

EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL
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FRIDAY FOLDER NOTES
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JUNE 4, 2010

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FRIDAY, JUNE 11TH Early Dismissal - 1 PM

“The doors we open and close each day decide the lives we live.”
~ *Flora Whittemore*

“What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments,
but what is woven into the lives of others.”
~ *Pericles (Ancient Greek Politician, General and Stateman)*



Notes from Michelle

As we come to the end of the school year, we have some updates for next year to share with you.

When Zhanna left unexpectedly in the fall, Ket Ashfield readily stepped up for the school and took over the Science curriculum. However, that put her in the position of leaving behind the garden and Environmental Education program that she had worked so hard to build. Although she has enjoyed working with all of the Upper EI children this year, she has also missed her other program. So, in the fall, Ket will return to the Environmental Education program.

In addition to Ket returning to the EE program, Emily Howard has also decided to make a change. Emily will leave Eagle Peak at the end of the school year and is currently seeking a position closer to where she lives in Oakland. We have enjoyed Emily's energy and her love of mathematics. We wish her luck in her future endeavors.

Heidi Hahn (Curtis), has been a part of the Eagle Peak family for four years. In addition to sharing milestones with your children, we have been able to share some of her life changes as well. (marriage, etc..) Heidi is now ready to start yet another phase of her life. She and her husband Andy are moving to Marin and Heidi will start Grad School for Educational Psychology in the fall. We wish her luck!!

The Upper EI positions that Ket and Emily leave behind will be filled with two gentlemen. It will be a first for Eagle Peak to have two Upper EI male teachers, and we look forward to their addition to our program. Elishama Goldfard, is currently teaching in

Petaluma at a Montessori Charter school and has been hoping for the opportunity to teach at Eagle Peak. Barry Penning, is currently teaching 6th grade at Byron Middle School. However, he previously taught at a charter school in Livermore and is excited about returning to the charter school world. Heidi's position will be filled by Neda Whitney. Neda is a parent and substitute teacher, who recently completed her Cal State Teach program and will be working on her Montessori credential. She embarked on her teaching career with the hope that she would someday be teaching at Eagle Peak. When the opportunity arose, we felt it was a great fit. We look forward to these new additions to our campus.

Next Friday, the brief End of Year ceremony will begin at 11 am. After the ceremony, there will be Dreyer's Fruit Bars available for everyone to share (one per person please). You are free to take your child home immediately following the snack time. Official dismissal is at 1 pm, and those children whose parents are not able to attend the event will continue with lunch and recess after the brief snack time. (We know it is usually best to serve lunch before the snack, but we hope that on this last day everyone will be ok with this order.)

Also, if you are planning to use childcare on the last day of school, we ask that if you can make arrangements to pick your child up as early as possible. The last day is so exciting and for children in childcare, they get very anxious to go home on that last day - as do the childcare workers. ☺ Please see the form attached to the Friday Folder, to send in information regarding childcare on the last day.

Please remember that all report cards will be mailed out this year. You should receive them no later than June 15th or 16th.

We will send out the latest updates to the school calendar through our newsletters over the summer. Any additional information will be available through those as well. If you are planning to move or have any address changes, please make the office aware of those changes prior to leaving for the summer.

I look forward to seeing you at the picnic tonight! I hope that each of you has a wonderful summer that is both restful and full of fun.

Peace and love - Michelle

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Notes from Childcare

Billing for Drop-in and/or Overtime charges for the month of May and June 1, 2 & 3 are in this week's Friday Folder. Any charges incurred for June 4th through June 11th will be mailed to your home.

Please remember to pay all charges, both current and past due, as soon as possible. Failure to pay your balance in full will prevent your using childcare next year until payment is received. If you have any questions regarding hours, please contact Ms. Sibyl, Childcare Director, in Room 301.



Last Week of School - No Lunch

Please remember to pack a lunch for your child on Wednesday and Friday of next week. **There will be no hot lunches** serviced the last week of school.



Yeah!! Memory Books are Here!

If you have pre-ordered please look for it in your Friday Folder. There are a limited number of copies for sale for \$30. Contact Cheryl O'Toole at otooleecheryl@gmail.com or call 925-429-3050 if you would like to purchase a copy.



.....from the CFEP

Wanted - CFEP Members

CFEP is currently recruiting volunteers and additional Board Members. We are looking for committee members in general and Grant Writers in particular.

Wanted - Auction Team Members

The Auction Team is urgently seeking volunteers to help make next year's Annual Wine & Cheese Reception & Auction another huge success for EPMS. An event like this needs many volunteers and some dedicated, special leader.



