

Eagle Peak Montessori Celebrating 14 years of Educational Choice

FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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I realized if you can change a classroom, you can change a community, and if you change enough communities you can change the world.”
~Erin Gruwell



Notes from Michelle

A HUGE “Thank you” to the Auction Crew!! What a fun event! I know everyone there had a good time. We also would like to thank Corner’s Tavern for their contributions to the event. For those of you who could not attend - please check out the items available online through the auction site,

BIDDING FOR GOOD.

<https://m.biddingforgood.com/auctions/228376925>.

The Sixth Grade students presented their year-long projects Wednesday and Thursday evenings. These students have been working with Annie Rodriguez all year. The projects are informative and entertaining and show how composed and self-assured Eagle Peak students are. Montessori education is so unique in the training for leadership it develops in students. We see how the assignments and expectations founded in Lower Elementary truly do help them grow and perfect these skills. The Sixth Grade project flows directly into the skills the Seventh Grade students used at the Montessori Model UN program.

Next week we will begin the **CAASPP** testing. Please see the schedule attached for the dates your child will be tested. We have very little time for make-up tests, so we encourage everyone to be present for their testing days. ☺

CULTURAL FAIR/TRADING POST: Our annual Cultural Fair/Trading Post will be held Thursday, May 21st. The exhibits will be sent up all day so that the classrooms can see each other’s work. Also, the Upper Elementary Trading post will be at the same



Notes from Michelle n(con’t)

time, so students will be able to purchase items from them during the day. Students are responsible for keeping their own money. Families are invited to attend the event in the evening between 6:30-8:00pm. (Students should be back on campus by 6:20 pm).

UPPER ELEMENTARY PARENTS PLEASE NOTE- the End-of-Year Picnic will be held Friday night, May 29. This is the week BEFORE Westminster Woods. The coordinators of the event wanted to change the traditional date so that Upper Elementary Students could attend. In previous years, they were so tired by the time they returned from Westminster, they were not up to attending. So, please make plans this year to attend this fun event..... Rumor has it there will even be special entertainment. Stay tuned for more information.



Notes from CFEP

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Auction, and to Eagle Peak students, teachers, and Ms. Grace for all the gorgeous projects!! The evening was rich with artwork, spirited company, and many fun items to bid on. Congratulations to the lucky winners.

Thanks to everyone who pitched in, made purchases, and donated items, materials or services. We are also grateful to Corners Tavern for allowing us to take over their restaurant for the night!

Payments are being processed and wayward items finding their way to owners... Stay tuned.

Kris Harwood
Community Foundation for Eagle Peak

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PTLG Announcements

5/15/15: **EPMS Talent Show, 6 PM.** Last call for art, contact Christie.elwood@gmail.com if you're bringing an art piece so we can plan for table space.

We are still in need of 4 more volunteers for clean up. Details on the event are forthcoming in next week's FF

5/29/15: **Save-the-Date:** End of School Picnic -- Details will be shared in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please contact Beth Hunter bethual@gmail.com for volunteer opportunities.



Friday Market

Dear EPMS Families,

We are down to our last four Friday Markets and we would love to end this year on a bountiful note. We are celebrating the beautiful spring weather, and are planning a colorful display, so linger a little longer with your friends.

Please consider donating your favorite item. Some top sellers in the past have been popcorn, popsicles, potstickers, lumpia, banana or lemon bread, homemade cookies, and anything with chocolate. Fresh fruits and veggies from your garden are always welcome. (Please remember: no peanuts, peanut oil, or other peanut products!)

Donations may be dropped off in the school office anytime throughout the day.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of Eagle Peak and the Adolescent Program.

With much gratitude,
Jamie Finn, Friday Market Manager



Spring Pictures

Spring Pictures are here and in this weeks Friday Folder! Remember, **you pay only for the pictures you want (send payment to office); return those you don't want.** If you have any questions please contact Lifetouch directly at (925) 827-2608 or (800) 827-5666.



