

Eagle Peak Montessori Celebrating 14 years of Educational Choice

FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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“Within the child lies the fate of the future.”- Dr. Maria Montessori

“Prizes and punishments are, if I may be allowed the expression, the bench of the soul, the instrument of slavery for the spirit.”

– Dr. Maria Montessori



Notes from Michelle

Do you consider yourself radical? Do you look at why society and human interaction is the way it so often is and ask, “Why can’t we do better”? Possibly that is why you chose Eagle Peak. You identify with the central tenet of Montessori’s philosophy on education, which is that through giving children the opportunity to learn how to be responsible, caring individuals we can change society in the future. Sometimes this goal seems incredibly overwhelming, at other times almost futile. Yet, we move forward because we know, without a doubt, that even one child can truly change the world! Thank you for joining us in this challenge to change the paradigm in the world about extrinsic motivation, and to help our students learn to be motivated by personal challenges, and the intrinsic reward of feeling good about your choices and your work. Thank you for trusting our vision that education really isn’t just about academics, but about the child as a whole, and how they move forward in the world.

Weren’t the Cultural Fair and Trading Post great events last week? For those of you who do not have children in the Upper Elementary yet, this project of negotiating and compromise, as well as lessons on the economy and business, is a wonderful opportunity for students to step outside of their comfort zones. It is an opportunity for them to use their voice in order to express themselves respectfully, and to compromise even when it isn’t easy. If the students take the time to work within their groups on these skills, it serves them at every step in life. As with any seminal moment, what they take away from these experiences informs their future actions and reactions.



Notes from Michelle (con’t)

Next week, the campus will be very quiet as our entire Upper Elementary leaves for their week long camping excursion. This year, we have added a new element for the 6th grade students: they will be our first group to go to Yosemite for a week at Nature Bridge. As Annie discussed last night in the chaperone meeting, for once this group of 6th grade students gets to do something none of our other groups have had the opportunity to do. When we made the decision to add grades, we realized that this group would not get to be the “oldest” until they were in 8th grade. They would be following the older students for three extra years. So... this trip provides them with the opportunity to forge a new trail. We wish them, and the 4th/5th grade students, safe travels.

Hope to see all of you at the End of School Picnic tonight!!



Notes from CFEP

Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to complete the CFEP annual survey. We are tabulating responses and will share your comments at our June meeting.

To ensure fulfillment of **Check Requests** before the last day of school, **please submit by Wednesday, 6/3**. Place in the red folder on Amy’s desk, with original receipts attached.

We’d like to thank every **family, EPMS staff and Board member** who has given time and resources to help raise funds through CFEP activities this year. Our nets look something like this:

\$ 87,000 ... Annual Giving	
\$ 2,700 ... Fall Fest	
\$ 12,000 ... Golden Ticket Raffle	
\$ 1,135 ... Dine & Donate	
\$ 5,000 ... Teacher Trips	
\$ 2,065 ... PEAK	
\$ 21,000 ... Auction (after expenses)	(con’t....)

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Notes from CFEP (con't)

The AP (7th year) micro-businesses also raised significant funds for their Montessori Model UN trip.

Add revenue from eScrip, BoxTops, Sports Basement, Barnes & Noble, Scrip gift card sales, alumni contributions, employer matching... The whole of this community's achievements is an impressive sum of many parts.

Thank you for helping to ensure the ongoing programs and sustainability of Eagle Peak.

Kris Harwood
cfepresident@gmail.com



End-of-Year Gift Card Order!

Due: Tuesday, June 2nd. They will be ready the following Monday, June 8th!

We will still have the traditional hard copy option but now we have ONLINE too!

Go online to shopwithscrip.com and register. To pay online, click on the PrestoPay link in the left navigation bar of your Family Home Page.

See flyer in the Friday folder for more detailed directions.

Any questions, ask Kristen Revell (925) 899-9342 or kristen.revell@roberthalf.com



Friends of Friday Market

There will be no Friday Market on June 5th.



