

**EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL**  
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**FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES**  
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MAY 14, 2010

“We are all flowers in the Great Spirit’s garden. We share a common root, and the root is Mother Earth. The garden is beautiful because it has different colors in it, and those colors represent different traditions and cultural backgrounds.”

~ *Grandfather David Monongye of the Hopi Nation*



### **Notes from Michelle**

So much going on...where to start and what has been covered? STAR test is over and schedules are finally getting back to normal!!!! Yay! These two weeks, while necessary, are very hard for our students who like the structure of our normal routine.

All of our teaching staff work very hard to challenge our students and engage them in their learning. Walking through Lower Elementary you might find students examining Roman headgear or a life size model of Emperor Montezuma. Our Upper Elementary also does some amazing work. This year, Wendy helped the students to get involved in a writing program out of Oakland called, NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month). This program offers a challenge for children to write as much and as often as they could throughout the month of November. They then worked to edit and complete final drafts of their work. Through the website, they are able to submit their work and have a published novel as a result. Several of our students have submitted their work to be published. How exciting to have a group of published authors on campus!!

Please don't forget that next Thursday, May 20th, is the Science Fair for families and friends. This will be held from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Please watch for additional details.

5th Grade parents: the results of the short survey are in. We will hold graduation on Tuesday, June 8th, from 6:30-8:30pm at St. Matthews Lutheran Church. There will be a pot-luck dinner. We will be sending out a more formal announcement as well.



### **Notes from PTLG**

Continued thanks to our hard-working carhops and parent volunteers, who graciously guard the crosswalk and help keep drop-off and pick-up running smoothly and safely.

Volunteers will be needed to help with our school-wide Year-End Picnic the evening of Friday, June 4th. This is a relaxed event on campus, the last PTLG-driven opportunity to socialize with other families before summer. Invitations to come!



### **End of Year Picnic Raffle**

Dear Families of EPMS

This year's End of Year Picnic is scheduled for June 4, 2010. We are in desperate need of raffle items. The raffle is a fun part of the picnic (especially for the kids!) and is a source of revenue which goes directly to EPMS. If you have new items which would be appropriate for raffle prizes please donate them to us for the picnic! If you own a company which provides special services, perhaps you could donate a gift certificate for services from that company. If you have received a gift that you just can't use and haven't re-gifted, please donate it to EPMS for our raffle! And above all, if you have new kids toys and games that are unopened, please donate them to us.

Raffle items should be delivered to EPMS no later than Wednesday June 2nd at 5 pm. Please include a description of the item which you're donating. Also, please send an email to Mark J. Lewis informing him of your donation. Mark's email address is: [marklewis925@gmail.com](mailto:marklewis925@gmail.com).

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## **Volunteer/Help Wanted**

1. **Year-End-Picnic:** Looking for volunteers to help with set up, food table management, and clean-up for the year-end picnic on June 4th. A sign up sheet will be posted in the office next week.

This is a great opportunity for those parents who are looking to get some volunteer hours in before the school closes. If you have any questions you can contact me at [Julie.A.Sher@kp.org](mailto:Julie.A.Sher@kp.org)

2. **Boxtops:** Looking for volunteer(s) to help count boxtops/labels. If you're interested in some in-the-home volunteer hours please email Jennifer Cardoso at [jcardoso@comcast.net](mailto:jcardoso@comcast.net).



## **Garden Work Party**

Come join us for the Garden Work Party on **Saturday, May 15th** from 8 am -12. Please bring your own garden tools, gloves and water. We will also have an additional Work Party the following **Saturday, May 22nd**. If you have any questions please contact Jessica Bates at [eaglepeakgarden@gmail.com](mailto:eaglepeakgarden@gmail.com) or Raul Ruiz.



## **Lost and Found**

Please take a moment to check the racks for lost items before they get donated. Mrs. Krieger will be sending all items to Goodwill by the end of next week. If you have any questions about a specific item please contact Maura Krieger at 925-519-4641.

There are also a number of serving bowls and platters in the Teacher's lounge that need to find their homes. If you're missing anything please stop by and take a look.



## **Staff Appreciation Updates & Volunteer Opportunities:**

### **Classroom Hosts for Wednesday Snack:**

- May: Room 401 - Jennifer & Sharyn
- June: Room 302 - Linda & Emily

### **Dates for Wednesday Snacks:**

- May 19, 26
- June 2, 9

Volunteers are needed to prepare snacks for these dates. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the office for May. A separate sign up sheet for June will be posted shortly. Please have snacks delivered to the lunch room by 11:30 am, so Michelle, teachers & staff are all able to enjoy the snacks when it comes time for their lunch.

There are only 4 Wednesdays left to show our appreciation for EPMS & staff. Let's make the last 4 weeks sweeter than ever & load up on the munchies (healthy & not), to show our appreciation!

*We only need a total of 16 volunteers for the rest of the school year.*

### **Teacher & Staff Appreciation Donations:**

We are continuing to accept donations for the Teachers & Staff Appreciation 'End of Year Thank You Celebration' gifts. In past years, we have been able to provide everyone with a very nice gift of gratitude in the form of gift cards. Everyone loves the idea - they can buy what they want and it's already paid for! A donation envelope is located in the office with Amy.

See separate flyer in FF for more details.








## **Attachments this Week**

- Teacher Appreciation Flyer
- Year-end Picnic Info




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**MAY 2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9	20	11	12	13	14	15
						 Garden Work Party 8 am - 12
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	<b>CFEP</b> 7 pm	<b>EPMS</b> Board Meeting 6 pm		<u>Parent Ed.</u>  Science Fair 6:30 - 8 pm	<b>Friday Market</b>	 Garden Work Party 8 am - 12
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					<b>Early Dismissal</b> <b>1:00 pm</b>	

**MAY/JUNE 2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	<b>Memorial Day</b>  No School	<b>PTLG</b> 7 pm			 <b>6 - 8:30 pm</b>	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	No Hot Lunches Served → This Week				Last Day Of School  Early Dismiss 1:00 pm	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		<b>EPMS</b> Board Meeting 7 pm				