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MARCH 17, 2017

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“Remember, remember always, that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists.”
~ Franklin D. Roosevelt



Notes from Michelle

The quote above is a reflection of the week we spent with AP students in New York.

It is GOOD to be back in the Bay Area. As you know the AP teachers, parents, students, and I left for New York on March 4th. It was a very eventful, exciting and experiential trip. We had everything from celebrity sightings to rooms full of sick children. The students explored neighborhoods in New York and places of both historical and current significance. For the first time we had tickets to visit the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty. There is a poem that was written for the dedication of the statue which reflects on the significance of entrance to this country by immigrants at various times in history, “The New Colossus” by Ezra Lazarus (see printed version in the FF). The children left the Statue of Liberty and went for a tour of the Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust.

[\(http://www.mjhnyc.org/\)](http://www.mjhnyc.org/) Then the children went to visit the Tenement Museum, which despite multiple visits to New York, was a new attraction for me personally. You can read more about the museum at <http://tenement.org/about.html>. It was a great day for learning, discussions and reflections on the history of our country's foundation built by immigration. It also was a time of exploring events and tragedies that have taken place in the world; hopefully awareness and knowledge is the best bridge to peace and acceptance of others. The final days of the trip were spent participating in the Montessori Model United Nations Conference. The students took part with almost 4300 other students from around the world in this conference. Each student group represented countries who are part of the actual United Nations and the work culminates with the delegates



Notes from Michelle (con't)

bringing forward resolutions to be voted on in the General Assembly room at the United Nations. For the first time two Eagle Peak students were chosen to introduce items on the actual podium in this General Assembly room. They stood where world leaders have stood, and had that incredibly rare opportunity. This trip is often stressful and expensive, but what our students gain in an understanding of the world and their place in it, cannot be replicated.

From Thursday through Sunday, the teachers who did not go to New York and I, attended the American Montessori Society National Conference in San Diego. The theme for this year was “Beyond Borders”. It was a full weekend of workshops and reconnecting with fellow Montessorians .

The school year is once again flying by. Next week we will be sending out our annual “Intent To Return” form. This is important for us in our future planning. It is especially important that we have a good idea about our numbers for returning 6th graders and AP students. If you have questions about the program or would like to observe in the AP classroom or on a Wednesday with Annie and the 6th grade students, please contact Amy to set up those observations.

Remember that we start our second round of Parent Observations next week. It has been said that you never step in the same river twice because both the river and you have changed. It is the same with observations, you may sit in a chair in the same room watching your child, but there are changes that have occurred in you, your child and the classroom. Please make time to complete this parent expectation.



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Some of you may or may not be aware of the group of residents of this neighborhood who are seeking to secede from the Mt. Diablo Unified School District. This movement directly affects Eagle Peak Montessori, as we are chartered through MDUSD and occupy property that is included in their attendance zone. Our board has taken a stance that we are and will continue to be a part of MDUSD (see Friday Folder 10-21-16). If you have any questions or would like further clarification, please feel free to contact any board member or me. ☺

Have a great weekend.



Monday Gathering 3/20/17

6th Grade Leaders: Ellen Oh and Iris Balcazar

5th Grade Quotes:

Julian Bruno: "A man's feet should be planted in his country, but his eyes should survey the world."
~George Santayana

Sammy Rasuli: "World Peace: when the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace."
~Jimi Hendrix



Notes from the CFEP

Do you work for a company that matches donations? Please use this benefit every time you make a donation to CFEP! Every dollar counts towards our children's education!

5 weeks until the Auction! Have you purchased your tickets yet??



PTLG Quick Notes

Hello EPMS families,

March is full of rainbows and so is the school when you volunteer.

Upcoming Events

- **EPMS Talent Show** will be March 24. 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.... on sale NOW through www.eventbrite.com. You will not receive a paper invitation. The ticket price will increase to \$45 and then \$50 at the door. FYI, there will be an early bird raffle. So buy NOW!!!
- **PTLG Meeting on April 25 at 6:30 pm 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 have wine?** If you have connections to wine distributors or have wine to donate please drop your wine off at the EPMS front office. These donations count towards your volunteer hours! Contact Jennifer Womble (jenwomble@gmail.com) with any questions.
- **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 Zulya Loftin Akiko Noguchi



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Dine & Donate: March 20th

Who doesn't love Italian food? It's the perfect night to relax and enjoy a homemade Italian meal on Monday, March 20th. Mary's will generously donate 20% of our purchases back to Eagle Peak- lunch, dinner or take-out! They will also give back 10% on gift card purchases!

Mary's Pizza Shack pleases everyone in the family- with pastas, sandwiches, soups, salads and of course their legendary pizzas! Let's bring our EPMS families together and enjoy a delicious meal while raising money for our students.

In order to get credit for this event, you must present the flyer to your server at the time of check-out! You can also visit our website at www.cfep.us to download the flyer. Please share the extra flyer with neighbors, family and friends to increase awareness and our fundraising success.

Monday, March 20th

11 am – 9 pm

2246 Oak Grove Rd., WC

(925) 938-4800



Office Notes

Calendared Events

- Mar 20 Mary's Pizza: Dine & Donate
- Mar 21 Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- Mar 22-28 Parent Observations
- **Mar 30 Early Dismissal 1 pm**
- **Mar 31 Cesar Chavez Day - Off**
- **Apr 3-7 Spring Break - Off**
- Apr 12-14 Parent Conferences
- **Apr 12-14 Early Dismissal 1 pm**



Office Notes (con't)

Calendared Events

- Apr 15 Garden Workday 9-12
- Apr 18 Spring Pictures
- Apr 24 2017-18 Lottery 6 pm
- Apr 25 PTLG 6:30 pm
- Apr 28 Panoramic Pictures



Lunch Order: 3/21 thru 5/5/17

New Lunch Order starts next week. If we haven't received your order by Monday, March 20th you cannot order lunch for the 1st week.



Attachments this Week

- Dine & Donate: Mary's Pizza Shake
- Spring 2017 Chess Session Registration
- Auction Update
- Cultural Fair (Lower) and Ancient Civilization Bazaar (Upper) Flyer

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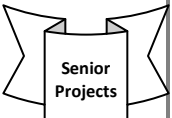

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March 2017 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	 Dine & Donate 11 am – 9 pm	Board Mtg 6:30	PPM 6:30–7:30 pm	<----- Parent Observations ----->		 Talent Show 6 pm @ Walnut Acres
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 3rd thru 7th						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	CFEP 7 pm	Last PPM 6:30–7:30 pm	Parent/Teacher Conferences April 12, 13, 14 Early Dismissal - 1 PM - <u>All 3 Days</u>			 Garden Workday 9 am – 12
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		 Spring Pics Board Mtg 6:30				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	 Panoramic 2017-18 Lottery 6 pm	PTLG 6:30				 Auction 5:30 – 8:30 pm