



# EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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## FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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## Labor Day - No School Monday - September 7, 2011

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“It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.”  
~Frederick Douglass

“The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.”  
~Denis Waitley



### Notes from Michelle

**REMEMBER THAT EAGLE PEAK IS PEANUT FREE: this means NO peanuts, peanut butter or items that “may contain peanuts”. This is truly a health and safety matter.**

I hope everyone has had the chance to explore the new website a little and to see the new logo! A huge thanks to the marketing committee, Mel Bearn and Jennifer Brooks, for getting this accomplished!!

One of the fundamental tenets of Montessori education is helping children develop independence. We strongly encourage parents to partner with us in this process by incorporating some small things into your home and school routine. Please make sure your CHILD is carrying all of their belongings each day into school. Please allow your child to help make their lunches or even help shop for things they would like to bring for lunch. (Older children can make their own lunches completely.) One of the most important things you can do to help your child develop independence, is to encourage them to speak to teachers, principal, and or other children if there is a problem or concern. While I completely understand how as a parent you want to do what you



### Notes from Michelle (con't)

can for your child, it is equally important to help them do for themselves.

We will start Friday Market next week. If you plan to donate items, please come through the office and complete a form which will allow others to know what items are contained in your product.

If you came to Parent Orientation, you are aware that there have been some changes to the Parent/Student Handbook. Please make sure that you go over this information. If you were not at orientation, please make sure you have requested the updated handbook from the office.

Eagle Peak does have a dress code. Please make sure that your child’s clothing choices are within those expectations. If they arrive at school with a clothing choice which is not acceptable according to our dress code, you will be contacted to bring them a change of clothing before they can return to the classroom. Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

Have a great weekend.



### Board News

In our August Board of Directors meeting we discussed the teacher training and bridge week, as well the CFEP fundraising calendar. We also talked about a few updates to the parent/student handbook.

It was brought to our attention that Eagle Peak has an ‘unofficial’ Facebook page. It appears that this unofficial page self-generated when people posted on their personal Facebook page while ‘checking -in’ at Eagle Peak Montessori.



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### Board News (con't)

We have no control over this page and it has been reported. We don't know if and when the page will be taken down. Please 'like' our official *Eagle Peak Montessori School* page and check in often for news and updates. You can recognize our official page by the beautiful cover picture.

Our next regular meeting will be September 15, 2015 at 6.30pm. The meetings are open to the public and we would like to encourage our parent community to join us whenever possible. The Board Agendas and Minutes are posted on the school website.

Please note that the next CFEP meeting will be 9/14 and the next PTLG meeting will be 9/24.



### PTLG Quick Notes (con't)

Oct 18: Fall Fest/Chili Cook-off. Event details will be in the next Friday Folder. Contact Erica Chinchilla (mamabruno78@live.com) with questions about Fall Fest. Contact Akiko (glasguchi@gmail.com) with questions about the Chili Cook-off.

All Parents: If you have questions about volunteer opportunities and/or events... we are here to help! Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year!

*PTLG Team:* Rachel Beeler Eme Tatsumi  
Leah Karson Zulay Loftin  
Jennifer Torres



### PTLG Quick Notes

All event/activity coordinators: You volunteer sign-up sheets will be in the PTLG mailbox in the office. If you are in need of more volunteers let us know.

**Room Parents:** We are planning a strategy session on Sept 17 at 7 pm at Eagle Peak. We need to discuss the school calendar, events, and communication. It is very important that we meet with at least one room parent from each classroom. Please let us know if you are able to attend. (email: rdwiggins@yahoo.com, cell: 925-768-9089)

Sept 24: PTLG meeting for entire school at 6:30 pm at EPMS.

Sept 30: Lower EI Play Date at Arbolado Park.

Sept 30: Dine & Donate at Tahoe Joes.



### Calling all Parents !! Attendance Help

**Please** contact the office as soon as possible either phone or email ([epmsattendance@gmail.com](mailto:epmsattendance@gmail.com)) when you know your child will be out for the day for whatever reason (sickness, doctor/dentist appointments vacation days, etc.).

It only takes a minute and helps out enormously. Thank you to all the parents who do ☺



### Tardys and Late Arrivals

If your child is tardy please be sure to sign them in in the Late Arrival/Early Dismissal book located in the Front Office (red-spined binder). Doctor/Dentist notes are required if coming from an appointment.



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### Volunteering Requirements

**Fingerprints: Is a must have** if you want to work in the classrooms or office and especially for all field trips. A TB test is required prior to getting your fingerprints. Please make an appointment ASAP with the district to get fingerprinted as they get swamped at the beginning of the school year. Please contact Ms. Amy if you have any questions. Thank you.



