

# Eagle Peak Montessori Celebrating 14 years of Educational Choice

## FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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"If imagination be educated merely by fairy tales, at most the pleasure it gives will be continued later in novel-reading, but we should never so limit its education. A mind that is habituated to seek pleasure only in fantastic tales slowly but surely becomes lazy, incapable of nobler preoccupations. In social life we find too many examples of this sloth of mind, people caring only to be well-dressed, gossip with friends and go to the cinema. Their intelligence is hopelessly buried under barriers, which cannot now be removed. Their interest becomes increasingly narrow, till it is centered round the petty self, excluding the wonders of the world and sympathy with suffering humanity."

~Dr. Maria Montessori, **To Educate The Human Potential**



### Notes from Michelle

The quote above by Dr. Montessori is from her book, *To Educate The Human Potential*. In this specific section she is explaining the elementary curriculum and why we explore the "larger" topics with the students.

As we begin the process of meeting the new parents through the one on one meetings I hold with them, it reminds me fresh each year as to how unique Eagle Peak is in comparison to other public schools. One of the many things that most Montessori schools adhere to is that we do not encourage the distraction of cartoons or characters on campus, thus our dress code regarding those images. If you read the quote above by Dr. Montessori, I think it gives credence to the idea of limiting the "gaming", "screen time" and other activities that do not draw out the best in a person's character.

When we allow our children to escape from the real world and human interactions into a world of



### Notes from Michelle

fantasy for too large a percentage of their time, what are we really helping them to develop? It could be compared to feeding a child only chips and candy and wondering why they don't develop a taste for fresh, real food. Too much junk (of any type) can lead to a preference for the less demanding occupations of mind and body. So, this summer when you are tempted to allow a screen to interact with your child, consider providing them with a more nutritious interaction. ☺

I hope everyone is excited about tonight's Talent Show. Thank you to Christie Elwood for stepping up and taking this on. Also, a huge thanks to her whole crew!!!

Eagle Peak's "traditions", to some degree, are constantly evolving. Not the curriculum or the teacher driven "traditions" such as Historical Halloween, but the parent driven "traditions". Fall Fest, Memory Book, Talent Show and Stargazing just to name a few, have not always been a part of Eagle Peak. It is only through the interest from the parent body that these events now take place. If you have an idea for an event you would be interested in creating, PTLG is a great place to propose ideas for family-type events.

It seems like there are plenty of events to keep us all busy over the next few weeks. Please watch email and Friday Folders for all further updates.

Have a great weekend.

Michelle

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## Notes from CFEP

Thanks for your patience as final auction transactions are processed. If you've not yet retrieved your **purchased item(s) from the Auction**, please contact Teresa Buckner at [teresabuckner@mac.com](mailto:teresabuckner@mac.com) to arrange pick up.

Still have some Annual Giving payments to make? It's not too late. We've been accepting payments all year and hope that pledged amounts will be fulfilled before year-end in June. Please submit any final payments for the year **by Wed 5/27** if possible, and no later than June 8th so we can finalize our accounting for the school year.

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to CFEP this year. It's amazing what can be achieved when several hundred people contribute!

Kris Harwood, CFEP



## PTLG Announcements

5/15/15: **EPMS Talent Show, TONIGHT!!** Doors open at **6 PM** for art viewing at **Walnut Acres Elementary School's Multi-Purpose Room (corner of Wiget Lane and Cerezo Dr.)**. See you there!!

5/26/15: **PTLG meeting** 6:30 PM, join us for a Q & A roundtable with Ms. Hammons, LE, UE, and AP teachers, and EPMS Board members.

5/29/15: **Save-the-Date:** End of School Picnic -- Potluck style and bring your own drink and being environmentally-conscious in limiting use of bottled water. Sign Up Genius invitation will be sent to your email box in the coming week; keep an eye out for it. In the meantime, please contact Beth Hunter [bethual@gmail.com](mailto:bethual@gmail.com) for volunteer opportunities.



## Environmental Ed



The EPMS garden needs YOU! Please sign up to help keep the garden healthy over the summer. Get the remaining volunteer hours you need - or get started for next year! Volunteers should plan on spending around an hour once or twice during your week watering thoroughly - and helping yourself to some garden bounty of course. Your children know their way around the garden and would love an opportunity to show you around! Please see the sign up genius for more details and to sign up (search by e-mail [EaglePeakEE@gmail.com](mailto:EaglePeakEE@gmail.com)) and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Garden workdays are throughout the year (usually second Saturdays 9-12) and the summer schedule is: June 13, July 11, August 15, Sept. 12. Save the date: Oct. 10 EPMS will participate in the City of Walnut Creek Community Service Day.

Thank you! Sheila



## Office Notes

### Calendared Events

- May 19 Board Mtg 6:30 pm
- May 21 Cultural/Science Fair 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
- June 16 Board Mtg 6:30 pm

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## May, 2015 School Calendar

17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		 <b>Board Mtg.</b> 6:30 pm		6:30 – 8 pm <b>LE: Science Fair</b> <b>UE: Colonial Market Place</b>	<b>Early Dismiss</b> 1 pm	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	<b>Memorial Day</b>  Off	 <b>PTLG</b> 6:30 pm			 Time: TBA	

## June, 2015 School Calendar

31	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Yrs @ Westminster Woods in Occidental</b>						
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Yrs @ Nature Bridge in Yosemite</b>						
		 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Yrs Only</b> <b>Ruth Bancroft Gardens</b> 10 am - 12			<b>NO FRIDAY MARKET</b>	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>NO HOT LUNCHES THIS WEEK</b>	<b>CFEP</b> 7 pm	<b>PTLG</b> 6:30 pm			<b>LAST DAY!!</b> <b>Early Dismissal</b> 1 pm	 Garden Work Day 9 – 12
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		<b>Board Mtg.</b> 6:30 pm				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27