



# EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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“An education capable of saving humanity is no small undertaking: it involves the spiritual development of man, the enhancement of his value as an individual, and the preparation of young people to times in which they live. “

~ Dr. Maria Montessori

It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength.

~Maya Angelou



## Notes from Michelle

This week we are sending out our annual “Intent to Return” form. We realize that there are circumstances that cannot always be predicted. However, please answer the form to the best of your ability. If your child is in 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade and you are still contemplating which type of middle school will work best for your child and your family, please feel free to answer that honestly, that you do not know currently what your choice will be. Even “not sure” responses help us to plan. Thank you in advance for your help.

We are looking forward to some upcoming events for families! The Upper Elementary will be holding their Science Fair on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm. And in April, we are planning a very special Lower Elementary event for 3<sup>rd</sup> year families. There will be an evening of Language curriculum presented by 3<sup>rd</sup> year students. We will be sending out more information as that event gets closer.

Have a great weekend.



## PTLG Quick Notes

Hello EPMS community,

Thank you to all that have contacted us about volunteer positions. Many hands make for light work:) Still looking for a volunteer position? Check out volunteer needs below....

Upcoming events.....

Mar 24: **PTLG meeting**. 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!!! If you have questions or topics that you want to discuss, let us know!

April 30: **EPMS Auction**. We have some immediate volunteer needs:

- *Do you have bottles of wine to donate to the auction.... Contact Jennifer Torres (teamtorres2005@gmail.com).*
- *Are you creative? We need someone to help with auction notes. Contact Akiko Noguchi (glasguchi@gmail.com) for details. This volunteer position requires 1 volunteer hour per week. You can work from home!!!!*

Contact Gundi Younger (Gundi.Younger@gmail.com) for auction information/volunteer positions.



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## PTLG Quick Notes (con't)

May 13: **EPMS Talent Show.** Contact Christie Elwood ([christie.elwood@gmail.com](mailto:christie.elwood@gmail.com)) for details and ways you can help. We still need more parents/teens to help with *setting-up/cleaning-up this event.*

May 27: **End-of-the-Year Picnic and Stargazing.**

Come to campus and celebrate our amazing school year at this potluck-style end-of-the-year picnic!

You will also get the opportunity to learn about the stars with the guidance of the Mount Diablo Astronomical Society. These professionals will bring multiple telescopes and allow the whole family to see stars and planets!

Contact Beth or Brad Hunter ([bhunter736@gmail.com](mailto:bhunter736@gmail.com)) regarding the Picnic or Leah Karson ([Leah2bfit@hotmail.com](mailto:Leah2bfit@hotmail.com)) regarding Stargazing if you can *help with set-up/cleanup for this fun event or help with advertising this event to the EPMS community.*

Did you know? \*\*\*\*\* Have a golf lover in your life? We will be auctioning off rounds of golf at the Sequoyah Golf Club at our big EPMS party, "A Night to Remember"..... Join Us\*\*\*\*\*

Cheers, the *PTLG Team*

Rachel Beeler  
Eme Tatsumi

Leah Karson  
Zulay Loftin

Jennifer Torres  
Akiko Noguchi

## **AUCTION** UPDATE

Early Bird Auction Tickets on Sale NOW!

Buy your ticket NOW for only \$40 per person and get 1 free ticket for the Early Bird Raffle (Raffle Prize: Amazon FIRE tablet)

Tickets go officially on sale on March 11<sup>th</sup>; that day the price will increase to \$45 per person.



## Field Trips

The next (or final) installments are now due. Reminders for cash/check payment are in this weeks FF.

For those who paid by credit card charges will be automatically deducted for the next payment on the date specified. If you credit card information has change since then please contact the CFEP Treasurer at [cfepreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:cfepreasurer@gmail.com).

