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"No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."

-Nelson Mandela

"Race is the great taboo in our society. We are afraid to talk about it. White folks fear their unspoken views will be deemed racist. People of color are filled with sorrow and rage at un-righted wrongs. Drowning in silence, we are brothers and sisters drowning each other. Once we decide to transform ourselves from fearful caterpillars into courageous butterflies, we will be able to bridge the racial gulf and move forward together towards a bright and colorful future."

-Eva Paterson, CEO and co-founder of [Equal Justice Society](#) an organization dedicated to "changing the law through progressive legal theory, public policy and practice."



Notes from Michelle

Ok, so your child is reading on their own now, and you figure they don't need bed time stories anymore....
WRONG! Everyone likes to hear a story read to them. Even for children who are starting to read independently, it is beneficial when you read to them, or to listen to an audio book with them. The fluency helps them to become better readers. The time spent with them is special. Every single child needs that bonding time with their parent. If you still read a chapter from a longer book or a short story each night- CONGRATS, KEEP IT UP! If somehow you have found yourself rushing through your day and simply say good night and let your child read themselves to sleep- stop and enjoy the benefits of spending 10-20 minutes just sitting with your child and reading to them OR listening to an audio book with them. YOU ALL HAVE 10 MINUTES. ☺

As you know, at Eagle Peak we celebrate the fact that we are a school of choice. You have chosen to send your child to a school whose mission statement very clearly expresses an ideal of creating a school to



Notes from Michelle (con't)

serve a diverse community and to promote **global** citizenship. Wednesday at our staff meeting, we talked about the topic that is so incredibly crucial right now, racial and social justice and understanding. I personally do not care for the term *tolerance*, because acceptance and understanding are what we are truly hoping for. I don't think that any of us want to be merely tolerated. We want to be accepted and understood. We are investigating as a staff, where we can find training in order to work with our students in a responsible manner regarding these topics. While I am tempted to say that we are living in uniquely difficult times, the truth is – we are living in the continuation with increased awareness, of difficult times that have never truly gone away. Regardless of theories and positions, we are experiencing media coverage and images of things happening in the country that our children are going to hear and possibly be stressed out by, or at the very least, curious about. TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN. Studies have shown that if parents do not clearly express anti-racist and anti-bias beliefs and feelings with their children, children assume that the opposite belief is held. While we are searching for help as a staff, we are also looking for how to help you have these conversations as well. You have sought out and chosen to be a part of Eagle Peak Montessori. Montessori is about love and understanding and global citizenship. It is about changing the world for the better and helping children become the catalyst for that change. This is who we are at Eagle Peak. Our mission statement is clear, "We intend to promote an educational atmosphere that encourages socioeconomic and cultural diversity by providing all students with the opportunity to obtain a quality public education. Our aim is to equip each of our students with the skills, knowledge, and values to participate meaningfully in the pluralistic world of the 21st century."



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Monday Gathering

6th grade leaders: Iris Balcazar &
Keren Trost

5th Grade Quotes:

Leilany Albuquerque: "I am not an Athenian or a Greek, but a citizen of the world."
~ Socrates

Dante Evje: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?"
~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Missy LeClaire: "I have no country to fight for; my country is the Earth, and I am a citizen of the world."
~ Eugene V. Debs

Olive Neidlinger
"Alone we can do so little, but together we can do so much,"
~ Helen Keller



PTLG Quick Notes

Hello EPMS families,

The year is starting off on the right foot and our planned school events are listed on the Google calendar found on the EPMS. This calendar also lists fieldtrips, meetings, holidays, parent-teacher conferences, and other relevant scheduling information.

Upcoming Events

PTLG Community Meeting on Sept 27 at EPMS at 6:30pm. This meeting will include your fieldtrip training. The meeting will also include time to get to know your Room Parents as well as address any questions you have for PTLG, CFEP, the Board, teachers, and Ms. Hammons. You will receive volunteer hours for attending the meeting! Childcare provided!!!!

Fall Fest & Chili Cook-off on Oct 9. Event flyers and Chili Cook-off contestant sign-up forms are in this week's Friday Folder.

Current Volunteer Positions

Fall Fest & Chili Cook-off is Oct 9 and the team is in need of volunteers prior to and on the day of the event. If you are available to volunteer for this event, contact Erica Chinchilla (mamabruno78@live.com) for Fall Fest and Akiko Noguchi (glasguchi@gmail.com) for the Chili Cook-off.

Cheers, the *PTLG Team*

Rachel Beeler
Brandan Ricks

Leah Karson
Zulay Loftin

Jennifer Torres
Akiko Noguchi



Notes from CFEP

Thanks for all of the amazing EPMS community for donating to the Annual Giving Campaign. To date, we have received \$50,000 in checks and pledges! That is 50% to our goal of \$100,000!

Your generous donation will go to fund various educational programs, such as Art, Music, and Environmental Education. It also supports teachers' compensation, so we are competitive in retaining our exceptional teachers!

