



The Paw Print Press

September 28, 2011

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, October 5th

PTA Meeting

6:30 PM Lakeshore Community Room

Monday, October 10th

Columbus/Indigenous People's Day

No School

Saturday, October 15th

Lakeshore Harvest Festival

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Lakeshore School

Harvest Festival Update

Reminder for Room Parents

This week's timeline, Sept. 26-30:

- Send home to your class parents the Harvest Festival Booth Volunteer letter. Sample letters are listed under our website: www.lakeshoreelementary.org under the link "Forms & Documents". This is just a sample. Please modify it as needed.
- Parents should sign up for at least one but not more than two shifts. Shifts are 30 minutes. Depending on your booth, you may need to adjust for extra time for setup and cleanup.
- You should have a minimum of 2 parents for each shift. Depending on your commitment you may require more. You may ask for "1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice" options to help fill the shifts.

Questions?: harvestfest2011@yahoo.com

Message from Ms. Keener

Truancy Policy

Lakeshore has a clear "Late and Tardy" policy clearly defined in the SFUSD Student and Parent/Guardian Handbook on page 40. It states the following:

- **Late:** A student is not in his/her seat when first class starts up to 30 minutes.
- **Pattern of Excessive Lateness:** Late for 1 to 30 minutes more than 10 school days.
- **Tardy:** According to the Education Code, a legal tardy is an episode of 31 minutes or more of missing school or a class period. A tardy equals one unexcused absence.

Students are expected to arrive to school on time as arriving late negatively affects their academic progress. In addition, children who arrive on time, line up with their class at the beginning of the school day for the morning greeting, feel more a part of the classroom and overall school community. For example, Lakeshore Stars are always recognized during the morning announcements and important announcements are made during this time. Arriving to school on time sets the tone for the day for your child. National and local research has shown that students with frequent absences, whether excused or unexcused, have lower literacy levels, lower grades and higher drop-out rates than students who attend school regularly.

Please see page 36-41 for SFUSD Attendance Guidelines. Please note that an official 1st

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Fall Harvest Festival Used Book Sale

Do you have children's books in your house that your kids have outgrown? Room #110 (Mrs. Arian's class) will be running a used book sale booth at the Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 15, 2011. We are asking Lakeshore families to help us by donating used children's books. Between now and October 15 there will be a book donation bin inside the front doors at school. Remember: it's children's books only! Any questions? Email Lisa Weinberg: weinberg@e-things.com

Easy Lakeshore PTA Fundraising for Golf Lovers

The Charles Schwab Cup golf tournament will be held November 2-6 at Harding Park (right near the school at Lake Merced). If you use the following link to buy tickets, a whopping 75% of the \$25 ticket price (\$18.75) will be donated directly to our PTA!
<http://www.schwabcupptfc.com/buy-tickets>

Please help spread the word to all your golf-loving friends and family (email, Facebook, etc.) about this great way to support our school!

Join the Lakeshore online discussion!

Want to find out more about what's going on at Lakeshore or have your questions answered by other parents or teachers? Join the email discussion group managed by the Lakeshore PTA. Examples of recent topics include middle school assignments, giving away Giants tickets, free classes at City College, and school lunches. You can subscribe to this email discussion group by sending a blank email to lakeshorepta-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Ms. Keener (continued)

Notification of Truancy Letter will be sent to parents/guardians whose child has 3 unexcused absences.

Independent Study

The Board of Education authorizes Independent Study as an optional alternative instructional strategy by which students may reach curriculum objectives. Short-term Independent Study may be undertaken at the school site under the supervision of the regularly assigned teacher when the student's particular circumstances require him/her to participate in independent study for a period of up to two weeks and are excused absences. Circumstances that may warrant independent study are:

- A temporary disability or illness that prevents the student from attending school.
- A death in the family or other family emergency that requires the student to travel.

"Are anybody's parents typical?"

Madeleine L'Engle

Interested in Art?

The Art Committee is looking for volunteers to help plan the variety of arts at Lakeshore, as well as the behind the scene preparation of activities. All are welcome!!! If you are interested, please contact Sharon Collins or Terri Klein at LakeshoreArt@aol.com. Thanks!

The Paw Print Press is sent home to Lakeshore families every Wednesday. If you have something you'd like to include in next week's Paw Print Press, please e-mail it to pawprintnews@yahoo.com by Friday evening.

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