

EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL
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FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES
(ALSO ON THE WEBSITE)
NOVEMBER 6, 2009



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

Two parents (2) are still 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.



PTLG Spotlight



Thanks to all who attended Tuesday night's meeting. Remember to log your volunteer hours for attendance. Minutes will be distributed via email and posted on the office bulletin board next week.

CFEP volunteers have been working to collect pledge contributions for the ACG (Annual Giving Campaign). Please send in your checks; and if you haven't already pledged, it's not too late. Remember, as a charter school, EPMS receives less funding than other district schools (and more budget cuts are anticipated), so our continued success is dependent on fundraising and financial support from parents. Please contribute in whatever amount you can.

Most PTLG-driven functions are running smoothly, and daily volunteer efforts are very much appreciated. Continued thanks to our coordinators and classroom liaisons, as well as hardworking EPMS staff, Board members and volunteers.

Check your email and Friday Folders for information about upcoming Parent Ed nights, classroom events and EPMS Outreach.

The next PTLG meeting will be Tuesday, January 5th. We will keep everyone posted until then, and wish all parents and staff a happy holiday season.

Kris Harwood & Annie Rodriguez
PTLG Co-Chair



8th Annual EPMS Read-a-thon

Promote literacy and raise money for Eagle Peak. This is an easy and enjoyable fundraiser! Last year students raised thousands of dollars for EPMS by reading. 80% of the proceeds of this fundraiser goes to EPMS, the remaining 20% goes back to your child (see below)

All your student needs to do is ask family, friends and neighbors to pledge them, then read (or be read to) for 450 minutes over 15 days (30 min/day). After the 15 days simply send back the signed reading log and pledge money. That's it!

Need another reason to participate? 20% of the money raised will go back to the participating student in the form of a Half Price Books gift card. Students can then choose books for themselves or give back to the community by donating their gift card to the Monument Community Partnership Literacy Program. This program supplies books to volunteer-led reading programs in the Monument Corridor.

New this year – every student who participates in the Read-a-thon will have their name put in a drawing for fun prizes! There are also optional challenges to complete in the reading log that will give you extra chances to win.

Reading log/sponsor sheets and more details are included in your Friday Folder. The read-a-thon runs from Friday, Nov 13th to Friday, Nov 27th.

We're kicking off the Read-a-thon with a Book Swap on Friday, Nov 13th from 3:30 – 4:30 pm in the courtyard. Get some new books to read. If you would like to donate books, please bring them to the office anytime before November 13th. Need Volunteer hours? There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the office for the book swap.

Any questions, please call Read-a-thon coordinator, Theresa Hurley, 674-9073.

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Notes from Childcare

Childcare payments for the month of **November** are now past due. Here are a few helpful reminders on how Childcare payment works:

- ❖ **Drop-in rates** are used if you have not already submitted payment for a prepaid package.
- ❖ **Over-time rate** is used when additional hours are used in excess of your prepaid monthly package.
- ❖ You will be billed at the end of the month with any drop-in or over-time hours accrued.
- ❖ Daily hours are added up on a monthly basis and rounded to the nearest 1/2 hour.
- ❖ Take advantage of a price break by signing up for prepaid hourly packages.
- ❖ Please choose your prepaid package carefully. Unused hours cannot be carried over to the next month.
- ❖ Please pay your childcare payments promptly. Failure to pay your childcare costs on a timely basis can prevent your child from using childcare in the future.
- ❖ You may submit a credit card to be retained on file (along with expiration date and security code) and have Mrs. Mahraj automatically deduct charges as they are accrued on a monthly basis. A receipt will be sent in the Friday Folder.

If you have any future questions please contact Sibyl Buckner regarding billable hours or Sondra Mahraj for payment questions.



Notes from PTLG

If you have made a donation to this year's Annual Giving Campaign, you should have received your receipt/statement by now. The receipt confirms that your donation is tax deductible. If you have pledged to make a 2nd installment your receipt will show an 'Amount Due'. The balance of your donation is due by 12/11/09. Please contact me if you have made a donation but you have not yet received a receipt/statement in the mail.

If you have not had a chance to participate in the Annual Giving Campaign we would like to encourage you to make your payment before the end of the year, so you too can receive the benefits when you file your 2009 income tax return.

Now more than ever, please give what you can so our children can continue to get the exceptional Montessori education that they deserve.

Gundi Younger, CFEP - President
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Volunteer/Help Wanted

1. **Friday Market** will be hosted by Room 401 in **November**. Please remember to contribute to the Friday Market. Sign up sheet will be on the room door. This gives us an idea what is coming and whether more is needed. Thanks.
2. **Book Swap**

Volunteers are needed for the Book Swap on Friday, Nov 13th after school. Sign up Sheet will be posted on the office window. Please contact Theresa Hurley at 674-9073 with any questions.

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Volunteer/Help Wanted (con't)

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:

REMINDER: November, Room 202 will be hosting the Staff Appreciation Wednesday Snacks.

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

- 8th Annual EMPS Read-a-thon Pledge Sheet
- Middle School Information Meeting
- Upper EI Only - Family Playdate Flyer


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NOVEMBER SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					Friday Market	 Garden Work Party 8 am - 12
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	CFEP 7:00 pm		VETERAN'S DAY  NO SCHOOL	1st, 2nd & 5th Year Vision Testing Prospective Parents Mtg. 7 - 8 pm	Book Swap ----- Read-a-thon 11/13 - 11/27 Friday Market	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		EPMS Board Mtg 7:00 pm	 Parent Ed. Middle School Info Meeting 6:30 - 8:30		 Make-up Pictures Friday Market	 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	3	4	5
		PTLG 7:00 pm	Lower EI - 302 MOCHA  Prospective Parents Mtg. 7 - 8 pm		Friday Market	