Please take advantage of your company's gift-matching, if they provide this benefit. It makes a BIG difference.

And, your donation to CFEP goes 100% to the school and is tax deductible.



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Notes from Childcare

Childcare Registration forms for the month of October 2016, are in this week's Friday Folder and are due October 3rd. This is also **the last chance** to sign up for "Special" Full-time Package Offer. This plan will not be offered again until next year so take advantage of this price break or any of the other prepaid hourly packages. All drop-in hours will be billed to you with 1-2 weeks after the end of the month.

If you are currently registered in a "Special" monthly package and have signed up for automatic payment, your credit card will be debited within 7 days from the beginning of the month and a receipt issued. This service can also be applied to Drop-In invoices. No need to receive an invoice! Just let Mrs. Mahraj know and she'll take care of the rest.



Memory Books

Calling all Volunteers!!! We need help in all aspects. Bring your inner-amateur picture taking skills and help take pictures around campus or on field trips or during funding raising events and much, much more. I can be reached at bereghernandez@me.com or reenah.chinchilla@gmail.com.

Thank you so much! Berenice



Environmental Education



The Extra EE Fall Session will begin October 5th - please see flyer attached. The one hour after school program is 1:15-2:15 and is open to all students on a first-come basis. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at EaglePeakEE@gmail.com. Sheila



Field Trips

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

UE: Friday, Sep 30th 8:30 – 3:15
CA Academy of Science

LE: Friday, Oct 28th
Marine Science Institute
On-Campus

Are you signed up to drive or supervise for an upcoming Field Trip? Don't get caught unprepared. You will not be able to drive/attend without the following:

- Fingerprinted
- TB tested
- Attended a Field Trip Training Session (being held on Tuesday, Sep 27 at 6:30)
- Current Car Check (PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY BEFORE TRIP!!)
- Current Auto Insurance



School Roster

PLEASE STOP BY AND VERIFY THAT THE INFORMATION WE HAVE FOR YOU IS CORRECT. There's one in the office and at Childcare sign-in/out.

These draft rosters will only be available for correction **until September 30th**. At that time we will **email** the official roster to all **by Friday, October 7th**. A few copies will be made available in the office.



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FALL FEST needs to borrow your Lots of them. The give us the shade use them to define Food & Beverage Booths, Arts & Crafts Booths, Face Painting and Hair Station Booths, Games Booths and so much more. In addition, you can easily earn 30 minutes of Volunteer Work if you can setup your canopy for us.



your help. We need **Pop-Up Canopies**. canopies not only we need, but we also space for all the

SOS While you are there, please take a peek at all the openings still available and sign up to help. Especially looking for **Set-up and Cleaning Crew, Ticket Sales, Arts & Crafts helpers, Face Painters, and Games**. Please remember that 6, 7, 8 years are welcome to man Game booths as well. Shifts are split into 1.5 hour slots.

Please visit the SignUp.com link for more details <http://signup.com/go/yxxED1>.

Last but not least, we invite all bakers (or shoppers) to bring in yummy goodies for our famous **CAKE WALK**. Cakes, Pies, Loaves, Cookies, Brownies, Cake Pops, Rice anything your little Crispy Treats, whisk desires, as long as you leave the nuts at home. Please also consider bringing Gluten Free items as well. Your donation will earn you more Volunteer Hours plus your name will be entered into a drawing to win a \$20 Starbucks Gift Card.



Keep sending in your Pre-Sale Ticket Orders. Extra forms located in the office. Savings good through next Wednesday, October 5th.

Any other questions or concerns please contact Fall Fest Coordinators: Erica Chinchilla mamabruno78@live.com or Leah Larson Auld moopod1@yahoo.com



Office Notes

Calendared Events

- Sep 27 PTLG – 6:30 pm
- Sep 27 Field Trip Training
- Oct 8 Garden Work Day 9 – 12 am
- Oct 9 Fall Festival
- Oct 18 Board Mtg – 6:30 pm
- Oct 20 UE AP Parent Info Night



Attachments this Week

- Chili Cook-off Signup Sheet
- October Childcare Registration
- Extra EE: Fall Session Sign-up

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SEPTEMBER, 2016 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
		PTLG & Field Trip Training 6:30 pm			UE Only CA Academy Of Science 8:30 – 3:15	

OCTOBER 2016 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				PPM 6:30–7:30 am	Friday Market	 Garden Work Day 9 am – 12
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
 Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off 1 - 4		Vision Testing 1, 2 & 5th PPM 6:30–7:30 am			Friday Market	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Board Mtg 6:30 pm		Upper EI AP Parent Info Night 6:30 pm	Friday Market	PPM 9:30–10:30 am
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Erdkinder/Adolescent Program – Hidden Villa					
					LE Only Marine Science Inst. 8:30 – 1:30 On Campus	