



# EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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## FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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*"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."-Coretta Scott King*

*"The consciousness of knowing how to make oneself useful, how to help mankind in many ways, fills the soul with noble confidence, almost religious dignity."- Maria Montessori*



## Notes from Michelle

Each year we put together a school roster for those parents who give us permission to add their names and information. We have put together a sample in the office for you to review and make sure we have the correct information for your family. We hope to send this out next Friday (September 21). Thank you for your help in advance.

As you know, Eagle Peak is an independent Charter School which means we are governed by our own Board of Directors. Our board is a separate entity from MDUSD. We are fortunate to have these volunteer members who have full time jobs and full time lives, but take time out to dedicate to making sure Eagle Peak is able to continue the work of the school for the students. I would like to cede my time to the board this week for their first "Notes from the Board" for this school year.



## Notes from the BOARD

What a great kick-off to the year! It was wonderful to meet so many of you at our two Orientation nights and at our first Back-to-School picnic. As we move into the school year, we want to thank you. The Board is very encouraged by the enthusiastic support and



## Notes from the BOARD (con't)

participation by EPMS families, in terms of positivity, volunteering, and donations. We have received almost 90% of our supply donations and over 57% of our families have participated in our Annual Giving Campaign. This is a significant increase from last year at this time, and a great way to launch the year. Keep it up, Eagle Peak families!

To build on this partnership, we are including our communication chart in the Friday Folder for this week. This resource lets you know where to go with your questions, feedback, and concerns. For example, if you want to know about the latest fundraiser, CFEP (Community Foundation for Eagle Peak) is the right place to go. All information from Eagle Peak is distributed through three channels:

- Friday Folder
- E-mail blasts from [eaglepeakmontessori@gmail.com](mailto:eaglepeakmontessori@gmail.com)
- Our official Facebook page (look for the one with our logo: link).

As the governing body for Eagle Peak Montessori, the Board of Directors has fiduciary responsibility for the organization and hosts public meetings monthly to conduct our work. You are invited to attend meetings and see what we are all about (6:30, third Tuesday of the month).

While we are conducting the board's work of finance and strategic planning, we would like you to know that we could not focus on this work without absolute confidence in Eagle Peak's faculty, administration, and staff in tending to the most important work we do as a community, which is ensuring the inspiration, enthusiasm, and engagement of our students in a quality Montessori environment.

Thanks!!  
EPMS Board



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## Monday Gathering

6<sup>th</sup> grade leaders:

Adelina Auld and Chris Bair

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

### Alex Michel

"You can speak spiritual eloquence, pray in public and maintain a holy appearance, but it is your behavior that will reveal your true character." -Steve Maraboli

### Isaiah Kalogirou

"Integrity is doing what is right even when no one's watching." -C.S Lewis

### Miki Maceda

"Integrity means that you are the same in public as you are in private." -Joyce Meyer



## Notes from CFEP

THANKS for an amazing kick-off to the school year with your Annual Giving Donations. As of today, we have 102 families that have participated in this most important school fundraiser. That is 57% family participation!! Our goal is 100%. Please give what you are able!

As a change to previous communications, we are finding banks getting stricter on abbreviations on checks.



## Notes from CFEP (con't)

Going forward, please write all CFEP checks (ie. Annual Giving, Supply Donation, Field Trips, EPMS merchandise) to:

**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR EAGLE PEAK.**

Checks intended for CFEP cannot be written to "Eagle Peak Montessori."

Thank you!  
CFEP



## Notes from the Garden

We had a warm, wonderful first week for Lower EI in the garden~we observed, smelled, tasted, touched, listened and learned - and enjoyed grapes, Asian pears, playing some games that reinforce our guidelines and build our comfort outside, and listening to stories that stretch our imaginations and widen our listening to stories that stretch our imaginations and widen our lens of the world.

1<sup>st</sup> years are getting their bearings in the garden and working on guidelines and classification. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years will begin botany study next week, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be working on seed units and biodiversity. Our Upper EI students will be experiencing several lessons in the garden this year that reinforce their California cultural and historical study focus in the classroom as well as make good use of the Native People's Herb Garden they designed and planted last year. 6<sup>th</sup> years start mentor training next week,



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## Notes from the Garden (con't)

including a child development lesson to better equip them with skills to guide Lower EI students.

Please remind your children to dress for the garden appropriately - cool, breathable clothing, hats, sunscreen, and shoes that they are ok with getting a little wet or dirty at this time of year.

