

**EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL**  
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**FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES**  
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JANUARY 29, 2010

“There is more than a verbal tie between the words common, community, and communication.... Try the experiment of communicating, with fullness and accuracy, some experience to another, especially if it be somewhat complicated, and you will find your own attitude toward your experience changing.”

- John Dewey

“In every community there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart there is the power to do it.”

- Marianna Williamson



### **Notes from Michelle**

This week many of you will receive letters regarding your volunteer hours. Some of you have yet to meet half of the hours we require each year. However, many of you will receive letters thanking you for the hours you have already dedicated to the school which in some cases are many hours above the required 40 hours. To all of our volunteers, we are grateful for everything you give to help make the Eagle Peak program the success it has become.

Also, today is the big day for report cards. Please review the legend which explains the grading system. I have taken both the Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary “Explanation of Markings” section and printed it out separately so that you can read through those prior to the report card. If you have questions, please remember that all of the staff have office hours during the week. If you call the office, Amy can set up a time to meet with your child’s teacher if further explanation is needed.

Saturday morning is the second opportunity for parents to meet with representatives of the EPMS Board of Directors, CFEP and the school administrator to go over questions or concerns that you might have regarding the Eagle Peak budget in these times of economic uncertainty. The meeting will be held in the multi purpose room at 9:00 am. (There will not be childcare provided. If you need to bring your children, please bring some activity for them to do quietly.)

The children have been collecting coins for Haiti. We will collect this money through Friday and then turn in the money to the Red Cross.



### **Notes from PTLG**

PTLG meeting dates for the remainder of the year are as follows (Tuesday's):

**Feb 2nd, March 23rd, May 4th & June 1st**

There will be no April meeting. All meetings will be held at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Use Room. All parents and staff are welcome and encouraged to attend.

As April approaches, the Auction planning committee is hard at work pulling together all the details that go into this very important event. Please support the auction planners in any way you can, and at the very least, plan to attend.

Need volunteer hours? Want to lend an extra hand? Please see the Help Wanted section in these notes each Friday. Also, please keep a monthly eye on the Volunteer Rotation Schedule. This rotation is designed as a backup plan, to urge parents to help out in a particular area for a short term when there aren't enough volunteers. If you have any questions about the rotation, please contact Kris at 673-5689 or [krisharwood@earthlink.net](mailto:krisharwood@earthlink.net).

Thank you to all the Committee Leaders and Liaisons who have agreed to continue in their roles next year (2010-11). There may be a few openings as some parents step into new roles or their 5th-year children prepare to move on to middle school. If you are interested in taking on a leadership or Liaison position, please contact Kris Harwood or Annie Rodriguez.



### **EPMS Yellow Pages**

Thank you to the parents who took the time to respond to our survey about EPMS Yellow Pages. It seems that we have enough interest among parents who would like to list and/or advertise their businesses in the Yellow Pages. Next, we will get some input from the Board - look out for another update from us around mid-February! Please contact Arda or Berna Aksu at 206-356-6264 or [ardaaksu@comcast.net](mailto:ardaaksu@comcast.net) with any questions or comments you might have.

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### **Notes from the Office**



**LUNCH ORDERS.** Attached is the next Lunch Order for the following six (6) weeks: 2/10 - 3/19/10. Order is due by

Wednesday, February 3rd with the final cutoff of Friday, February 5th. Please check with your classroom for any upcoming field trips to avoid paying for unused lunches.



**CARPOOL 101.** When waiting in the carpool lane for your child during afternoon pick-up and he/she hasn't responded to their name after 3 announcements, please park your car and come into the quad. We need to keep the carpool lines flowing. Thank you.



**PLEASE SIGN-IN!!!!** When dropping off your child in the morning and the **gate is closed** you must park and escort your child into the office and sign them in the Late Arrival/Early Dismissal book.



**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.



### **Parent Ed. - No Child Left Inside: Nature as Medicine (2/10/10)**

Come and learn how to cultivate time in nature with your family -- a readily available therapy with no side effects and zero cost that consistently and reliably boosts cognitive functioning on Wed., February 10th at 7 pm. Each parent receives 2 volunteer hours for attending each Parent Education class and it's FREE! Check out the attached flyer and return the Childcare RSVP. If you have any questions, please contact DeAnne Crouch at deannemc@aol.com. Thank you.



### **Environmental Ed**



Hello! We are working on the four R's in Environmental Ed and we need reusable material for our "Junk Art" projects. Items can be anything that may be re-used in an art project. Some ideas to think of:

- Egg or Milk Cartons
- Coffee or Juice cans
- Quarks
- Ribbon, Cloth, Buttons
- Old magazines
- Old bottles for painting
- Old Hangers
- Old beads and jewelry
- Old wrapping paper
- Old pipe cleaners, glitter, wire....

We need donations as soon as possible!. Get creative! Anything that is lying around the house that can be given a new life in our Junk Art project would be amazing. Please leave donations in the Multi-purpose room under the EE table.

Thank you so much, Jessica Bates  
Environmental Ed Teacher



### **Attachments this Week**

- Report Card Explanation of Marks
- Childcare - February 2010
- Lunch Form - 2/10 - 3/19/10
- EPMS Parent Ed. Childcare Sign-up Sheet
- MDUSD Parent Ed Program






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**JANUARY 2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					<b>Friday Market</b>  Report Cards In this weeks Friday Folder	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	Lunch Orders Due for 2/10 - 3/19  		<b>Friday Market</b>	
7	 Lincoln's BD OFF		 <u>Parent Ed.</u> Nature as Medicine 7:00 pm	Prospective Parents Mtg. 7 - 8 pm	<b>Friday Market</b>	
14	 President's Day OFF	EPMS Board Mtg 7 pm			<b>Friday Market</b>	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	 <b>Talent Show</b> @ St. Matthews Church	
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