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FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES
(ALSO ON THE WEBSITE)
JANUARY 22, 2010

“If education is always to be conceived along the same antiquated lines of a mere transmission of knowledge, there is little to be hoped from it in the bettering of man's future. For what is the use of transmitting knowledge if the individual's total development lags behind?”

~ Dr. Maria Montessori



Notes from Michelle

We were notified through the district this week that Eagle Peak was named on the California Businesses for Educational Excellence Honor Roll for 2009.

“The 2009 Honor Roll includes 1,304 California public elementary, middle and high schools that have been recognized by California's business community for having demonstrated consistent high student academic achievement and have made significant progress toward closing achievement gaps among all their students. The Honor Roll is made up of two different awards, the Star Schools Award (395 schools) and Scholar Schools Award (909 schools).”

Eagle Peak was listed on their “Scholar Schools” list. This list is for schools that have made significant progress but do not have a significant population of low socio-economic or at risk students. There are over 9900 public schools in the state of California. In Mount Diablo there were 12 schools named on the Honor Roll including high schools. It is a great honor to be recognized in this way. It is also confirmation that education does not have to be conducted in the traditional way in order to be successful. Congratulations to the students and staff for all of their hard work.

The district had a meeting on Wednesday evening to talk about the state budget and how it will affect their programs. Last night Debbie Cotton-Kilcoin and Pete Villa presented an update to the Eagle Peak budget and projections for the next few years. If you missed last night's meeting, there will be a 2nd chance on Saturday January 30, at 9:00am here at the school to hear the information.



Notes from Michelle (con't)

Report cards will be sent out next week. Please make sure that you have read through the explanation of the numerical scale prior to looking over the report card as a whole. It can be a little confusing. Remember that students most likely will have “2s” and “3s” right now in Lower Elementary. They will only receive a “5” at this time if they are above or beyond grade level work. Upper Elementary is still using the “1-4” scale. A “4” in Upper Elementary would assume the student was at the end of grade level.

Last week, three of the students from Lower Elementary came to ask me if they could organize a way of helping Haiti. We discussed some basic ideas and then they were assigned to research the best ideas. They called and spoke with a representative of the Red Cross and were told that cash was the best way to help. Therefore, next week, there will be a jar in each classroom to collect coins for the Haitian relief. We will take the coins and turn them into a check to take to the local Red Cross for the relief effort.



Notes from the Office



PLEASE CALL IN!!!! (or leave a detailed VMX) as soon as possible when your child will not be in school for the day. Your child's absence will be considered "**UNEXCUSED**" if we do not hear from you.



If your child will be arriving late due to a doctor's appointment, etc., please give us a call as well. Please remember to bring a note from your doctor's office to excuse the Tardy after arriving late from a doctor's/dentist appointment.



Make sure you pack forks and spoons in your child's lunch box if needed. We are getting way too many visits to the office to during lunch hour to request missing utensils.

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Notes from PTLG

Need volunteer work hours? Do you like to prepare goodies, greet friends, or help supervise? Assistance is often needed during car hops and lunch/recess, and snack additions are always welcome for Friday Market and Staff Appreciation Wednesdays.

Be on the lookout for emails from your classroom's PTLG Liaison(s). Liaisons are a valuable source of information; they are your link to both PTLG and your child(ren)'s teachers. The Liaison list is posted on the bulletin board in the office.

Also, remember to check the Volunteer Rotation Schedule each month. This may have been forwarded by your Liaison. A copy is also posted in the office window. If you have not received this via e-mail and would like a PDF copy, please contact Kris Harwood: krisharwood@live.com.



Wine & Cheese Reception and Auction 2010

Please mark your calendars! Our annual Wine & Cheese Reception and Auction is set for Saturday, April 24, 2010. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and we encourage parents and family members to attend this wonderful event! Please see the enclosed attachment for further details.



Wine Donations - In an attempt to keep the costs of the event to a minimum, we are hoping families will be able to donate a bottle or two of wine for pouring at the event. If you are able to donate wine, please contact Kim Newman, Wine Coordinator at 925-348-7625 or kimberly_newman@sbcglobal.net to arrange for pick up! Thanks!

Also, look out for many volunteer opportunities for this event in the upcoming Friday Folder Notes.



Staff Appreciation Wednesdays

Classroom 302 remains the host for Wednesday Snacks for January. Host classroom for February is Classroom 301 - Sibyl & Heidi. Please email mlogasa@comcast.net for any dates in January (1/27) or February (2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24) that you would like to volunteer for Wednesday Snacks. Thanks you. Mona



EPMS Star Gazing Evening

We are privileged to have members of the Mt. Diablo Astronomical Society lead a fascinating evening of star gazing, as they point out constellations, planets, and share interesting observations about our night sky. Telescopes and educational aids will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE!!!! for this family-oriented fundraising event at EPMS on the evening of **Friday, March 19th** (weather-permitting). More details to follow in future Friday Folders.



Volunteer/Help Wanted

1. Talent Show

Talent Show volunteers needed now. Great way to get in hours outside of the workday! We need an emcee coordinator, refreshments coordinator, visual artist coordinator, professional videographer, help with set up and clean up, and 2-3 assistants to help out during the show. Jenn Hartmann, 925-708-2128 or jenofun@hotmail.com.



Attachments this Week

- 2010 Wine & Cheese Reception Save-the-Date
- Ygnacio Valley Bookmark Contest
- After-School Hoops Sign-up
- After-School Yoga Sign-up
- Upper EI - Miss Allison's Talent Show Sign-up
- Upper EI - Valentine's Day Community Service Flyer and Permission Slip

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JANUARY 2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			 Talent Show 1st Rehearsal 1:15 pm		Friday Market <u>Report Cards Out</u>	<u>Parent Educ.</u> EPMS Budget Workshop 9:00 am

FEBRUARY 2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	CFEP 7:00 pm	PTLG 7:00 pm			Friday Market	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	 Lincoln's BD OFF		 <u>Save-the-Date</u> Parent Ed. TBA	Prospective Parents Mtg. 7 - 8 pm	Friday Market	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	 President's Day OFF	EPMS Board Mtg 7 pm			Friday Market	Garden Work Party 8 am - 12 ----- Prospective Parents Mtg. 9:30 am
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Prospective Parents Mtg. 7 - 8 pm	 Talent Show @ St. Matthews Church	
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