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"Teachers, I believe, are the most responsible and important members of society because their professional efforts affect the fate of the earth."

~ Helen Caldicott, author and peace activist

"The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught, as that every child should be given the wish to learn."

~ John Lubbock



Notes from Michelle (con't)

and to discover inner personal strengths they may not know they possess. However, if they are choosing to not participate, please note that these are still school days and you will either need to obtain an Independent Study packet for those days or attend school. If they come to Eagle Peak, there is a chance they will be working in other classrooms as most of their teachers will be at the camps.

Eagle Peak alumni often come back to do volunteer projects or ask us to help them with causes they are a part of in their high school career. One of our former students, Annika Ward, is working with a group of Clayton Valley High School to collect books for schools in Africa. Please donate books you may have at your house. Please make sure they are still in good condition. We don't want to send torn or ripped items to the children at the school. The basket for these books will be next to the lost and found area. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.

I hope that you are all joining us for the Annual Wine and Cheese Auction Event on Saturday, April 30th. This is a truly fun evening each year where the parents, staff, board and supportive community get a chance to spend time and support the school.

Monday evening is the Lottery for 2016-2017 enrollment process. We are going to transition back to the oldest students (8th grade) helping to draw the names, having that perfect cycle of the exiting students welcoming the incoming students. The lottery is always held at 6pm.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Notes from Michelle

CAASPP testing schedule for Eagle Peak:

<u>Week Of</u>	<u>Group Testing</u>
May 2-5	4 th and 5 th grades
May 9-13	6 th grade
May 16-20	7 th and 8 th grades
May 23-27	3 rd Grade

Parents please note the dates above. It is important that your child is always rested and has a nutritious breakfast prior to arriving at school. Please make sure this also takes place during the testing process. Each grade level will be tested for approximately 2-3 hours a day for 4 days. Please also make sure that your child is in attendance during those days. We realize that illness is not foreseeable, however, we ask that any "elective" trips are not taken during your child's testing window. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have questions about the testing process, please contact me either by phone or email.

Also, we have all of our Upper Elementary overnight trips coming up in May. If you or your child has made the choice to not participate in this event, please make sure that you contact the office and your child's teacher. These experiences are truly wonderful ways for the students to stretch outside their comfort zones



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Monday Gathering

6th Grade Gathering Leaders: Rosa Rivas and
Samantha Veis

Earth Day Quotes:

Maddie Gillis: You are not a drop in the ocean. You are the entire ocean in a drop." ~Anonymous

Ellexis Mingming: "We're living on this planet as if we have another one to go to." ~Terri Swearingen

Emma Neidlinger: "When one tugs at a single thing in nature, one find it attached to everything else."
~John Muir



PTLG Quick Notes

Rachel Hallquist is putting together an EPMS cookbook with recipes from the Chili Cook-off as well as Friday Market recipes, yummy lunch ideas, and other fun recipes for families. If you have any recipes to share (healthy or sweet) please email them to Rachel (rachelhallquist@mac.com)

Heather Schlachter is putting together a guidebook for those volunteering for EPMS Room Parents. If you are or have been a Room Parent and have some helpful tips, flyers, notes, etc. please email them to Heather (heather.keyhantaj@gmail.com)

Volunteer Needs

April 30: EPMS Auction.

Please contact Dusty Holso-Hollenbeck if you can help: dustyholso@hotmail.com. See list of volunteers needed in [Auction Update](#).



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 6:30pm 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) with any questions. Childcare provided!!!

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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AUCTION Update



Have you bought your tickets yet? Don't miss out on this fun and social party from parents for parents.



There will be a prize wheel with many items valued well above the cost to spin the wheel!



Check out the wonderful classroom auction items during Friday Market! These items will be up for bid at our big event and a lifelong memory of your child attending EPMS.



Volunteers Needed

We are still in need of volunteers for the day of the event:

Set-Up: Starting at noon, 4-6 volunteers to help set-up decorations, auction items, generally help beautify the room under the decoration team's supervision

Check-Out: 6 volunteers at the end of the evening to distribute receipts, direct checkout traffic, prep work for cashiers, bring items to the bid winners, etc.

Spotters: 1 spotters still needed

Bar: 1 helper that can bring ice chests and ice to cool drinks

AUCTION Update (con't)

Prize Wheel: 2-3 helpers to man the prize wheel until live auction starts

Clean-Up: As many helpers as possible to clean up after the party is over..

Please contact Dusty Holso-Hollenbeck if you can help: dustyholso@hotmail.com



Bakers Needed!!

Hello Eagle Peak Families & Friends,

Our Annual Fundraising Auction is rapidly approaching and we are in need of an assortment of individual baked goods and treats for the dessert buffet.

