



EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

"It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength." - Maya Angelou



Notes from Michelle

Having worked in education for more than 24 years, there is not much that surprises me. However, one thing that continuously brings a smile to my face is how many of our alumni still actively come and participate in events and activities at our school. Just today, we had a former student come to plan out his Eagle Scout Project for the garden area, (this will make our 7th Eagle Scout Project – 5th completed by an EPMS alum.) Another alumni student, who graduated from UC Santa Cruz last spring, brought by her application to be a sub while she is in graduate school. These are, of course, in addition to Star and August, our childcare workers, who are also alumni. While it is common for students to visit their high school, it is not quite so common to have so many students come and check in with their elementary school. None of the staff here take that for granted, and we are so grateful for the connections that are long lasting with the students and their families.

Friday the 22nd is our annual International Day. This is such a fun day for our students. They get to "travel the world" as the classrooms are transformed into various countries. They take their EPMS passports with them and gather stamps as they go from place to place. There is also a food court. However, please make sure to send your child lunch that day. The food provided for the celebration will not be a full meal.

We hope all of you have a relaxing and refreshing weekend.



Monday Gathering 12-11-2017

6th grade leaders:

Julian Bruno

Lucas McCann

5th Grade Quotes:

Adelina Auld

"It's not happiness that brings us gratitude. It's gratitude that brings us happiness."-Anonymous

Tatum Karson

"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."- Melody Beattie

Andrew Dinh

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."- William Arthur Ward

Adam Roba

"Gratitude is when memory is stored in the heart and not in the mind."-Lionel Hampton

Thomas Slattengren

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend."- Melody Beattie

Ella Olson

"Joy is the simplest form of gratitude."- Karl Barth.



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Notes from the CFEP

GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE coming in 2 weeks!!!! WIN an Apple iPad Pro or a Coach Hobo Handbag!

We are asking every EPMS student to sell raffle tickets, kicking off from Winter Break and through January 25th. Sell them to your friends and family. Buy them... perfect stocking stuffers and gift for the holiday season!!

Drawing will be held during the Crab Feed, held on January 26th.

Look for your raffle packet in your Friday Folder soon!

Happy Selling



Notes from the Garden

The garden has provided students with a front row seat to the construction of our new building this week. While this extends beyond the scope of nature study, it is an essential piece to developing our sense of place. Many chose to illustrate or write about the construction process these last two weeks. Several others have participated in a leaf hunt classification project and have brought their work home to share. Most of us have sampled persimmons and grapefruits this week as well.

The garden is also the proud recipient of a 2017-18 Samull Classroom Herb Garden Grant. This is a competitive small grant from the Americal Herb Society. We will be using the funds towards the creation of our Indigenous Peoples Study Garden, which is an extension for Upper Elementary students of their cultural studies beyond the classroom walls. We still need a parent volunteer to do some



Notes from the Garden (con't)

demolition work in beds in the garden to prepare the way for the design process of this specialty garden. Contact me at garden@eaglepeak.org if you are able (heavy physical labor - about two hours).

We have been starting our time in the garden with either yoga sequences or mindfulness activities. A focus of our peace education in the garden has been talking about how we can be allies to one another in the garden - the virtues of Eagle Peak are alive and well in every space of the school. Asking the children to carry this out beyond the walls of their classroom is part of stepping into the role of active community members. Please ask your child about what they are experiencing in the garden - what are they tasting, seeing, doing, talking about, and studying? They love their time in the garden and I wager they will be excited to share what they do there.

And, as usual, please feel free to stop by the garden at drop off or pick up and see for yourself how busy and beautiful an almost-winter garden can be in Northern California!



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Office Notes

Calendared Events

- 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
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	CFEP 7PM			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	 WINTER BREAK				
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
New Year's Eve	New Year's Day	 WINTER BREAK				

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JANUARY/FEB 2017 School Calendar

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	