

Eagle Peak Montessori Celebrating 14 years of Educational Choice

FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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President's Day Weekend No School

**Friday, February 13th
& Monday, February 16th**

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"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other."
~ Abraham Lincoln

"Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all."
~ George Washington



Notes from Michelle

Enjoy your four day weekend, it is our last official break until April. ☺ I wanted to take a few minutes to suggest that those of you who are looking for ways to get more involved in the school, could look at the PTLG brochure. We are including this in our FF. There are parents who will be rotating off of their positions and some who will be remaining. However, if you read through the brochure and see anything that "Peaks" your interest, please contact me directly. I would be happy to go over the expectations of each position. So many of what are now considered traditions at Eagle Peak started as just an idea, i.e.: Stargazing, Yearbook, even the Auction. Eagle Peak is a school of choice that we are all fortunate to have chosen to be a part of. Our community's support is a major contributor to what makes Eagle Peak unique. Find your way to be a part of it.



Notes from Michelle

Speaking of our amazing community, a HUGE THANK YOU to all of the parents, friends and family who came out to support our Adolescent Program's Cultural Dinner. They were able to raise over \$7,000 from the evening and made a profit of almost \$5,000 towards their trip to New York City for the Montessori Model UN! The students were amazingly poised and professional, and a great time was had by all in attendance.

Also, I would like to congratulate the Upper EI students and team on such an impressive Science Fair, Tuesday night. The presentations were well delivered and the energy was exciting! You should all be proud of your work.

On behalf of all the staff - THANK YOU to all of you parents for a lovely Teacher Appreciation Week. We are very fortunate to have so much support on this campus.

Please remember that PTLG meetings are a great opportunity for you to come and ask questions about any happenings at the school. This can be especially helpful for new parents. Even if your question is not something on the agenda, we encourage you to come and ask. You will also receive the latest CFEP (Community Foundation for Eagle Peak) update, as well as the Board of Directors'.

As I mentioned last week, we will be holding two State of the School meetings in March. We will give you those confirmed dates next week.

Another lunch time reminder: Please make sure that you are including a placemat of some sort in your child's lunch container and that it has your child's name on the item.

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Notes from CFEP

This past week I have witnessed:

- Respectful students.
- A top-notch dining experience.
- Checks in the CFEP mailbox.
- Fabulous Upper EI science projects.
- Hand-crafted auction signs.
- Attentive parents.
- Quiet coordination of trips, events, volunteer efforts, class projects, Board work, and teacher appreciation.

What do all of these things represent?

Dedication. Thousands of hours devoted by parents and educators who clearly care.

Congratulations to the **AP students and teachers** on their fine presentation at last Friday's South Korean dinner. Their hard work was evident, and Chef Humberto led them in preparing a delicious four-course meal.

Thank you to **Sports Basement**, Rachael Bergman, and shoppers for the extra dollars raised for EPMS last week.

Finally, we'd like to thank this year's **Auction Team** and every participating family, staff and Board member for helping make Eagle Peak the magical place it is. The Auction is going to be an equally special evening. Tickets are on sale, projects are in the works, and Corners Tavern is planning an array of tasty bites and beverages. All we have to do is show up and enjoy!



Notes from CFEP (con't)

Auction (Con't)

**Tickets are \$55 until March 6th;
\$75 thereafter.**

Purchase by check to CFEP or online at www.cfep.us.

Questions? Donations? Want to help?

Contact Diana Lauritsen:

epmsauction2015@gmail.com

As we head into the long weekend, I hope everyone gets a chance to connect with loved ones. I'm going to enjoy some extra time with my kids and be grateful for their high-quality experiences we all help to create.

Kris Harwood

Community Foundation for Eagle Peak



PTLG Announcements

2/12/15 (Thu): LE Field Trip to Lawrence Hall of Science

2/27/15 (Fri): UE Field Trip to the Exploratorium

Our Social Corner Leader, Leah Karson, has been hard at work and is announcing the following upcoming events. Details and flyers will be forthcoming. If you'd like to volunteer for the Stargazing event, please contact Leah at leah2bfit@hotmail.com

- 4/1/15 (Wed): **SAVE-THE-DATE**
Yoga/play-date at Heather Farm
1:15 - 2:45 pm
- 4/17/15 (Fri): **SAVE-THE-DATE:**
Stargazing at EPMS
7:30 - 9:00 pm

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Dine & Donate

Feeling lazy? It's the perfect night to relax and enjoy an extensive menu on Tuesday, February 17th. Lazy Dog will generously donate 15% of our purchases back to Eagle Peak - dine-in or take-out!

Lazy Dog is the perfect family restaurant where the parents can have a cold beer or hot chocolate with great food while the kids get to make licorice and fruit loop dog collars at the table. Let's bring our EPMS families together and enjoy a delicious meal while raising money for our students.

In order to get credit for this event, you must present the flyer to your server at the time of check-out! Please share the extra flyer with neighbors, family and friends to increase awareness and our fundraising success.

Tuesday, February 17th; 4pm – Close
1961 Diamond Blvd., Concord, CA
(925) 849-1221



Office Notes

Calendared Events

- Feb 13 Lincoln's Birthday – Off
- Feb 16 President's Day – Off
- Feb 17 Board Mtg 6:30 pm
- Feb 17 Lazy Dog Dine & Donate
- Feb 26-27 Teacher Trip Sign-ups
- Feb 27 UE: Exploratorium – All Day
- Mar 9 CFEP 7 pm
- Mar 10 PTLG 6:30 pm
- Mar 17 LE: Dean Leshner 8-11 am
- Mar 23-27 Parent Observations
- Mar 27 Early Dismissal 1 PM



Teacher Trips

Mark your calendars! Your chance to sign up for Teacher Trips is coming on

- Thursday 2/26 and
- Friday 2/27 between 3:30 and 4:00 in the courtyard.

All those interested in participating must have a parent sign up. Alternatively, parents can email Kennisha Johnson at kennisha727@sbcglobal.net during the sign-up period, no later than Friday, February 27th at 4:00.

Each trip will offer a certain number of spots with a fixed price. If more people sign up than there are spots available for a given trip, a random drawing will be held at the end of the sign-up period. Everyone awarded a spot will be notified by contact method of choice (phone or email), by Tuesday, March 3rd. If awarded a spot, your payment for the trip will be due to the office by noon on Monday, March 16th.

This has been a wonderful fundraiser for Eagle Peak in past years, enjoyed by teachers and students alike. Please look over the latest Teacher Trips flyer to see which trip(s) interest your child/children!



Attachments this Week

- Teacher's Trip Description
- Lazy Dog Dine & Donate Flyer
- Family Yoga in the Park Flyer
- Montessori: The Missing Voice Article
- PTLG Positions & Descriptions

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FEBRUARY, 2015 School Calendar

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	 President's Day OFF	 Board Mtg 6:30 pm			FRIDAY MARKET	
22		23	24	25	26	27
					UE Only Exploratorium 8:30 – 3:00 FRIDAY MARKET	28

March, 2015 School Calendar

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					FRIDAY MARKET	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	CFEP 7 pm	 PTLG 6:30 pm			FRIDAY MARKET	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		LE Only Dean Leshner 8 – 11 am Board Mtg 6:30 pm			FRIDAY MARKET	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<----- Parent Observations -----> (Look for Sign-up sheets on Classroom Doors sometime mid- March)						
					EARLY DISMISS 1 pm	