If you care to donate your handcrafted goodies, please bring the desserts prepared as individual pieces on a plate or platter along with a serving utensil. In addition, please label your items so we can identify them on the dessert buffet.

Items will need to be delivered to the Walnut Creek Senior Center on April 30th.

In addition, we are looking for a volunteer to receive the delivered desserts and set them on the dessert table during the drop off period.

Please email jenottow@gmail.com with the details of the item(s) that you will be bringing or if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your time and support!





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Music Notes from Ms. Allison

We've had a couple weeks of break due to Spring Recess and Conferences; we are back in full swing this week:

Do you know how many miles are between Wibbleton and Wobbleton? EPMS students do. Of course, it depends on if you take the road or as the crow flies.

Did you know that this Mother Goose Rhyme is based on two very true adjacent towns called Teddington and Toddington? Lower EI students explored this nursery rhyme extensively by applying opposites to the two town names focusing on the following musical elements: dynamic (soft & loud), pitch (high & low), tempo (fast & slow), and timbre (nasal vs hooty - with many other options!) We also used two different length strings to represent the road and the path of the crow. We slowly pulled the string through our fingers as we recited the rhyme and discovered the phrase length pattern together (long-long-short-short-long) which applied to both verses of the rhyme. Ah, symmetry! Next we used the string to represent pitch: the crow path was laid straight and we sang a single note that never changed pitch (a drone!), and the road string was creatively laid to go up and down and around the path of the crow but start and stop at the same places. We sang them, or I played them on recorder for them.

Upper EI: We have done some work on music theory, specifically naming and identifying intervals with written music as well as aurally. They were exposed to the concept of Harmonic (simultaneous sounding) and Melodic (successive) Intervals and how they look differently in written music. This week we learned a new round song that we plan on using to open the



Music Notes (con't)

Talent Show. Choreography is being created by the students over the next few weeks. Hold the date...Friday, May 13th for the Talent Show! They also have a recorder piece to play to end the show.

6th Years: Calling all bakers...no, we don't need you to bake. But we would like you to search for some bundt pans in your collection of kitchen items. They make a great gong. And we can even return them to be used for their original purpose undamaged! We need these ASAP for the 6th grade piece we are working up for the EPMS Talent Show! I only have 3 more classes with them until the show!



We are looking forward to another informative and inspiring Earth Week here at Eagle Peak! Miss Ellen and I are excited to be working with this year's Green Team which has representation from all three UE classrooms.

Please see the Earth Week schedule attached, with the Earth Day Birth Day lyrics on the reverse side - we will be singing the song at our Monday morning gathering next week. As you will see, Tuesday and Thursday the Green Team will be doing classroom presentations on bees. Wednesday we will strive for a Trash Free day so please help your student to prepare their lunch with all reusable containers. Statistics tell us that the average American student creates 67 pounds of garbage a year at school and while we do much better than that at EPMS, there is still much room for improvement. Please remind your child that they are encouraged to save food they do not finish if possible to perhaps have for a snack later.



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EarthDay (con't)

Friday is Earth Day and the Friday Market will include a Plant Sale (everything is \$1) so please stop by and get some seedlings for YOUR garden (please remember to return the small pots to EE for reuse). There will also be activity tables where students can make their own pot and plant a pumpkin seed (plant now for Halloween) and also color their own Earth Day bookmark. Lastly, please stop by the Ygnacio Valley library to see the 6th graders Earth Day display, which will be there through the end of April.



Attachments this Week

- Earth Day Flyer
- Drama Club Session II
- Math Blazers Session II
- Alumni Book Drive



Notes from the Office

Calendared Events

Apr 18	2016-17 Lottery 6 pm
Apr 19	Board Mtg 6:30
Apr 22	Panoramic Pictures
Apr 30	Auction 5:30 – 8:30 pm
May 2	PTLG Succession Event Planning 6:30
May 13	Talent Show 6 pm
May 14	Garden Workday 9-12
May 19	LE Science Fair 6:30 - 8
	UE Trading Post 6:30 - 8
May 26	PTLG 7 pm
May 27	Year-End Picnic and Stargazing
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May 30	Memorial Day – Off
Jun 10	Last Day – Dismiss 1 pm





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April, 2016 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	2016-17 Lottery 6 pm	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 

May, 2016 School Calendar

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	PTLG Succession Event Planning 6:30 pm				FRIDAY MARKET	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	CFEP 7 pm				 Talent Show 6:30-8 @ Walnut Acres	 Garden Workday 9 am - 12
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Board Mtg 6:30 pm		 Trading Post  Science Fair 6:30 - 8 pm	FRIDAY MARKET	
22	23	24	27	26	27	21
					EARLY DISMISSAL 1 pm	