

EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL
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FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES
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SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

There can be no other occupation like gardening in which, if you were to creep up behind someone at their work, you would find them smiling.

~Mirabel Osler

Must we always teach our children with books? Let them look at the mountains and the stars up above. Let them look at the beauty of the waters and the trees and flowers on earth. They will then begin to think, and to think is the beginning of a real education.

~ David Polis



Notes from Michelle

Good News: We would like to welcome Jessica Bates to Eagle Peak as the new Environmental Education Instructor. She will be moving into this position as Ms. Ashfield transitions into her new role in the Upper Elementary program. Jessica was instrumental in starting the garden program at Schafer Park Elementary in Hayward. She created the nutritional component of that program as well, and hopes to bring that component to the Eagle Peak program. In addition to this work in Hayward, Ms. Bates has been involved in several other garden programs throughout the Bay Area. Prior to moving to California, Ms. Bates graduated from Rutgers University and did work in programs both in Massachusetts and the D.C. area. Her hours at Eagle Peak will be part time this year, so make sure you come to a garden party and get to know her.

API: Tuesday night the MDUSD Board of Directors will be recognizing Eagle Peak for our API scores. This year our scores increased by 7 points to 873. Please feel free to join us at the District Board meeting at the Dent Center. Their meetings start around 7:00 pm.

International Peace Day: On Monday September 21st, we will be one of thousands of schools all over the world that will lift our voices in support of World Peace during this amazing 24 hour period. Our 5-minute time slot begins at 11:02am. Eagle Peak students, teachers and staff will all be assembled in the courtyard to pass an olive branch while we sing. Parents are welcome to come sing with us or take pictures.

Drop Off/Pick Up reminders:

- ❖ Please remember that unless you walk your child into the child care room, students cannot be unattended on campus prior to 8 am. If your child is on campus prior to 8 am, they will be directed to child care and you will be sent a bill.
- ❖ Please walk with your children across the crosswalk in the morning. If you do not have time to walk in with your child, then please use the "car hop" service.
- ❖ If you are driving through the parking lot and you are in the lane near the school - please do not pull around the other cars. This creates a dangerous atmosphere for the children and families using the crosswalk, as well as the volunteers who are there to help all of us.

Communication with Teachers:

Please remember that if you need to speak with your child's teacher, they have set "office hours". You may also call and leave a message for the teachers if your information is more urgent than waiting for a meeting. The morning drop off and afternoon pick up times are really not the best time to try and communicate with them.

Also, if you bring your pets with you for pickup, please do not bring them into the classroom. Pets must stay outside unless invited for a specific purpose. Thank you for help in this matter.

CFEP: Annual Giving Campaign

Have you given yet??? A HUGE thank you to all the Eagle Peak families who have already donated to this year's Annual giving Campaign. To those of you who have not yet donated, we urge you to contribute what you can as soon as you can!! Any amount you can give will be appreciated and much needed. Due to the state budget crisis, our school will be dipping in to our reserves for over \$100,000 this year in order to maintain our amazing programs and offerings. The school needs your help to minimize the impact to our bank account. To donate to our Annual Giving Campaign, please fill out the CFEP Annual Giving pledge form, located in the office. CFEP and EPMS thank you!

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Notes from PTLG

This week, we'd like to express gratitude to all our **volunteers**, especially those of you who have stepped up to fill positions as needed. Along with our hardworking **Coordinators**, these individuals have been essential in getting the year off to a smooth start. Thank you!

We'd also like to point out that not all volunteers are EPMS parents (or grandparents, or other family members or caregivers). Our **teachers and staff**, as well as members of the greater community, contribute hours upon hours of their own time throughout the year(s) with no compensation and little acknowledgement. Their dedication to their work and EPMS is tremendous, and our children benefit. We are grateful.

One more word of appreciation, to **Fiona Hughes** for continuing to lead a very fun and prosperous **Friday Market**. Her tireless commitment, along with impressive student helpers and generous contributions from parents, have made our first few Friday afternoons a lovely success. Bravo!



Parent Ed Night - Parenting with Passion

Please join us on Thursday, September 24th from 7-9 pm and find out how to "parent with passion". See attached flyer for a more detailed description and Childcare RSVP.

Save-the-date: The faculty is putting together two Montessori-based classes for Parent Ed for Oct. 19 and for Nov. 18 -- more information to follow.

If you have any questions, email DeAnne Musolf Crouch at deannemc@aol.com.



Green Fundraiser Preview

As you may have heard by now, Eagle Peak is going green with its fall fundraising campaign. Please check out Growkids.org for a preview of the earth-friendly, fair-trade products you can purchase to help our school. 50% of the profit goes directly to Eagle Peak, and Growkids will plant a tree for each participant. Stop by the Friday Market on Sept. 25th, where we'll have a display set up so you can see some



Volunteer/Help Wanted

Staff Appreciation

Thank you to all parents that signed up to volunteer for Staff Appreciation Wednesday Snacks for Michelle, her staff & the teachers. We are completely full for volunteer sign ups for the Wednesdays (16th, 23rd & 30th) in September.

There will only be 1 main sign up sheet posted going forward, instead on 1 sign up sheet posted on every classroom door & in the office. Please watch for the October sign up sheet to be posted soon. If you have any questions, please contact Mona Logasa, Staff Appreciation Coordinator at (H) 925.363.4949 or email: mlogasa@comcast.net. Thanks again to everyone for your participation!

Parent Ed: Calling All Experts!

Due to budget cuts, Parent Education this year is looking toward the incredibly talented pool of parents we have at our school for experts to lead our workshops.

If you would be willing to offer your wisdom, tips, or knowledge on a topic of interest to Eagle Peak parents, please contact DeAnne Musolf Crouch at deannemc@aol.com. (PS No teaching credential is required. You will receive volunteer credit for your preparation and presentation time.)





Attachments this Week

- Parent Education Childcare RSVP






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SEPTEMBER SCHOOL CALENDAR

20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Parent Ed Parenting with Passion 7- 9 pm	Friday Market	
27	28	29	30			
						

OCTOBER 2009 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
						Friday Market
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				 Fall Pictures 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	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		EPMS Board Mtg 7 pm	Parent / Teacher Conferences October 21, 22 & 23 Early Dismissal - 1 pm - All 3 Days			
				Prospective Parents Mtg. 7 - 8 pm		