



EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."
~Frederick Douglass

"Loving a child doesn't mean giving in to all his whims; to love him is to bring out the best in him, to teach him to love what is difficult."
~ Nadia Boulanger



Notes from Michelle

Yesterday I spoke with the 7th and 8th grade students (Adolescent Program) about cell phones and device usage while we are in New York. One of the things that struck me most from the conversation was that it is almost impossible to keep up with every possible way that children access media in their lives, and how many of the seemingly child friendly apps truly are not always so child friendly. A year ago we had two parents, one a SF police officer and one a tech specialist, who came to speak to the parents about safety for students online. I know that it can seem like reading your child's diary if you check their apps and phones... but with all the possibilities out there that we as adults just simply cannot keep current with (unless that is our line of work), it is crucial to know what your child is both seeing and posting to sights. Many of the games that they play online allow the possibility to connect with total strangers. There is no way of knowing if a person saying they are a 10 year old living in Ohio, really is a 10 year old living in Ohio. I know that we want to trust our children, and honestly, it isn't about not trusting them, but more about how to keep them safe in a world we are still learning to navigate ourselves

We have noticed lately several students whose parents arrange for UBER to pick them up or drop them off. It is actually against UBER rules for children under the age of 18 to ride in their cars without an



Notes from Michelle (con't)

adult present. Please do not put Eagle Peak in the position of either not complying with UBER's rules or having to say "no" when asked to allow a child to be dismissed to an UBER driver. Thank you for your cooperation.

From the UBER TERMS and AGREEMENT:

Access and Use of the Services

User Accounts.

In order to use most aspects of the Services, you must register for and maintain an active personal user Services account ("Account"). You must be at least 18 years of age, or the age of legal majority in your jurisdiction (if different than 18), to obtain an Account. Account registration requires you to submit to Uber certain personal information, such as your name, address, mobile phone number and age, as well as at least one valid payment method supported by Uber. You agree to maintain accurate, complete, and up-to-date information in your Account. Your failure to maintain accurate, complete, and up-to-date Account information, including having an invalid or expired payment method on file, may result in your inability to access or use the Services. You are responsible for all activity that occurs under your Account, and you agree to maintain the security and secrecy of your Account username and password at all times. Unless otherwise permitted by Uber in writing, you may only possess one Account.



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UBER TERMS and AGREEMENT: (con't)

User Requirements and Conduct.

The Service is not available for use by persons under the age of 18. You may not authorize third parties to use your Account, and you may not allow persons under the age of 18 to receive transportation or logistics services from Third Party Providers unless they are accompanied by you. You may not

assign or otherwise transfer your Account to any other person or entity. You agree to comply with all applicable laws when accessing or using the Services, and you may only access or use the Services for lawful purposes (e.g., no transport of unlawful or hazardous materials). You may not in your access or use of the Services cause nuisance, annoyance, inconvenience, or property damage, whether to the Third Party Provider or any other party. In certain instances you may be asked to provide proof of identity to access or use the Services, and you agree that you may be denied access to or use of the Services if you refuse to provide proof of identity.

The UPPER ELEMENTARY Science Fair was last night. The excitement that Shazia demonstrates so clearly for science is contagious. I know that the Lower Elementary students AND teachers were impressed by the level of understanding and enthusiasm the Upper Elementary students demonstrated for their robotic projects. Thank you Shazia, Upper Elementary students, and teachers for all of your hard work.



Notes from Michelle (con't)

Also- in honor of Black History Month, one of our parents, Adria Banihashemi who is anti-racist educator has prepared a sheet of facts to share with your children. This sheet is similar to what she prepared for us during the Thanksgiving celebration regarding American Indians.

Have a great weekend.



Monday Gathering: 2/27/17

6th Grade Gathering Leaders

Audrey Webb and
Emma Neidlinger



Notes from the CFEP

3 simple ways to donate to EPMS.....