Notes from Childcare

Final Childcare Registration for May and June is due on Monday, May 4th. Remember to factor in for all of May and 2 weeks in June.

FIELD TRIP ALERT:

If you use childcare on a regular basis remember that all of 4th, 5th (Westminster) and 6th (Nature Bridge) Years will be out the week of June 1-5.



Hot Lunch Order Form 5/12 thru 6/5/15

NEW ORDER BEGINS: Tuesday, May 12th and is in this week's Friday Folder. Orders are due by Wednesday, May 6th with the final cutoff of Friday, May 8th. Previous order ends this coming Friday, May 8th. If we do not receive your order by next Friday you will not be able to buy lunch for the 1st week of lunches.

There will be no hot lunch offered the last week of school: June 8-12 (last day early dismissal).

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Music Notes from Ms. Allison

Last Friday at the school gathering in honor of Earth Day, I had the pleasure of helping all the students sing Ms. Sheila's Earth Day Birthday song, the Earth Day chant I told you about in last Fri Folder, and Light a Candle for Peace. A courtyard of children singing is always a beautiful sound.

In lower el, we are delving into composition using known chants and a pentatonic scale C-D-E - G-A. Student groups are assigned different parts of a poem and given parameters (ie. start on C-do and end on G-sol), try different solutions on xylophones, and then return to the group to share and perform the whole newly class-composed song together.

We continue to prepare our Upper EI pieces for the talent show on Fri, May 15th: 4th years will perform Amazing Grace on recorders with some xylophone accompaniment; 5th years are working on a complicated body percussion piece with music they composed. I have decided to not include the 6th grade musical mini-play, and have secured an alternate performance time at the school picnic on Fri, May 29th. I will be sending out an email with details this weekend.



Hot Weather Alert

With the hot weather coming upon us we'd like to remind you to make sure your child comes to school prepared with plenty of bottled-water, sun screen and appropriate light-weight clothing. This means **no**: spaghetti straps, tube tops, and all shorts and skirts must be at least mid-thigh in length. **We will call home** to bring a change of clothes if your child is dressed inappropriately. Hats are advisable for outside wear only. Appropriate footwear (no flip-flops or open-toed shoes) should be worn to prevent splinters or cuts. Thank you.



Office Notes

Calendared Events

- May 9 Garden Work Day 9-12
- May 11 CFEP 7 pm
- May 26 PTLG 6:30 pm
- May 15 Talent Show 6:30 pm
- May 19 Board Mtg 6:30 pm
- May 21 Cultural/Science Faire 6:30-8
- May 22 Early Dismiss 1 pm
- May 25 Memorial Day – Off
- May 26 PTLG 6:30 pm
- May 29 End of Year Picnic TBA
- June 8 CFEP 7 pm
- June 9 PTLG 6:30 pm
- June 12 Last Day of School
Early Dismissal 1 pm
- June 13 Garden Work Day 9-12



Attachments this Week

- Lunch Order Form: 5/12 – 6/5/15
- Spring Pictures
- CAASPP Testing Schedule

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May, 2015 School Calendar

3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					FRIDAY MARKET	 Garden Work Day 9 – 12
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	CFEP 7 pm				 TALENT SHOW 6:00 - 8 PM @ Walnut Acres	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		 Board Mtg. 6:30 pm		6:30 – 8 pm LE: Science Fair UE: Colonial Market Place	FRIDAY MARKET	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Memorial Day Off	 PTLG 6:30 pm			 PICNIC Time: TBA	

June, 2015 School Calendar

31	1	2	3	4	5	6
LAST WEEK OF HOT LUNCHES	4th & 5th Yrs @ Westminster Woods in Occidental					
	6th Yrs @ Nature Bridge in Yosemite					
		3rd Yrs Only Ruth Bancroft Gardens 10 am - 12			NO FRIDAY MARKET	