



The Paw Print Press

IMPORTANT DATES

TONIGHT!

Wednesday, April 4

PTA Meeting

6:30 – 8:00 pm, Lakeshore Community Room
Childcare will be provided

Friday, April 6

Furlough Day – No School

Thursday, April 12

Bike To School Day

All those who bike, skate, or scooter to school on this day will receive a treat bag of bicycle safety and fun goodies.

Spring Auction Donation Request

Just a reminder to everyone: **Please help with soliciting donations for the online auction taking place April 21 – 28.** Here is the link to download the donation form that you can take to your favorite businesses:

http://www.lakeshoreelementary.org/?page_id=1049

If you have special skills or hobbies, a donation in the form of your time for lessons or outings is very much appreciated (e.g., baseball or knitting lessons, a constellation-finding outing, a geocaching expedition, etc). **Every personal donation from a member of our community has extra value!**

Finally, if you can help with phone calls to follow up solicitation letters that were already sent, or if you can help teachers who are interested in contributing art or other projects done by their classes, please contact Lisa Kadyk at lckadyk@yahoo.com.

April 4, 2012

Message From Ms. Keener

Parents/Caregivers,

I hope everyone was able to take some time off and enjoy some or all of the Spring Break with your family. It is hard to believe that there are only two months left of school.

As a reminder, the STAR testing window officially begins this week for all students in grades 2-5. The testing schedule for our school was sent home on 3/21. Please notice that testing does not begin at Lakeshore until next week on 4/10. This coming week will be used to give students time to settle back into the routines and demands of the daily schedule and continue with preparing for taking the California Standards Test. STAR Test Prep for Parents is being sent home with today's Paw Print Press. Please take a moment to read it so that you can best support your child at home during this time. If you have any concerns or questions about the STAR program, please speak to your child's teacher or call Ms. Keener.

There is a PTA Meeting tonight at 6:30 pm in the Community Room. **Your PTA support and membership is critical during these challenging times of budget cuts that will undoubtedly impact our programs. As an added incentive, all students whose parent/caregiver attends the PTA meeting will receive one homework pass!**

REMINDER! Friday is a Furlough Day. There is no school.

"Children are educated by what the grown-up is an not by his talk."

Carl Jung

Seeking Nominations for PTA Leadership positions

In May there will be elections for new PTA board members. Please consider whether you'd be interested in helping to shape the goals and activities of the PTA next year. A list of the open positions will be posted in the newsletter and at the school next week. Note: if two people want to share a position, that is welcome as well. Stay tuned for more information.

Enrichment Program Survey Results Are Available

Thank you to all of the Lakeshore families who completed and returned the enrichment program survey last month. Overall, 222 surveys were returned, which is roughly 40% of Lakeshore's student population. The results from this survey will be posted in the PTA section of the bulletin board near Lakeshore's front entrance (next to the doors to the top yard). An electronic version of the results is also available by request. Please send requests to pawprintnews@yahoo.com.

The data collected from your valuable input will help inform decisions regarding next year's budget. Thanks again for such an outstanding response!

Ms. Barry's Fun Fraction Fest

On Friday March 23rd, Room 15 celebrated how much fun fractions can be by sharing a lunch full of delicious foods cut into fractional sections. We sliced our own pizzas, apples, and bagels and enjoyed scored chocolates and graham crackers. We also laid out Skittles candy to demonstrate arrays for our multiplication studies. Using these fun and creative activities, the students were able to practice basic fractions, equivalency, and arrays in a hands-on activity.

A gigantic thanks goes out to the parents in Rm 15 who planned and organized the fantastic fraction fest!

Summer Camp with Everyday Magic

Everyday Magic is gearing up for summer! Come cook, garden, shoot hoops, build forts, play, learn and enjoy with members of Lakeshore School's staff who present these specialty camps and more!!!! If you have not yet received a flier in your child's backpack, you can find all the information you'll need on our website www.everyday-magic.org or call 681-9168. Scholarships are available. We are a provider for Children's Council and Wu Yee as well as a vendor for Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC). The deadline is May 4, 2012.

Lakeshore Students Are Lurking in the Shadow of Lowell High

The San Francisco Architectural Foundation is currently holding its annual High School Design Competition. Participants are charged with designing a proposed Sailing Center on Pier 7 near the Ferry Building, overlooking the picturesque San Francisco Bay. Students will plan the building and the surrounding pier that supports viewing, learning, and experiencing the rich history and culture of sailing in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The center will showcase to the public the rich history of America's Cup and sailing. The center will also be a resource for the local community and visitors to San Francisco, teaching those interested how to sail. This center will serve as a combination exhibition space and classroom and will be situated on a 200' x 200' foot pier. The pier will be open to the public and will foster a wide range of activities including viewing the Bay, fishing, sailing, exercising, and eating, in addition to other planned activities and events.

Architect students from our neighboring *Lowell High School* campus are currently working on projects as part of the competition. Mr. Glover's second grade students have been invited to conduct field research by visiting architect students in their design studio at Lowell as they prepare plans and presentation materials for a proposed *Sailing Center*. Room Two students will not participate in the high school completion as an official entry but by "shadowing" the competition, through their research with students from Lowell High School as a source of inspiration for their own *Sailing Center* project for *Pier 7*.

Mr. Glover's students have begun to look at the rich history of the San Francisco Bay; its original inhabitants the *Ohlone Indians*; explorers from other lands; military presence; new settlers, how it has been used and changed in size since the early 19th century (1849); how the Bay has been filled to provide more space for ports, more area for industry, more runways for airports, more land for houses, and a place to get rid of the region's garbage; conservation efforts; and the beginning immigration of the rich ethnic diverse cultures that call San Francisco home today.

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 email it to pawprintnews@yahoo.com by Friday evening.

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