



# EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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“One test of the correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the child.”

~Dr. Maria Montessori



## Notes from Michelle

I was struggling to come up with anything to write about this week and then I attended the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Project Presentations last night. Over the past few years watching these students stand up in front of their friends and family to discuss topics ranging from Concussions in Football, to DNA, to Homelessness, and more, I cannot get over the poise and maturity they show. These young people, who not so long ago were 1<sup>st</sup> graders here, have developed so much personality and are such unique individuals! I hear from time to time that children need more “Imposed structure” or “teacher centered” instruction, but each year, when left to determine their own topic and presentation style, these children shine! It is amazing to watch.

I hope to see each and every one of you at the Auction tomorrow night!!!! This is such a great event and so much fun!!!!

Have a great weekend.



## Monday Gathering

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Leaders: Samar Dhoat & Taleeb Weaver

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Quotes:

**August Underwood:** “Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever”.

~Mahatma Gandhi



## PTLG Quick Notes

Hello EPMS community,

The EPMS Auction is Saturday..... We look forward to seeing you!!!!

### **Lower EI Parents...**

Some of you may have heard of, or remember from last year, the First Grade Photo-Books project. For those of you who don't know the details, Adolescent Program students take photos of first graders throughout the year, and compile them into a cute little photo book documenting the student's first year at Eagle Peak. Our goal is to capture as many aspects of their first year as we can, but unfortunately we can't accompany the first years on their school field trips. Here's where you come in. We would love to have your pictures of the first graders on field trips, so that we can document these fun and exciting times for the first graders. Thank you so much in advance! Send photos to (Maddie L and the photo book committee) [20maddie.l@eaglepeakmontessoriap.org](mailto:20maddie.l@eaglepeakmontessoriap.org).

Again, thank you so much for helping out!

### **All Parents...**

**May 3** is the **PTLG Succession Planning Meeting** for all EPMS events in 2016-2017. We need your thoughts about events and how best to plan a tremendous 2016-2017 school year. The meeting is at EPMS at 6:30pm. 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!!!



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## PTLG Quick Notes (con't)

### Volunteer Needs

**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 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](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*.



## The Bee Cause

Our Green Team students did a great job with their informative presentations to all classrooms last week about bees. We can help these important pollinators by planting flowers and gardening without pesticides. We hope your child will enjoy the complimentary bookmark in this week's Friday Folder.



## Teachers Trips

**Your chance to sign up your child up for teacher trips is coming.....**

Spend the day with your favorite Eagle Peak teacher and/or staff member. It's a perfect way for your child to get some quality time in a small group setting with friends and faculty.

This year we are beginning the sale at the Auction. Half of the allotted slots (listed on flier) will be sold at the Auction. If you buy at the Auction it is a guarantee slot. The remainder of the tickets will be available by email starting Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. As you know each year these popular events go fast!

This has historically been a wonderful fundraiser for Eagle Peak, enjoyed by teachers and students alike. Please look for trip descriptions in this Friday folder. Teachers are working to update missing information as quickly as possible.

- Please email me at [kennisha727@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kennisha727@sbcglobal.net).
- Please identify: child(ren) name, trip name, # of spots requested.
- I will reply to emails ASAP informing you of availability.
- Once I have replied to your email to inform you that a spot is still available
- Please submit payment to Ms. Mahraj (front office) ASAP to secure your spot(s).

Please let me know if you have any questions.  
Kennisha Johnson



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## Music Notes from Ms. Allison

In celebration and education of Earth Day last week, all music classes explored a chant round "The Earth Day Rap," by Doug Goodkin and a new melodic round, "One bottle returned." We explored movements and Orff accompaniment for each of the parts for the new one. Texts are below, perhaps your child(ren) might perform them for you?

**Upper EI Parents**, please find a permission/commitment slip in your child's Friday folder and return immediately this Monday (May 2nd). Thank you!!!

### "Earth Day Rap" by Doug Goodkin

Oh the sky is high and the ocean is deep  
But you can't treat the earth like a garbage heap  
Protect it, don't wreck it, keep part of it wild,  
And think about the future of your great grandchild.

### "One Bottle Returned

One bottle returned, two bottles returned, 3..., 4...,  
5..., 6..., seven, seven bottles returned.  
Save your trash recycle it (clap),  
'cycle it (clap), 'cycle it (clap)  
Save your trash recycle it (clap), turn it into  
something new

Don't throw your junk in my backyard, my backyard,  
my backyard,

Don't throw your junk in my backyard, my  
backyard's clean!

The plastics and styrofoams will never fall apart.  
Reuse your containers. Be ecologically smart.



## Panoramic Picture

Do to circumstances beyond our control we have had to reschedule the Panoramic Picture a number of times. Thanks for your patience. The picture is now scheduled for Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Keep your fingers crossed.

**Please note:** Order forms **must** be handed in by May 11<sup>th</sup> (or sooner). **There will be no late payments accepted.**



## **Hot Lunch Order Form** **5/10 thru 6/3/15**

**NEW ORDER BEGINS: Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** and is in this week's Friday Folder. Orders are due by Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> with the final cutoff of Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Previous orders run through Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. If we do not receive your order by Friday you will not be able to buy lunch for the 1<sup>st</sup> week of lunches.

**There will be no hot lunch offered the last week of school: June 6-10 (last day early dismissal).**  
**Please plan accordingly.**

## **FIELD TRIP ALERT:**

All of 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> (Westminster) will be out the week of May 23 – 27th

All 6<sup>th</sup> (Nature Bridge) Years will be out the week of May 31 – June 3



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## Notes from Childcare

The last Childcare Registration encompasses **BOTH** May & June and is in this week's Friday Folder. The last day of school Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> and is a 1/2 day so please plan accordingly. Payment is due by Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please bring your accounts up to date.



## Notes from the Office

### Calendared Events

Apr 30	EPMS Auction 5:30 – 8:30
May 2	PTLG Succession Event Planning 6:30
May 11	Panoramic Picture
May 13	Talent Show 6 - 8
May 14	Garden Workday 9-12
May 17	Board Meeting 6:30
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
May 30	Memorial Day – Off



## Attachments this Week

- Lunch Order: 5/10 – 6/3/16
- Teacher Trip Description
- Talent Show DVD Order Form
- UE Only: Talent Show Ensemble
- Earth Day Bookmark


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## April, 2016 School Calendar


**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 - 8:30**  
 (Doors open at 5 pm)  
**A Night to Remember - EPMS Auction**  
 Civic Park Assembly Hall, Walnut Creek

## May, 2016 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
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		Panoramic Pic Rescheduled No late payments!!		 Talent Show 6 - 8 pm @ 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	28	
	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Yrs @ Nature Bridge in Yosemite</b>						
				PTLG 6:30 pm	EARLY DISMISSAL 1 pm  <b>PICNIC</b> & Stargazing		
29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
	Memorial Day  Off	<b>4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Yrs @ Westminster Woods</b>					