

**EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL**  
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**FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES**  
(ALSO ON THE WEBSITE)  
FEBRUARY 5, 2010



**No School - Lincoln's Birthday  
Monday, February 8th**

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“Success on any major scale requires you to accept responsibility . . .  
. In the final analysis, the one quality that all successful people have  
is the ability to take on responsibility.”

~Michael Korda, Editor-in-Chief Simon & Schuster

“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build  
our youth for the future.”

~Franklin Delano Roosevelt



**Notes from Michelle**

I would like to take a moment to thank the upper elementary child care students for their hard work on the courtyard. Several of the parents have commented on how much nicer the campus has looked in the mornings. This past week, in keeping with the Montessori Practical Life curriculum of having the children take responsibility for care of their environment, child care has added some jobs to their afternoon routine. [The basic tenets of the Practical Life area of the Montessori curriculum are: Care of the Self, Care of the Indoor Environment, Care of the Outdoor Environment and Care of Each Other. The Practical Life area has the direct aim of teaching the basic skills of how to care for these areas. The indirect aim is to teach independence, self reliance, and responsibility to the community (school) as a whole.]

While the lower elementary students will take care of the interior and some playground responsibilities, the upper elementary has taken on the responsibility of the courtyard and outer area. The upper elementary students also went to the classrooms to help the other students understand their part in the process; by picking up their trash, and keeping their shelves neat. It is so wonderful to come to a beautiful campus each morning, and these students can take pride in a job well done!



**Notes from Michelle (con't)**

Next week, the third grade students will be taking the mandated test for Gifted and Talented identification. If you do not wish for your child to be tested, please let me or your child's teacher know prior to Wednesday February 10. The children will be tested Wednesday morning. This test in no way affects their work at Eagle Peak. We look at all of our children, as individuals and therefore, their academic programs are created at their level, whether that is at grade level, above grade level or below grade level. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended to the budget meetings. We want to help everyone understand the uniqueness of Eagle Peak's position regarding the state budget, and how we are connected. In the next few weeks, we will send out a special "State of the School" edition of the Friday Folder, to explain as clearly as possible all of the information covered at these meetings. Keep an eye out for that.

Happy Three Day Weekend!!!!

**CFEP Update**

CFEP is collecting money for our school to support our very important Enrichment Programs. If you have any spare change, small or large bank notes or checks, feel free to drop them off in the 'Annual Giving Jar' in the office by Sondra's desk. If you wish to receive a donation receipts, please be so kind and fill out one of the pledge forms and we will send a receipt ASAP. With your donations you directly support the school to provide our children with the excellent Montessori education that they deserve! Thank You!



**Notes from Childcare**

Childcare payments for the month of **February** are now past due. If you have not already submitted payment for any prepaid package any hours incurred will be charged at the drop-in rate. **You will be billed at the end of the month** with any over-time accrued.

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### **Pizza Fundraiser at Rocco's**

Here's a great excuse to eat out and EPMS benefits! Please join other EPMS families on Thursday, February 11th between 11 am and 10 pm at Rocco's Pizzeria at Encino Plaza in Walnut Creek. All you have to do is mention Eagle Peak when ordering and Rocco's will donate a generous portion of the food & drink total back to EPMS. This includes Dine In & Take Out as well as lunch and dinner. Hope you can make it!



### **Staff Appreciation Wednesday**

The classroom host for Staff Appreciation - Wednesday Snacks for the month of February is Room 301 - Sibyl & Heidi. Please email [mlogasa@comcast.net](mailto:mlogasa@comcast.net) with the date that you will be providing a snack for Michelle & her staff. The dates for February are 2/3, 2/10, 2/17 & 2/24. Anything provided is appreciated by all.



### **Parent Ed. - No Child Left Inside: Nature as Medicine**

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., Feb. 10 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](mailto:deannemc@aol.com). Thank you.



### **Talent Show Update**

The Talent Show will be here soon! If you haven't already, mark your calendars for the evening of February 26th! That's when EPMS' mega-talented students put on the most fun night in showbiz (well, at least in Walnut Creek showbiz!): the annual EPMS Talent Show! Watch for posters and flyers soon!



### **Notes from the Office**



**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.









### **Attachments this Week**

- Parent Ed Night - Childcare Sign-up
- Upper EI: Native American Market
- Upper EI: Bedford Gallery Admission Tickets







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**FEBRUARY 2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	 Lincoln's BD OFF		 Parent Ed. Nature as Medicine 7:00 pm	Prospective Parents Mtg. 7 - 8 pm	<b>Friday Market</b>	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	 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	 Talent Show @ St. Matthews Church	

**MARCH 2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
					<b>Friday Market</b>	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	CFEP 7:00 - pm		<-- UPPER EL - WESTMINSTER WOODS --> MARCH 10 - 12TH 		<b>Friday Market</b>	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Daylight Savings 		EPMS Board Mtg. 7 pm		Save-the-Date Parent Ed. TBA	<b>Friday Market</b> Star Gazing 	 Garden Work Party 8 am - 12