



EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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“Count your age by friends, not years. Count your life by smiles, not tears.”

~John Lennon

“If everyone demanded peace instead of another television set, then there'd be peace.”

~John Lennon



Notes from Michelle

Tuesday night we held our first prospective parent meeting for the year. The process of meeting all the people who hope to join the Eagle Peak community is always exciting and interesting. So many people speak so highly of the reputation that Eagle Peak has, not just academically, but in all areas. We all work very hard at creating and maintaining (including parents and community) that culture at Eagle Peak. Thank you for your part.

As in the paragraph above, we talk often of the high expectations we have for the students at Eagle Peak. We recognize that adult behavior is the model for the students. We need to ask for your help in these matters from time to time.

The Adolescent Students have brought some concerns to me regarding Friday Market protocol and I agree: these are some things we need to ask you- the parents- to help us with on campus. First, they have noticed that sometimes, there are adults who are reaching over younger students in order to reach items for their children who are further back in the line. Please recognize that the children who are in line may also want those objects and it is not fair for adults to reach over children waiting patiently for them. There also seem to be adults waiting in their cars in the carpool lane for children going to Friday Market. This is not the proper protocol. If you want your child to visit the Friday Market, you need to park,



Notes from Michelle (con't)

walk in, and accompany them to the line. We do not allow children who are not with parents to visit the Friday Market, unless they are children staying for childcare. In the case of childcare students, they are accompanied by the child care workers. We thank you in advance for modeling the Eagle Peak virtue of respect and what we often refer to in the Montessori training as “grace and courtesy”.

One other concern that was brought to me by the teachers is a new practice of older siblings who do not currently attend Eagle Peak returning for birthday celebrations. While we understand that children who are currently at Eagle Peak attending their siblings celebration, we need to ask that if older siblings do return to campus for celebrations, that they do not bring non- alumni friends with them and that they observe the campus no electronics policy while on campus. This would not be the case after school or when classes are not in session. We also need to request that alumni students do not return for non-sibling birthday celebrations on campus. These celebrations are simply in-class acknowledgements, and not the same type of social event as a party. We appreciate your support in these matters as well.

While it may seem as though we have been in school a long time, it has really only been 5 weeks. We know you are eager to know how your child is doing in the classroom, but we strongly encourage you to wait until the parent conferences for that conversation. These take place at the beginning of November. Thank you for your patience.



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Sibyl Buckner and Denise May have offered to do one of the more popular Parent Ed nights from last year, Montessori Philosophy. This is really a "must attend" for parents new to Montessori, as well as those whose child is transitioning into the next plane of development! Childcare will be available for \$4/hour/child. (Must be at least 3 years old and toilet trained.) Reservation forms for childcare will be in the FF.

Please mark your calendars NOW.

Tuesday- October 13
6:30-7:30 pm.

I hope that everyone is looking forward to Fall Fest! Please plan to come out on Sunday, October 18 from 1-4!! New Eagle Peak merchandise will be on sale that day as well.



Monday Gathering

6th Grade Gathering Leaders: Rosa Rivas &
Bakari Johnson



PTLG Quick Notes

We have been busy over these last few weeks helping families connect with event/activity coordinators. We welcome your emails, calls, and thoughts!!



PTLG Quick Notes (con 't)

Oct 18: **Fall Fest/Chili Cook-off.** Event details are in the Friday Folder packet. Contact Erica Chinchilla (mamabruno78@live.com) with questions about Fall Fest. Contact Akiko Noguchi (glasguchi@gmail.com) with questions about the Chili Cook-off and to sign-up as a chili competitor!

Oct. 30: **Historical Halloween.** The historical timeline (all children in the school line-up based on the birthdate of the person they are dressed as) is TBA.

Nov. 12: **PTLG Meeting.** 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.

Thanksgiving Feast. Details forthcoming

Did you know? If you are waiting for clearance from the school district, you can still get involved. There are many volunteer opportunities that need your expertise. Events both during and after school are being planned. Your thoughts, energy, and time are needed now. Please email your interests and availability and we will help you find the right volunteer opportunity (rdwiggins@yahoo.com).

