



EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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MARCH 18, 2016

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“You don’t change the world with the ideas in your mind, but with the conviction in your heart.”

~Bryan Stevenson



Notes from Michelle

The conference in Chicago last week was excellent. Those who attended were fortunate to get to hear from outstanding speakers such as Bryan Stevenson, Mitch Adler and Sarah Kay. I recommend that you look up their Ted Talks. Mr. Stevenson’s call for all of us in the room to do one simple thing, “change the world”, was so inspirational and a great reminder of what drew us to this work originally. Sometimes it really feels like an uphill battle when you see everything that children are exposed to as they are forming the core of who they will become. It is no longer even just tv shows, movies, etc... but the values that are promoted and the lack of empathy and kindness shown even in the news, through leaders of nations is appalling. It is increasingly difficult to help students to understand why kindness is important and why caring about others is a crucial characteristic. I am excited that our teachers want to help students grow more than simply in the academic areas but also in learning about social justice. People ask what is different about our middle school and I hope that we can truly say that we help them understand how to be global citizens, in the truest sense of citizenship, where kindness towards our neighbors far and wide is respected and valued.

We are sending teachers to a “Montessori for Social Justice” conference this summer, which is a new conference for the Montessori community and we are very excited about that. It is so reaffirming to know that as parents, you chose to send your child to a school whose mission statement called for us to “...promote an educational atmosphere that encourages socioeconomic and cultural diversity by providing all students with the opportunity to obtain a quality public education. Our aim is to equip each of our students with the skills, knowledge and values to participate meaningfully in the



Notes from Michelle (con’t)

pluralistic world of the 21st century.” and whose vision was to create a school which, ‘...is guided by its vision which is to create a quality learning experience supported by families, educators, and community members who believe that a better world can be built by helping all children develop to their fullest human potential. It is our belief that by learning without artificial boundaries and discovering their capacity to live in peace, children will become life-long learners and responsible citizens whose actions reflect sound character, ethical behavior, and a clear understanding of their own and others’ self worth and dignity. Our students will become socially aware, responsible people, who live in harmony with nature as stewards of the earth.”

Parent Observations

The time is almost upon us for Parent Observations and Conferences. As you are aware, this is a **required** part of your partnership with Eagle Peak. This is a part of the Parent Responsibilities that you sign each year. Regardless of how many children you have or times you have observed, as we all know, “you never step in the same river twice”. A river constantly moves and changes and your child’s experiences in the classroom environments are constantly changing as well. ☺ The time slots are posted on the classroom doors.

When you come to observe during the week of March 21st, please note that there are some guidelines which you will be given and be expected to follow. Please do not videotape or photograph your child or the classroom during this time. We would like for your visit to be as unobtrusive as possible. Please do not move closer to your child; there are designated seats for observing. Please make sure that you stay only for your allotted time, so that all of the parents are able to take part in this process. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Have a great weekend.



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AUCTION Update

We are still looking for a few more bakers to make bit-size deserts for our big event 'A Night to Remember'. Please contact Akiko if you can help us. Thank you. glasguchi@gmail.com

Attention all Classroom Liaisons: We need a description of your classroom projects and baskets by March 31st, so we can include the information in the catalogue. You don't have list every single details, just give us a broad description. Thank you! Please email to Rachel Levy: levys@me.com



Environmental Ed



It's hard to believe Winter is over already, but Spring starts this weekend. The garden is waking up and getting ready to show off all its colors so stop by and have a look - the pollinators are! We've just finished planting dozens of milkweed seedlings in our Butterfly Garden and are hoping to entice the Monarch Butterflies to lay their eggs here at EPMS. Hopefully we will get some April showers to bring us those May flowers.

Please see attached the flyer for the Spring session of Extra EE (EEE), which will begin after break on April 6th. All students are welcome and are enrolled on a first come, first served basis as there is a maximum of 12.



Lunch Order Starts 3/22

The new Lunch Order starts this Tuesday, March 22. If we do not receive your order by Monday, March 21st you cannot order lunch for the 1st week.



Notes from the Office

Calendared Events

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
Apr 22	Panoramic Pictures
Apr 30	Auction 5:30 – 8 pm



Attachments this Week

- 2016-17 School Calendar
- Teacher Appreciation Week Schedule
- Spring Chess Sign-up
- Extra EE Sign-up

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March, 2016 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<----- Parent Observations -----> (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>						
		<u>UE Parents</u> 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
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	CFEP 6:30 pm				<u>LE Only</u> Chabot Space & Science (All Day) FRIDAY MARKET	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Board Mtg 6:30 pm			 Panoramic Picture FRIDAY MARKET	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					FRIDAY MARKET	A Night to Remember EPMS Action 5:30 - 8:30