

# Eagle Peak Montessori Celebrating 14 years of Educational Choice

## FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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## Winter Break

December 22 thru January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(NO Friday Folder on December 19<sup>th</sup>)

“Truly loving another means letting go of all expectations. It means full acceptance, even celebration of another's personhood.”  
~*anonymous*

“Human beings, like plants, grow in the soil of acceptance, not in the atmosphere of rejection.”  
~ *John Powell*



## Notes from Michelle

Thank you so much to Esmeralda Mingming and to all of you who helped sell tickets for the Golden Ticket Raffle. Over \$12,800 was raised through your effort!!!

I hope that everyone was safe yesterday in the storm. We certainly need the rain! These next two weeks are so busy around Eagle Peak. Yesterday and today the Upper Elementary students have been experiencing the “Walk Through Time” which is such a fun and educational interactive activity. Next week, Lower Elementary has a field trip to see The Nutcracker in Livermore, and the entire Upper Elementary group will be going to the De Young Museum for a field trip on Wednesday. Then Friday is the International Day celebration all day.



## Notes from Michelle

In conjunction with the International Day Event, the Adolescent Program students will be holding a Holiday Boutique. You will see their flyer included with this week's Friday Folder packet. The students will be able to purchase small items, possibly gifts for family as well. Please note that as with the Marketplace event in the spring, students will be expected to keep track of both the items purchased and the money they bring with them. Please talk to your child about not taking the money out early or showing it to others during the day.

Please remember that the Adolescent Program students are also gathering plastic bottles and aluminum cans for recycling. Those can be left in or next to the containers near to the front gate. Also, a new fundraising recycling program is “US AGAIN”. You can bring ANY cloth item in for donation. They are not resold, they are recycled. So all of those rags and t-shirts that are too old to donate, can be brought to school and we get paid by the pound. The bin for this organization is placed next to room 601 off of the “patio”.

I would like to remind parents of Upper Elementary students to make time to schedule a visit for the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. It is a great way to see a glimpse of the program offered for your child as the next step.

I hope that you all enjoy the upcoming holiday season with friends and family!

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### Notes from CFEP

This week I am pleased to report the results of our Golden Ticket Raffle and book drive event. Thanks to Esperanza Mingming, Shelly Gillis, Eme Tatsumi, Rachael Bergman, Barnes & Noble, Pegasus Bicycle Works, donor families, book shoppers, event volunteers and ticket buyers and sellers, we've received:

- ~ \$12,685 in deposits;
- ~ \$800 in book credit for EPMS;
- ~ Many desired books purchased for our classrooms; and
- ~ Some very happy raffle winners!!

Thanks to everyone who participated.

To ensure the continued success of Friday Market, there is an ongoing need for baked goods and other contributions. The AP students have been working very hard to raise money and continue to offer this fun community event each week, but they can only produce so much. Please look at your New Year calendars and find some dates to donate goodies! The students welcome and appreciate your support.

Another way we can all continue to support the AP students is by collecting plastic bottles and aluminum cans for recycling. This effort has raised a few hundred dollars so far. Together we can make it a few thousand! Reach out to your family and neighbors. Raid the receptacles in your workplace! Deposit your bags of recyclables in/next to the large aluminum cans located in the courtyard near the front gate.

Finally, continue to keep Eagle Peak in mind during your holiday shopping and wish lists. Does your child have everything (s)he needs and more?

Consider requesting a gift to our Annual Giving Campaign instead! Remember, we are not just supporting programs for our current students; we're also working to retain our wonderful teachers and ensure the long-term sustainability of Eagle Peak.



### Notes from CFEP (con't)

Happy Holidays! Our next CFEP meeting is 7:00 pm on Monday, January 12, 2015. Please come out and join us.

Kris Harwood, CFEP President



### PTLG Announcements

A big **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers that ran the gift wrapping table (both inside and outside of store) and the Teacher's Wish List table at the Barnes and Noble Book Fair this past Sunday and Monday!!

- 12/14 (**This Sunday**) 2:00 - 5:00 PM: Holiday cookie exchange, romp'n skate. Get your favorite holiday cookie recipe ready for the treat exchange or just come to the park for fun with friends from EPMS. See today's flyer for additional details.
- **THANK YOU** to all of the parents who are driving the children to the upcoming field trips:
  - 12/16 (Tue) - Lower EI to Nutcracker in Livermore
  - 12/17 (Fri) - Upper EI to the de Young museum in San Francisco.
- 12/19 (Fri): International Day at EPMS. Volunteers are still needed for activities and, also, chefs for the food tasting. Please send email to [eaglepeakmontessori@gmail.com](mailto:eaglepeakmontessori@gmail.com) with subject line "International Day" for further inquiries.
- 1/13/15 (Tue): 6:30 - 8:00: PTLG meeting and Parent Education forum. January's subject will be on nutrition.

