

Eagle Peak Montessori Celebrating 13 years of Educational Choice

FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2014



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“All our handling of the child will bear fruit, not only at the moment, but in the adult they are destined to become.”

-Dr. Maria Montessori



..... From the CFEP

Thank you EPMS families, staff and Board members for your gracious attendance at Orientation Night. A lot of work went on behind the scenes this summer, and we hope these efforts will help drive success for the coming year and beyond.

To assist with communication, Hava Kimmel-Miner has dedicated much of her time to the development of a CFEP website. The site is now live! For general info, contacts, links, and updates regarding fundraising events throughout the year, visit cfep.us.

Secondly, I am pleased to report that we've received a bounty of Annual Giving pledges and payments. **Thank you, Eagle Peak Parents!!** Next week we will report the totals to date. If you didn't get a chance to complete the pledge form in your registration packet, please consider what your family can do to participate. Whether it's a lump sum, monthly payments, credit card or other, we'll gladly take it!

- ~ Goal is 100% participation*
- ~ Checks should be made payable to CFEP
- ~ Additional pledge forms are available in the office or at cfep.us/getting-involved

*100% participation means participation from all families. \$1,000 per student is requested, or whatever amount your family is able to give. If you cannot give \$1,000 over the course of the year, a donation in any amount is appreciated.

Our next CFEP meeting will be this coming Monday, 9/8 at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Use Room (501). In addition to ongoing business, we will discuss goals, strategies, and fundraising activities for the year. Meetings are open to all Eagle Peak parents. Feel free to join us any time!

Kris Harwood, CFEP President



Notes from Michelle

WELCOME BACK! These first few days have been great. The students seem to be moving forward seamlessly.

We have had several snacks come in this week that “CONTAIN NUTS”. For example, Kid's Z-Bars state on the label- “may contain nuts”. While we can have products that are made in a factory where nuts are processed, we ask that you make sure that peanuts are not contained IN the food or snacks. Thank you very much for helping us in this process.

Next week we will be having our first Parent Education Night on Internet Safety. In August we held a week for our 7th grade students called, “Technology and More”. It was interesting to see just how web savvy our students were despite the limited time we give to that in the elementary program. As many of you know, being web/tech savvy is a double edged sword in some ways. It is essential that our students gain the skills to navigate and understand technology, but at the same time it opens up doors that we as the adults are not always able to monitor and sometimes aren't even aware exist. This session will be a beginning of that conversation for parents. Additionally, we will be opening most of our Parent Education nights with a brief PTLG meeting. Come and find out more of the “how”, “why” and “what” is going on at Eagle Peak during this part of the evening.

In this week's Friday Folder packet you will find the Parent Handbook as well as a Staff Information Booklet. We will be sending home one per family.

I hope that your child's week was a wonderful one!

Have a great weekend.

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Get your Sporting Gear!

Did you know, whenever you shop at Sports Basement and mention "Eagle Peak" at the register, you get 10% off and another 5% goes to our school -- all day, every day!

Sports Basement is also kicking off the school year with a Back to School Challenge. The school with the highest percentage of families shopping at SB before September 15th wins \$2,000 in Basement Bucks. For details, visit community.sportsbasement.com/schools

Please visit the Sports Basement on Ygnacio Valley Rd. and see what you might be able to use: clothing, athletic shoes, camping equipment, soccer, baseball, tennis, swimming, skiing or biking gear...

If there is any question at the register, our Eagle Peak account number is N/R7_eaglepeakmontessori.



Office Notes

Calendared Events

- Sep 9 CFEP – 7 pm
- Sep 11 Parent Ed: Internet Safety
- Sep 12 Friday Market
- Sep 13 Garden Work Day 9-12 am
- Sep 15 Fall Picture Day
- Sep 16 Board Mtg – 7 pm
- Sep 19 Friday Market
- Sep 11 PTLG – 7 pm
- Sep 26 Friday Market
Zumba Fundraiser
- Oct 5 Fall Festival



Notes from PTLG

- 9/11 (Thu) 6:30 - 8:00 PM: PTLG meeting with the educational forum, "Internet Security." All event/activity coordinators need to attend this meeting so that an accurate assessment of volunteer needs [for each event/activity] can be made.
- 9/12 (Fri) at 8:45 AM: PTLG Walk/hike after drop-off. For those of you who want to walk and talk, we are hosting a easy hike at Castle Rock (meet where Oak Grove ends in the parking lot). Break a sweat and find out the haps at Eagle Peak. We will discuss current events at EPMS and encourage new ideas and/or thoughts for the school year. Very easy and beautiful walk. Will take approx. 1 hour. Open to everyone, please join if you can! Contact Rachel Beeler @ 925-768-9089 if you are running late
- 9/28 (Sun) 1 - 4 PM: First EPMS ever Social at Rocco's (2909 Ygnacio Valley Road in the Encina Grande shopping center). Bring the whole family for snacks, drinks, friends and the 9'er game. Hope to see everyone there.
- 10/5 (Sun) at 1 PM: Fall Fest at EPMS. Please contact Erica Chinchilla - mamabruno@live.com to sign up for volunteer opportunities
- 10/14 (Tue) at 7 PM: PTLG meeting
- 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. Please reserve your spot by emailing Leah Karson (leah2bfit@hotmail.com), there is limited seating. We look forward to seeing you there.
- 11/2 (Sun): EPMS Community Chili cook off (details to follow in the coming weeks)

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Volunteering Requirements

Fingerprints: Is must have if you want to work in the classrooms or office and especially for all field trips. A TB test is required prior to getting your fingerprints. Please make an appointment ASAP with the district to get fingerprinted as they get swamped at the beginning of the school year. Please contact Ms. Amy or Mrs. Mahraj if you have any questions. Thank you.



