



The Paw Print Press

IMPORTANT DATES

February 22, 2017

February 21 - March 3

Read-a-Thon

Get your library card ready for a workout!

February 22

Graduation Meeting, 3:45-4:45pm, Room 117

All volunteers, meet with Ms. Fusscas to plan celebrations. Fourth grade parents encouraged to learn for next year!

Auction Meeting, 7:00-8:00pm, Staff Lounge

Learn about our biggest fundraiser of the year and what we need help with in the remaining 3 weeks.

Friday, February 24

Lost & Found Deadline

Lost items not found by 2/24 will be sent to Schoola (www.schoola.com) or Goodwill.

Black History Month Potluck

6:00-8:00pm, Community Room

Don't miss the wrap-up potluck with food and entertainment.

Saturday, February 25

Auction Meeting

Time TBA, Lakewood Apartments Clubhouse

Help us with near-final plans for this super-fun grown-up party.

February 27 - March 3

Conference Week

Early Dismissal

Meet with your teacher about your student's progress. Don't forget, early dismissal at 2:30!

Wednesday, March 1

Eat Pizza at Goat Hill Pizza

Goat Hill Pizza donates 20% of all sales all day (excluding delivery) to Lakeshore. Valid at both West Portal and Potrero Hill locations. Tell your friends. Order up!

PTA Meeting, 6:30-8:00pm, Community Room

Elections are coming! Learn about the candidates or nominate someone.

Our Annual Lakeshore Read-a-Thon Is Underway Now Through March 3rd

What can you do to help your reader have a successful Read-a-Thon?

- Encourage your reader to set a daily goal and help them track minutes daily.
- Help your reader practice their script before they solicit donations. They might say: *"Will you please sponsor me in my school's Read-a-Thon? My goal is to read ___ minutes per day. The money we raise will help pay for school programs like Science in the Garden, Motor Perception, Poetry, and Art. You can make a flat donation or pledge an amount for each minute I read. Your donation is tax-deductible (tax ID No. is 94-3042896) Thank you!"*
- Enter your reader in our "Get Caught Reading Raffle" by sending pictures of kids reading at home to readathon@LakeshoreElementary.com. Pictures will be posted in the lobby!

Raffle winners will be drawn during morning intake multiple times throughout the event. Winners will receive free books courtesy of The Children's Book Project.

Give SFUSD Your Feedback—Take the Lakeshore Survey

Starting this week, we are asking you to fill out a short survey from the school district about your feelings about Lakeshore.

This survey is very important to helping us understand how we can improve the school, so **please be sure you fill one out before April 14th!** We want to hear every family's voice!

<http://bit.ly/2loWwq5>

Coming Up: Science Fair

The Lakeshore Science Fair will be Wednesday, March 22.

What experiments do you want to try? Start thinking about your projects and be on the lookout for more information from teachers and the science fair team.

Auction Corner: Last Call and Pickup Help Needed

We raised 2 weeks' worth in the last week are at 80% of our goal! We need *just* a bit more. It's not too late. Online pledge: <http://bit.ly/lis-auction>. Family donation form: <http://bit.ly/lisafamlet>. Official letter and form to hand to businesses: <http://bit.ly/a2017ln>. Donor list: <http://bit.ly/lisa-sol>.

Shout-out to our room parents who are assembling class gift baskets. Please help when they ask. Hats off to our staff who have started making beautiful projects with your kids, or who will be offering parties that you can sign your kids up for.

Gratitude to new donors from last week: Arlene Doyle, Bi-Rite, California Academy of Sciences, Chris Koehler, Circus Center, Edible Excursions, Families of Ms. Angela's Class, Families of Ms. Fusscas's Class, Families of Ms. Jones's Class, Families of Ms. Jordan's Class, Families of Ms. Neumeister's Class, Families of Ms. Tyler's Class, Filoli, Gallery of Jewels, Girlie Ahkiong, Growth and Learning Opportunities (GLO), HalleAva, House Kombucha, Lemon Twist Fashion Camp, Michelle Chu, Nohi Kids Clothes/Bird and Bean, Original Joe's (donated by Lisa Warne), Otterbox, Rainbow Grocery, Recology artist in residence, Ross Dress for Less, San Francisco Playhouse, San Jose Sharks, Sequoia Realtors, Tennis San Francisco, ThirstyBear Brewing Co, and Tiffany Schmierer.

Our next biggest need is someone to pick up donated beverage at Lagunitas in Petaluma the week before the auction. No pickup, no free drinks! Please help. Sign up here for this and other needs: <http://bit.ly/lisavol17>

Enjoy the party on **Saturday, March 11, 6-10pm at St. Stephen**. Stay tuned for ticket sales. Did we mention there is a mini-raffle at the auction? Enter to win a wine package, a mystery 8-pack of great gift certificates, or \$80 worth of Lakeshore spirit gear.

Goat Hill Pizza Fundraiser: Save the Date

On March 1st, Goat Hill Pizza will donate 20% of the gross sales that day to Lakeshore Elementary. The fundraiser is good for lunch and dinner as well as take-out (but not delivery) at both Goat Hill Locations in Potrero Hill and West Portal.

Missing: Dry Erase Marker Box

Did you borrow the plastic bin of dry erase markers from the office late in the Fall semester? If so, please bring them back! They are used to update the board in front of the school. There were a few dozen worth around \$30-40. Thanks!

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION PERSPECTIVE

PTA Treasurer: a Critical Role

I grew up in NJ. Based on recently compiled data from 2012-13, NJ is near the top in the US in per-student revenue. When I was in school, things like art, trips, and classroom supplies were funded by the school district. My mom's PTA meetings consisted of chatting, coffee, and no work at all.

As a parent in CA, I feel like we're in Bizarro World. The same data shows CA is third to fifth from the **bottom** in per-student revenue and spending. It wasn't always this way, but it is now.

This makes me angry. But what could I do? I chose to make a difference at Lakeshore by serving on the PTA Executive Board. The PTA raises around \$100,000 each year to pay for enrichment programs that the district doesn't provide as well as plan community events and help with Class Funds for teachers. And the Treasurer is *critical* to a working PTA.

As Treasurer, you get satisfaction from paying enrichment instructors for their hard work and teachers for Class Funds, make budget recommendations to ensure fair spending and achievable goals, keep records, and file annual documents. You'll get to know generous teachers and families. You do NOT need to calculate taxes or deposit money; others handle that. You do NOT need to do this alone; I will be here to help. The main requirements are being detail-oriented, organized, and comfortable with numbers and computers. A CPA would be great, but if you have these qualities, anyone can do it. After all, I am a full-time User Experience Designer and a mother of two young kids. If I can do it, you can, too.

I have served two years as Treasurer so my term is over. I hope someone—perhaps similarly motivated—will fill the position so that our important work can continue. If not Treasurer, then please consider one of the many open positions.

Thank you, Deb Tjoa

The following Board positions are open: President, Executive Vice President, VP Membership, VP Fundraising, Recording Secretary*, Treasurer*, Auditor, Historian, Room Parent Coordinator. (* = minimum positions needed to have a PTA and not lose our bank accounts!) Please consider serving on the Board. Email parl@LakeshoreElementary.org.*

Want to include something in the next edition? Please email newsletter@lakeshoreelementary.org no later than Friday evening with final content and your contact information.