I would like to take a moment to recognize all of the parent volunteers who have worked throughout the summer, on weekend work parties, and behind the scenes to water, repair sheds, dig out compost, assemble materials, obtain supplies, and plan events for the garden - our program is strong because of you.

There is work to be done by every parent in preserving and strengthening our garden program. I appreciate each individual's input - it frees me to teach and build this tremendous labor of love!

I need a parent volunteer who is very savvy in irrigation and plumbing to relocate an outdoor utility sink to the courtyard outside 602 so that our Art Program has a place to wash hands and brushes. Please contact me, [garden@eaglepeak.org](mailto:garden@eaglepeak.org), if you are my person for the job!

Please remember that if you do your Fall garden shopping at Sloat's this week, mention EPMS to earn donations back to the school garden.

See you in the garden!

Ms. Amy



## Notes from the Office

If you plan on driving on any field trips this year, please make sure you have completed the following:

- Fingerprints are done through MDUSD (check MDUSD.org for locations and appts) MDUSD.org/Home/Departments/HumanResources/Volunteer Instructions
- TB test is current (retake every 4 years)

Whether you have driven on a field trip before or plan to this year the following needs to be updated every year:

- Your car check form is completed
- Copy of car insurance requirements (not the ID card)
- Copy of driver's license
- You have completed the EPMS Field Trip training



## PTLG Quick Notes

Here is our PTLG message for this week for the Friday folder. I will try to get this to you earlier in the week. I hope we aren't too late.

Thank you so much to everyone that has volunteered already and put in so much time to make the beginning of the year special.

If you are interested in helping with the auction this year, please reach out to us at [PTLG@eaglepeak.org](mailto:PTLG@eaglepeak.org) and we will connect you with the auction committee.



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## Friday Market

There's a sign up genius for this year's Friday Market contributions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084CAF A62FA31-friday>



## FALL FEST 2018

Save the Date: Sunday, October 14th, 1 to 4 p.m. Our very first social event of the year must not be missed by any! It's a great way to connect with our EPMS community and have loads of fun. This event is only successful with a great planning committee and amazing parent volunteers. As in the past, 6th, 7th, 8th years and EPMS alumni are greatly appreciated to fill roles at face painting booth and games booths. Let them help you complete your volunteer hours for the year ;) Please follow the link to view volunteer opportunities

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449AFA92 FA5FD0-fall>

For any other questions or concerns please email Erica Chinchilla at [mamabruno78@live.com](mailto:mamabruno78@live.com)

Best Regards,  
Erica Chinchilla  
925.334.6561

## Calendared Events

- Sept 18 HOT LUNCHES BEGIN
- Sept 18 EPMS Board of Directors Mtg
- Sept 21 CCC Dance Party
- Sept 25 Field Trip 501
- Sept 28 CCC Dance Party
- Oct 8 CFEP Mtg 7p
- Oct 11 CCC Mtg 6:30p
- Oct 14 Fall Fest
- Oct 16 EPMS Board Mtg
- Oct 22-26 Parent Observations
- Oct 26 Early Dismissal
- Oct 29-Nov 2 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct 29-Nov 2 Early Dismissal

## Attachments

Communication Chart  
Child Care  
Second-Used Market (updated version)  
Community Connection Committee (CCC)  
Friday Market

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Labor Day			6:30pm PTLG/Cyber Safety	Back to School potluck picnic 6p-8p Arbolado Park  SPIRIT DAY	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	DINE AND DONATE Chipotle 4- 10pm  7pm CFEP mtg	Cal Shakes (Orinda) AP		Field Trip 201 & 202 East Parks Coyote Hills & Mission San Jose	SPIRIT DAY  CCC Dance Party  Friday Market	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		 6:30 EPMS Board MTG			SPIRIT DAY  CCC Dance Party  Friday Market	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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	1	2	3	4	5	6
					<b>SPIRIT DAY</b>  Friday Market	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	CFEP Mtg 7p			CCC Mtg 6:30p	<b>SPIRIT DAY</b>  Friday Market	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Fall Fest		 EPMS Board of Directors Mtg 6:30p			<b>SPIRIT DAY</b>  Friday Market	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Parent Observations  Erdkinder – Hidden Villa AP	 Parent Observations  Erdkinder – Hidden Villa AP	Parent Observations  Erdkinder – Hidden Villa AP	Parent Observations  Erdkinder – Hidden Villa AP	<b>SPIRIT DAY</b>  Parent Observations  Erdkinder – Hidden Villa AP Early Dismissal	
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