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FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES
(ALSO ON THE WEBSITE)
NOVEMBER 16, 2007

THANKSGIVING BREAK
NOVEMBER 19 - 24, 2007
NO SCHOOL

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."
- John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Notes from Michelle



As I was contemplating what to write for the last FF before Thanksgiving, it occurred to me how many things Eagle Peak, as a school community has to be thankful for. When I spoke with the teachers, they echoed so many of the thoughts that have been written in this section in previous years and still hold true. They are thankful for the parents who are so supportive and willing to work with the teachers as a team, thankful for the students they have the opportunity to work with, and thankful for the camaraderie of the staff who continuously support each other. We are also so grateful to be able to provide Montessori in a public school of choice. I wanted to add some things to that list this year. We are thankful for having the state of California recognizing our school for a second time as being eligible to apply as a Distinguished School, we are thankful that we are at a point with the school that we are able to start thinking about five year plans, and we are thankful for support from the Mt. Diablo Unified School District who grants us the opportunity to have this beautiful campus and provide the method of education that we all believe in so strongly. I hope that all of you have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday week!!



Help Wanted/Volunteer Opportunities

- 1) **Morning Greeters.** We are in desperate need for volunteers Monday through Friday from 8 am to 8:20 to greet the children in the drive through lane: opening the car door, helping with bags, etc and keeping the flow going. Also monitoring that drivers behave safely and respectfully. Interested? You can reach Denise Garner, Morning Greeter Coordinator via email kgd_garner@hotmail.com or call (925)458-6387

- 2) **Parents:** Please let me, Gundi Younger PTLG Chair, know if you change your email address so I can continue to keep you informed about PTLG related matters by email. If you do not receive my PTLG emails and would like to, please contact me (gundiyounger@sbcglobal.net) and let me know your email address and I shall add you to my address book.



Genevieve's & Masterpiece Pick-up

All of the orders for gift and various goodies were delivered and distributed this past Wednesday. PLEASE check carefully to ensure the order is correct. If there appears to be any problem with your order, contact Mona Logasa at mlogasa@comcast.net or 925-363-4949 to advise any error. Notice of errors must be received by Monday, 11/19 in order to be corrected with no additional shipping & handling charges. Thank you for your order...you helped raise approximately \$3,000 for EPMS!!



Thanksgiving Camp this Coming Monday and Tuesday

Just a reminder for those of you who registered for the program, EPMS will be hosting its Thanksgiving Camp on Monday, 11/19, and Tuesday, 11/20. Camp is open from **8 am - 6 pm**. Remember to send lunch for your child(ren). Contact Sue Levins at 988-9815 or slevins@astound.net with any questions. Have a great time at camp!



Last Chance to Order Paperscrip for the Holidays!

There's still time to get that perfect gift for the holidays with the added benefit of helping EPMS at no cost to you! Please return your order form with a check made payable to CFEP to the office no later than Monday, November 26. Lost your order form? Copies can be found in the office. Thank you.

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We Have a Winner!



As you know, all Eagle Peak families that signed up or renewed with eScrip this fall were entered into a drawing for two passes to the Aquarium by the Bay in San Francisco. The effort to increase our school's participation in this free fundraiser really paid off - we added 35 new families and nearly every current family renewed. That makes us ALL WINNERS and will certainly benefit our school with increased income. Way to go, Eagle Peak! And now, the moment you've all been waiting for ... the winner of the tickets is ... Micalyn Struble and her family. Micalyn, please stop by the office and pick up your tickets and enjoy the aquarium!



EPMS Read-a-thon Gift Certificates

Attention Read-a-thon participants - enclosed in your Friday Folder this week is your Bonanza Street Books Gift certificate. Enjoy picking out some new books! Don't forget to say Thank You to Bonanza Street books for giving you an extra 20% on top of your gift certificate.



Environmental Education Update



I was out on Thursday and Friday last week due to the National Science Teacher's Convention in Denver, CO. I learned a lot and came back with a bunch of great resources to share! Unfortunately, I also came back to some sad news about the oil spill in the San Francisco Bay. We talked about it in all of our classes this week and students shared what they already knew of the events. We simulated our own oil spill and students brainstormed ideas on how to clean up the oil. We tested out our methods to see which ones might work. We have quite a few burgeoning Environmental Engineers on our hands!

People who want to help can call these numbers or visit these websites. Volunteers may find that patience and persistence are necessary because some websites and telephone hotlines have contradictory information. Some agencies may not need volunteers immediately but will need them after the first rush of interest fades.

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International Bird Rescue Research Center

- www.ibrrc.org
- www.ibrrc.org/volunteer_steps_nc.html

Oiled Wildlife Care Network

- www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/owcn/volunteers.html
- www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/owcn/participants.html
- www.owcn.org
- (800) 228-4544

Bay Area hot line

- San Francisco has opened up its 311 information hot line to nonresidents who want information on how to volunteer with the oil spill. Callers from outside the city should phone (415) 701-2311.
- www.sfgov.org/site/sf311_index.asp
- www.sfconnect.org (may be updated)

Berkeley Marina Nature Center

- www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/Marina/marinaexp/naturecenter.html
- (510) 981-6720 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary

- www.tiburonaudobon.org
- (415) 388-2524

As for volunteering in our garden, the next garden work party will be on Saturday, December 1 from 9am to 12pm. Thanks so much everyone!



Attachments this Week

- Lunch Order Form 12/5/08 – 01/18/08

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NOVEMBER 2007 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	-----THANKSGIVING BREAK----- NO SCHOOL					
	Camp Available 8 – 6 pm	Camp Available 8 – 6 PM				
25	26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1
				<u>2nd & 3rd Year</u> Chabot Space Ctr 9:45 – 1:45 pm <u>Parent Ed.</u> Developing Capable Students 7:00 pm	<u>1st Years</u> Chabot Space Ctr 9:45 – 1:45 pm FRIDAY MARKET 3:30 – 4:00	

DECEMBER 2007 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		PTLG MTG 7:00 pm			FRIDAY MARKET 3:30 – 4:00	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				Prospective Parent Mtg. 7pm	FRIDAY MARKET 3:30 – 4:00	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		EPMS BOARD MTG 7:00 pm			WINTER BREAK BEGINS <u>NO SCHOOL</u> SEE YOU ON JAN 7, 2008!!!	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	-----WINTER BREAK----- NO SCHOOL					
30	31	Jan 1	2	3	4	5
	-----WINTER BREAK----- NO SCHOOL					