



# EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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## SPRING BREAK March 28<sup>th</sup> - April 1<sup>st</sup>

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“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

~ Edmund Burke

“For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone.”

~ Audrey Hepburn



## Notes from Michelle (con't)

### CAASPP Information

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP, is the state's academic testing program. CAASPP is a system intended to provide information that can be used to monitor student progress and ensure that all students leave high school ready for college and career. CAASPP includes computer adaptive assessments in English-Language Arts and mathematics for students in grades 3-8, and 11 and paper-based tests in science for students in grades 5, 8 and 10.

This year, testing dates are as follows:

CAASPP (Grade 3-8) May 2 - June 10, 2016

Science Test April 15 - May 19, 2016

\* Please see your school's website for more information on testing dates. For more information about testing options for your student, please visit the Assessment, Research and Evaluation tab of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District webpage at <http://www.mdusd.org/departments/r-n-e/CAASPP>.



## Notes from Michelle

Thank you to all the parents for the amazing Teacher Appreciation Week and luncheon!! It was all wonderful and very much appreciated. ☺

As many of you know as a public school, Eagle Peak participates in the CAASPP testing in the spring. This year we will conduct that testing during the entire month of May. We will let you know when each grade level takes the test as we get closer to the time. We do know that the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will test prior to their overnight trips. **Please note the language regarding this testing below.** There is also a link for you to find out your choices and rights as parents regarding your child's testing.

When we return from Spring Break, there will be Parent Conferences. This also means there will be three early dismissal days the first week back. Please remember that these conferences are a part of your partnership with the school to connect and work with the teachers to best meet the needs of your child. If you were unable to observe this past week, please make sure that you make time to do that.

Have a wonderful Spring Break!



## Parent/Teacher Conferences

**April 6<sup>th</sup> thru April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Please remember to respect your scheduled conference time and those who are waiting. If you need additional time with your teacher please schedule for a later date. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher. Thank you.



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## Notes from Childcare

Childcare Registration for the month of April is included in this week Friday Folder. Payment is due upon return from Spring Break: Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Conference Reminder

**April 6, 7 & 8**

Remember that during conferences we will have 1:00 pm dismissal **on all 3 days**. Please remember to factor these extra ½ days off when you sign-up for April's Childcare Registration. You must prepay, or you will be charged the drop-in rate.

Childcare is provided free during your own child's conference and siblings are welcome if they are potty-trained. Please make sure to notify a Childcare Staff member when dropping off a non-student sibling and sign them in so we can more readily keep track of them.



## PTLG Quick Notes

Thank you to all who attended the PTLG meeting last night! A wonderful group!

### Volunteer Needs:

**April 30: EPMS Auction.** 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](mailto:rdwiggins@yahoo.com). Do you have bottles of wine to donate to the auction? Contact Jennifer Torres ([teamtorres2005@gmail.com](mailto:teamtorres2005@gmail.com)).



## PTLG Quick Notes (con't)

**May 2: Succession Event Planning:** PTLG is hosting a meeting to discuss succession planning for events at EPMS. The meeting is at 6:30 pm at EPMS. We will discuss all events but with special focus on the school's largest fundraiser, EPMS auction. Current event coordinators, teachers in Lower EL, Upper EL and the Adolescent Program, room parents, CFEP, board members, and Ms. Hammons will attend. Please email Rachel Beeler ([rdwiggins@yahoo.com](mailto:rdwiggins@yahoo.com)) with any questions. Childcare provided!!!

**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 & 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 Mt. 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*.

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

Cheers, *PTLG Team*

Rachel Beeler   Leah Karson   Jennifer Torres  
Eme Tatsumi   Zulay Loftin   Akiko Noguchi



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## **AUCTION** Update



The Auction Team is looking for flower donations; we are looking for white roses and white freesias, and any colored hydrangeas. Ideally we need the flowers 1 day prior to the event (Friday, April 30th).

Please contact Priya Mistry if you can help with this. [priyavmistry@gmail.com](mailto:priyavmistry@gmail.com).



## **Spring Pictures**

Spring Pictures can be found in this week's Friday Folder. Please note that **you pay only for the pictures you want (send in payment envelop) and returning those you don't want to the office.**

If you have any questions please contact Lifetouch directly at (925) 827-2608 or (800) 827-5666.