Notes from Childcare

Childcare Registration forms for the month of September, 2014 are now past due. All drop-in hours will be billed to you at the end of each month. Please remember that a yearly Registration Fee of \$35 should also be included with your initial payment or whenever you start using Childcare during the year.

Childcare monthly or drop-in charges can be designated as automatic payment on your credit card. No need for a paper invoice or reminder; a receipt will be sent after charge is complete. Please see or call Mrs. Mahraj in the office if interested.



Hot Lunches Starting Soon

Look for the Lunch Order Form in this week's (9/6) Friday Folder. Please fill out and return by Wednesday, September 10th. The cutoff deadline is Friday, September 12th. If we do not receive your order by Monday, September 15th you cannot order lunch for the 1st week.

Lunches **will start** with Hot Dogs on Tuesday, **September 16th** (Burritos on alternating Tuesdays) and Pizza on Friday, **September 19th**. This cycle runs 6 week period and ends on October 24th.
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Tardys and Late Arrivals

If your child is tardy please be sure to sign them in in the Late Arrival/Early Dismissal book located in the Front Office (red-spined binder). Doctor/Dentist notes are required if coming from an appointment.



After-School Activities Schedule

Chess	Rm 302	Tu	Sept 9th	3:45-4:45
Yoga	Rm 201	Th	Sept 11th	3:45-4:30
Spanish	TBA		October	

Please check with fliers located in the office for more detail and dates.



Picture Day at Eagle Peak

Next Monday, September 15th will be our Fall Photo Day (make-up day Oct 20th). All of the students will have their picture taken that day, regardless of whether or not you wish to purchase a package. The pictures are used in their cumulative folders as well.

Order form is included in this week's Friday Folder. Please have your child bring the form (with payment) with them on Monday.

We need one parent volunteer to help out all day (or in am/pm shirts). **You must be fingerprinted.** Please contact Ms. Amy on a first come, first serve basis.

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Medication

A new "Medication - Authorization to Administer" form must be filled out and signed by a physician for all medication (even OTCs) at the beginning of **every year**. Please see the office staff if you have questions. **No medication should be kept in your child's backpack.** Thank you.



Check Writing:

Please write separate checks for each transaction if at all possible or at least per child. Most fundraising events should be made out to CFEP (our Foundation). Please see individual forms to verify to whom the check should be made out to.



Credit Card Payments:

We (EPMS) accept Visa, MasterCard & Discover (sorry no AMEX). You may request that your card information be kept on file (confidentially) in the office for future transactions by contacting Sondra Mahraj, Office Manager, or indicating authorization on any money requesting form "On-File". Please make sure all card information on file in the office (expiration dates and security codes) are current.

Credit Card payments to CFEP (our Foundation) does except AMEX thru PayPal and **are processed separately**. Forms can be found in office and should be addressed to the CFEP Treasurer. Checks should be made payable to CFEP. If you have any questions please email: cfepreasurer@gmail.com.



Music Notes from Ms. Allison

Music classes at EPMS being next week!

LOWER EL:

I have classes with Lower EI students on Monday afternoons: Room 301 at 12:30, room 302 at 1:30 and room 401 at 2:30. I only see half of each classroom which means I only see your student every other week at best due to Monday holidays. My lesson plans build on what we have learned in the previous lesson so, parents, please make an effort to have your child(ren) be in school on those afternoons. It makes a big difference in your child's confidence level. Plus, we have so much fun while we learn how to make music and dance together!

UPPER EL:

Reminder to 5th and 6th graders and their parents: **PLEASE locate your soprano and alto recorders from last year and bring them to school.** Several students have them at school already. I will create a list of those still missing for next FF. If you truly cannot find it, let me know so I can order a new one for you. The cost is \$5 for soprano and \$16.50 for alto.

4th years will be receiving a new soprano recorder which we will keep at school for several weeks before allowing practice at home. 5th years will be receiving a new alto recorder. I see 6th years on Thursdays. They will have opportunities to create a consort with school-owned tenor recorders and a bass recorder. I have a special antiseptic cleaning solution to avoid sharing of germs. 6th years will also be exploring the ukulele this year!

Please contact me with any questions regarding the EPMS Music Program: Allison.Lloyd@sbcglobal.net.

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Environmental Education



I hope you all had a nice summer and thank you very much to the many families who helped with the garden over the break - I could not keep up without you!

Garden work days are usually 9-12 the second Saturday or Sunday of each month, and will always appear on the school calendar. Our next work day will be on Saturday, September 13th. Please join us for all or part of the morning for a variety of garden chores.

Children are definitely welcome, but must be under your supervision as I am usually managing several projects. Water is always provided, but please bring your own refillable water bottle.

Our Environmental Education program is primarily in an outdoor classroom, so please encourage students to dress appropriately in comfortable layered clothing that can get dirty! Students need closed-toe shoes to be able to use certain garden tools or participate safely in some activities.

I look forward to another great year of growing together with your children. If you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me anytime at eaglepeakee@gmail.com. Sheila.



Attachments this Week

- Lunch Order Form: 9/16 – 10/14/14
- Parent /Student Handbook
- Staff Info Handbook
- Yoga Classes – Session I
- Lifetouch Picture Order Form
- Parent Ed Childcare Form
- PEAK: Zumba Fitness Fundraiser
- Food Allergy Info

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SEPTEMBER, 2014 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	CFEP 7 PM			PTLG / Parent Ed Internet Safety 6:30 PM	Take a Hike w/PTLG 8:45 am FRIDAY MARKET	 Garden Work Day 9 am – 12
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	 Fall Pictures	Lunch Starts  Board Mtg 7 pm			FRIDAY MARKET	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
					FRIDAY MARKET  ZUMBA Fundraiser	
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					FRIDAY MARKET	