



# EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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## FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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## Winter Break

December 19 thru January 2<sup>nd</sup>

(NO Friday Folder on December 16<sup>th</sup>)

"Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love."

~ Lao Tzu



## Notes from Michelle

As you read this week's Friday Folder, Sibyl and I are attending the Charter School Development Center's fall leadership update in San Diego.

As this is the last Friday Folder before winter break, I wanted to wish all of you happy holidays, celebrating with family and friends. The school office will be closed during the break and many staff will be out of the area.

A couple of weeks ago I mentioned wanting to create a Cultural Appreciation Committee. I would like to have our first meeting, Wednesday, January 4, at 6:30. Please mark your calendar if you would like to join us.

Have a great break.  
Peace - Michelle



## Monday Gathering

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Gathering Leaders

Emma Neidlinger &  
Christian Vlavianos



## Monday Gathering (con't)

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Quotes:

**Olive Neidlinger** - "Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see."

~ Mark Twain

**Bret Futterman** - "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

~ Aesop

**Zev Deladingco** - "Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up."

~ Jesse Jackson

**Samatha Whalley** - "The first fall of snow is not only an event it's a magical event."

~ J.B. Priestley



## Notes from CFEP

Keep investing in your child's future...and get your last minute tax deduction made before 12/31/16! We are only at 60% of our annual goal to raise \$100,000 for our school. These funds help us to continue to offer many of the amazing programs your children love, like art, music and PE. Make sure we can continue to cover these programs for next year and beyond! If you haven't made a donation yet, or if you already donated the suggested \$1,000 per student, every bit helps!

You may use PayPal ([paypal.me/epmscfep](http://paypal.me/epmscfep)) for any payment made to CFEP.

Thank you

Your Community Foundation for Eagle Peak Board



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## GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE

Want a chance to win the NEW MacBook Pro with the touch bar!?! It retails for \$1,799!

Our Golden Ticket Raffle is underway...

Show your school spirit and sell those tickets!! We sold 560 last year and would like to DOUBLE that this year!

We even had 1 student sell 72 tickets the year prior, so hoping we have the same level of passion to sell this go-around!

Drawing at the Crab Feed on Jan 27th, for the Macbook.

We will also do a seller's draw, with the chance to win a Samsung Smart TV. The more you sell, the greater your chances of winning!!

Get more tickets at the office, if you need!



## PTLG Quick Notes

*Hello EPMS families,*

Thank you to all that attended and participated in the lively discussion at the PTLG meeting this week. It was wonderful and we look forward to seeing you again on February 9! Enjoy your winter break!

## Upcoming Events

- **International Day** is Dec 16. Please contact Laura Lisy-Wagner ([lwagner@eaglepeak.org](mailto:lwagner@eaglepeak.org)) with any questions.



## PTLG Quick Notes

- **Welcome Back Breakfast** is Jan 3. Come and enjoy some coffee, pastries, and fruit as well as catch up with friends after the winter break. The breakfast will be right after drop-off. Please contact Zulay Loftin ([zulayloftin@yahoo.com](mailto:zulayloftin@yahoo.com)) with any questions.
- The **EPMS Talent Show** will be March 24. Information regarding this event and registration forms will be in your Friday Folder after the winter break. If you have questions, please, contact Christie Elwood ([christie.elwood@gmail.com](mailto:christie.elwood@gmail.com))

## Current Volunteer Positions

- Cultural artifacts are needed for International Day. Please bring items representing the featured cultures to the school office on Friday, December 16. The cultures discussed this year will be Czech Republic, Ecuador, Israel, Japan, and Mexico. Also, if you would like to volunteer to present and lead an activity related to a culture that is represented at International Day contact Laura Lisy-Wagner ([lalisys@sfsu.edu](mailto:lalisys@sfsu.edu)).
- Bring coffee, pastries, and/or fruit to the Welcome Back Breakfast on Jan 3. Please contact Zulay Loftin ([zulayloftin@yahoo.com](mailto:zulayloftin@yahoo.com)) if you are interested in this volunteer activity.

Cheers, the PTLG Team

Rachel Beeler  
Brandan Ricks

Leah Karson  
Zulay Loftin

Jennifer Torres  
Akiko Noguchi



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## Holiday Boutique is Back!!!!

December 16<sup>th</sup>: Parent welcome from 3:30 – 4 pm in Room 701. Please look through the Boutique's Product Description and Price List in this week's Friday Folder.