## **Allergy Season is Here!**

If your children need any sort of allergy medicine i.e. eye drops, Benadryl, inhalers, etc., please pick up an **Authorization to Administer Medication During School Hours** form from Ms. Amy or Mrs. Mahraj. We are unable to administer any sort of medication, prescription or over-the-counter, without this form from your physician. This will hopefully prevent us from calling you to come to your child's rescue every time an allergy attack occurs.



## **Last Call for Talent Show Participants!**

That's right...but only for these specific acts:

Calling:

- 1 magician (or duet)
- 2 singers (Upper EI soloist, Lower EI duet or group)\*
- 1 comedian (or duet)
- 1 poetry reading (recite a poem you've written or one you like)
- 1 juggler/hula hooper/gymnast/or similar

**If you can fill one of these acts, please email Christie.Elwood@gmail.com as soon as possible** but no later than April 5<sup>th</sup>. If you do not get a confirmation reply within 24 hours of emailing, please call (925) 640-8735.

PLEASE step up and join EPMS Talent Show & Art Display. Missed the deadline for artwork? Email by April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you,

Talent Show & Art Display Team

\* **Need a partner?** Lower EI singers: Do you want to sing but don't have a partner or group? Acts: Want to do stand-up comedy but not alone? Even poetry can be read by a duet or group. Email Christie and perhaps she'll hear from two or more students with similar wishes who can pair up!



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New to Eagle Peak? Then you've probably been wondering about that big green and white box outside of 601. A company called USAgain is partnering with us to move a step closer to zero waste in a very convenient way.

So, when you have a piece of clothing that is a little too worn or stained to the point that it can't be donated to a thrift shop, what do you do with it? Starting right now, you can drop it into a secure collection bin at Eagle Peak. And if you do that, the school makes money, too. We will earn a few cents per pound and make our school and its families a little greener. But since USAgain is a for profit company you can't claim these donations on your taxes.

You can drop off the following:

- Shoes/boots
- Clothing
- Gloves/hats
- Linens
- Blankets
- Towels

And it is reused or recycled into:

- Insulation
- Wiping rags
- Reclaimed fiber

So, fill a big bag now, drop it into the green and white bin, and start helping our school and our planet.

**This just in:** Since we started the program back in 2014 we have collected over 2,000 lbs of materials that would have ordinarily been tossed into landfill. Great Job!



## Environmental Ed



The next Garden Workday is Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 – 12.

## SAVE THE DATE!



Please save the date for our Earth Day plant sale at the Friday Market on April 22 -

lettuce, spinach, squash, peppers, melons and more!



## Notes from the Office

### Calendared Events

Mar 28	Spring Break thru April 1 <sup>st</sup>
Apr 6,7,8	Conferences: Dismiss 1 pm
Apr 9	Garden Workday 9-12
Apr 11	CFEP 6:30
Apr 15	LE Chabot – All Day
Apr 17	Board Mtg 6:30
Apr 18	2016-17 Lottery 6 pm
Apr 22	Panoramic Pictures
Apr 30	Auction 5:30 – 8:30 pm



## Attachments this Week

- Childcare Registration – April
- Spring Session – Yoga Signup
- Art Class: Creative Clay w/Ms. Grace
- Year-End Picnic/Stargazing Info

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## March, 2016 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<b>SPRING BREAK: 28<sup>th</sup> thru April 1st</b>						

## April, 2016 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			<b>Parent / Teacher Conferences</b> April 6, 7 & 8 Early Dismissal - 1 PM - <b>All 3 Days</b>			 Garden Workday 9 am – 12
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<b>CFEP</b> 7 pm				<b>LE Only</b> Chabot Space & Science (All Day)  <b>FRIDAY MARKET</b>	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<b>2016-17 Lottery</b> 6 pm	<b>Board Mtg</b> 6:30 pm			 <b>Panoramic Picture</b>  <b>FRIDAY MARKET</b>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					<b>FRIDAY MARKET</b>	 <b>A Night to Remember</b> EPMS Action 5:30 - 8:30 

## May, 2016 School Calendar

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<b>PTLG Succession Event Planning</b> 6:30 pm				<b>FRIDAY MARKET</b>	