beginning of the meeting reserved for people to tell the Board what is on their



Board Update (con't)

mind. The agenda is always posted on the office doors the Friday before the meeting. I would also be happy to talk with folks – either stop me in the quad or E-mail me at lwagner@eaglepeak.org.

Thanks!

Laura Lisy-Wagner, EPMS Board Vice-President



Monday Gathering

6th grade leaders: Viviana Bearn & Audrey Webb

5th Grade Quotes:

Lian Blaisdell

"Justice is a machine that, when someone has once given it a starting push, rolls on of itself."

~ John Galsworthy

Lucas McCann

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

~ Aesop

Kaylie Truong

"The differences between people need not act as barriers that wound, harm and drive us apart. Rather the differences among cultures and civilizations should be valued as manifestations of the richness of our shared creativity." - Daisako Ikeda

Rares Raducanu

"If we do not maintain justice, justice will not maintain us."

~ Francis Bacon



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Notes from CFEP

Do you have experience in grant research and/or grant writing? It is a specialized skill, and CFEP is looking for members in our community to help in this endeavor! Feel free to email Mike Farrow at mikefarrowcfo@gmail.com if you have interest or expertise in the area.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Fall Fest on Sunday. CFEP will be sponsoring a raffle for 2017 Auction tickets! Look for the CFEP table with the prize wheel from 2-4p!



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.
- 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

Hello EPMS families,

Can't wait to see everyone at the EPMS Fall Fest and Chili Cook-off! Get ready to enjoy fun games, prizes, and delicious chili!!! Remember to pick up your pre-paid tickets at the Welcome tent. You can purchase additional tickets at the Welcome tent as well!

Upcoming Events

- o *Historical Halloween* on Oct 31. Children will come to school dressed as their historical figure and ready to share information about their person. Parents you are welcome to attend the historical timeline event when all the children in the school lineup based on the birthdate of their historical figure.

Current Volunteer Positions

- o Do you have a pop-up tent and/or camping stove with propane that we can use for Fall Fest/Chili Cook-off? If so, please contact Erica Chinchilla (mamabruno78@live.com) or Akiko Noguchi (glasguchi@gmail.com). Please drop-off the tent/stove at 10:00am on the EPMS blacktop. Please put your name and phone number on the items.
- o Grant writer volunteer position - You would be responsible for reviewing and pursuing grants. CFEP, the EPMS board, and Ms. Hammons will support you in this position. If you are interested, contact Taylor Choi (taylorchoi2013@gmail.com).

Cheers, the *PTLG Team*

Rachel Beeler
Brandan Ricks

Leah Karson
Zulay Loftin

Jennifer Torres
Akiko Noguchi



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Music Notes from Ms. Diana

Dear 4th and 5th year parents,

Hello! You may have noticed already, the 4th and 5th grades have started studying recorder in music class! The kids are very excited about their new instruments and eager to practice. These recorders belong to the students, thanks to your contributions enabling the school to purchase recorders for every student each year. This is such a wonderful gift that the students can keep for the rest of their lives.

Here are a few things for parents and students to remember about the recorders:

- Students are responsible for bringing their recorders to music class every Wednesday. (5th years are encouraged to bring their sopranos as well). I recommend that the recorder stay in the students backpack, so that it always comes with them to school. They may also leave them on a designated shelf at school.
- Do not eat or drink (other than water) right before playing. This will help keep the recorder clean.
- Please be safe. Practice while sitting, standing, or walking slowly, never while running, and not in a car which may stop suddenly.
- Be considerate. It is wonderful to practice, but be kind to the people around you and ask them if it's a good time first.

Happy practicing! It has been a pleasure working with the students so far this year, and I look forward to getting to know the Eagle Peak community better throughout the upcoming year. Thank you!

Diana Strong, Music Instructor



Lower El Field Trips

Look for the Lower El's 2016-17 Field Trip Schedule and Permission Slips (MDUSD & EPMS) in this week's Friday Folder.

Please send **both** signed permission slips and contributions to the office no later than October 24th. Forms must be completed before your child can participate in any field trip. Additional copies of the forms are located in the office. Check should be made payable to CFEP

Please contact Ms. Hammons at mshammons@yahoo.com if you need to discuss other payment options.



Office Notes

Calendared Events

- Oct 8 Garden Work Day 9 – 12 am
- Oct 9 Fall Festival
- Oct 18 Board Mtg – 6:30 pm
- Oct 20 UE - AP Parent Info Night
- Oct 31 Historical Halloween Timeline 11 am
- Oct 31 Early Dismissal 1 pm
- Nov 1-4, 7 Parent Observations
- Nov 8 9 10 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Early Dismiss All 3 Days 1 pm
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day - Off



Attachments this Week

- Lower El Only: Field Trip Info
- Drama Club Sign Up Sheet

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
 Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off 1 - 4	CFEP 7 PM	<u>Vision Testing</u> 1, 2 & 5th PPM 6:30-7:30 am			Friday Market	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Board Mtg 6:30 pm		Upper EI AP Parent Info Night 6:30 pm	Friday Market	PPM 9:30-10:30 am
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Erdkinder/Adolescent Program – Hidden Villa						<u>LE Only</u> Marine Science Inst. 8:30 – 1:30 On Campus

OCT/NOVEMBER 2016 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5	
	Historical Halloween Timeline 11 am Early Dismissal 1:00 pm	----- Parent Observations ----- <i>November 1 thru 4th and 7th</i>				Friday Market	PPM 9:30-10:30 am
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
<i>Daylight Savings (Fall Back)</i> Sun at 2 am	Parent Observations PPM 6:30-7:30 am	-- Parent/Teacher Conferences -- <i>November 8, 9 and 10</i> <i>Early Dismiss at 1 PM all 3 Days</i>			VETERAN'S DAY  NO SCHOOL		