## International Day - Dec 16th

On December 16, the last day of school before Winter Break, we will be having our annual International Day celebration. This is a wonderful day – a great opportunity for the kids to learn about and celebrate the diverse cultures of our world and a great opportunity for parents to get together, pitch in, and make it happen! All day, the kids go from classroom to classroom, learning about a variety of nations and languages, playing games, making crafts, and eating food from around the globe.

This year, we are going to be representing the Czech Republic, Ecuador, Israel, Japan, Mexico, and the nations of Polynesia. If you have artifacts from any of these nations that you are willing to share for the day, please bring them to the teachers' lounge at drop-off on the morning of December 16. We will have someone in the office with a sign-in sheet for you to sign them in and sign them out at the end of the day. Please let us know if the artifacts are for looking only or if students can touch them. Consider carefully before you bring anything in that is particularly valuable or breakable - perhaps this is not the best venue for those special items!



## International Day - Dec 16<sup>th</sup> (con't)

If you are still interested in volunteering, we need helpers to serve food and contributions to the I

International Food Court in the Multipurpose Room. Please visit our Sign-Up Genius at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4bada62ea64-international1> for details and to sign up.

If you have any questions, please E-mail me at [lwagner@eaglepeak.org](mailto:lwagner@eaglepeak.org). Thank you for all your support of International Day!!

Uvidíme se na Mezinárodní Den!

Laura Lisy-Wagner  
on behalf of the International Day Committee

**REMINDER:** Although there will be sampling of food during International Day on Friday, December 16, it is by no means a complete meal. Pizza will still be served as usual but please make sure that your child has a normal lunch packed for that day.



## Lost and Found

5 days but who's counting. Please check the Lost and Found for things near and dear to you. Anything left behind at the **end of day (4 pm) on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** will be sent to charity or tossed.

Thank you.



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## Notes from Childcare

1. **January, 2017 Payments.** Due to the holidays the January Registration form is being sent out in this week's Friday Folder, **the last Friday Folder of the year.** **Keep it safe;** payments will be due ASAP upon return from Winter Break: Monday, January 3rd.

If you have scheduled automatic credit card payments they will be processed during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of January, 2017.

2. Drop-in charges for December will not be sent out until January 8<sup>th</sup>. Please clear up any outstanding balances ASAP.

If you have any questions please Mrs. Mahraj.



## Office Notes

### Calendared Events

- Dec 12 CFEP – 7 pm
- Dec 13 Board Mtg – 6:30
- Dec 13 New Lunch Order Starts
- Dec 16 International Day & Holiday Boutique
- Dec 19 thru Jan 2 Winter Break - Off
- Jan 3 Welcome Back Breakfast
- Jan 4 Cultural Appreciation Committee Mtg 6:30
- Jan 9 CFEP 7 pm
- Jan 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Off
- Jan 17 Board Mtg 6:30
- Jan 19 UE Parent Info Mtg 6:30
- Jan 27 Early Dismissal 1 pm
- Jan 27 AP Crab Feed & Ticket Raffle



## New Lunch Order

Begins Tuesday, December 9th. If you turn your form in on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, you will not be able to purchase lunches for the 1<sup>st</sup> week.

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## Attachments this Week

- January, 2017 Childcare Care Registration
- Holiday Boutique Brochure
- Save the Date: EPMS Auction
- Golden Ticket Raffle
- Chess Club: Winter Session

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		<b>New Lunch Order Starts</b>			 <b>International Day</b>	
	<b>CFEP 7 PM</b>	<b>BOARD Mtg 6:30</b>			 <b>Holiday Boutique Rm 701</b>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<b>Winter Holiday - No School: 12/19/15 - 1/2/16</b>					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## JANUARY 2017 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<b>New Year Holiday Off</b>	 <b>Welcome Back Breakfast</b>	<b>Cultural Appreciation Committee Meeting 6:30</b>		<b>Friday Market</b>	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		<b>Room 302</b> Dean Lesher 9:30-10:30	<b>Room 401</b> Dean Lesher 9:30-10:30	<b>Room 301</b> Dean Lesher 9:30-10:30	<b>Friday Market</b>	 <b>Garden Work Day 9 am - 12</b>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		<b>Board Mtg 6:30 pm</b>		<b>UE Parent Info 6:30</b>	<b>Friday Market</b>	<b>PPM 9:30-10:30 am</b>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		<b>PPM 6:30-7:30 pm</b>			 <b>AP Crab Feed &amp; Golden Ticket Drawing</b>	