

EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL
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FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES
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OCTOBER 16, 2009

Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 21-23rd
Early Dismissal 1:00 pm
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Liberty without learning is always in peril; learning without liberty is always in vain.

-John F. Kennedy



Notes from Michelle

We truly appreciate all of the parents who have asked for Independent Studies for their children who have been out sick. This will really benefit both your child and the school. However, if you have asked for this work, it is essential that you turn it back to the teacher in a timely fashion. We cannot allow the student to keep the work past the day after they return. Please make note of this and help us by making sure the work is completed and returned on time.

Next week is conference time and there will be early dismissal on Wednesday thru Friday. If you are scheduled for a conference and you need to use childcare for your Eagle Peak student, but you do not usually utilize the child care program, you can use up to 30 minutes free (per child) during your conference time. However, we cannot accommodate siblings who do not attend Eagle Peak.

As you may have noticed a couple of the teachers and I are off campus. This week is the Fall American Montessori Conference in Garden Grove. We hope to bring back many exciting ideas.



Lunch Order

Attached is the next Lunch Order for the following six (6) weeks: 10/28 - 12/11. Order is due by Wednesday, October 21st with the final cutoff of Friday, October 23rd. Please check with your classroom for any upcoming field trips to avoid paying for unused lunches.

NOTE: Due to Veteran's Day (11/11) which is a Hotdog day, Burritos will be served on 11/4 and 11/18. If you have any questions please contact the office.



Garden Work Party
Tomorrow - Oct 17th

Hope to see you tomorrow between 8 am -12 and put a good dent in your volunteer hours. Please bring your own garden tools, gloves and water. If you have any questions please contact Jessica Bates at eaglepeakgarden @gmail.com or Raul Ruiz.



.....from the CFEP

WANTED - Experienced Grant Writer

Do you have any experience with writing grants? Or do you know some one who has? Then we need your help! CFEP is in the process of applying for several grants and is looking for a volunteer to write the applications. This can be done from home in your own time. CFEP supplies all necessary information - you write the application. Please consider helping with this task. Previous grant applications are available for review.

Contact CFEP at: contactcfep@gmail.com, subject: Grant Writing or contact Al Clark at: adccemail@yahoo.com / (925) 383-1019

UPDATE - Employer Gifting

Here are some of the companies that have a 'Matching Funds' program: Verizon, PG&E, Bank of America, eBay, Schwab, Kaiser & Chevron. Please check with your employer about 'Matching Funds' programs or other Community Outreach programs, such as Grant Funding, School Support Programs, etc. If you would like CFEP to contact your employer and find out if they offer any programs, please provide your employer's contact details and any other important information. For more information please contact CFEP or see our letter dated 9/27 in last week's Friday Folder.

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PTLG Spotlight



- ❖ Who in their right mind chooses to be outside in stormy, rainy weather, directing traffic while getting splashed by others running to and fro? Committed volunteers, that's who. Thank you, Car Hops!
- ❖ Fall Fest was its usual success. Nothing like relaxed family fun on a beautiful day. Special thanks to Brendon Hurley and all the volunteers and participants for making it so.
- ❖ Amidst room parents duties and attending PTLG meetings, Mona Logasa has been working tirelessly to plan and organize volunteers for Staff Appreciation. Thanks Mona and snack providers!
- ❖ Our GrowKids fundraiser has wrapped up. Thank you Debbie Cotton and Victoria Naulleau for coordinating and to all who contributed.
- ❖ What would we all do without Annie Rodriguez? Her dedicated responses and 24/7 attention to keeping parents electronically informed is unparalleled. Thanks, Annie.
- ❖ PTLG Liaisons/Room Parents for several classrooms have jumped right in and organized play dates for their class. Thank you Jenn Mecham, Clea Kannan, Tracy Watson, Jody Iorns and Katina Lawrence for showing up to meetings and getting your classrooms' families off to a friendly start!
- ❖ Auction planning... and they're off!!! Jody Iorns, Gundi Younger, Sandra Gonzalez, Katina Lawrence, and Mayra Garcia are leading critical efforts for this year's fundraising Auction and Wine/Cheese Reception. It's an awesome event, and there's lots of work to be done. Thank you all in advance!
- ❖ Finally, thanks to CFEP Board members. Gundi Younger, Al Clark, Leslie Fisher, Joann Jacobs, Leslie Lim, Raul Ruiz, Simon Makdessi, Amy Nelson, Daisha Williams and Spencer Williams have all been working on various committees to acquire much-needed funds for Eagle Peak. On behalf of every parent and student, Thank You.
- ❖ PTLG Meeting Minutes have been posted. If you did not receive this via email and would like a hard copy, contact Kris Harwood at 673-5689.



