

Eagle Peak Montessori Celebrating 13 years of Educational Choice

FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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“We discovered that education is not something which the teacher does, but that it is a natural process which develops spontaneously in the human being.”

“If education is always to be conceived along the same antiquated lines of a mere transmission of knowledge, there is little to be hoped from it in the bettering of man's future. For what is the use of transmitting knowledge if the individual's total development lags behind?”

- Dr. Maria Montessori



Notes from Michelle

Last week's Fall Fest was another great success, thanks to Erica Chinchilla and her amazing team! Thank you to everyone who came out to support the school and simply to have some fun in the heat.

We know that your child's educational experience is important to you. This is why you chose Eagle Peak. We also understand that because of the small community, sometimes when we see a problem, we want to jump and in fix it. As you are aware, we ask that if the problem or concern involves classrooms or classroom procedures that you make an appointment with the teacher to resolve the issue. If the situation is not resolved, please make sure to talk to me about whatever it might be that you are concerned about. This helps all parties involved have a voice. Resolution of a situation does not always guarantee that the result is what is envisioned, but at least opening a discussion allows for concerns to be noted. Thank you for helping us by following this procedure.

Please remember that **Tuesday, October 14, is our next PTLG/Parent Ed meeting. Sibyl Buckner and Denise May will be leading a Parent Education about Montessori Philosophy.** November will be the Montessori Math curriculum presentation. Child care is provided at a charge for children over 3 and toilet trained. There is a flyer attached for your convenience.



Notes from Michelle

We will be holding several Field Trip Trainings over the next few weeks. Remember that you cannot participate in the field trips with the students until you have taken this training. The training is about 15 minutes long. If you have taken the training previously, you do not need to take it again. Our first two will be next week. The upcoming dates are as follows: Monday, October 13, 6 pm; Tuesday, October 14, 6 pm; Tuesday, September 21, 6 pm; and Wednesday, October 22 at 12:30 pm.

Math tutoring by the Northgate High School students will be starting this Monday, October 13th from 3:30 – 4:30 pm. We will provide a calendar for you as soon as we receive it from the group.

This year for the first time, all parents will receive a PDF version of the roster. If you would like a hard copy, please stop by the office. We will have copies available.

Have a great weekend.

Update from the Adolescent Program Students:

The Eagle Peak Adolescent Program is preparing to travel to New York City in March to participate in a life-changing experience at the Montessori Model UN Conference. The Model UN presents an opportunity to learn about many different problems in our world. We will need all the support we can get to reach our goal.

This week, students have been brainstorming various fundraising possibilities (an interior car wash, a recycling program, a holiday boutique, planning/preparing an educational dining experience, and photo books).

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Update from the Adolescent Program (con't)

We also developed a Statement of Purpose for our Microbusiness endeavors:

"The Eagle Peak Adolescent Program is determined to raise enough funds to travel to New York City in order to participate in the Montessori Model UN. This is a culminating event in a yearlong curriculum, designed to heighten awareness of real-world issues, and to find ways that we can participate in creating a better world for all. Our goal is to raise \$44,000. We gratefully appreciate your tax-deductible donations to support us in achieving our goal!"

We will continue to keep you informed of our progress through Friday Folder updates, as well as the Eagle Peak Montessori School website and Facebook page.

Thanks for supporting our cause; we look forward to your contributions. Every little bit helps!



Notes from Childcare

Registration for October Childcare is closed. . If you have not already submitted payment, any hours incurred will be charged at the drop-in rate and **will be billed at the end of the month.**

Invoices for Drop-in and/or Overtime charges (along with any past-due fees) for the month of September are included in this week's Friday Folder. Please pay upon receipt. Thank you.



Friday Gathering:

6th Grade Gathering Leaders: Madi Helms

Alexia Marquez

5th Grade Quote Readers:

Ryan Bomar: "Gratitude helps you to grow and expand gratitude brings joy and laughter into your life and into the lives of all those around you."

