

Eagle Peak Montessori Celebrating 14 years of Educational Choice

FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Faith is taking the first step even if you don't see the whole staircase."

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Notes from Michelle

Sometimes it dawns on me that we (or I) do not do the best job of communicating to new parents some of the Eagle Peak initiatives that have become traditions. For example, we mention from time to time the "Eagle Peak Virtues", but then I am reminded that we created that document two years ago. While we explained it at that time, we might not have gone into great detail about it since then. Two summers ago in 2012, the teaching staff took part in Positive Discipline Training. This is a method of interacting with children that helps them consider why a behavior is happening, how to address the needs that it is expressing, and then how to positively address the behavior. At the end of the training, the staff was given the task of creating a list of characteristics we hoped our students would possess by the time they left Eagle Peak. After spending time on this list, the teachers went back to their classrooms and worked with the children, then brought their input to the next meeting. This process resulted in the Eagle Peak Virtues. An understanding of this process and the results will become even more important in the coming weeks as you receive your child's report card. We have changed the section previously called "Life Long Learning Skills" to "Social/Emotional Growth and Development". Under that section there are the Five Eagle Peak Virtues, and how those are demonstrated in both the school environment and on school outings. Part of the process the teachers have incorporated in assessing students in these areas, is for the students themselves to complete a self-evaluation on how they demonstrate these virtues.



Notes from Michelle

While mentioning the topic of school outings, I would like to remind parents of the Field Trip Training required in order to be a chaperone on the school's field trips. During this training, there is a list of things that we require our parent chaperone to agree to. These include; not giving their group of students special treats or making unscheduled stops that are not a part of the organized classroom trip, talking on their cell phone, etc... As a reminder, parent who chose to partake of the activities listed in that section will not be permitted to be chaperones going forward. It is important that the Field Trip Training is taken seriously. We will have additional Field Trip Trainings in the coming weeks. Please look for that schedule to be announced.

Tickets will go on sale this week for the Adolescent Program's Fundraising dinner, focusing on South Korea. They will be representing South Korea at the Model UN conference in New York in late March. The dinner will consist of Korean food, and the students will be presenting facts about Korea and the United Nations committee topics throughout the evening. Babysitting will be provided at the school for parents attending the dinner. Students 4th grade and higher are welcome to join their parents for the dinner; however, they will be expected to stay at the table with their parents. While we know the evening will be enjoyable, it is not designed as a social event for the students and so we would hope that any students who do attend will be on their best behavior. Tickets will be selling for \$50. The dinner will be held on Friday, February 6th from 6:30-8:30pm. Desserts will be available for purchase at the event. Tickets will be made available in the office, from any 7th year student as well as at the Friday market. You can purchase tickets up to Wednesday, February 4th.

Have a great weekend.

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Friday Gathering:

6th Grade Gathering Leaders: Gwendolyne Tamura & Arlo Aksu

5th Grade Quote Readers:

Ryan Bomar

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."

~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Drew Iorns

"There can be no deep disappointment where there is not deep love."

~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Keone Takahashi

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Meghan VanNote

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see a staircase."

~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Notes from Childcare

Childcare Registration for the month of February 2015 is in this week's Friday Folder and are due no later than February 2nd. Drop-in charges for January 2015 will be sent out within the next week.

Please bring any past due accounts up-to-date. Failure to clear up any outstanding balance will affect your using after-school care.

If you have any questions about hours or payments please contact Mrs. Mahraj or Jason. If you are experiencing financial difficulties at this time please contact Ms. Hammons at mshammons@yahoo.com.



Reminders from CFEP

- Please remember to send in your monthly Annual Giving installments. If you **would like to set up automatic payment by credit card, you can fill out a new pledge form in the office or email me and I will send you a link.**
- **Teacher Trips** are coming up! Stay tuned for more info.
- Come out for a special dinner on **Friday 2/6** at Heather Farm, hosted by the Adolescent Program and featuring cuisine from South Korea!
- Bring your old, **worn-out shoes, gloves, towels and clothing** to the bin outside Room 601.
- Keep bringing in those **plastic bottles and cans!** We'll take yours and your neighbors'.
- This year's auction event, **Saturday, 4/25** at Corners Tavern, will offer delicious bites in a lovely setting. Come out for a fun evening of adult company with fellow Eagle Peak parents, staff and Board members. We will have the entire restaurant to ourselves -- an amazing arrangement for a Saturday night! Tickets are \$55 now, \$70 after March 6th. Invite friends and extended family to join us in supporting EPMS and to add to the good times.

