



The Paw Print Press

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, August 23, 2pm
Ice Cream Social

Please join us in the top yard to celebrate the first week of school for our first Ice Cream Social hosted by Lakeshore's PTA and Principal. Bring a scoop if you'd like to help make an afternoon of smiles appear.

Monday, September 2
Labor Day Holiday — NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 3
PTA Meeting
6:30-8:00pm, Lakeshore Community Room
Our first PTA Meeting of the year! All Lakeshore families are invited to attend. Pizza and childcare provided.

Thursday, September 12
Back-To-School Night, 1st-5th
6:30-8:00pm, Lakeshore School
Meet the teachers and learn about the upcoming year. All parents / guardians are recommended to attend.

Calling All Volunteers

Please take a moment to review the volunteer sign up forms and find a way to participate. There are opportunities for helping on-site or at home, anytime. Are you a writer? Photographer? IT professional? Are you organized? Handy? Crafty? A baker? Email us at volunteer@lakeshoreelementary.org to let us know what skills you can provide Lakeshore.

August 21, 2013

Introducing Mr. Hartford

Here are things some of our community wondered about Mr. Matt Hartford, Lakeshore's new Principal:

What is your favorite superhero? My favorite superhero is Batman. He is an awesome crime fighter, with a dark side...He also has great friends and a rides a really cool bike.

What's your favorite food? My favorite food is pizza.

What is your favorite sport? My favorite sport is surfing. I have been surfing on almost every continent, but since I became principal, it is hard to find time to get to the beach.

What are the rules that you think are most important? BE RESPECTFUL is the most important rule at school and in life. If we are respectful to our school and our community we can do anything together. It is often easy to be respectful when we agree, but we won't always agree, so disagreeing respectfully is a skill everyone can learn and practice.

What is your favorite holiday? My favorite holiday is Halloween. I love the costumes, the haunted houses and CANDY and the fun that goes with Halloween.

What are your hopes for Lakeshore? My hopes for Lakeshore are many. I hope to make this year as smooth a transition as possible. Lakeshore has a long history and a proud history. I am learning more of that rich history everyday and want to encourage you to share your bright moments and even some not so bright moments so we can make this great school even better. I hope to make every child, and every family feel welcome at school. (Continued...)

Back-to-School Checklist

The first week of school can be hectic, overwhelming and exhausting, so here are some helpful reminders:

- Complete and return the Student Emergency / Medical Information Card
- Complete and return the Application for Meal Benefits — whether or not you plan to participate
- When providing contact information, please include an email address so teachers and Room Parents have a more timely way to provide important information
- Label your children's belongings and frequently check the Lost and Found to reclaim items (the Lost and Found will be cleared out at the end of each month)

Want to help your teacher?

Communicate with classroom families, collect information and help your teacher get what he or she needs to provide the best experience for the students — that's what being a Room Parent means. It's a great way to make a huge impact and does not necessarily require you to be present in the classroom. If you can dedicate a few hours a month to send emails and make a phone call or two, email volunteer@lakeshoreelementary.org with your name, child's name and classroom number.

Bell Schedule

9:27	First bell
9:30	Second bell, School begins
10:45-11:00	Recess K-3 rd grades
11:00-11:15	Recess 4 th and 5 th grades
11:40-12:55	Lunch K
12:05-12:55	Lunch 2 nd and 3 rd grades
12:20-1:10	Lunch 1 st grade
12:40-1:30	Lunch 4 th and 5 th grades
2:00-2:15	Recess K-3 rd grades
3:35	Dismissal

Introducing Mr. Hartford (continued)

What excites you about joining Lakeshore?

Joining the Lakeshore community excites me in many ways. I am constantly learning of Lakeshore's legacy. I keep hearing from former students/parents who have had great experiences here. I am also excited to work in a school with strong traditions of honoring diversity and with a strong commitment to inclusiveness. Last but certainly not least, parent involvement at Lakeshore is exciting. Many schools struggle to engage parents as partners in education. I am excited to work with such a committed group of parents who have already proven to be a huge help to me in this transition. As the African proverb says, "It takes a village to raise a child". Lakeshore has already lived up to its reputation as a powerful village.

What do you need from the Lakeshore community? I need the Lakeshore community to ... I'd like to answer that question after a little time. I am still learning soooooo much that I'd rather save my "I needs" until I am really sure.

What do you enjoy doing in your "down time?" In my down time, I love to read and I love to spend time with my friends and our animals. We have a dog, three chickens, and we also have horses!

What is your favorite travel destination? Favorite travel destinations always include the coast and the mountains. I have travelled or lived in many places including the Middle East, Asia, Europe, and Australia. I love to take trips to Mexico and Hawaii and started teaching in a high school in Japan.

What is your drink of choice? My drink of choice is always water. I love water! At school, water is great heated and poured over roasted beans. After school and on weekends, water is great mixed with yeast, barley and hops or grape juice!

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.

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