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"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony."

~Mahatma Gandhi



Notes from Michelle

I want to thank all of the parents who made it to the Eagle Peak Update this week. Despite the weather and being so close to the holidays, we had a packed house! Thank you for coming out and being committed to Eagle Peak. I also want to thank our incredibly dedicated Board of Directors all of whom hold jobs and responsibilities outside of Eagle Peak, and yet continue the work of promoting and governing this amazing school.

Speaking of meetings, for all of those Upper Elementary Parents who are curious about the Adolescent Program and trying to decide if it will meet their child's needs, we will be holding an informational meeting on Tuesday, January 12 @ 6:30pm. Please make plans to come and hear about the curriculum and all of the unique aspects of what makes Eagle Peak – Eagle Peak.

For families with younger children in Kindergarten this year, please remember to complete the application for the lottery. Those forms are available in the office.
Have a great weekend.



Monday Gathering

6th Grade Leaders: Landen Auld &
Henry Sanchez



Monday Gathering (con't)

5th Grade Quotes:

Vitale Pena: "I firmly believe that respect is a lot more important than popularity." ~ Julius Erving

Larkin Stientjes: "Give respect, then you will get some back." ~ Anonymous

Sydney Tatsumi: "I must respect the opinion of others even if I disagree with them." ~Maya Angelou



PTLG Quick Notes

Hello EPMS community,

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a wonderful and restful holiday break.

As always, with deepest gratitude to all of the volunteers who helped to bring in the yummy food for the kids to taste, and to provide the supplies necessary for the crafts for International Day. THANK YOU to Laura Lisy-Wagner for the successful event!

- 1/12/16 (Tue): 6:30 - 8:00: Adolescent Program Informational meeting; Room 701
- 1/13/16 (Wed): 7 – 8 pm: Parent Education Presents: Childcare Music Method with Ms. Allison.
- 1/28/16 (Thu): 6:30 pm: Next PTLG meeting

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



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Field Trip

Adolescent Program:

Plan 4 2 of 4 (\$210.00) is due Jan 11th
Plan 2 2 of 2 (\$420.00) is due Mar 7th

\$840.00. If you have yet to make a payment for the 15-16 field trips please do so at your earliest. A payment schedule has been attached for your convenience.

For those who paid by credit card for the 1st payment, charges will be automatically deducted on the date specified. If you credit card information has change since then please contact the CFEP Treasurer at cfepreasurer@gmail.com.

No child will be left behind. If you are experiencing financial difficulties at this time please contact Ms. Hammons at mshammons@yahoo.com.

Coming Due:

Lower EI:

2 Plan: 2 of 2 (\$25.00) is due Feb. 29th

4th & 5th Years:

2 Plan: 2 of 2 (\$209.00) is due Feb. 29th
4 Plan: 2 of 4 (\$104.50) is due Feb. 29th

6th Years:

2 Plan: 2 of 2 (\$331.00) is due Feb. 29th
4 Plan: 2 of 4 (\$165.50) is due Feb. 29th

A reminder will be sent out prior to due date.



Environmental Ed



Thank you to all the families who have attended our garden workdays and helped to keep with the upkeep of our garden during 2015. The children are so lucky to have this beautiful outdoor classroom. I wish all the Eagle Peak families a healthy and Happy New Year! Our next garden workday will be January 9 and scheduled workdays for the remainder of this school year are as follows: Feb 20, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14 and June 11. If you haven't already, please stop by and see our beautiful new Welcome sign created and donated by an EPMS alumni family - the Taylors.

Extra EE Winter Session (Wednesdays after school) will begin January 20, please see flyer attached (feel free to return to my inbox in the office).



Notes from Childcare

Childcare payments for the month of January, 2016 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 at the end of the month.**

Drop-In charges for the month(s) of December, 2015 (or any past due charges) will be in next week's (1/15) Friday Folder. Please remember to bring your accounts up-to-date. **Failure to bring your account current may jeopardize future use of Childcare.**

See Mrs. Mahraj or Jason if you have questions regarding hours used.



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Music Notes from Ms. Allison

Please join me next Wednesday January 13th at 7pm in the MU room. I will be telling you about Orff Schulwerk, showing you instruments & typical lesson plans. Depending on how adventurous you feel, I will lead you in a few activities. Remember, being a good audience member is also an important role. I look forward to answering any questions you may have!

This week in all grade levels the students worked on keeping a steady beat in their bodies while making up new rhythms over a 4-beat phrase using different combinations of the words "Happy New Year!" We even passed it around the room with the goal of keeping the steady beat. Next, we took our favorite new rhythms and created an ostinato (repeating melodic pattern) on the Orff xylophones using only the drone notes C and G to accompany the melody of "New Years Processional" from Taiwan. In lower el, we sang the melody; we sang and played the melody on recorder in 4th & 5th classes; we played the melody on the xylophones. Further adding to the performance of the piece, we played a spoon clicking game that added rhythmic reinforcement and physical challenges as we added flipping and tossing to the partner game. Group A of lower el will have this lesson on Monday, January 11th.



Tax Time is Around the Corner

Please contact Mrs. Mahraj in the office or email her at epofcmgr@mdusd.org if you would like a summary of your Childcare Expense for the year ending 12/31/15. Avoid any last minute requests or there may be delays. EPMS' Tax ID No. is 94-3349426.

Please note this office cannot issue receipts for any monies paid to the CFEP. Please direct your requests to: cfepreasurer@gmail.com. Thank you.



Notes from the Office

Calendared Events

Jan 12	Adolescent Program Info Mtg 6:30 pm
Jan 13	Parent Ed: Music Method 7 pm
Jan 14	CFEP 7 pm
Jan 18	Martine Luther King Day - Off
Jan 19	Board Meeting 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



Attachments this Week

- Extra EE Classes Sign-up



Remember to continue to clip and collect Box Tops. For a list of participating products, go to BTFE.com.

Thanks for your support. Cordially, Ann Bair



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JANUARY, 2016 School Calendar

10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Adolescent Program Informational Mtg - 6:30	<u>Parent Ed.</u>  Childhood Music Methods w/Ms. Allison 7 pm	CFEP 7 PM	FRIDAY MARKET	PPM 9:30-10:30 am
27	18	19	20	21	22	23
	 OFF	Board Mtg 6:30 pm			FRIDAY MARKET	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	<u>Room 701</u> Alameda Pinball Museum	PPM 6:30-7:30 am		<u>Rm 202</u> Chabot	<u>Rm 201 & 601</u> 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	<u>Lower EI</u> Vivarium		FRIDAY MARKET	 Garden Work Day 9 am - 12 PPM 9:30-10:30 am