

Eagle Peak Montessori Celebrating 13 years of Educational Choice

FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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“Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds will continue in others.”

~Rosa Parks

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

~Mahatma Gandhi



Notes from Michelle

Earlier this week, Sibyl Buckner and I attended the California STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Symposium. This was really our first foray into this conversation. Our main expectations or goals for our time there were to become more aware of how STEM is being emphasized and implemented in traditional public schools. It is also very important that we are able to converse with others in the educational world, using the same vocabulary and acronyms. This conference was able to provide us with some of that language. One of the other items that became very clear was that there is a paradigm shift happening in traditional education. They are truly attempting to move away from the teacher-directed model, to giving students more voice and empowering them in their educational process. Those of us in the Montessori community have been doing this all along. We also know that although we have the methodology perfected to deliver the information, we are still working on developing the curriculum to be delivered. Dr. Montessori, despite her genius, could not possibly create a science, technology, engineering or math curriculum that would encompass our world today. So we will be working to incorporate today's knowledge base and standards with our methodology. This is an exciting time!



Notes from Michelle

Speaking of math, the Northgate Math Club will be returning to do afternoon tutoring on Mondays. Please watch for more information next week.

Over the next few months, you will see several ideas from the Adolescent Program for various businesses they are creating. While we, of course, encourage you to support these businesses if you can, we would like to invite you to share them with the outside community as well.

While I am sure that all of you use reusable bags whenever and wherever you shop, with the new bag law in Walnut Creek, you might find yourself needing a few more. **Eagle Peak has CHICO bags with the school logo on them for \$6 available in the office.** Please stop by and pick up a few!

Hope to see all of you at the Rocco's Social on Sunday!!! (1pm - 4pm)



Friday Gathering

6th Grade Gathering Leaders: Madi Helms
Alexia Marquez

5th Grade Quotes were from:

Lulu Kimmel-Miner

“Means are not to be distinguished from the end. If violent means are used, there will be bad results.” ~Mohandes Gandhi

Angelina Mercurio

“Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding.” ~Albert Einstein

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Board Notes

The Board discussed or took action on the following items during the September meeting:

- The Board approved funding for a Board/Staff Welcome Back to School social.
- The Board approved staff reimbursements for classroom supplies and materials.
- The Board approved turning over the operations and profit for the Friday Market to the Adolescent Program to allow them to create their own micro-business.

The Board also discussed Board Members attending PTLG meetings, outstanding issues with the District as well as updates on the Annual Giving Campaign.

The next regular Board Meeting will be October 21, 2014 at 6.30pm.

Please feel free to contact me or any other board member should you have questions or comments regarding board activities.

Gundi Younger, Vice President
EPMS Board of Directors



School Roster

The draft of the school roster is ready in the front office. (There will also be a copy located in Childcare for your convenience.) PLEASE STOP BY AND VERIFY THAT THE INFORMATION WE HAVE FOR YOU IS CORRECT.

These draft rosters will only be available for correction until October 10th. At that time we will print the official roster and hopefully distribute it by Friday, October 17.

Thank you for your help with this.



PTLG Announcements

Another great turn out for the walk this morning! We're getting feedback on places to take our next walk/hike, check here for future dates.

The school-wide potluck at Arbolado Park last Friday evening was a huge success! A big "Thank You" goes out to Lena Takahashi for organizing it. What a great way to start the school year and here's more fun activities planned:

9/28 (THIS SUNDAY) 1 - 4 PM: First EPMS ever Social at Rocco's (2909 Ygnacio Valley Road in the Encina Grande shopping center). Come one, come all for a fun afternoon with football (SF 49ers vs. Philadelphia Eagles at 1:25 PM) for parents and crafts for kids!!

10/5 (Sun) at 1 PM: Fall Fest at EPMS. Please contact Erica Chinchilla - mamabruno78@live.com or go to <http://vols.pt/Q9QTTc> to sign up for volunteer opportunities as we are still in need of additional helping hands. 6 and 7th year and alumni students can also sign up to help at this event.

10/14 (Tue) at 6:30 PM: PTLG meeting with educational forum on Montessori philosophy (will be led by our teachers).

10/19 (Sun) 5 - 7 PM: Please join us for our 'Parents Night Out' at EJ Phair Brewing Co. in Concord. This will be a special night with beer tasting/food pairing designed for EPMS. There are still spots available, please reserve yours by emailing Leah Karson (leah2bfit@hotmail.com).