### Lower El:

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

### 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Years:

2 Plan: 2 of 2 (\$209.00) is due Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>

4 Plan: 3 of 4 (\$104.50) is due Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>

### 6<sup>th</sup> Years:

2 Plan: 2 of 2 (\$331.00) is due Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>

4 Plan: 3 of 4 (\$165.50) is due Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>

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



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### Music Notes from Ms. Allison

Since our last update, all grades 1st-6th participated in learning a rhythmic body percussion piece by Gunild Keetman (Carl Orff's colleague) called "Eine Kleine Kanon" or "A little round." We explored this piece extensively by learning it by rote, playing it with mallets, substituting the knee pat with striking a balloon lodged in between our knees with mallets (sounds like a drum), learning patterns and the form of the piece, definitions of "fine" and "da capo al fine," notating the rhythms on a special 4-line staff, arranging for un-pitched percussion, Orff instruments, recorders and/or drums, and of course, performing it in a round! I also encouraged the 4ths and 5ths to write their own rhythmic piece in class keeping two beats per measure.

They all enjoyed the warm-up games we played using the mallets to keep the balloon in the air and in control, only being allowed to take one step away from their chosen safe spot. This exercise helps to develop and practice following rules, integrity, accuracy, hand-eye coordination, problem-solving and team cooperation. Plus, it is just plain fun and visually entertaining!

This week, 4ths and 5ths mimed a "bucket brigade" while singing another round, "Scotland's Burning." We learned to play the notes on soprano recorders and still keep the bucket brigade going. We worked very hard on being able to sing and or play it in a round in 4-parts. Next, we discussed frame or hand drums and learned some basic techniques for holding and playing two different quality of sounds on each drum (a deep thumb strike and a finger tap on the rim). We added five different complimentary rhythmic chants to guide each color drum, for example the large red drum's was "Red Drum, red drum, play on the red drum." Of course, we explored them freely for sound



### Music Notes from Ms. Allison (con't)

exploration and spun them around on the floor to hear the resulting oscillation as the they wobble to a resting position - which sounds completely different on the rug vs the tile. 6th years are starting their unit on recorder ensemble music. They need their recorders at school on Thursdays. Just a few missing still. Group A started learning melody and soprano 2 harmony for Beethoven's "Ode to Joy." Group B will do same next week. I am looking forward to adding alto, tenor and bass recorder parts!

Lower EI music classes will resume next Monday - hope you enjoyed your last two Mondays off.



### Notes from the Office

#### Calendared Events

Feb 20	Garden Workday 9-12
Feb 22	Talent Show Mtg 3:45 pm
Feb 25	Science Fair 6:30 – 8 pm
Mar 2	LE Only: Vivarium
Mar 4	Spring Pictures
Mar 13	Garden Workday 9-12
Mar 14	CFEP 6:30
Mar 15	Board Mtg 6:30
Mar 21-25	Classroom Observations
Mar 24	PTLG 6:30
Mar 25	Early Dismissal 1 pm
Mar 28	Spring Break thru April 1



### Attachments this Week

- Intent to Return Survey
- Auction Early Bird Ticket Sales


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## FEBRUARY, 2016 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Talent Show Mtg 3:45 pm	PPM 6:30-7:30 am		 Science Fair 6:30 - 8 pm	FRIDAY MARKET	

## March, 2016 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	1	2	3	4	5
	< - - AP Pedogogy: Hidden Villa 2/29 thru 3/4 - - >					
					 Spring Pictures  NO FRIDAY MARKET	PPM 9:30-10:30 am
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					FRIDAY MARKET	 Garden Workday 9 am - 12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Daylight Savings 	CFEP 6:30 pm	Board Mtg 6:30 pm			FRIDAY MARKET	PPM 9:30-10:30 am
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<----- Parent Observations -----> (COMING SOON: Look for Sign-up sheets on Classroom Doors)						
		PPM 6:30-7:30 am Last One!			Early Dismissal 1 pm	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<b>SPRING BREAK: 28<sup>th</sup> thru April 1st</b>						