

EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES

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OCTOBER 2, 2009

“Knowing what we must do is neither fundamental nor difficult, but to comprehend which presumptions and vain prejudices we must rid ourselves of in order to be able to educate our children is most difficult.”

-Dr. Maria Montessori

“You must take personal responsibility. You cannot change the circumstances, the seasons, or the wind, but you can change yourself. That is something you have charge of.”

- Jim Rohn



Notes from Michelle

Please remember that part of your Parent Agreement is that you will attend both the **Pre-Conference Observations** for your child and that you will also attend the **Parent Teacher Conferences**. The week of October 12th-16th, is the week for observations which will be followed by the week for conferences. Part of the process requires the parents to help set goals for their child. Together, the teachers and parents create academic, social and emotional goals for the student. We ask that you, as the parent, come to the conference with your input for these goals already formulated.

The process works as follows:

- Parent observes their child in the classroom setting.
- Based on the time observing and the knowledge that each parent has of their own child, they will use the **Individual Learning Plan** form to create several goals for their child to share with the teachers.
- Parent brings the ILP form with them to the conference.
- Teachers and Parents together create a new ILP form in the classroom based on mutual goals.

In our charter, we discuss specific “learner outcomes” that we aim for our students to develop during their experience at Eagle Peak Montessori. In developing the ILP form, I took those outcomes and attempted to make them “user friendly” for both parents and teachers.



Notes from Michelle (con't)

In today's FF, you will find the form (blue) for you to fill out and to BRING with you to your parent conference. There is also a sample (green) in case you need some further explanation of each “learner outcome”. You may or may not have a goal for each outcome for your child. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me or your child's teacher.

Saturday October 10th is the annual Fall Fest! I hope that every Eagle Peak family comes out to support this fun event!!!!!! This has been an Eagle Peak tradition since the beginning, although it started as Spring Fest. Please remember that parking will be an issue that day- so plan ahead. We are working on getting access to additional parking for that day. Stay tuned here for more information!

I would like to reiterate that everyone involved in the carhops and carpool lane are volunteers. Please treat the adults and children with respect when you are using this service. If you are in a hurry, it would be best if you park and come into campus to pick up your child. The process goes as quickly as possible.

Employer Gifting to Eagle Peak

CFEP identified the largest single source of fundraising support outside our parent community. Please check your Friday Folder for more information on how you can help tap into this important opportunity.



Picture Day at Eagle Peak

Thursday, October 8th, will be our Fall Picture Day. Mark this date on your calendar. Please complete the Order Form in this weeks' Friday Folder and remember to have your child bring it on the 8th. Make checks payable to Lifetouch. Thanks you.

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Notes from PTLG

Our EPMS **Open House** will be held 10:30-noon **this Saturday 10/3**. Parents, you are invited! Please come for coffee and share your experience with visitors (and earn a volunteer hour or two)! Most importantly, **tell your friends!** It is a rare opportunity for prospective families to check out Eagle Peak in open format.

Have a question, comment, or an idea to share? Can't make the PTLG meetings? We are now offering **"PTLG Office Hours"** after school on Fridays. Look for Annie Rodriguez in the courtyard and share your thoughts.

Next **PTLG meeting** is this coming **Tuesday, October 6th** at 7:00 pm in the EPMS Multi-Use Room. Agenda will be posted in the office. All are welcome.

We are all looking forward to **Fall Fest** next **Saturday, 10/10** from 11am - 2 pm. Fall Fest is pure fun for Eagle Peak families and friends. Remember to send in your advance ticket orders **by 10/5 to receive the 10-20% discount!**



Fall Fest 2009

Don't forget our Fall Fest! It's Saturday October 10, 11:00 - 2:00 pm. The games, food and BBQ are awesome. Bring family and friends, and share the day with our school families. It's an easy and fun way to rack up a lot of volunteer hours.

There is a signup sheet on the office door. We need volunteers for a myriad of games, food service, the Cake Walk, Tattoo Parlor and many, many more fun games and activities. If you wish to donate a cake or pastry for the Cake Walk, please email Liz Wadsworth at ewadswor@gmail.com. If you or someone you know owns and would share their popcorn machine, we'd love to have it and someone to run it at the festival.

