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Martin Luther King Day

No School

Monday, January 18th, 2015

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I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.



Notes from Michelle

As we head into the long weekend celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is a perfect time to reflect on his message and work. Last year, we were able to take the AP students to see the movie of his march on Selma and to discuss the causes and issues and similarities and differences now and then. While there has been movement towards his goals, sometimes it seems like it has been two steps forward and one step back. Hopefully, our children will be able to bring forth the true sense of equality, justice and understanding Dr. King dreamed about.

We had planned to hold an informational evening for parents interested in the Adolescent Program, last Tuesday. That meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, January 21, @ 6:30 pm. This meeting is specifically for Upper Elementary parents, (but all are welcome).



Notes from Michelle (con't)

Remember to mark your calendar for Thursday, January 28th as well for our next PTLG meeting. Come and learn more about the annual Auction.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Must Read from CFEP

EPMS provides many opportunities throughout the year for our students to enjoy hands-on learning activities. There are several community events that bring our cultures to life in a way that is meaningful and memorable for our students. CFEP values the dedication of our educators and the generosity and participation of the parent community.

During the financial update last week we discussed that California provides a FREE education and funding for every student in the public school system but there is a **limit** to what state funds will cover.

EPMS needs more of the ongoing financial support from our parent community to continue to invest in resources for our teachers, classrooms and to help with our ongoing expansion efforts.

We shared that our Annual Giving Campaign is the most effective way for parents to make a contribution. The parents that have contributed are making this a success but we strive for 100% participation. Our school needs commitment from those who have not yet contributed. If you have not made your contribution, please know that **any amount** you donate counts towards the participation goal. To families that already gave, thank you. Anyone that can give more, that helps too. You can make a donation at www.cfep.us.



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Must Read from CFEP (con't)

We also discussed the annual auction as the most important fundraiser for our parent community. The expectation is to have every parent/family **get involved in more than one way**. We need the following support: donations, support in the classroom (a huge part of the auction is the projects that are from the students to benefit the students), party planners to help organize a fun night out and finally we need our parents to buy a ticket and attend. The goal of the auction is to provide a community experience that has something for everyone. The auction update is the focus of our next PTLG meeting. Please join us on January 28 and learn about the opportunities for you to engage and help support this event.

If you missed the financial update and want to learn more, please join us at a CFEP monthly meeting. We usually meet the second Monday of the month but please see the school calendar for meeting dates.

AUCTION UPDATE: *A Night to Remember*

In this Friday Folder please find the Save-The-Date card for our Annual Auction Party, "A Night to Remember". Mark your calendar now and make sure to attend this fun and social event!

The Auction Team is well under way with the planning of this fabulous party. So far we have had some amazing items donated from businesses near and far. But we need more! We hope that you may be able to help us obtain some additional donations from people and/or companies you know. Or perhaps you are able to donate to the auction? Please see the flyer packet included in this Friday Folder.

Need ideas what you could donate? Contact Auction Chair, Gundi Younger, gundi.younger@gmail.com



PTLG Quick Notes

Hello EPMS community,

PTLG our next meeting is coming up!!! This is a meeting where all areas of the school come together to answer the community's questions as well discuss issues or events. Come and share!!!! If you are a room parent, please, make every attempt to attend and advertise this meeting to your classrooms.

Upcoming events:

Jan. 28: PTLG Meeting at 6:30 pm at EPMS. We will discuss our largest fundraiser of the year, the EPMS Auction, as well as address your questions. Teachers at each level (Lower EI, Upper EI, and AP), Room Parents, CFEP, Board Members, Ms. Hammons, and upcoming event coordinators will be in attendance. Please email Rachel Beeler (rdwiggins@yahoo.com) with any questions. Childcare provided!!

Stay tuned for Spring events: EPMS Auction, Teacher Appreciation Week, EPMS Science Fair, Talent Show, End of Year Picnic, fieldtrips, and others:)

If have questions about volunteer opportunities and/or events... we are here to help!

Cheers, *PTLG Team*

Rachel Beeler
Eme Tatsumi

Leah Karson
Zulay Loftin

Jennifer Torres
Akiko Noguchi



Notes from Childcare

Invoice for December, 2015 Drop-in charges are in this week's Friday Folder.



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All Current / Future Car Hop Volunteers

We are in great need for someone to help with our Thursday morning Car Hop this month!!

I understand that some of your schedules don't allow you to help on this day BUT if you are one who can adjust your schedule to work this into your Thursday morning that would be greatly appreciated.

If we can't get someone to volunteer this day, I am being told that we will not have Car Hop for Thursday mornings. So that means everyone will be required to park their car on Thursday mornings and walk their kids into school. I know none of us want to see that happen. Please let me know if there is any possibility you might be able to help.

Thank you for helping to keep EPMS moving smoothly.

Warm regards,

Dawn Neidlinger
EPMS Car Hop Coordinator



Lost & Found

Please mark your children's clothing and reusable lunch containers so that we can more readily identify them. We would much rather give them back than throw them out.

We still have a few serving bowls and utensils left from Thanksgiving and International Day. Please check the teacher's lounge or the table near the Lost & Found rack on Fridays if you're missing anything.



Notes from the Office

Calendared Events

Jan 18	Martin Luther King Day - Off
Jan 19	Board Meeting 6:30
Jan 21	Adolescent Program Info Mtg 6:30
Jan 25	Rm 701 – Alameda Pinball Museum
Jan 28	PTLG 6:30
Jan 28	Rm 202 – Chabot Science
Jan 29	Rm 201 & 601 – Chabot Science
Feb 8	Lincoln's Birthday – Off
Feb 15	President's Day – Off
Feb 16	Board Mtg 6:30
Feb 17	LE Only: Vivarium
Feb 20	Garden Workday 9-12



Attachments this Week

- After-School Yoga – Session III
- Auction Donation Update


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JANUARY, 2016 School Calendar

27	18	19	20	21	22	23
	 OFF	Board Mtg 6:30 pm		Adolescent Program Informational Mtg - 6:30	FRIDAY MARKET	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Room 701 Alameda Pinball Museum	PPM 6:30-7:30 am		Rm 202 Chabot	Rm 201 & 601 Chabot	FRIDAY MARKET

FEBRUARY, 2016 School Calendar

31	1	2	3	4	5	6
					FRIDAY MARKET	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	 Lincoln's BD OFF				FRIDAY MARKET	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	 OFF	Board Mtg 6:30 pm	Lower EI Vivarium		FRIDAY MARKET	 Garden Work Day 9 am - 12 PPM 9:30-10:30 am
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				 Science Fair 6:30 - 8 pm	FRIDAY MARKET	