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When you have a piece of clothing that is a little too worn or stained to the point that it can't be donated to a thrift shop, what do you do with it? Starting right now, you can drop it into a secure collection bin at Eagle Peak. And if you do that, the school makes money, too. A company called USAgain is partnering with us to move a step closer to zero waste in a very convenient way. In the green and white bin **next to Room 601**, you can drop off the following:

- Shoes/boots
- Clothing
- Gloves/hats
- Linens
- Blankets
- Towels

And it is reused or recycled into:

- Insulation
- Wiping rages
- Reclaimed fiber

We will earn a few cents per pound and make our school and its families a little greener. But since USAgain is a for profit company you can't claim these donations on your taxes. So, fill a big bag now, drop it into the green and white bin, and start helping our school and our planet.

Questions? Contact John Mercurio at [johnmercurio@astound.net](mailto:johnmercurio@astound.net)



**EE News**



The next garden workday will be January 10, 2015.



## New Year's Resolution...

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Let's start of 2015 right by helping Ms. Amy by contacting the office as soon as possible either by phone, email ([amyepms@gmail.com](mailto:amyepms@gmail.com)), pony express or simply stop by the front desk if your child will be out for the day or you know your child will be in late the next day and/or out due to doctor appointments, vacation day, etc.

It only takes a minute and helps out enormously.  
Thank you to all the parents who do call in. Kudos!!!!



## Golden Ticket Raffle 2014

The Golden Ticket Raffle generated ticket sales of \$12,000+.

The Michel family is the top seller with 60 tickets sold! Sellers' raffle winners were the Jallepalli, Michel, Farrow and Scattergood families. Winning ticket #'s for the buyers' raffle are posted in the CFEP website at [CFEP.us](http://CFEP.us)

Thank you very much for supporting the Community Foundation for Eagle Peak. Many thanks to all who donated prizes and services. Big thanks to Ms. Mahraj, Ms. Amy and Ms. Hammons for the administrative support.

If you have any suggestions or feedback for next year's raffle, please contact Esperanza Mingming at [majistyk@gmail.com](mailto:majistyk@gmail.com).

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Remember to clip and collect Box Tops over winter break so you can turn them in when we return to school in January! You can find

Box Tops on many of the products you will be using for dinners and parties. For a list of participating products, go to BTFE.com.

Thanks for your support. Have a great break!  
Cordially, Ann Bair



## Notes from Childcare

1. **January, 2015 Payments.** Due to the holidays, the January Registration form is being sent out in this week's Friday Folder, the last Friday Folder of the year. **Keep it safe;** payments will be due ASAP upon return from Winter Break: Monday, January 5th.

If you have scheduled automatic credit card payments they will be processed during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of January, 2015.

2. Drop-in charges for December will not be sent out until January 9<sup>th</sup>. Please clear up any outstanding balances ASAP.

If you have any questions please Mrs. Mahraj.



## Office Notes

### Calendared Events

- Dec 14 Cookie Exchange/Romp n' Skate
- Dec 16 LE Only: Nutcracker 9:30 – 2:30
- Dec 16 Board Mtg. 6:30 pm
- Dec 17 EU Only: de Young Museum
- Dec 19 International Day & Holiday Boutique
- Dec 22 - Jan 2, 2015 Winter Break
- Jan 12 CFEP 7 pm
- Jan 13 PTLG 6:30 pm
- Jan 13 Parent Ed: Nutrition 7 pm
- Jan 16 UE Only: Tech Museum
- Jan 16 Early Dismissal 1 pm
- Jan 19 Martin Luther King Day - Off
- Jan 20 Board Mtg 6:30 pm



## Attachments this Week

- January, 2015 Childcare Registration
- Cookie Exchange / Romp N Skate
- Chess Sign-up: Winter 2015
- Spanish Sign-up: Session 2
- Holiday Boutique Flyer



## New Lunch Order

Begins Tuesday, December 16 thru February 6, 2015. If you turn your form in on Monday 12/15 you will not be able to purchase lunches for the 1<sup>st</sup> week.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Cookie Exchange  Romp'n Skate  2 – 5 pm		LE Only Nutcracker 9:30 – 2:30  Board Mtg 6:30 pm	UE Only De Young Museum 8:30 – 3:00		 International Day Holiday Bazaar Room 701	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	<i>Winter Holiday - No School: 12/22/24 - 1/2/15</i>					
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	<i>Holiday</i>	<i>Holiday</i>	<i>Holiday</i>		<i>Holiday</i>	

## JANUARY, 2015 School Calendar

4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	CLASSES RESUME				FRIDAY MARKET	 Garden Work Day 9 am – 12
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	CFEP 7 pm	 PTLG & Parent Ed 6:30 pm			UE Only Tech Museum 8:30 – 3:00 Early Dismissal 1 pm	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	 OFF	 Board Mtg 6:30 pm			FRIDAY MARKET	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
					FRIDAY MARKET	