

# Eagle Peak Montessori Celebrating 13 years of Educational Choice

## FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
Friday, JUNE 12th  
Early Dismissal - 1 PM

**Childcare Closes at 5 pm**  
**on Friday, June 12**

**SUMMER HOURS: 10 AM – 4 PM**

“There is no such thing as a problem without a gift for you in its hands. You seek problems because you need their gifts.”

— Richard Bach, *Illusions: The Adventures of a Reluctant Messiah*

“Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all.”

— Helen Keller, *The Open Door*



## **Notes from Michelle**

The last Friday Folder of the year! What a year it has been! For Eagle Peak it was a year of beginnings and “first times”, like we have not had in a least a decade. Wow! It makes Eagle Peak feel so old to be able to use words like ‘decade’ when speaking of our history. It would be disingenuous of me to portray this year as being perfect, with no bumps or bruises. However, it has truly been a year of struggles bearing gifts in disguise. The quote above from Richard Bach has been echoing in my head so many times: often trying to find the “gifts” that a struggle is bringing us, but in the end finding that, sure enough, it was there.

As a community, we have pulled together and made the trek into middle school years. Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade, or our “pioneers”, have made it through their year, and their teachers and families have made it through with them. We brought them all back from NYC, and through their microbusinesses they were able to raise over \$20,000!!!



## **Notes from Michelle (con't)**

Through our Upper Elementary transition, we welcomed new members to our Eagle Peak community and found real treasures, one of whom will be the perfect addition to our Adolescent Program Instructional team next fall. Prudence Green, who taught secondary math and various levels of Montessori prior to coming to Eagle Peak, will join Annie, Denise and the AP students.

Everywhere I go in the district, I continue to hear positive comments about our school and program. These comments and the reputation that Eagle Peak has garnered are due to the amazing community of students, staff, families and board that are a part of this school. Thank you so much for making this a tremendous year of growth and gifts!

Please join us next Friday at 11 am, for our closing ceremony. Don't forget to watch for summer newsletters to keep you up to date on all of the “happenings” at EPMS!

I wish all of you a restful and restorative summer!



## **Gratitude from CFEP**

Thanks again to everyone who completed the CFEP survey. We are compiling results for our next meeting this **Monday, June 8**. Your feedback will help in planning future events.

I am very grateful to all the **volunteers** of 2014-15, especially our courageous **coordinators**. Thousands of dollars may not have been raised without you!! Thanks also to **PTLG** for your leadership and support.

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## Gratitude from CFEP

Special thanks to **Nash Liao** and **Mrs. Mahraj** for their diligent, year-round management of payments, tracking and processing. EPMS Board Treasurer **Lisa Woefel** is another great force. A tremendous amount of work goes into Eagle Peak's budgets and accounting.

It has been a privilege to serve with **everyone on CFEP** and the **EPMS Board of Directors**. These people are pillars of knowledge and dedication. If there is any Board member you don't know, I'd recommend getting to know them. They are colorful as a group; inspiring as individuals.

This summer, Vice President **Shelly Gillis** and **Taylor Choi** will step up to lead CFEP. Both are savvy, pleasant, and highly capable. May we all continue to support one another and the future of Eagle Peak.

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Community Foundation for Eagle Peak



## PTLG Announcements

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to Beth and Brad Hunter for coordinating the End of School picnic last Friday night. Great food and fun was had by all.

We are so fortunate to have an amazing community with wonderful parents who selflessly give their time, effort, and money so that everyone at EPMS can benefit. We appreciate your dedication. Enjoy your summer vacation!!



## Memory Books

Last chance for purchasing Memory Book for this school year! We have a very limited supply available on a **first-come-first-served-with-payment basis**. If you forgot to order one, bring \$30 cash or \$30 check payable to CFEP, to the office by Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, or while supply lasts. The Memory Books will be passed out on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.



## Notes from the Office

**New Students of Siblings entering in 2015-16:** If your child isn't already registered in the Mt. Diablo School District (their Student Records will be forwarded to us), please remember to send in the following **completed forms before attending Bridge Week**, August 18- 22; or the sooner the better:

- Current physical / updated immunization records. **(These are a must before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school.)**
- Dental form and/or signed waiver
- Home Language Survey

If you need a copy of any of the above forms please contact the office.

**Medication:** If you have any medication for your child that is in the office please make sure to pick it up before the end of the school year. A new "Medication - Authorization to Administer" form must be filled out and signed by a physician at the beginning of **every year**. Please see the office staff if you have questions.

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### Garden Helpers Still Needed!



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



### Notes from Childcare

Billing for Drop-in and/or Overtime charges for the months of May and June (thru the 12th) will be mailed to your home after school is out. Please remember to pay all charges, both current and past due, as soon as possible. Failure to pay your balance in full will prevent your using childcare next year until payment is received.

If you have any questions regarding hours, please contact Mrs. Mahraj or Jason, Childcare Director



### Lost and Found

This is it! All clothes, hats and water bottles left behind after the last day of school (June 12<sup>th</sup>) will be donated to charity or tossed. Please take a moment to check the racks or those clothes are gone forever.....

Missing your favorite bowl or platter? Please check the Teacher's Lounge to see if it's there. It too will be donated if left at the end of school.



### Last Week of School - No Lunch

Please remember to pack a lunch for your child on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. **There will be no hot lunches** serviced the last week of school.



### Office Notes

#### Calendared Events

- Jun 8-12 Spirit Week
- Jun 8 CFEP 7 pm
- Jun 10 Field Day – 9-Noon
- Jun 12 Last Day – Dismiss 1 pm  
**Childcare closes @ 5 pm**
- June 13 Garden Work Day 9-12
- June 16 Board Mtg 6:30 pm



### Attachments this Week

- End-of-Year Celebration
- Teacher Appreciation Donation

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## JUNE 2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
 Spirit Week	 Board Game & 80's Day  CFEP 7 pm	 Read-a-thon -----  Career Day  College Day  Twin Day	 Field Day 9 - 12 ----- Sports Day   	 Renaissance Boutique  ----- Wacky Hair Day 	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL ----- Closing Ceremony & Teacher Appreciation 11:00 am ----- Dismissal 1:00 PM ----- Childcare Closes @ 5 pm	 Garden Work Day 9 am - 12
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Summer Hours 10 - 4 pm		Board Mtg 6:30 pm				

## PREVIEW 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR: August-September, 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
August 6	17	18	19	20	21	22
1 <sup>st</sup> Years: 8:00 - 11 AM / Bridge Week / 12:00 - 3 pm 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Years: Adolescent Program Erdkinder Time: TBA REGISTRATION PACKAGE PICK-UP Time: 8 - 5 pm						 Campus Clean-up (or 8/29) TBA
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
RETURN REGISTRATION PACKAGE or by Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>						
Aug/Sep 30	31	Sep 1	2	3	4	5
	Orientation Night 6 - 9 pm	Adolescent Orientation 6 - 8 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Day Dismiss 1 pm			
September 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	LABOR DAY					