

Eagle Peak Montessori Celebrating 14 years of Educational Choice

FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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FEBRUARY 20, 2015



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“I believe that any man’s life will be filled with constant and unexpected encouragement, if he makes up his mind to do his level best each day, and as nearly as possible reading the high water mark of pure and useful living.”

~Booker T. Washington

“Excellence is not an act but a habit. The things you do the most are the things you will do best.”

~Marva Collins



Notes from Michelle

This week in the Friday Folder packet is your “Intent to Return” form. Although this form does not bind you to anything, it does allow us to make plans for next year. If you have questions about the form please feel free to contact me. Also, if you are the parent of a student in 5th or 6th grade and have not yet decided if your child will remain at Eagle Peak next year, I highly recommend observing the Adolescent Program Environment in addition to the Wednesday 6th grade project time. This is a wonderful opportunity to see our program in full swing. **(However, make those appointments soon because those classes will not be in session, March 24-April 1. The 7th grade students and staff will be in New York for the Montessori Model UN.)**

Families with younger children, please remember that if your younger child is in KINDERGARTEN this year, you need to complete an application form in order for them to be in the lottery for first grade. Please contact the office to obtain an application. The deadline for completing this application is Friday, April 17th at 5:00 pm. If we do not have an application for your younger child, we cannot put them in the lottery for first grade.



Notes from Michelle

The Annual Auction is coming up- remember to buy your tickets before March 6th! The price will increase on the 6th. The Auction is always a fun event, but this year, to add to the excitement we will have the entire Corner’s Tavern Restaurant!!!! Come out for the food and fun, but most importantly, to support Eagle Peak Montessori!!!!



Notes from CFEP

Special thanks this week to our hardworking Auction Team, and to Hava Kimmel-Miner for her ongoing work on the CFEP website! Visit www.cfep.us to learn more about our work and find links and info on upcoming events.

Teacher Trip signups will be held this coming Thursday and Friday at 3:30 in the EPMS courtyard. If your child would like to participate and you can’t be there to sign up on one of these days, contact Kennisha Johnson **before 3 pm on Friday 2/27** at kennisha727@sbcglobal.net If there are more signups than spaces available for a particular trip, names will be selected via lottery. See Teacher Trips flyer or contact Kennisha for more information.

Remember to get your **Auction tickets** before **March 6th**! After that, the **price goes up to \$75**. Purchase by check payable to "CFEP" or online at www.cfep.us. Tickets can be purchased for teachers as well! Questions? Donations? Want to help? Contact Diana Lauritsen at epmsauction2015@gmail.com.

Many thanks to our donors, participants, and especially, **volunteers**.

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PTLG Announcements

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

3/10/15 (Tue) 6:30 PM: PTLG meeting

Did you mark your calendars yet? See events below that our Social Corner Leader, Leah Karson, has been planning. Details and flyers will be forthcoming. If you'd like to volunteer for the Stargazing event, please contact Leah at leah2bfit@hotmail.com

SAVE-THE-DATE:

4/01/15 (Wed): Yoga/Playdate at Heather Farm
1:15 - 2:45 PM

4/17/15 (Fri): Stargazing at EPMS
7:30 - 9:00 PM



Music Notes from Ms. Allison

Did you know there's a Uke-a-thon happening this Sat at the Palace of Fine Arts 3-4:30 pm. I'm going! For more details: <http://www.ppie100.org/event/uke-thon/>

Nothing new for lower el since Monday was a holiday. But for upper el 4th, 5th and 6th years last week, we continued working with the sixteen brown boxes. This time we explored some descriptive terms for movement from Rudolf con Laban's The Mastery of Movement. Specific movement choices such as strong vs light gestures, sustained vs brief, direct vs indirect were discussed and experienced in our bodies as we applied them to the following gestures: press, glide, punch, dab, slash, flick, wring and float. Then the students were assigned to create a short "choreography" by choosing one



Music Notes from Ms. Allison (con't)

strong and one light gesture, move a box from one place to another in this manner. We then took turns figuring out each other's choices and discovering what movements makes the choices clear to the observer.

6th years also had the opportunity to create a kaleidoscope of movement using the Dalcroze method of "mirroring" another student while listening to classical music of different tempos, timbres, forces and meters. The goal is to reflect the music in your body while being aware of how to lead and follow another person's gestures whether facing them or following them from behind. I plan to bring this activity to all grade levels.

This week on Wednesday, 4th and 5ths were treated to a Valentine's activity ("so last week"). After learning to sing and play "Scotland's Burning," we mastered the ability to sing and play in unison and in canon (or "in a round"). Then the same round groups of 4-5 students were given a box of candy conversation hearts and created new lyrics based on what was written on the hearts. Each group made performance choices, singing, playing, unison, round, solo's duets and shared their creation with the rest of the class. So much glutendairyandnut-free fun!



Notes from Childcare

Childcare Registration for March is in this weeks' Friday Folder. Payment is due by Monday, March 2nd.

Reminders for payment for Drop-in Invoices for January 2015 are also in this week's Friday Folder. Please bring your accounts up to date.

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Lost & Found

LAST CHANCE to find those missing items before they're gone for good!! Anything left behind at the end of day (4 pm) on Friday, February 27th will be sent to charity or tossed. Thank you.



Office Notes

Calendared Events

- Feb 26-27 Teacher Trip Sign-ups 3:30 - 4
- Feb 27 UE: Exploratorium – All Day
- Mar 7 Garden Work Party 9-12
- Mar 8 Daylight Savings
- Mar 9 CFEP 7 pm
- Mar 10 PTLG 6:30 pm
- Mar 17 Board Mtg. 6:30 pm
- Mar 23-27 Parent Observations
- Mar 27 Early Dismissal 1 pm
- Mar 24-30 Montessori Model UN - AP



Attachments this Week

- Childcare Registration - March
- Intent to Return 2015-16

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FEBRUARY, 2015 School Calendar

22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					<p>UE Only Exploratorium 8:30 – 3:00</p> <p>Teacher Trip Sign-ups 3:30 – 4 pm Thursday & Friday</p> <p>FRIDAY MARKET</p>	

March, 2015 School Calendar

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					FRIDAY MARKET	 Garden Work Day 9 am – 12
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
 Daylight Savings SPRING AHEAD	CFEP 7 pm	 PTLG 6:30 pm			FRIDAY MARKET	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		LE Only Dean Lesher 8 – 11 am  Board Mtg 6:30 pm			FRIDAY MARKET	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p><----- Parent Observations -----> (Look for Sign-up sheets on Classroom Doors sometime mid- March)</p>						
					EARLY DISMISS 1 pm	
<p>AP Program – Montessori Model UN Road Trip: March 24 thru 30th</p>						