



EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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MARCH 11, 2016

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Daylight Savings Time
This Weekend
Turn Clocks ahead 1 hour!!!!

“The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today “.
-H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



Notes from Michelle

I've been in Chicago with a few other staff members attending a national Montessori Conference.

Have a great weekend.



PTLG Quick Notes

Thank you to all that helped with the March 8 school art project. This is going to be an amazing auction item!!! Buy your auction tickets now!!!

Want a chance to chat with faculty at all levels of the school in one evening? Come to the PTLG meeting on March 24 at 6:30 pm. Teachers in Lower EL, Upper EL and the Adolescent Program will be available to chat/answer questions in a round-robin style meeting. Room parents, CFEP, board members, and Ms. Hammons will participate in the round-robin as well. Please email Rachel Beeler (rdwiggins@yahoo.com) with any questions. Childcare provided!!!



PTLG Quick Notes (con't)

Volunteer Needs

Are you free to help with set-up and cleanup of the EPMS auction? It should take 2 hours for each position. If you can help, contact Rachel Beeler at rdwiggins@yahoo.com

➤ Do you have bottles of wine to donate to the auction.... Contact Jennifer Torres (teamtorres2005@gmail.com).

May 13: EPMS Talent Show

Contact Christie Elwood (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) 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



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Attendance: Please Call!!!

Please contact the office as soon as possible when you know your child will be out for the day or arriving late for any reason by either:

Phone: 925-946-0994 (leave vmx)

Email: epmsattendance@gmail.com

Do not send information to Amy's personal phone or any other email. If Amy is out of the office no one else has access to that information. It's

imperative that we have accurate attendance records and is very time consuming to find out why your child is not in school.

Thank you to all the parents who do... ☺... it only takes a minute.



Lunch Order: 3/22 - 5/6

Look for the next Lunch Order Form in this week's (March 11) Friday Folder. Please fill out and return by Wednesday, Mar 16th. The cutoff deadline is Friday, Mar 18th. If we do not receive your order by Monday, Mar 21st you cannot order lunch for the 1st week.



Notes from Childcare

Childcare payments for the month of March, 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 of **February** are in this week's Friday Folder.

AUCTION Update

Please check your Friday Folder for your official invitation and ticket order form for "A Night to Remember". Also in this weeks' Friday Folder is an event FAQ. Please contact us, if you any further questions.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the party!

Your Auction Team gundi.younger@gmail.com



You may have noticed our new Idle Free Zone signs in the EPMS parking lot, compliments of our Eagle Scout sign project and Bay Area Spare the Air. The signs remind us that young lungs are at work and to please turn off engine when sitting for more than 30 seconds. Young people have the greatest risk for health impacts due to air pollution because their lungs are still developing. Not idling protects both indoor and outdoor air quality, saves money in fuel costs, reduces engine wear, and creates a healthier environment for everyone.



Music Notes from Ms. Allison

6th years are learning Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" melody arranged for recorder consort. A few students still do not have their recorders in class on Thursdays. The alternating schedule can be confusing, so it doesn't hurt to just bring it early (they know where they are stored in the MU room.) Of course, they can continue to use the backpack rule so it is always with them if they choose to practice at home - which I highly encourage!



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Music Notes (con't)

Three weeks ago, I had a show-and-tell lesson for the 4th and 5th years where I brought in my medieval harp and an autoharp. We discussed sound production, tuning, black and red strings denoting C's and F's, plucking/pressing vs strumming strings, different picks, chordal accompaniment, how pads were shaped to dampen strings on the autoharp when depressing the button to make a specific chord, and much more. I sang a medieval Italian lauda (praise song) and accompanied myself on the harp. Then we passed around the autoharp and took turns accompanying many verses and choruses of Cumberland Gap, Yankee Doodle, and 'Tis A Gift To Be Simple.

The following week, I invited them to bring their musical talent into class and we were treated to some wonderful a cappella singing, violin and piano playing. It was a great way to practice our "4 A's of Good Audience Behavior: Attend, Allow, Applaud, & Appreciate."

This week both lower el group B and 4th & 5th years took part in a Creative Movement class which focuses on finding shapes that are straight/angled vs curved/round with different parts of our body individually and in groups. We then applied decisions to transitioning from one memorized shape to another based on tempo, duration, direction: indirect vs direct, direction of movement, strong or delicate force, sustained or sudden effort, and many more options that make up the basic elements of dance. When we added different styles of recorded music to the groups' sharing, many times it shifted their choices as they responded to the music.



Notes from the Office

Calendared Events

Mar 13	Garden Workday 9-12
Mar 14	CFEP 6:30
Mar 15	Board Mtg 6:30
Mar 21-25	Classroom Observations
Mar 21-25	Teacher Appreciation Week
Mar 22	UE Parent Ed: Puberty Ed
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
Apr 9	Garden Workday 9-12
Apr 11	CFEP 6:30
Apr 17	Board Mtg 6:30



Attachments this Week

- Lunch Order: Mar 22 thru May 6
- Auction FAQs
- Auction Invitation & Ticket Sales




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March, 2016 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
13 <i>Daylight Savings</i> 	14 Rm 202 & 601 CA State Capital CFEP 6:30 pm	15 Board Mtg 6:30 pm	16	17	18 Rm 201 CA State Capital FRIDAY MARKET	19 PPM 9:30-10:30 am
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<----- Parent Observations -----> (Look for Sign-up sheets on Classroom Doors)						
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">  Teacher Appreciation Week  </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 - All 3 Days			 Garden Workday 9 am - 12
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	CFEP 6:30 pm				LE Only Chabot Space & Science (All Day) FRIDAY MARKET	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Board Mtg 6:30 pm			FRIDAY MARKET	