PTLG Announcements

A note from Christie Elwood: Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Talent Show! DVDs for the Show are still available by emailing your request to me at Christie.Elwood@gmail.com and make payment to CFEP by Tuesday, 6/2/15 (\$15 each, envelope is on Ms. Amy's desk). DVDs will be sent home in the last Friday Folder on 6/5/15. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who attended the last PTLG of the year this past Tuesday. There was awesome Q&A Round Table discussions. And a **HUGE Thank You** goes out to all volunteers throughout the school year who selflessly give their time to make EPMS a wonderful place to learn.

5/29/15: **TONIGHT: End of School Picnic** -- Gates will open shortly after 6 PM; Buffet begins at 6:30 PM, if you arrive before then, please keep your children with you and not allow them to roam freely on black top or playground.

PARKING: We will have access to Northgate's parking lot during the picnic. Unfortunately, they also have an event going on so space may be limited.

See you there!



Pictures are Here!!

Please stop by the office and pick-up your student's picture before school ends. We'll try to grab your attention if we see you. Thank you.



Lost & Found

2 WEEKS and counting.... Please take a moment and check the clothes line and rack for any missing items. Everything left behind will be taken to Goodwill (or tossed) after the last day of school.

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Music Notes from Ms. Allison

Upper EI and 7th years: Recorders and folders were sent home this week. Some students decided to leave them at EPMS over the summer since we will be using them again next year if they are returning. I have a list and will include in the last week's Fri folder and an email. Please help your child use the "backpack rule" even over the summer so purchasing a new one next year will not be necessary. Sopranos are about \$5 and Altos are \$18.

All grade levels 1st-6th worked on Sasa a story-telling sit-down dance from Samoa. We will try to perform this at the EPMS picnic on Fri night!

We all learned a lot from each other this year in music class! I enjoyed your student's creativity this year!



Magnet / Poster Sale

If you are interested in getting the picture of your child either in hard copy or digitally your order must be turned in via email by Wednesday, June 3rd by midnight or the office by Thursday, June 4th by 10 am. Please submit with full name, classroom and method of payment (CFEP).

Pricing is as follows:

\$10	Unclaimed photo magnets
\$20	Digital File – high resolution
\$30	Large Posters
\$40	Poster & Digital File

Contact Ann Farrow at griffin.farrow@gmail.com with any questions.



Notes from Childcare

Please bring your past-due accounts up-to-date.

Childcare will be **closing at 5 pm** on the last day of school, **Friday, June 12th**. Please arrange to have your child picked up on time.



Office Notes

Calendared Events

- Jun 1-5 Westminster Woods – 4th & 5th Yrs
Natures Bridge – 6th Yrs
- Jun 3 Bancroft Gardens – 3rd Yrs
- Jun 8-12 Spirit Week
- Jun 8 CFEP 7 pm
- Jun 10 Field Day – 9-Noon
- Jun 12 Last Day – Dismiss 1 pm
Childcare available until 5 pm
- June 13 Garden Work Day 9-12
- June 16 Board Mtg 6:30 pm



Attachments this Week

- Scrip Gift Cards
- Field Day: Help Wanted
- Spirit Day Flyer

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June, 2015 School Calendar

31	1	2	3	4	5	6
<p><i>4th & 5th Yrs @ Westminster Woods in Occidental</i></p> <p>6th Yrs @ Nature Bridge in Yosemite</p>						
			<p>3rd Yrs Only Ruth Bancroft Gardens 10 am - 12</p>		<p>NO FRIDAY MARKET</p>	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p>☆ ☆☆ Spirit Week ☆☆ ☆</p>	 <p>Board Game & 80's Day</p> 	 <p>READ- a-thon Career Day</p>  <p>College Day</p>  <p>Twin Day</p> 	 <p>Field Day 9 - 12 Sports Day</p>     	<p><i>AP Renaissance Boutique</i></p>  <p>.....</p>  <p>Wacky Hair Day</p>	<p>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</p> <p>Closing Ceremony & Teacher Appreciation 11:00 am</p> <p>Dismissal 1:00 PM</p> <p>Childcare Closes @ 5 pm</p>	 <p>Garden Work Day 9 am - 12</p>
<p>NO HOT LUNCHES THIS WEEK</p>	<p>CFEP 7 pm</p>					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<p>Summer Hours 10 - 4 pm</p>		<p>Board Mtg. 6:30 pm</p>				