

Eagle Peak Montessori Celebrating 14 years of Educational Choice

FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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"Intelligence plus character-that is the goal of true education."
~Dr. Martin Luther King, jr.



Notes from Michelle

Next week, the report cards will be delivered in your child's Friday Folder. We have unified the rubric for the academics amongst grades 1-7. A different rubric for the social/emotional growth is also unified amongst the grade levels. The rubric for social/emotional growth will also be used for the specialist classes: Environmental Education, Art, Music, Physical Education. The academic rubric is a 1-4 or x. Most students at this point in the year will have 2's and 3's. A "1" would indicate that they are possibly struggling with the concept or it has only recently been introduced. An "x" indicates that the concept has not yet been addressed with your child. The more behaviorally designed rubric consists of letters which are simply the first letter of the word which reflects the frequency the behavior is demonstrated. For example, A= Always/ R= Rarely. If you have any questions next weekend as you are reading through the report cards, please feel free to email your child's teacher or me.

Next Friday night, February 6th, is the Adolescent Program Cultural Dinner. There will be informative displays about South Korea and the Model UN. (Adolescents will be setting up, serving and taking down, as well as offering babysitting at the school, under adult supervision, for younger children.) Tickets are \$50, and all profits will benefit the AP trip to the Montessori Model UN in New York. You can purchase tickets either directly from one of our Adolescent Program students or from the office. Huge thanks to Chef Humberto for taking on the main cooking for this event.



Notes from Michelle

We will be announcing our Teacher Trip offerings soon. Please look for that announcement in early February. Teacher Trips are a fundraising effort provided by the staff of Eagle Peak; the various staff members plan trips or excursions for students, which are outside of school time. Proceeds benefit the CFEP fundraising for the year.

Through the environmental education program and waste busters, etc... We work with the children on limiting the waste that they have after meals and throughout the day. At lunch it would be greatly appreciated if you could provide your child's meal in reusable containers. We will start sending unfinished food home with your child so that they may have it later, or so that you know which items appear to be consumed and which tend to be disposed of after lunch. ☺

A few reminders:

- Please make sure to pack a napkin or placemat for your child to use each day. We are attempting to integrate grace and courtesy at mealtime, and supplying placemats with napkins is a physical reminder.
- Please do not send toys (electronic or otherwise) or card games (Pokemon/Magic), to school with your child. A special stuffed animal may be appropriate for sharing time but not for recess. If they chose to bring these items for sharing time the items should remain in their back packs the remainder of the day. (This includes child care.)
- Please make sure that you call or email the office if your child is going to be out of school for the day. If you do not call the school, your child is considered truant. It is important that we have parental notice of absences. Thank you in advance for your help with these items.

Have a great weekend.

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Notes from CFEP

Hope to see you next **Friday, February 6th** for dinner at Heather Farm, hosted by the Adolescent Program and featuring cuisine from South Korea!

Thank you parents, for fulfilling your Annual Giving pledges. For those outstanding, you have the option to pay by check, PayPal on cfep.us, or automatic payment. If you are switching to a different form of payment, please let us know.

This year's auction event, **Saturday, April 25th** at Corners Tavern. Plan for a fun evening of adult company! Auction tickets are \$55 until March 6th. Send checks payable to "CFEP" (note "Auction tickets" in the memo), or purchase online at cfep.us.

To donate something for the auction, visit biddingforgood.com/epms.

If your child(ren) will continue to be at Eagle Peak for a few more years, please consider joining CFEP. Attend one of our meetings and see what we do! Our next one will be **Monday, February 9th** at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Use Room.

Kris Harwood, 925-285-3620, krisharwood@live.com



PTLG Announcements

- Save-the-Date: Stargazing event for the evening of Friday, April 17, 2015. More details to come. We're looking for volunteers for this fun family event, please contact Leah Karson leah2bfit@hotmail.com for more information.
- 2/10/15 (Tue): 6:30 pm: 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.



EPMS Community Network

CFEP is launching a new business networking group for individuals within the EPMS community. The goal is to expand your networking capabilities to increase business and donate a percentage back to the school. There is no cost to join, we just ask that if you do take part in this group that you give a donation back to the school from business you gained from within the network.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity please contact Jason Agnew by email at jasonagnew13@yahoo.com



Environmental Ed



It's Citrus Season!

Last Friday all students had an opportunity to participate in a fruit tasting during lunch, compliments of Whole Foods Market Walnut Creek. We sampled three very different California-grown oranges: the Cara Cara, Mircott and Sumo. Ask your child which one they liked best! Students have been enjoying picking and trying our garden Kumquats (or not because they sure are sour!), and the Adolescent Program students have been harvesting and selling EPMS oranges and lemons at the Friday Market - don't worry, our delicious grapefruits are coming soon!



Lost & Found

Please mark your children's clothing and reusable lunch containers so that we can more readily identify them. We would much rather give them back than throw them out.

We still have a few serving bowls and utensils left from Thanksgiving and International Day. Please check the teacher's lounge or the table near the Lost & Found rack on Fridays.

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Field Trip Contributions

4th & 5th Years:

2 Plan: 2 of 2 (\$227.50) is due Feb. 18th.

5 Plan: 2 of 5 (\$ 91.00) is due Feb. 18th.

6th Years:

2 Plan: 2 of 2 (\$371.00) is due Feb. 18th.

5 Plan: 2 of 5 (\$148.20) is due Feb. 18th.

For those who paid by credit card for the 1st payment, charges will be automatically deducted the February 18th. If your credit card information has change since then please let the office know as soon as possible.

If your child will not be attending the overnight field trip the contribution for all other local field trips is \$44.00.

No child will be left behind. If you are experiencing financial difficulties or do not wish your child to attend either Westminister Woods or Yosemite, please contact Ms. Hammons at mshammons@yahoo.com .

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.



Hot Lunch Order Form 2/10 thru 3/2/15

NEW ORDER BEGINS: Tuesday, February 10th and is in this week's Friday Folder. Orders are due by Wednesday, February 4th with the final cutoff of Friday, February 6th. Previous order ends this coming Friday, February 7th. If we do not receive your order by Friday the 6th you will not be able to buy lunch for the 1st week of lunches.

Please remind your children when they have signed up for lunches. Also let them know that if their name isn't on the list to please come into the office to check. Mistakes do happen and we don't want anyone to go hungry. We've also experienced children not wanting to eat the paid for lunches, so make sure your child actually likes their choices. Thank you.



Office Notes

Calendared Events

- 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

- Lunch Order: 2/10/15 – 3/20/15
- Health Advisory: Measles Update
- Auction Wishlist & Donation Form
- Teacher Appreciation Activities
- AP Only: Model UN Trip

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FEBRUARY, 2015 School Calendar

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

March, 2015 School Calendar

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					FRIDAY MARKET	