### Field Trip Drivers

Are you signed up to drive for an upcoming Field Trip? Don't get caught unprepared. You will not be able to drive without the following:

- Fingerprinted
- TB tested
- Attended a Field Trip Training Session (look in next week's FF for dates)
- Current Car Check (PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY BEFORE TRIP!!)
- Current Auto Insurance

Any questions, please contact Ms. Amy. Thank you.



### Medication

A new "Medication - Authorization to Administer" form must be filled out and signed by a physician for all medication (even OTCs) at the beginning of **every year**. Please see the office staff if you have questions. **No medication should be kept in your child's backpack.** Thank you.



### Notes from Childcare

Childcare Registration forms for the month of September, 2015 are now past due. All drop-in hours will be billed to you at the end of each month. Please remember that a yearly Registration Fee of \$35 should also be included with your initial payment or whenever you start using Childcare during the year.

For your convenience Childcare monthly or drop-in charges can be designated as automatic payment on your credit card. No need for a paper invoice or reminder; a receipt will be sent after charge is complete. Please contact Mrs. Mahraj in the office if interested.



### Hot Lunches Starting Soon

Look for the Lunch Order Form in this week's (9/4) Friday Folder. Please fill out and return by Wednesday, September 9th. The cutoff deadline is Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. If we do not receive your order by Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> you cannot order lunch for the 1<sup>st</sup> week.

Lunches **will start** with Hot Dogs on Tuesday, **September 15th** (Burritos on alternating Tuesdays) and Pizza on Friday, **September 18th**. This cycle runs 6 week period and ends on October 24th. **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



### After-School Activities Schedule

Yoga	Rm 201	Th	Sept 10th	3:45-4:30
Chess	Rm 302	Tu	Sept 15th	3:45-4:45
Spanish	TBA		October	



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### Credit Card Payments:

We (EPMS) accept Visa, MasterCard & Discover (sorry no AMEX). You may request that your card information be kept on file (confidentially) in the office for future transactions by contacting Sondra Mahraj, Office Manager, or indicating authorization on any money requesting form "On-File". Please make sure all card information on file in the office (expiration dates and security codes) are current for the new school year.

Credit Card payments to CFEP (our Foundation) does except AMEX along with all the other cards and **are processed separately**. Forms can be found in office and should be addressed to the CFEP Treasurer. Checks should be made payable to CFEP. If you have any questions please email: [cfeptreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:cfeptreasurer@gmail.com).



### Office Notes

#### Calendared Events

- Sep 11 Friday Market
- Sep 12 Garden Work Day 9-12 am
- Sep 14 CFEP – 7:00 pm
- Sep 15 Board Mtg – 6:30 pm
- Sep 17 PTLG Room Parent Mtg 7 pm
- Sep 18 Friday Market
- Sep 22 Fall Picture Day
- Sep 24 PTLG – 6:30 pm
- Sep 25 Friday Market
- Sep 30 Tahoe Joes Dine & Donate



### Environmental Ed



Welcome back! I hope you all had a nice summer and thank you very much to the many families who helped with the garden over the break and at clean-up day last weekend.

Our Environmental Education program is primarily in our outdoor classroom - the garden, so please encourage students to dress appropriately in comfortable layered clothing that can get wet and dirty! Students need closed-toe shoes to be able to use certain garden tools or participate safely in some activities.

Garden work days are usually 9-12 the second Saturday of each month, and will always appear on the school calendar. Our next work day will be on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for all or part of the morning for a variety of garden chores. Children are definitely welcome, but must be under your supervision as I am usually managing several projects. Please save the date for Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> when we will participate in the City of Walnut Creek's Community Service Day in conjunction with our regularly scheduled garden workday.

I look forward to another great year of growing together with your children. If you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me anytime at [EaglePeakEE@gmail.com](mailto:EaglePeakEE@gmail.com). Sheila



### Attachments this Week

- Lunch Order Form: 9/15 – 10/23/15
- Chess Sign-up: Fall Session

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## SEPTEMBER, 2014 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	 <b>No School</b>		Early Dismiss 1:00 pm Every Wed.  Lunch Orders Due for 9/15 – 10/23		<b>FRIDAY MARKET</b>	 Garden Work Day 9 am – 12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	<b>CFEP</b> 7 pm	Lunch Starts  <b>Board Mtg</b> 7 pm		<b>PTLG</b> Room Parent Strategy Mtg 7 pm	<b>FRIDAY MARKET</b>	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		 <b>Fall Pics</b> 		<b>PTLG</b> 6:30 pm	<b>FRIDAY MARKET</b>	
27	28	29	30			
		 LE: Playdate @ Arbolado  Dine & Donate 			<b>FRIDAY MARKET</b>	

## OCTOBER 2015 School Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
					<b>FRIDAY MARKET</b>	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
					<b>FRIDAY MARKET</b>	 Garden Work Day 9 am – 12