- ✓ **Annual Giving...** a way to help contribute to our school's need for funding key programs such as Environmental Ed, PE, and Field Trips! Thanks to those who have already donated. Our goal is 100% participation. All donations are tax deductible!!
- ✓ **Use Amazon Smiles** and select EPMS as your charity of choice, and a % of your spend goes directly to our school!
- ✓ Donate used clothes and accessories to **SCHOOLA.com**. Spring cleaning made easy... with 40% of sales proceeds to support school activities and programs!



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PTLG Quick Notes

Hello EPMS families,

Upcoming Events

- **EPMS Talent Show** will be March 24. Talent Show *practice on March 1*. If you have questions, please, contact Christie Elwood (christie.elwood@gmail.com).
- **EPMS Auction**: The EPMS auction preparations are in full swing! Be sure to attend the auction on April 29 at Civic Park in Walnut Creek. The "Early Bird" tickets for \$40. The price will then increase to \$45 and \$50 at the door. Also, there will be an early bird raffle. So buy in advance!!!
- **PTLG Meeting** on April 25 at 6:30pm at EPMS. We are bringing in two speakers that will help you prepare your home and body for spring. Come and "Spring Clean" your life. Childcare available and you will receive volunteer hours for your attendance. Contact Rachel Beeler with any questions (rdwiggins@yahoo.com).

Volunteer Needs

- ***Do you own a business and need volunteer hours?*** Please contact Jennifer Womble (jenwomble@gmail.com) with donations of goods or services. You can advertise your business at this amazing event and your donations count towards your volunteer hours!



PTLG Quick Notes (con't)

- **Can you help with setup and cleanup at the Talent Show?** If you can, please, contact Christie Elwood (christie.elwood@gmail.com).

Cheers, the PTLG Team

Rachel Beeler

Leah Karson

Jennifer Torres

Brandan Ricks

Zulay Loftin

Akiko Noguchi



Notes from Childcare

March Childcare Registration payment is in this week's Friday Folder (a little early this month) and is due by Wednesday, March 1st. Please bring any past-due invoices or drop-in charges up to date.



Notes from Ms. Diana

It's not too late to be in the opening number at the talent show! Fourth and fifth graders who would like to work with Ms. Diana on a welcome song, and a piece from class (our first group meeting chose 'Sing, sing, sing' which we learned back in September), please join us **the next four Wednesdays in 201, 1:15-1:45**. Those dates are 3/1, 3/8, 3/15 (dress rehearsal on location- contact Christie Elwood for more details) and 3/22.

You must be at the next meeting on March 1 (or talk to me to make special arrangements) in order to participate. (Note: this is optional and in addition to any other acts students may be in).

Questions? dianajstrong@gmail.com



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Office Notes

Calendared Events

- **Mar 9-10** **Closed: Teacher In-Service**
- Mar 11 Garden Work Party 9-12
- Mar 12 Daylight Savings Time
- Mar 13 CFEP 7 pm
- Mar 14 UE: Exploratorium 8:15 – 3
- Mar 15 LE: Dean Leshner 9:30
- Mar 21 Board Mtg 6:30 pm
- Mar 22-24 Parent Observations
- **Mar 30** **Early Dismissal 1 PM**
- **Mar 31** **Off: Cesar Chavez Day**



Attachments this Week

- March Childcare Registration
- Black History Month
- Talent Show * Art Exhibit Update

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
					NO Friday Market	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Model United Nations - AP in New York City				Teacher In-service School Closed	Garden Work Day 9 am - 12
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Daylight Savings 	CFEP 7 pm	All Upper EI Exploratorium 8:15 - 3 pm PPM 6:30-7:30 pm	All Lower EI Dean Leshler 9:30		Friday Market	PPM 9:30-10:30 am
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		<----- Parent Observations ----->			Friday Market	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	<- Parent Observations ->			Early Dismissal 1 pm	CESAR CHAVEZ DAY OFF	

April 2017 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	SPRING BREAK: April 2nd thru 7th					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			<u>Parent/Teacher Conferences</u> April 12, 13, 14 Early Dismissal - 1 PM - <u>All 3 Days</u>			Garden Workday 9 am - 12