School Roster

We will be distributing the 2009-10 School Roster with **next weeks'** Friday Folder (10/23). If you haven't had the chance, please stop by the Office and verify your listing. We will not be sending out a supplement. Thank you.



Music Notes

The video of Eagle Peak students and staff singing for "Sing Peace Around The World" has been posted on YouTube and has a link on Shelley Murley's website under the video links for California. Caveat: Not all children are prominent or equally represented due to the placement of the camera and some editing. If anyone would like a copy of the raw footage please place a message in my box in the office.

Lower EI Classes: We are working on the rhythm of words and names, placing them in meters and musical forms by working together in small groups to create presentations incorporating these elements adding body percussion/movements/dance. They are quite proud of their contributions!

Upper EI Classes: It is so apparent at the beginning of the year how far the 5th year students have come with their recorder playing techniques since I teach 4th and 5th years separately. Not only do the students learn recorder technique in upper ei, but also movement, music appreciation, composition, notation / nomenclature, and listening skills. We add percussion and barred pitched instruments (think xylophone here) to accompany melodies and learn orchestration techniques.

The recorders belong to the students (4ths - soprano only; 5ths - soprano and alto) and they are encouraged to take them home to practice. However, they need to be returned to school by Wednesday morning in order for the student to get the most out of our time together. Please help your child(ren) in this endeavor.

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Volunteer/Help Wanted

1. **Staff Appreciation:**

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!... to all parents who continue to sign up to volunteer for Staff Appreciation Wednesday Snacks for Michelle, her staff & the teachers. Everyone enjoys the variety of snacks and is so grateful for the delicious munchies.

Please be sure to have the snack in the EPMS lunch room by 11:30 am on Wednesdays.

In November, Room 202 will be hosting the Staff Appreciation Wednesday Snacks. A volunteer sign up sheet will be posted directly on the classroom door. If you would like to sign up, regardless of the classroom host assigned, please just add your name to the list.

Listed below is the Classroom Host Assignment Schedule for Staff Appreciation Wednesday Snacks.

2009

Nov: Room 202 - Denise & Wendy
Dec: Room 401 - Jennifer & Sharyn

2010

Jan: Room 302 - Linda & Emily
Feb: Room 301 - Sibyl & Heidi
Mar: Room 201 - Emily & Ket
Apr: Room 202 - Denise & Wendy
May: Room 401 - Jennifer & Sharyn
Jun: Room 302 - Linda & Emily

As time gets closer, I will send out reminders & post the sign up sheets on the assigned classroom door.

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 Education

October and November's Parent Ed meetings will give parents a window into how our children learn various topics, Montessori-style. Few parents leave these sessions without being amazed (and wanting to return to grade school). Mark your calendars and prepare to be astonished.

Math: Thursday, Oct. 29, 6:30 - 8 pm

Language: Wednesday, Nov. 18, 6:30 - 8 pm





Attachments this Week

- Lunch Order Form
- Parent Ed - 10/29 Childcare Sign-up
- EPMS Book Swap
- Day-at-the Races for Literacy






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OCTOBER 2009 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Parent Ed. Montessori Math 6:30 - 8 pm	EPMS Board Mtg 7:00 pm	<u>Parent / Teacher Conferences</u> October 21, 22 & 23 Early Dismissal - 1 pm - All 3 Days 	Prospective Parents Mtg. 7 - 8 pm		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
					Friday Market	

NOVEMBER SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	8
Daylight Savings 		PTLG 7:00 pm			Friday Market	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			VETERAN'S DAY  NO SCHOOL	1st, 2nd & 5th Year Vision Testing Prospective Parents Mtg. 7 - 8 pm	Friday Market	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		EPMS Board Mtg 7:00 pm	 Parent Ed. Montessori Language 6:30 - 8 pm		 Make-up Pictures Friday Market	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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