Notes from PTLG

Parents, please mark your August calendars:

PTLG Kickoff Meeting: **Tuesday, August 3rd**, 7:00 pm in the Multi-use Room.

Campus Cleanup Day
Saturday, August 21st
8 am -12 pm

Help freshen up the courtyard for back-to-school!
Bring your own water, gloves & cleaning gadgets (broom, rags, sponge & bucket, etc.).
Catch up with friends while pitching in!

Everyone's help is needed!!

Over the summer, keep your eye out for email news from Annie Rodriguez.

Come back-to-school, volunteers will be needed for all areas (car hops, lunch-recess monitors, staff appreciation, etc.). Look for sign-up clipboards during Orientation Night. We're also recruiting reliable individuals to assist with next year's **Memory Book, auction planning, and CFEP**. If you are interested in these areas, please contact Kris at 673-5689 or krisarwood@earthlink.net.

Finally, one last toast to **Ms. Hammons, Mrs. Mahraj, Ms. Amy, Al, Jamie, Amber**, our **treasured teachers**, and **parent volunteers** for another incredible year. Some volunteers (we all know who you are) go above and beyond to tackle the needs of EPMS. These amazing individuals have spent countless hours -- time away from their families and personal pursuits -- to serve us all. **Please take a moment to thank them.**

That's all from PTLG this year... Happy Summer, over and out!!

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**Staff Appreciation Updates
& Volunteer Opportunities:**

Classroom Hosts for Wednesday Snack:

June 9th: Room 302 - Linda & Emily

Volunteers are needed to prepare snacks this last week. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the office for June. Please have snacks delivered to the lunch room by 11:30 am, so Michelle, teachers and staff are all able to enjoy the snacks when it comes time for their lunch.

There is only 1 Wednesday (can you believe it?!) left to show our appreciation for EPMS staff. Let's really make the last week memorable by expressing our gratitude with lots of goodies!

We only need a total of 4 volunteers for the rest of the school year.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Donations:

Thank You to all that have contributed donations for the Teacher & Staff Appreciation 'End of Year Thank You Celebration' gifts.

If you have not had a chance to donate and would still like to, we are continuing to accept donations through Monday, June 7th. A donation envelope is located in the office.

For the 2nd year in a row, our entire EPMS staff has willingly accepted a pay freeze due to the financial strain on school funding. *Imagine...* The staff continues to perform in their positions with a smile on their face everyday and they do it unconditionally for our children. As a result, our children reap the greatest reward. Isn't that reason enough for us to show the teachers and staff how much we appreciate them and the things they do for our children everyday?

Thank you again to everyone for all of your support.



Garden Work Party

There are three (3) work days scheduled from 8:00 am to noon during the summer months as follows:

Saturday, June 19th

Saturday, July 17th

Saturday, August 21st (Campus Clean-up Day)

If you have any questions please contact Raul Ruiz at 415-533-4422.




















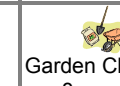
Attachments this Week

- Memory Books (if pre-ordered)
- Childcare - Last Day of School

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JUNE 2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
☆☆ Spirit Week ☆☆ Spirit Week ☆☆ Spirit Week ☆☆						
<i>SUNDAY - 6</i>	<i>MONDAY - 7</i>	<i>TUESDAY - 8</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY - 9</i>	<i>THURSDAY - 10</i>	<i>FRIDAY - 11</i>	<i>SATURDAY - 12</i>
 See Flyer for Details 	 Twin Day Twin Day -----  Hyperbole Hyperbole Hyperbole Hyperbole Day!!!!!!!!!!!!!! -----  Native American Marketplace	 Pajama Day -----  Board Games -----  5th Year Matriculation 6:30 pm St. Matthews	 Crazy Hat Day -----  Crazy Hair Day -----  Art Day	 Beach Day -----  Bring a Book -----  Field Day	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL -----  Fancy Dress Day ----- Closing Ceremony & Teacher Appreciation 11:00 am ----- Dismissal 1:00 PM	 HAVE A GREAT 
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	CFEP 7:00 pm	EPMS Board 7:00 pm				 Garden Clean-up 8 am - 12 ----- July: 17th
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

AUGUST 2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR PREVIEW

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		PTLG Kick-off Mtg 7 pm - MU				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Bridge Week: 8/16 - 20 / 8 - 11 am or 12 - 3 pm					Back to School
	Registration Package Pick up All Week 10 - 5 pm					Clean up 8 - 12
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			1st Day of School Dismiss 1 pm			