Please contact Brendon Hurley at (925) 674-9073 for questions or additional information.



Green Fundraiser

Welcome to our second week of EPMS's green fundraiser with Growkids. www.growkids.org

You probably noticed the large envelope in last week's (September 25) Friday Folder. If you haven't taken a look, or it's buried on the piles on your counter, now is a good time to go green and support EPMS.

Our Growkids fundraiser is green for three reasons:

1. The products are earth friendly - all natural cleaners, eco-friendly materials, seeds to plant, and recycled gift wrap and note cards.
2. For every Eagle Peak Family that places an order, Growkids will plant a tree.
3. You can order on-line, www.growkids.org (just like Amazon) and enter in the school name and zip code 94598, and your order can be shipped directly to you, saving paperwork for Growkids, EPMS volunteers, and you.

If you want to buy Growkids products to support EPMS and prefer not to order on-line, you may order from the brochure enclosed in the Friday Folder and return your order form and payment to the EPMS office by October 9, 2009. Orders will be delivered to EPMS and ready for pick up the week of October 26. Your order will still support EPMS, the earth, and plant a tree.

Doing your holiday shopping early on-line with Growkids www.growkids.org will be available to all EPMS families from September 25 - October 12.

If you would like to take a look at the Growkids products, visit the EPMS office to take a look at samples of the home accessories, spa products, seed packets, and gift wrap.

Please contact Victoria Naulleau vnaulleau@yahoo.com or Debbie Cotton Kilcoin kilcoins4@comcast.net with any questions.

Thank you for your support of the environment and EPMS.

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Friday Market

October's Friday Market is being hosted by Wendy & Denise's Class 202, which is exciting since their class really pushed the boat out last time, and enabled us to raise a record-breaking amount of money for the school!

Because of early dismissals on Oct. 16th and 23rd, there will be only three Friday Markets this month, on Oct. 2nd, 9th and 30th.

The sign up sheet for any and all parents who plan to bring goodies for both these Friday Markets is posted on the door of Room 202.

Healthy snacks, individually wrapped are appreciated (i.e. bagged popcorn, pretzels, chex-mix, cookies, muffins, etc) as well as any excess produce from the garden are welcomed. These should be delivered on Fri. mornings to the teacher's lounge, marked "For Friday Market".

Upper EI students wanting to help out with the Market should ask their teacher's permission in advance. Thanks to all who donate, and support our school by shopping the EPMS Friday Market!
Fiona Hughes



Volunteer/Help Wanted

1. Staff Appreciation:

A continued Thank You to all parents that signed up to volunteer for Staff Appreciation Wednesday Snacks for Michelle, her staff and the teachers.

The October Staff Appreciation Volunteer Sign Up poster has been placed on the inside gates to the courtyard for all to see. When the gates are open, the poster is visible on the left side of the gate and there is a pen attached for your convenience.



Volunteer/Help Wanted

1. Staff Appreciation: (con't)

The October dates for Wednesday Snacks are 10/07, 10/14, 10/21 & 10/28. There are only 4 volunteers needed each week. Kindly take a moment to see the poster & sign up for any open date that fits your schedule. Michelle, her staff & the teachers really enjoy the goodies & we wouldn't want to disappoint them.

Please be sure to have the snack in the EPMS lunch room by 1130 am on Wednesdays.

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!

2. 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

- Lifetouch Fall Pictures Order Form
- CFEP - Employer Gift Program
- Individual Learning Plan - Input Form for Parent Conferences
- EMPS Open House




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OCTOBER 2009 SCHOOL CALENDAR

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-----|---|---------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|--|
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| | | PTLG 7:00 pm |  |  Fall Pictures Prospective Parents Mtg. 7 - 8 pm | Friday Market |  Fall Fest 11 - 2 pm |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| | ----- Parent Observations ----- October 12 - 16th | | | | | |
| | CFEP 7:00 pm | |  | | Early Dismissal 1:00 pm | |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| | <u>Save-the-Date</u> Parent Ed. Montessori Based TBA - 7:00 pm | EPMS Board Mtg 7 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  | | |  | | Friday Market | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| | | | VETERAN'S DAY  NO SCHOOL | <u>2nd & 5th Year</u> Vision Testing Prospective Parents Mtg. 7 - 8 pm | Friday Market | |