



June 2016

Dear New Lakeshore Families,

We are excited to welcome you to one of San Francisco's most diverse elementary schools for the 2016-2017 school year. Lakeshore has provided students in San Francisco a fantastic education for over 60 years. Our arts and gardening enrichment makes for outstanding learning opportunities in all grades. Our principal, Mr. Matthew Hartford, will be working with our teachers to plan an exciting year of learning for all students. Mr. Hartford will be returning for his fourth year as our principal.

Read on for information and events to get you and your child ready for school.

Summer Playdates

Meet new classmates and make some friends before school even starts! PTA members will be present with snacks and to answer your questions.

- **Sunday, June 12 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.** at Junipero Serra Playground (300 Stonecrest Dr, SF)
- **Sunday, July 10 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.** at Junipero Serra Playground (300 Stonecrest Dr, SF)
- **Saturday, August 13 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Location TBD. If construction is finished at school, then it will be held on the K yard. Check our website (www.lakeshoreelementary.org).

New Families Orientation

Our orientation night takes place on **Thursday, August 11 from 6-7:30 pm**, beginning in Lakeshore's Community Room. Please bring your child; the entire family is welcome to attend.

- **Children entering Kindergarten** will visit their new class with their teacher and classmates. You will also visit your child's teacher in the classroom and hear about the wonderful year ahead. This is a very important way to help children transition into their new school. Details are included on a separate flyer.
- **Children entering grades 1-5** will attend the assembly and go on a tour of the school. You and your child will be able to see the classroom and get a teacher assignment, **though their teachers will not be present**. There is a Back-to-School Night for grades 1-5 after the first couple of weeks of school. Regardless, all family members and guardians are invited to New Families Orientation night. We want to meet you!

Forms to Return

This packet includes forms **that need to be filled out and returned on orientation night:**

- **Questionnaire and Readiness survey** about your child, for their teacher.
- **After-School Arrangements form.** It is *absolutely essential* that your child's classroom teacher knows what arrangements are for after school.

The Start of School

- **School starts on Monday, August 15.**
- Students may be on the yard from 9:15 a.m. when supervision starts. Dismissal is at 3:35 p.m.
- The ExCEL and Everyday Magic after-school programs start on the first day of school *if* your child has an application on file *and has been accepted* into one of these programs.
- **Please make sure your child is clear on dismissal instructions for the first week of school.** This can eliminate many difficulties at the end of busy learning days.
- If you are picking up your child, please be early or on time on the K yard. If you are running late, you will find your child in the main office as teachers often have meetings after school.

Expectations

- At Lakeshore, we expect students to be safe, be respectful and be responsible. Your child's teacher and the rest of the staff will help your child to understand exactly what that looks like in the yard, in the classroom, in the halls, and everywhere around school.
- Please label back packs, lunch items and jackets with your child's name so they don't get lost on the first day of school.

Contacting Your Child or Teacher

Lakeshore's main office phone number is 415-759-2825. Ms. Mao, our secretary, can assist you and get your message to your child's teacher, who will return your call as soon as possible.

First Week Events

As a way to welcome all families and kick off the new year with some fun, **we will have a First Day Coffee on Monday, August 15 at 9:15 a.m. in the lobby** and an **Ice Cream Social on Friday, August 19 at 2 p.m. in the school yards.** For the Ice Cream Social, The PTA will provide ice cream, and parents are invited to bring an ice cream scoop and help serve the children. We are looking forward to getting to know all of you, and we know that we will have a great year together!

Sincerely,

Heather Kyi, PTA Historian and Welcome Committee Co-Coordinator

On behalf of the Lakeshore Community:

Principal Matthew Hartford, Teachers and Staff, the Kindergarten Team, and the PTA