



# EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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## FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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*"Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the wrong. Sometime in life you will have been all of these."*

— *Lloyd Shearer, Walter Scott's Personality Parade*



## Notes from Michelle

Thank you so much to all of the parents who cooked, served, planned, prepared and cleaned up after the amazing Thanksgiving Feast for the students and staff. While I was very sad to not be a part of the celebration this year, I hear that it was very organized and delicious. Despite the rain, everyone was able to enjoy the meal. We also send a very special thank you to Brandan Ricks for stepping up to organize and lead this event. Each year, I reflect on the progress that Eagle Peak Montessori has made since its opening. It is a gift to be a part of such an amazing organization. It is also a gift to be part of a constantly challenging environment, where we have the realization that regardless of history and progress, we never stand still and bask in the success. Instead, we identify the areas for growth and are continuously looking for ways to achieve that growth. The hope is that this spirit of evaluation and growth can also carry forward in the students. We hope they will see that it is not just an end product, but the *process* of creating that product which brings satisfaction and gratitude into our lives. Speaking of progress, I would assume that you have all noticed the construction happening at school. We are excited that after the winter break, we hope to have the classroom completed, which will allow our art/music/garden class and child care to move back into their Multi Use room home. The Upper Elementary classroom currently occupying room 501 will move back to room 601, and science will move into the new classroom. Have a great weekend.



## Notes from the CFEP

The 2nd installments for Field Trip Donations are due 11/30/2017 for those that elected 4 payments:  
4th & 5th grade - \$116.75  
6th grade - \$146  
7th grade - \$247.75  
8th grade - \$244.75

Monthly installments for Annual Giving for November are also due.

\*\*Please take a moment to donate at [www.cfep.us/donate!](http://www.cfep.us/donate!)

Do you have any needs or gifts to purchase at Sports Basement? On December 15th, mention Eagle Peak and receive 20% off your purchase!

A % of your spend will also be calculated and donated to the school!



## PTLG Quick Notes

Thank you to Brandan Ricks for coordinating a delicious school-wide feast! Thank you to all the Room Parents, parents, and students who volunteered to make dishes and help with the execution of event. This is a wonderful community effort that shows both the bounty of food and the love for our community.

We are in the final stages of planning our International Day (Dec. 22). Contact Laura Lisy-Wagner ([lalisys@sfsu.edu](mailto:lalisys@sfsu.edu)) if you are able to help with this event. Your Room Parents will be sending additional information on this event.



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## Notes from the Garden

A Garden Work Day was scheduled for Nov. 18th (Saturday). It was raining heavily so we cancelled.

We are starting to utilize our greenhouse with the cooler weather. I am seeking a donation of 2-3 yards of pea gravel to repair the floor. Please contact me at [garden@eaglepeak.org](mailto:garden@eaglepeak.org) if you'd like to contribute supplies to that project. We still need more horse manure, straw bales, and stepping stones as well.

We have started to practice our mindful yoga sequences in silence as we work on developing concentration. We do talk about how the ability to focus and control our bodies translates to our work in other areas. As for what is growing, we have sweet potatoes, potatoes, kale, cabbage, celery, fava beans, mizuna, spinach, radishes, persimmons, lots of citrus and herbs growing. Our friend the hawk has been hanging out and letting us observe - we think it may be a Cooper's Hawk - and we have been making beautiful leaf and bark rubbings as we study the parts of a tree and work on our tree identification skills. We continue to have Peace Education around practicing empathy for one another and the living creatures of the garden, respecting each other, and finding effective ways to bridge conflict and express ourselves effectively. Garden Chores provide incredible opportunities for us to practice all of these things in a fun and real way.



## Office Notes

### Calendared Events

- Dec 5 Prospective Parent Meeting 6:30p
- Dec 11 CFEP 7p
- Dec 14 Lower El-Dean Leshar
- Dec 14 Community Connection Committee 6p
- Dec 16 Prospective Parent Meeting 9:30p
- Dec 19 EPMS Board of Directors 6:30p
- Dec 22 International Day
- Dec 25 – Jan 5 Winter Break
- Jan 8 CFEP 7p
- Jan 11 PTLG 6:30p
- Jan 15 MLK Day-No School
- Jan 16 EPMS Board of Directors 6:30p
- Jan 17 Field Trip Training 1:30p
- Jan 20 Prospective Parent Meeting 9:30a
- Jan 23 Field Trip Training 6p
- Jan 23 Prospective Parent Meeting 6:30p
- Jan 26 Early Dismissal
- Jan 26 CRAB FEED
- Jan 30 Prospective Parent Meeting 6:30p



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## DECEMBER/JAN 2017 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		 Prospective Parent Mtg 6:30p			 Friday Market	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	CFEP 7PM	 Prospective Parent Mtg 9:30a		Lower EL @ Dean Lesher  Community Connection Committee 6PM	 Friday Market	Prospective Parent Mtg 9:30a
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		 EPMS Board of Director's Mtg 6:30p			 International Day AP Holiday Boutique	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	 <b>WINTER BREAK</b>				
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
New Year's Eve	New Year's Day	 <b>WINTER BREAK</b>				

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	CFEP 7PM			PTLG 7PM		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		 EPMS Board of Director's Mtg 6:30p	Field Trip Training 1:30p		 Friday Market	Prospective Parent Mtg 9:30a
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		 Prospective Parent Mtg 6:30p  Field Trip Training 6:00p			 Friday Market  CRAB FEED 6:30P	
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
		 Prospective Parent Mtg 6:30p			 Friday Market	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
					 Friday Market	