

EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL
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FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES
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SEPTEMBER 11, 2009

“Every problem has a gift for you in its hands.”
~ Richard Bach

“If education is always to be conceived along the same antiquated lines of a mere transmission of knowledge, there is little to be hoped from it in the bettering of man's future.”
~ Dr. Maria Montessori



Notes from Michelle

Any organization that goes without change is static. We know this, yet change is hard, especially when change comes in unexpected ways or at unexpected times. Nonetheless, change often provides us with growth that is essential. This past week, opportunities came for one of our long time teachers, which will provide Eagle Peak and the teacher with the prospect of change and growth. Zhanna Pernik has been offered, and accepted, a position with the San Francisco Unified School District. This position is the result of a grant to provide students in SFUSD with access to different cultures and languages. Zhanna, of course, will be working with the organization to plan and provide lessons on Russia and the Russian language. We will miss Zhanna greatly and wish her well as she leaves Eagle Peak to pursue this position. This transition will take place over the next few weeks, with Zhanna's last day at Eagle Peak being September 25th.

As for changes on campus, Ket Ashfield, who is a California State Credentialed Teacher, will be moving into the classroom full time to replace Zhanna. (Environmental Education is already a portion of the Upper Elementary Science Curriculum and it is simply the perfect fit for Ms. Ashfield.) She has been eager to begin Montessori training and to have the opportunity to be back in the classroom full time.

Environmental Education will of course, also go through some changes. (These are not set in stone yet and I will keep you posted as that progresses.) Meanwhile, we have two qualified parents who sub for Eagle Peak, who will help us get through any transition, so that the students still receive instruction and time in the garden.

I wanted to thank all of the parents who donated to the Friday Market. The market has started off successful already!

Notes from Michelle (con't)

Over the next few weeks we will start having training for Lunch/Recess volunteers and for Field Trip Drivers. If you have received the training previously, you do not need to come for additional training.

We know that there are some stressful situations with the parking lot and with drop off/pick up currently. We hope that many of these will subside as the year continues and everyone is familiar with the procedures. For pick up in the afternoons, if you are NOT parking, please drive down Hutchinson and turn around to pull at the end of the carpool line along the fence facing Walnut Ave. Please refer to your parent handbooks for a better illustration and explanation of this process.

Have a great weekend !!!!



Notes from PTLG

You may have noticed that the afternoon car hop line and parking lot are more congested than usual. This is due to two problems: 1) No Parking signs recently posted along Hutchinson Road; and 2) Soccer participants parking in our lot before 4:00pm.

WCSC is notifying their coaches and working with Northgate on an alternative parking plan. Until the congestion is alleviated, an additional volunteer is needed to screen cars at our driveway entrance and remind soccer club parents that the lot is available for their use beginning at 4:00. If you can assist, please contact Mayra Garcia: mayrag79@gmail.com.

This year's Open House will be Sat 10/3, 10:30-12:00. If you would like to help welcome visitors and answer questions about EPMS, please contact Victoria Manassero-Maat: juju-bee@pacbell.net.

Fall Fest is coming up! Join us Sat 10/10 on campus for friends, food and fun. Ticket order forms will be distributed in Friday Folders and volunteers sign up will be posted in the next couple of weeks.

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For those of us who plan far in advance, Talent Show rehearsals have been scheduled for Wed 1/27 and Wed 2/24, immediately after school. The Talent Show will take place the evening of Friday 2/26. Mark your calendars!

This week's PTLG Meeting was informative and spirited. Minutes will be published via email and posted on the office bulletin board. If you do not receive email and would like a hard copy of minutes or agendas, please contact Kris Harwood at 673-5689, or leave a request in the PTLG office mailbox.

Next PTLG Meeting will be Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00pm in the EPMS Multi-Use Room.



Volunteer/Help Wanted

Staff Appreciation

Volunteers needed to sign up to bring snacks for the weekly staff meetings on Wednesdays. Sign up sheets have been posted on the outside of all classroom doors & inside the office for September Wednesdays 9/16, 9/23 & 9/30. A sign up sheet will be posted soon for October. Each Wednesday will have an assigned theme. The theme for 9/16 is Mexican Flair. Hopefully, this will make your decision a little easier as to what to bring.

All volunteers must bring their snacks to the EPMS lunch room by 1130 am each Wednesday. The teachers & staff really look forward to their Wednesday snacks, so please help keep the smiles on their faces & their tummies full of yummys!

Any questions, contact Staff Appreciation Coordinator: Mona Logasa at 925-363-4949 (h) or email: mlogasa@comcast.net



Music Notes

Eagle Peak takes part in a global community project "Sing Peace Around the World" on Sept. 21st. Go to www.shelleymurley.com for a sneak-peek.



If Your Child will be Late/Absent

Please remember to call in (or leave a detailed VMX) as soon as possible. If your child will be arriving late due to a doctor's appointment, etc., please give us a call as well. Thank you.



Attachments this Week

- Open House Volunteers Needed
- Escrip - Back-to-School 10%
- Boxtops for Education
- After-School Hoops Schedule




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SEPTEMBER SCHOOL CALENDAR

13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		EPMS Board Mtg 7:00 pm	Lunch Program Begins 		Friday Market	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		2nd & 5th Year Vision Testing		Save the Date Parent Ed Teacher Lead Discussion	Friday Market	
27	28	29	30			
						

OCTOBER 2009 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
					Friday Market	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				Prospective Parents Mtg. 7 - 8 pm	Friday Market	 Fall Fest 11 - 2
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	----- Parent Observations ----- October 12 - 16th					
					Early Dismissal 1:00 pm	