~Eileen Caddy

Ileana Garcia: "Showing gratitude is one of the simplest yet most powerful things humans can do for each other." ~- Randy Pausch

Keegan Lister: "The miracle of gratitude is that it shifts your perception to such an extent that it changes the world you see." -Dr. Robert Holden

Keone Takahashi: "Gratitude is the single most important ingredient to living a successful and fulfilled life." ~Jack Canfield



Office Notes

Calendared Events

- Oct 11 Garden Work Day 9-12
- Oct 13 CFEP 7 pm
- Oct 14 PTLG 6:30 - 8 pm
- Oct 14 Mooyah's Dine & Donate 11 - 9
- Oct 19 Parent's Night Out: EJ Phair
- Oct 20 Make-up Pictures
- Oct 21 Board Mtg 6:30
- Oct 27-31 Classroom Observations
- Nov 1 Garden Work Day 9-12
- Nov 2 Chili Cook-Off 1 - 4 pm
- Nov 3 CFEP 7 pm
- Nov 5, 6,7 Parent/Teacher Conferences

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Dine & Donate

Join us for your favorite burgers, fries, shakes and now salads on Tuesday, October 14th.

Mooyah will generously donate a percent of our purchases back to Eagle Peak- the more participants, lunch or dinner, the more money we raise.

Mooyah is one of the local restaurants that supports our school as a partner and friend. This is our opportunity to show appreciation for their support and to raise some 'moolah' that will benefit our students.

Let's kickoff the year with a big turnout and display our commitment to Eagle Peak! Please share the extra flyer with neighbors, family and friends to increase awareness and our fundraising success.

Tuesday, October 14th, 11am – 9pm
1815 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Walnut Creek
[\(925\) 280-5555](tel:9252805555)

Important: Present the flyer in your Friday Folder to your server for EPMS to get credit for your purchase.

Reminder: We hope to see you at the PTLG meeting after you dine and donate.



PTLG Announcements

A huge THANK YOU goes out to Erica Chinchilla and her team of volunteers for another successful Fall Festival this past Sunday.

10/14 (Tue) at 6:30 PM: PTLG meeting with educational forum on Montessori philosophy (will be led by our teachers).



PTLG Announcements (con't)

10/19 (Sun) 5 - 7 PM: 'Parents Night Out' at EJ Phair Brewing Co. in Concord. This will be a special night with beer tasting/food pairing designed for EPMS. There are still spots available, please reserve yours by emailing Leah Karson (leah2bfit@hotmail.com).

11/2 (Sun): **Entry deadline 10/17 for EPMS Community Chili cook off**, contact Angie Elgazaar at sunshine7787@hotmail.com for more details.



We would like to thank everyone who joined us last Sunday for Fall Fest 2014. Great attendance and participation even with the blazing heat. All volunteers are very much appreciated. Please don't forget to tally up your hours and enter into the Volunteer Hour Binder in the office.

A special shout out to the team who organized the event. Erica Chinchilla: Fall Fest Coordinator, Leah Larson-Auld; Right Hand Woman, Angie Algazzar: Food and Beverage, Hadus Trost: Arts & Crafts, Bernice Hernandez: Games, Taylor Choi: Prizes, Peter Helms: Cake Walk, Tyler Snortum-Phelps: DJ, Chris Gillis: Set-up/Clean-up, Amado Maceda: Photography, Melissa Jennings: Pre-Sales. Please feel free to provide any feedback to anyone on the team for improvements or a nice big pat on the back.

Last note: If you left behind any pop-up canopies or ice chest, please pick up from school shed as soon as possible. Thank you.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Field Trip Training 6 pm CFEP 7 pm	 11 am – 9 pm Field Trip Training 6 pm PTLG Montessori Philosophy 6:30 pm			FRIDAY MARKET	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
 Parent's Night 5 – 7 pm	 Make-up Pictures	Field Trip Training 6 pm Board Mtg 6:30	Field Trip Training 12:30 pm		FRIDAY MARKET	PPM 9:30-10:30
26	27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1
	----- Parent Observations ----- October 27 thru October 31st					Garden Work Day 9 am – 12
		 PPM 6:30 -7:30 pm			Early Dismissal 1 pm	Daylight Savings (Fall Back) Sun at 2 am

NOVEMBER, 2014 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1st Annual Chili Cook-Off  1 – 4 pm	CFEP 7 pm		Parent / Teacher Conferences November 5, 6 & 7 Early Dismissal - 1 PM - All 3 Days			
				PPM 6:30 – 7:30 pm		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	VETERAN'S DAY  NO SCHOOL	VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL		<u>LE Only</u> Bonnies Safari PTLG 7 pm	FRIDAY MARKET	PPM 9:30-10:30