



EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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“Imagination does not become great until human beings, given the courage and the strength, use it to create.”

- Dr. Maria Montessori

“Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.”

~ Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of
The Children's Defense Fund



Notes from Michelle

A huge “shout out” to the thoughtful parents who bring so many delicious items for the teachers on Wednesdays! Thank you so much! These meals and treats really in such a tangible way allows the staff to feel supported and appreciated. We want you to know we appreciate you right back!

Last night was the Upper Elementary Science Fair. Thank you to Ms. Shazia for once again leading the children on these projects and science exploration.

In the spirit of gratitude, I also want to thank the Eagle Peak community for helping us keep our mission of being an authentic Montessori program. There are so many ways and times when it might be easier to simply pull out a state curriculum or find the newest, shiniest ideas to use, but we have the freedom to stick to what we KNOW works. I believe that each level in this organization represents the Montessori idea of a prepared environment. The teacher's task is to prepare the classroom environment for the children so they can learn without obstacles by making sure the classroom is designed in a way that promotes self-direction and inspires inquiry. Similarly, my task as the principal is to prepare the school environment so that the teachers can teach without obstacle, by making sure they have materials, and training, and



Notes from Michelle (con't)

daily support they need. Beyond that the board is there to prepare the vision by making sure that the Montessori educators are given the moral support needed and the financial stewardship to allow us to continue to do what we do. It all truly weaves together at Eagle Peak ,and I can tell you from my work in both the charter school world and the Montessori world, that is rare.

Next week the Adolescent Program students will embark on their Erdkinder experience at Hidden Villa. These trips that our older students take are so much deeper than simply field trips. They are hands-on learning in the most literal sense. They will be working on a farm, preparing their own meals, and learning about the process and politics of food. I feel like a beaming parent when I watch them go off into these weeks and come back with an even greater sense of self and of community, both within the class and globally.

Please keep in mind that parent observation week is coming soon. Look for more information from your classroom teachers for sign-up sheets and times.

Have a great weekend.



Notes from Childcare

March Childcare Registration payment is in this week's Friday Folder and is due by Monday, March 7th. Please bring any past-due invoices for drop-in charges up to date.



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PTLG Quick Notes

Auction activities are heating up! See the latest auction item below. Get your babysitters booked and buy your tickets to the EPMS auction party on April 30!

Check out volunteer needs below....

Upcoming events.....

March 8: **Art project:** We need four volunteers to work with EPMS students and an artist at EPMS? You will work from 8-12:00pm. Activities include:



- Organize student groups and escort them from their classrooms to the outside art area
- Setup tables and chairs for the art activity and cleanup afterwards
- Setup tables with the materials each groups of students will need
- Replenish supplies on each table, including glue and materials for the art project

Contact Rachel Dwiggins-Beeler (rdwiggins@yahoo.com) if you are interested in this volunteer opportunity.

March 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!



PTLG Quick Notes (con't)

April 30: EPMS Auction:

This Auction came in..... Janet Jackson She's coming to Pavilion! Here's to get your Auction Party



item just Want to see perform live? Concord your chance tickets at the on April 30th.

We have some immediate volunteer needs:

- Do you have bottles of wine to donate to the auction? Contact Jennifer Torres (teamtortes2005@gmail.com).
- Are you creative? We need someone to create posters for the auction. 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 more information/volunteer positions.

May 13: EPMS Talent Show.

Contact Christie Elwood for details (christie.elwood@gmail.com) and ways you can help. We still need more parents/teens to help with *setting-up/cleaning-up this event.*



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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) regarding the Picnic or Leah Karson (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.*

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



Notes from the Office

Calendared Events

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 & Teacher Appreciation Week
Mar 24	PTLG 6:30
Mar 25	Early Dismiss 1 pm
Mar 28	Spring Break thru April 1 st
Apr 6,7,8	Conferences: Dismiss 1 pm



Attachments this Week

- March Childcare Registration
- Spring Picture Order Form
- Teacher Appreciation Week Flyer







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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 - - >					
			LE Only On-Site Vivarium		 Spring Pictures NO FRIDAY MARKET	PPM 9:30-10:30 am
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				 Dine & Donate	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)						
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <h3>Teacher Appreciation Week</h3> </div>  </div>						
		UE Parents Parent Ed Puberty Ed 6-7 pm PPM 6:30-7:30 am		PTLG 6:30 pm	Early Dismissal 1 pm	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
SPRING BREAK: 28th thru April 1st						

April, 2016 School Calendar

3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			<u>Parent / Teacher Conferences</u> April 6, 7 & 8 Early Dismissal - 1 PM - <u>All 3 Days</u>			 Garden Workday 9 am - 12