

**EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL**  
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**FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES**  
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SEPTEMBER 25, 2009

It isn't enough to talk about peace, one must believe it. And it isn't enough to believe in it, one must work for it.  
- Eleanor Roosevelt

End each day with thoughts of peace. Begin each day with thoughts of peace. Continue thinking thoughts of peace throughout your precious day and happiness will be yours.  
- Anonymous



### **Notes from Michelle**

As I mentioned last week, Monday, September 21, was International Peace Day. Through our wonderful music teacher, Allison Lloyd, we were able to participate with Montessori schools across the globe and sing for peace. It was one of those incredible moments with the students where you really see the difference in providing them with not just a Montessori academic experience but with such a wonderful philosophy as well. Thank you again Allison for pulling that together.

I hope everyone has been "enjoying" our blast of summer as we entered fall this week. A few of you may have noticed your children sometimes coming home a little wet. Sometimes as the heat level rises, the children get to have some water time after PE and recess. If for any reason you do not want your child to participate, please let us know. "Water time" basically consists of Al or Ava running the hose and allowing the children to run under it. Again, if this is not an activity you want your child to participate in, please let us know.

We are coming up on our Fall Festival!!! This annual event is always so much fun for the Eagle Peak families! Please make plans to attend this game filled event. (Sorry, still no dunking booth - ☺)



### **Notes from PTLG**

There has been concern regarding curbside safety of little ones during morning drop-off. Please keep a close eye on your Lower EI and younger children to be sure there is no lingering or playing near the drop-off lane.

Drivers, be aware of activity at every angle as you pull through. The combination of good-bye waves, distracted parents and moving cars could spell disaster. Please pay close attention and proceed with the utmost care.



### **Green Fundraiser Begins Today!**

You will notice a large envelope for our Growkids fundraiser in today's Friday Folder. The fundraiser lasts just 2 weeks, so please take a moment to do some early holiday shopping and help Eagle Peak earn much-needed funds. Please note: In keeping with the Montessori philosophy, we will not be participating in the "Prize Planet" (where those who sell the most earn prizes), but instead we will earn some bonus gifts for the entire school to enjoy. You may opt to purchase the items using the enclosed brochure, or online at [Growkids.org](http://Growkids.org). (Online orders can be shipped directly to the recipient's house; paper orders can be picked up at school.) For more info, contact Victoria Naulleau ([vnnaulleau@yahoo.com](mailto:vnnaulleau@yahoo.com)) or Debbie Cotton Kilcoin ([Kilcoins4@comcast.net](mailto:Kilcoins4@comcast.net)). Thanks for you help!



### **Fall Fest 2009**

Not far away now! Remember it's Saturday, October 10th, 11:00 – 2:00 pm. Think of it as Spring Fest only cooler (we hope!)

This is a fun day for you and the family. You could also consider bringing relatives and friends to share the day with you. Besides the games, we will be offering food from the barbeque and pizza. It's a great day to get together with the other students and parents from the school.

The committee is looking for help to coordinate the Cake Walk and Henna Booth. Also we are interested in hearing from any family that would donate and run popcorn machine or similar.

The schedule for volunteering will be put up shortly. This is a great way to gain some volunteer fun and have some fun at the same time.

Please contact Brendon Hurley (925) 674-9073 if you are able to assist in these areas.

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## **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!



## **Music Notes**

The "Sing Peace Around the World" event on Monday 21st was beautiful. Thank you to all the teachers, students and staff for their help in preparing for Eagle Peak's contribution for keeping the continuous singing and thought for world peace going for a full 24 hours! I created a video of our version and was able to share it with the Upper EI students on Wednesday. I'm working on getting it posted to Eagle Peak's website or to the event website.

I enjoyed meeting with all the new Lower EI students on Monday. We worked on rhythm and movement games while we learned everyone's name. Most of the Upper EI students received their new recorders this week. Although the students are allowed to bring their recorders home, they also need to be responsible for bringing them back to school for Wednesday lessons. If your child(ren) forget their recorder that day, please do not bring it to school for them. Besides being a good lesson, I often have other musical activities and different instruments for them to use to enhance the music making. Another option is to purchase a cheap recorder at the dollar store for the students to practice at home. You may be hearing lots of experimentation with the various parts of the recorder including bird whistles and fire alarms. Please feel free to set boundaries on time and location in your home. "Outside, under a tree" IS an option. ☺



## **Volunteer/Help Wanted**

### **1. 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 in September. Please watch for the October sign up sheet to be posted early next week. The October dates for Wednesday Snacks are 10/07, 10/14, 10/21 & 10/28. There are 4 volunteers needed each week. Only 1 main sign up sheet will be posted going forward, instead of 1 sign up sheet posted on every classroom door & in the office. If you have any questions, please contact Mona Logasa, Staff Appreciation Coordinator at (H) 925.363.4949 or email: [mlogasa@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:deannemc@aol.com). (PS No teaching credential is required. You will receive volunteer credit for your preparation and presentation time.)




## **Attachments this Week**

- Upper Elementary News: Sep 09 - UE Only
- Growkid Fundraiser
- October Childcare Payment
- Fall Fest Pre-ticket Sales Form
- Escrip Fundraiser
- EPMS Open House
- Picture Day Reminder


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**SEPTEMBER SCHOOL CALENDAR**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30			
						

**OCTOBER 2009 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
					 <b>Student Government Elections</b>  <b>Friday Market</b>	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		PTLG 7:00 pm		 <b>Fall Pictures</b> Prospective Parents Mtg. 7 - 8 pm	<b>Friday Market</b>	 <b>Fall Fest</b> 11 - 2 pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	----- <b>Parent Observations</b> ----- 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
					<b>Friday Market</b>	