

EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL
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FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES
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FEBRUARY 12, 2010



No School - Monday, February 15th

“Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all.”
~ *George Washington*

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”
~ *Nelson Mandela*



Notes from Michelle

February 26 is our annual Talent Show. For the second year, the show will be held at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church. For the first time this year, we really had to look at some of the content in the songs very carefully. This was not an easy task. It seems like it might be easy to determine what is acceptable and unacceptable for children under age twelve to perform. However, when you start reading the lyrics of songs most of us grew up with, they sound a lot different when you are imagining them being performed in someone’s place of worship or in front of young children. We all have different levels of what we deem appropriate, but in this situation we really have to play it relatively conservative. We ask for your understanding and support in this situation.

We are starting to have a lot of parents come into the office at 3:15, 3:20, etc... to pull their child ‘just a few minutes’ early. It is completely understandable that sometimes the thought of waiting in the carpool lane seems unimaginable; however, we ask that you not make a habit out of coming early for your child. Every time we have to call into the classroom, it is a disruption and many teachers are still working on projects or lessons until the last few minutes of the day.



Notes from Michelle (con’t)

We would like to remind you to please request Independent Studies for your child when they will be out for two (2) or more days. If we can bring our attendance up to 97%, it can improve our budget by almost \$40,000. Remember, also, that these assignments are audited each year by the state, so our teachers must make sure that there is enough work to warrant a day out of school. We do not try to overwork the students. That is never a goal. We simply want to make sure that our packets stand up to the audit.

Enjoy your last Holiday until Spring Break!!!



Notes from the Office

After-school Play Dates: If you have arranged a play date for your child after-school, and they will be picked up by someone other than you, **you must inform the office**, regardless if they are on your pick-up list.

Absences: We are now into the 2nd semester and if your child is coming close to accumulating absences for over 14 days, a doctor’s note will need to be provided **each time** the child is called in sick to make it an excused absence. (See Parents Handbook, Section 2, Page 12-13). Please contact Ms. Amy if you need to verify your child’s accumulated absences.

Early Pickups: We have seen a significant increase in parents picking their children up early for various activities: doctor/dentist appointments or after-school activities. Insofar as class participation is an integral part of students learning experience, you are encouraged to schedule appointments and activities during non-school hours. It is very disruptive to the rest of the students when your child is called out of class.

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Field Trips Payments Due

Upper EI: Payment schedule and permission slips are attached for the Upper EI Spring Field trips. Initial payment and permission slips are **due no later than March 1, 2010.**

Lower EI: Final payment is now due for those who chose a payment plan (check Friday Folder if it applies). Please return payment by 3/1/10 in the attached envelope.



Talent Show Attendees - Please note!

For everyone coming to the Talent Show on February 26th at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, there are a couple of logistics to keep in mind. The number of acts we have in the show, combined with the fact that another event will be taking place at the church that evening, has impacted how we will handle refreshments. Refreshments will only be sold prior to the show, though we ask everyone to honor the church's requirement of no food or drink in the worship center. Therefore, we will bag your refreshments and you can choose to step out of the center to eat during the show, or wait for intermission. This will help us coordinate our activities with the other event, and will especially help us to keep intermission very short.

Secondly, while the church thinks there won't be an issue with parking, I wanted to let you know that overflow parking is available that night in the Walnut Acres Elementary School faculty parking lot across the street.

Thanks! Jenn Hartmann 925-708-2128.



Notes from PTLG

- ❖ Thank you Pete Villa, Debbie Cotton, Gundi Younger, and Ms. Hammons for the budget information workshops and for continuing to answer parents' questions about Eagle Peak's financial outlook.
- ❖ Memory Book production, Auction Planning, Teacher Trips, Classroom Projects, and Talent Show preparations are in full swing. Thanks to EPMS teachers, staff, and amazing parent volunteers, for making these things happen!
- ❖ PTLG Meeting Minutes have been distributed via email, and are posted on the bulletin board in the office. If you would like a printed copy, please contact Kris Harwood at 673-5689.
- ❖ Remember to log your volunteer hours, including Parent Ed and meeting attendance. Thank you!



Volunteer/Help Wanted

1. WCRA Volunteer Opportunities

Parent participation is crucial for the success of our Wine & Cheese Reception/Auction. The following volunteer opportunities are available for the day of the event (April 24th):

- ❖ Setup/Cleanup
- ❖ Food monitors
- ❖ Glass/Plate Monitors
- ❖ Live Bidding Assistants
- ❖ Live Bidding Monitors
- ❖ Cashiers
- ❖ Check out Monitors

Please contact Mayra Garcia at: 925-639-6358 or mayrag79@gmail.com.

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WCRA Updates



Fabulous Items Donated for the 2010 Auction!!

Our Reception and Auction team have been busy for the past few months planning the event and soliciting donations. Every week in the Friday Folder's leading up to the Auction, we will be featuring items that you will be able to bid on the day of the event.

Some of the items received to-date are:

- A \$25 gift card from Ace Hardware (WC)
- Two admission tickets from the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco
- Lunch for two from Benihana
- Three passes from the Blackhawk Museum
- Golf gift card for four from Boundary Oaks Golf Club
- Cub cash from Build-A-Bear Workshop
- Gift card good for two passes from the California Shakespeare Theater
- Four admission tickets from the California State Railroad Museum
- Gift cards for studio or garden session, one hand painted 20x24 mounted finished portrait and one 8x10 finished portrait from Cantrell Portrait Design
- \$25 gift card from Cigar Emporium
- Four Admission tickets from Dublin Iceland
- Five gift cards from Ed's Mudville Grill
- Four admission tickets from Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco
- Two passes from Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park
- Dinner for four from Grissini Trattoria
- \$50 gift card from Havana Restaurant
- Birthday Party Package from Liberty Gymnastics
- Frank Gore laser autograph football from the San Francisco 49ers
- Four Mini Golf Passes from Scandia Family Center
- One year family pass w/ (2) guest passes from WC Model Railroad Society



WCRA Updates (con't)



Save-the-Date. Look for the Save-the-Date reply form of the 2010 Wine & Cheese Reception and Auction that is enclosed in this week's Friday Folder.

Please complete and return the form, as this will provide us with a preliminary headcount of attendees. Your cooperation will greatly help us in our planning for this event.



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!







Attachments this Week

- Upper EI Field Trip Payment/Permission Slip
- eScrip Dining for Dollars Contest
- WCRA Save-the-Date / Headcount
- Memory Book Order Form








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FEBRUARY 2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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 - 6:30	

MARCH 2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
					Friday Market	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	CFEP 7:00 - pm		< - UPPER EL - WESTMINSTER WOODS - > MARCH 10 - 12TH 		Friday Market	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Daylight Savings 		EPMS Board Mtg. 7 pm		Save-the-Date Parent Ed. TBA	Friday Market Star Gazing 	 Garden Work Party 8 am - 12
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	----- 2010-11 LOTTERY MU Room 6:00 pm	Parent Observations Sign-up Sheets will be on Classroom Doors PTLP 7:00 pm		Prospective Parent Mtg. 7 - 8 pm	Early Dismiss 1:00 pm	