Buy your tickets now! Send in checks payable to "CFEP" (note "Auction tickets" in the memo), or purchase online at cfep.us or eaglepeakmontessori.org.

To donate something for the auction, visit biddingforgood.com/epms. Online bidding will begin early this year, so we ask that all items be submitted **by February 11th**.

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Reminders from CFEP

Help Needed:

- **Drivers** to pick up items from auction donors
- An **assistant** to ensure purchased items are delivered to bidders after the auction
- **Grant helpers.** Need one person to look into prospects and another to track our efforts.
- **New parents** at CFEP meetings.

As you know, Eagle Peak needs a high level of parent involvement to continuing providing quality programs and teaching staff. The CFEP is an essential body of parent volunteers who help raise and manage funds for EPMS. While our work together has been very rewarding, several of us will soon be moving on. If your child(ren) will continue to be at Eagle Peak for a few more years, please consider stepping up and joining CFEP. This school is yours to inherit. It will be what its parents make of it!

Our next meeting will be **Monday 2/9** at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Use Room. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Kris Harwood, President
Community Foundation for Eagle Peak
925 285 3620
krisharwood@live.com



Head into Sports Basement from January 24th to January 31st to support Eagle Peak Montessori! Every time you shop during the week and mention Eagle Peak, you will get 10% off, with 10% of your purchase going back to the school! After the 31st, you will still receive 10% off, with 5% going back to the school. Purchase your needed baseball, soccer, lacrosse, skiing, hiking, swimming, camping or running equipment and take advantage of the extra giveback today!



PTLG Announcements

- The Social Corner team is working on a date for Family Hike in February. Stay tuned for date and details.
- Save-the-Date: Stargazing event for the evening of Friday, April 17, 2015. More details to come.
- 1/30/15 (Fri): 8:45-2:30: Upper EI field trip to Tech Museum in San Jose
- 2/10/15 (Tue): 6:30: PTLG meeting followed by Upper EI Science Fair

Volunteer needs:

Do you have the Photoshop program and know how to use it? If so, the Memory Book Committee needs your help. Please contact Shelly Gillis shellygillis@gmail.com for details.



Supplies Contribution

Thanks to everyone who has been able to help their teachers keep their supply cupboards stocked! If you checked off the Two Part Option plan on the initial request form the 2nd half is due February 2nd. If you didn't get a chance to help out at the beginning of the year we'll gladly take any amount you can. Every little bit helps. Copies of the original form is attached for your convenience.

If you used your credit card for the 1st contribution your card will be automatically charged for the 2nd half (\$25).

Thanks again for your wonderful support.

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Field Trip Contributions

Lower El:

Final contribution (\$25) is due on **Feb. 2nd**.

For those who paid by credit card for the 1st contribution, charges will be automatically deducted the February 3rd.



Office Notes

Calendared Events

- Jan 30 UE Only: Tech Museum
- Feb 6 AP Korean Dinner 6:30 – 8:30
- Feb 7 Garden Work Day 9-12
- Feb 9-12 Teacher Appreciation Week
- Feb 9 CFEP 7 pm
- Feb 10 PTLG 6:30 pm
- Feb 10 Science Fair 6:30 – 8 pm
- Feb 12 LE Only: Lawrence Hall of Science
- Feb 13 Lincoln's Birthday – Off
- Feb 16 President's Day – Off
- Feb 27 UE: Exploratorium – All Day



Attachments this Week

- Childcare Registration – February
- 2014-15 Auction Flyer
- Yoga Session III
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- AP Korean Dinner Flyer

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JANUARY, 2015 School Calendar

25	26	27	28	29	30	31
					<p>UE Only Tech Museum 8:30 – 3:00</p> <p>FRIDAY MARKET</p>	

FEBRUARY, 2015 School Calendar

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					 <p>AP Dinner South Korea 6:30 – 8:30 @ Heather Farms</p>	 <p>Garden Work Day 9 am – 12</p>
*	9	10	11	12	13	14
 Teacher Appreciation Week 						
	<p>CFEP 7 pm</p>	 <p>----- PTLG 6:30 pm</p>  <p>Science Fair 6:30 – 8 pm</p>		<p>LE Only Lawrence Hall of Science 9:00 – 2:30</p>	 <p>Lincoln's BD OFF</p>	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	 <p>OFF</p>	 <p>Board Mtg 6:30 pm</p>			<p>FRIDAY MARKET</p>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					<p>UE Only Exploratorium 8:30 – 3:00</p> <p>FRIDAY MARKET</p>	