11/2 (Sun) 1 -4 PM: EPMS Community Chili cook off. See enclosed flyer and contact Angie Elgazzar with questions sunshine7787@hotmail.com

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PTLG Announcements (con't)

Call for Coordinators. The following positions are still open:

- Barnes & Noble (12/7 & 12/8) and Dine & Donate: please contact Shelly Gillis shellygillis@gmail.com for details.
- Grant Writing, please contact Kris Harwood krisharwood@live.com

Message from Alumni Member, Gundi Younger: "Meet the Candidates for the MDUSD Board of Education". This is an opportunity to have EPMS parents attend and ask questions regarding views of charter schools. Pleasant Hill Education Commission is hosting a forum for candidates vying for three seats on the Board of Trustees of Mt. Diablo Unified School District at the November 4th election. There are six candidates - Linda Mayo, Cheryl Hansen, Mike Langley, Herbert Lee, Debra Mason and James Ryan. The forum will be streamed live on the City website (www.pleasant-hill.net/media) and will broadcast after the event on Comcast Channel 28, ATT U-Verse Channel 99, and Astound Channel 29.



Art Project Donations Request

The 6th grade class will be painting and decorating the school's wooden benches. If you have any of the following items and wish to donate, it would be appreciated:

- Different grit sandpaper
- One gallon of primer paint
- New or slightly used (but in good shape) paint brushes and "small" roller brushes
- Canvas tarp

Thank you in advance. Ms. Grace – Art Specialist



Sunday, October 5th

1 pm – 4 pm

See attached flyer for details.



Notes from the Office

Late Arrivals/Appointments: Please contact the office as soon as possible either by phone, email (amyepms@gmail.com) or simply stop by the front desk if you know your child will be in late the next day and/or out due to doctor appointments, vacation day, etc. It isn't enough that you tell your child's teacher the day before; the information doesn't always make it to the office. If Ms. Amy does not receive a call/email, your child will be marked unexcused and could become truant.



Notes from Childcare

Childcare Registration forms for the month of October 2014 are in this week's Friday Folder and are due October 6th. This is also **the last chance** to sign up for "Special" Full-time Package Offer. This plan will not be offered again until next year so take advantage of this price break or any of the other prepaid hourly packages. All drop-in hours will be billed to you with 1-2 weeks after the end of the month.

If you are currently registered in a "Special" monthly package and have signed up for automatic payment, your credit card will be debited within 7 days from the beginning of the month and a receipt issued. Please contact Sondra Mahraj if you have any questions.

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Welcome Back to School, Parents!

My name is Ann Bair and I'm thrilled to be the Box Top Coordinator for Eagle Peak this year. Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school earn cash. Our school earned nearly \$600 during the last school year. This year our goal is \$1,000.

Are you a Box Tops member? Sign up at www.BTFE.com to stay updated on our school's earnings and find a full list of over 250 participating products. Members also receive exclusive coupon offers and recipes and can learn about extra ways for our school to earn more cash.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at aes12366@yahoo.com. I'm here to make our school's Box Tops for Education program a huge success this year.

Thanks for your help!



Office Notes

Calendared Events

- Sep 28 Rocco's Social 1-4
- Oct 3 Friday Market
- Oct 5 Fall Fest 1 -4
- Oct 10 Friday Market
- Oct 11 Garden Work Day 9-12
- Oct 13 CFEP 7 pm
- Oct 14 PTLG 6:30 pm
- Oct 19 Parent's Night Out: EJ Phair
- Oct 21 EPMS Board Mtg 6:30
- Nov 2 Chili Cook-Off



Attachments this Week

- Childcare: October Registration
- Fall Festival Flyer
- Cake Walk Sign-u
- Box Top Collection
- Chili Cook-off
- Yoga Session I for 5-7th Years
- Lower EI: Historical Halloween Guidelines

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30				
 PTLG Social 1 – 4 pm					FRIDAY MARKET	

OCTOBER 2014 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
					FRIDAY MARKET	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
 1 – 4 pm		 Prospective Parents Mtg. 7 – 8 pm			FRIDAY MARKET	 Garden Work Day 9 am – 12
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	CFEP 7 pm	 PTLG Montessori Philosophy 6:30 pm			FRIDAY MARKET	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
 Parent's Night 5 – 7 pm	 Make-up Pictures	 Board Mtg 6:30			FRIDAY MARKET	Prospective Parents Mtg. 9:30-10:30
26	27	28	29	30	31	
					FRIDAY MARKET	