

EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL
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FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES
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OCTOBER 30, 2009



Time Change this Weekend!

**Don't forget to turn back
your clocks this Sunday, November 1st.**

"The greatest sign of success for a teacher... is to be able to say, "The children are now working as if I did not exist."

-Dr. Maria Montessori



Notes from Michelle

Today I looked out at the courtyard and almost every table had children working. It was a beautiful sight. They were all engaged in their work and there was only one teacher present, sitting at a table, with a few students. The student culture on this campus can be so refreshing. Recently, a colleague from another Charter School in Southern California was visiting the campus. She was so impressed by the self monitoring that the majority of our students are able to do, and how it creates a truly different atmosphere, than students in so many traditional schools. The Eagle Peak teaching staff and students work in such beautiful tandem to create this environment. I hope that when you were here for conferences, you were able to witness even a piece of this.

I hope that everyone who attended last night's Parent Education walked away with new insight to the education that their child is receiving. The teacher-led evenings are always a favorite! Please mark next month's calendar on the 18th of November for another teacher-led event.

Before we know it, the holiday breaks will be here. Make sure to watch your Friday Folder for your child's classroom events during the season.

I would like to send out a big thank you to all of the families who have been taking such great care of us on Wednesdays for lunch. There has been an absolutely fantastic variety of foods coming, in and the staff feels very well appreciated.

Have a wonderful weekend!



Bring in your books for the EPMS Book Swap

We will kick off the Annual EPMS Read-a-thon with a Book Swap after school on Friday, November 13th. You can bring in your gently used books (any kind - kids, adults, reference, etc) to the office anytime before November 13th. Volunteers are needed for the Book Swap. Sign up Sheet will be posted on the office window. Please contact Theresa Hurley at 674-9073 with any questions.



Wanted.....Umbrellas for a Rainy Day

With the rainy season upon us it would be great if we could have a few more large (golf) umbrellas donated to keep our morning greeters and afternoon volunteers dry during drop-off and pick-up. If you can help, give us a call in the office so we don't get swamped with too many.....thanks.



Lost and Found

Clothing is starting to pile up in Lost and Found again. Please take a moment to check the racks before they get donated. If you have any questions please contact Maura Krieger at 925-519-4641.



Volunteer/Help Wanted

1. Vision/Hearing Testing - November 12th (1st, 2nd & 5th yearly Only)

Two parents (2) are needed to help shepherd the students to/from testing in the M/U room between 8:30 and 11:00 am on November 12th. Please contact Ms. Amy if you are available.

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3. Afternoon Carhops - Volunteer Needed:

Volunteers are needed to assist in after school carpool on Mondays and Tuesdays (3:30-3:45 pm). Please note a one month commitment is requested. If you can assist, please contact Mayra Garcia at 639-6358 or email: mayrag79gmail.com

4. Staff Appreciation:

"WOW!"... "The food is incredible!"...
"The parents are spoiling us wonderfully!"...
"The weekly snacks are so much more than just snacks!"... "We look forward to our weekly edible surprises - they are always such a delight!"...

These are just a few of the many comments that I have heard from Michelle, her staff & the teachers regarding Staff Appreciation Wednesday Snacks. The outpouring display of their appreciation, really says it all -THANK YOU!!!

Without all of the parent & family volunteers that continue to contribute weekly, we would not be able to successfully provide Staff Appreciation Wednesday Snacks for Michelle, her staff & the teachers. THANK YOU EVERYONE for all your volunteering efforts here at EPMS. We really do make a difference!

REMINDER: November, Room 202 will be hosting the Staff Appreciation Wednesday Snacks. November 4 will be the same as any other Wednesday Snacks - only 4 volunteers will be needed.



Volunteer/Help Wanted

4. Staff Appreciation (con't):

November 18, we will be hosting a THANKFUL FEAST luncheon for Michelle, her staff & the teachers. There are specific items on the menu that anyone can volunteer to make/bring for this feast.

The November volunteer sign up sheet for Staff Appreciation Wednesday snacks is posted directly on the classroom door of Room 202. Kindly take a look at the sign up sheet. There are many volunteer opportunities for November 18, as more than 1 volunteer may be needed for the same items. If you would like to sign up, regardless of the classroom host assigned, please just add your name to the list.

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!

Thank you in advance,
Mona, Staff Appreciation Coordinator









Attachments this Week

- Guide for Parents - Seasonal Flu/H1N1
- Annual Book Swap


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NOVEMBER SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <i>Daylight Savings</i> <i>Fall Back</i>	2	3 PTLG 7:00 pm	4 	5	6 Friday Market	7  Garden Work Party 8 am - 12
8	9 CFEP 7:00 pm	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY  NO SCHOOL	12 <u>1st, 2nd & 5th Year</u> Vision Testing Prospective Parents Mtg. 7 - 8 pm	13 Book Swap ----- Read-a-thon 11/13 - 11/27 Friday Market	14
15	16 EPMS Board Mtg 7:00 pm	17	18  <u>Parent Ed.</u> Montessori Language 6:30 - 8 pm	19	20  Make-up Pictures Friday Market	21  Garden Work Party 8 am - 12
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<i>Thanksgiving Holiday - No School</i>						
29	30				Friday Market	

DECEMBER SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 <u>Lower EI - 302</u> MOCHA  Prospective Parents Mtg. 7 - 8 pm	3	4 Friday Market	5