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

Cheers, the *PTLG Team*

Rachel Beeler
Eme Tatsumi

Leah Karson
Zulay Loftin

Jennifer Torres
Akiko Noguchi



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FALL FEST needs your help. We need to borrow your **Pop-Up Canopies**. Lots of them. The canopies not only give us the shade we need, but we also use them to define space for all the Food & Beverage Booths, Face Painting and Games Booths and



we need, but we also use them to define space for all the Food Arts & Crafts Booths, Hair Station Booths, so much more. In

addition, you can easily earn 30 minutes of Volunteer Work if you can setup your canopy for us. Please visit the **VolunteerSpot** link for more details

<http://vols.pt/qXQ34J>



While you are there, please take a peek at all the openings still available and sign up to help. Especially looking for **Set-up** and

Cleaning Crew, Ticket Sales, Arts & Crafts

helpers, **Face Painters**, and **Games**. Please remember that 6, 7, 8 years are welcome to man Game booths as well. Shifts are split into 1.5 hour slots.

Last but not least, we invite all bakers (or shoppers) to bring in yummy goodies for our famous **CAKE**

WALK. Cakes, Pies, Loaves, Cookies, Brownies, Cake Pops, Rice Crispy Treats, anything your little whisk desires, as long as you leave the nuts at home. Please also



consider bringing Gluten Free items as well. Your donation will earn you more Volunteer Hours plus your name will be entered into a drawing to win a \$20 Starbucks Gift Card.

Keep sending in your Pre-Sale Ticket Orders. Extra forms located in the office. Savings good through next Wednesday, October 14th.

Any other questions or concerns please contact Fall Fest Coordinators: Erica Chinchilla mamabruno78@live.com or Leah Larson Auld moopod1@yahoo.com



Calling all Parents !!

Please contact the office as soon as possible either by phone, email (epmsattendance@gmail.com) or pony express (we'll take it any way we can get it!!!) if your child will be out for the day or late due to:

- Sickness
- Vacation or personal days
- Has a doctor's/dentist appointment.
- Grandma/Grandpa is in town

It only takes a minute and helps out enormously. Thank you to all the parents who do call in. Kudos!!!!



Notes from the Office

Calendared Events

- Oct 10 Garden Work Day 9-12
- Oct 12 CFEP – 7:00 pm
- Oct 13 Parent Ed: Montessori Philosophy
- Oct 18 Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off
- Oct 19-23 A/P Parent Observations
- Oct 20 Field Trip Training 6 pm
- Oct 20 Board Mtg – 6:30 pm
- Oct 26-30 Parent Observations 1st – 6th
- Oct 30 Early Dismiss 1 pm
- Nov 2 CFEP 7 pm
- Nov 3 Make-up Pictures
- Nov 4-6 Parent Conferences
Early Dismiss – 1 pm All 3 Days



Attachments this Week

- Parent Ed: Childcare Sign-up
- Chili Cook-off Sign-up
- Cake Walk Sign-up



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	CFEP 7 pm	 <u>Parent Ed</u> Montessori Philosophy 6:30 – 7:30			FRIDAY MARKET	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<i>1st Annual Chili Cook-Off</i>  1 – 4 pm	Parent Observation Adolescent Program: October 19-23rd					PPM 9:30 – 10:30
		Field Trip Training 6 pm Board Mtg 6:30			FRIDAY MARKET	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Parent Observation 1st thru 6th Years: October 26-30th					<i>Daylight Savings (Fall Back)</i> Sun at 2 am
		PPM 6:30–7:30 pm			Historical Halloween 11 am Dismiss - 1 pm	

November 2015 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			LE: Rm 302 John Muir House 8:20-11:30			
		PPM 6:30–7:30 pm	<u>Parent / Teacher Conferences</u> November 4, 5 & 6 Early Dismissal - 1 PM - All 3 Days			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	CFEP 7 pm		VETERAN'S DAY  NO SCHOOL	PTLG 6:30 pm	FRIDAY MARKET	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Board Mtg 6:30 pm	LE: Rm 401 John Muir House 8:20-11:30	UE: All Railroad Museum Sacramento 8:30 – 3:30 pm	FRIDAY MARKET	