

Eagle Peak Montessori Celebrating 14 years of Educational Choice

FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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MAY 7, 2015



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“Long-term, we must begin to build our internal strengths. It isn't just skills like computer technology. It's the old-fashioned basics of self-reliance, self-motivation, self-reinforcement, self-discipline, self-command”

~ *Steven Pressfield*



Notes from Michelle

Wednesday, I had the privilege of attending the 6th Grade Senior Project Celebration Luncheon. Each student shared their “rose”, “thorn”, and “moment of pride” for the project and the course as a whole. Listening as they showed vulnerability, growth and grace with each other was truly moving. This is EXACTLY why we made the move to extend our program to 8th grade. It isn't about just academics at Eagle Peak. It truly is about the process and the whole child. I know that it is an exercise in trust for most of us who might have been traditionally educated to sit back and not stress about the academics but to watch the process of your child truly discovering their strengths and working to overcome their challenges is really the mark of success for the students. These are the skills that will make them successful in any workplace and any task they choose in their future

Tuesday, May 26th, we have a first time event planned for PLTG. Teachers from all the grade levels and members of the Board, will be available for you to speak with and ask questions. We will hold the PTLG ‘meeting’ part first, and then tables will be set up in Room 701 for parents to sit and talk with Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary, Adolescent Program and Board representatives. We hope you can make plans to attend.



Notes from Michelle

Also I want to take a moment to thank the parent body. I know that often when you are in the midst of organizing a project or leading an event, it may seem like it is difficult to get the volunteers needed. But I have to say, that when we as a school come together and really get the word out- you always step up. Thank you so much to all the parents who have made time to make sure that both of our Upper Elementary trips will be able to happen! We are truly grateful for your commitment to Eagle Peak.

Have a great weekend.



Notes from CFEP

Got **Auction Items** to retrieve? A volunteer will be in the courtyard with purchased items ready for pickup:

Fri 5/08 - 3:30-4
Mon 5/12 - 8 am
Mon 5/12 - 3:30-4
Wed 5/14 - 8 am
Thur 5/15 - 3:30-4

Payments must be complete prior to item retrieval.

The next **CFEP meeting** will be held Monday, May 11 at 7:00 in the Multi-Use Room.

Kris Harwood
Community Foundation for Eagle Peak

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PTLG Announcements

5/15/15: **EPMS Talent Show**, 6 PM at Walnut Acres Elementary School's Multi-Purpose Room. See today's flyer for details.

5/26/15: **PTLG meeting** 6:30 PM

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.



New Hot Lunch Order Starts on 5/12/15

If you haven't already sent in your lunch order you cannot sign up for the 1st week of the new order.



Notes from Childcare

Childcare payments for the month of May/June, 2015 are now past due. If you have not already submitted payment, any hours incurred will be charged at the drop-in rate and **will be billed shortly after the end of school.**

Look for drop-in charges for the month(s) of April, 2015 (or any past due charges) is in this week's Friday Folder. Please remember to bring your accounts up-to-date.



Music Notes from Miss Allison

Please come to the talent show next Fri. May 15th and support your childrens' and classmates' bravery! It is sometimes hard for some young artists to show their skills to others and we need to demonstrate to our children how to be a caring, supportive and compassionate community. This is the perfect opportunity made possible by Christie Ellwood, her "Talent Show" team and the encouragement and help from all the staff at EPMS.

It is also a great place to practice **good audience participation (GAP)**. I will be reminding all of the students next week of the 4-A's of GAP and how to "Mind the Gap!": **Attend, Allow, Applaud, and Appreciate!** Please take a moment to talk about this with your children before any performance. Not only does this show respect for the performers and the producers, but also shows respect for your fellow audience members.

I have emailed upper el parents about the invitation to perform at the talent show with their class and requested a reply regarding your child(ren)'s participation. Many of you have already done so and I thank you. I will send another reminder today and add email addresses from the roster. Please email me "yes" or "no" to: allison.lloyd@sbcglobal.net. Again, some students may find it difficult to get on stage, but gently encourage them since their participation will help their classmates and they will grow and learn from the experience! Please remember, audience members are very important participants.

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Office Notes

Calendared Events

- May 11 CFEP 7 pm
- May 15 Talent Show 6 pm
- 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



Attachments this Week

- Talent Show Info
- Sports Basement Flyer
- Childcare Drop-in Invoices

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May, 2015 School Calendar

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	Early Dismiss 1 pm	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Memorial Day  Off	 PTLG 6:30 pm			 Time: TBA	

June, 2015 School Calendar

31	1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>4th & 5th Yrs @ Westminster Woods in Occidental</i>						
6th Yrs @ Nature Bridge in Yosemite						
			3 rd Yrs Only Ruth Bancroft Gardens 10 am - 12		NO FRIDAY MARKET	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
NO HOT LUNCHES THIS WEEK					LAST DAY!! Early Dismissal 1 pm	