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# The Paw Print Press

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### **TOMORROW!**

**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.

**April 21-28**

#### **Lakeshore's Annual Spring Auction**

This year's auction will be held online.

**Monday, April 23**

#### **Professional Development**

No school

**Wednesday, April 25**

#### **Community Meeting**

6:30 – 8:00pm, Lakeshore Community Room  
Information on Restorative Justice will be presented by the Parent Advisory Council.

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## **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](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](mailto:lckadyk@yahoo.com).

April 11, 2012

## **Message From Ms. Keener**

Parents/Caregivers,

As we move toward the end of the year, it is time for the Lakeshore staff and I to start developing class placements for next year. We allow you to share insight into the best classroom environment for your child and your child's classroom placement for next year. However, there are many children to place and it is always our first priority to ensure classroom balance that considers ethnicity, gender, home language and performance levels among other factors.

Unfortunately, due to budget cuts, low numbers in both grades 4 and 5, and a teacher consolidation, we will have 2 fourth, 2 fifth, and one 4/5 multiage classroom. Having to consolidate one of our teachers is extremely unfortunate but necessary.

As we move forward in planning for next year's classroom configurations, our goal is to create a 4/5 multiage rigorous learning environment for children. The teacher for this class has not yet been confirmed.

### **Restorative Justice**

The SFUSD Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will be presenting information to the Lakeshore community about Restorative Justice on Wednesday, 4/25 at 6:30 in the Community Room. Restorative Justice promotes and strengthens a positive school culture and enhances pro-social relationships within the school community. The Restorative Justice approach has also been shared with Lakeshore teachers so that we can assess and reflect on our interest of how or if we will move forward with the implementation of it next year.

I encourage you to access the San Francisco Chronicle March 26<sup>th</sup> publication online. Just search Restorative Justice and you will find an article about RP called "SF Schools Try to Mend Problems Without Suspension" that I encourage you to read. It is about the philosophy and highlights Rosa Parks ES who has been implementing this practice.

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### STAR Testing

This week and next is California Standards Testing for grades 2-5. Be sure your child arrives to school on time so that they can enter their name into Friday's drawing for a healthy snack including, but not limited to, seaweed, cheese sticks, fruit roll ups, vitamin water ☺! Whoo Hoo!!

*"Children have to be educated, but they have also to be left to educate themselves."*

Ernest Dimnet

## Multicultural Potluck Night

Mark your calendars for Multicultural Potluck Night on Friday, May 11th from 6-8 p.m. in Lakeshore's Community Room! Everyone is encouraged to bring a cultural dish or beloved family favorite to share as we enjoy our diverse community with food and student performances. If anyone is willing and able to help with set-up that afternoon, please email Susanne Hilty at [susannehilty@hotmail.com](mailto:susannehilty@hotmail.com).

## Celebrate Earth Week

**Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Earth Day**

Over the past five years, students, families, teachers and members of the Lakeshore School community have remarked on the increasing amount of trash and litter that has found its way to our beautiful campus. *Earth Day* is a day that is intended to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's natural environment. Mr. Glover's second grade students have learned that *Earth Day* was first observed in San Francisco and other cities on March 21, 1970, the first day of Spring. Earth Day is now coordinated globally by the *Earth Day Network* and is celebrated in more than 175 countries every year. Room 2 students and families would like to encourage Lakeshore School to join together as a community to celebrate *Earth Week* by focusing on environmental issues such as the negative effects of trash and litter for all living things. We would like to develop awareness by educating Kindergarten through fifth grade students of the importance of Earth **stewardship** by caring enough to pick up litter around our campus and to encourage others not to engage in "*litter bugging*" our beautiful planet.

**"Just Say No to Trash at Lakeshore!"**

## Spring Raffle tickets are here!

Students should have received a packet of raffle tickets last week. (If your child did not bring them home, they are available in the office).

***Each Lakeshore family is responsible for selling at least one bundle of 10 tickets (worth \$20 or more). Please take these tickets and sell to your friends, co-workers and especially family! If every family sells just one pack of raffle tickets, that will raise \$10,000 for the PTA to help pay for consultants for the many enrichment programs provided to our students (Studio Art, PE/Motor, Gardening etc). With the budget cuts that the school is facing for next year, this is crucial that we have 100% participation from our Lakeshore Families.***

This is an easy way for you to help the school and a great opportunity for someone you know to win one of three great prizes:

1st -- Four (4) Disney Park Hopper Passes (\$420 value)  
2nd -- Sports Basement Gift Certificate (\$250 Value)  
3rd -- Tommy Toy's Cuisine Chinoise (\$100 Value)

\* The student who sells the most raffle tickets (based on dollar amount) in the entire school will win a new iPod Touch!

\*\* The student who sells the most raffle tickets (based on dollar amount) in each grade K-5 will win two (2) tickets to a San Francisco Giants Game!

\*\*\* The class that sells the most raffle tickets (based on dollar amount) will win an End-of-Year Party!

Return either to your child's teacher or directly to the office in the envelope provided. The last day to turn in your raffle ticket money at school is Friday, May 4, 2012 by 3:30 pm. Raffle Prize winners will be announced at Lakeshore's "Multicultural Night" on Friday, May 11, 2012. Winners need not be present to win.

Thank you for your participation! Don't forget to buy tickets for yourself. You too are eligible to win one of the raffle prizes!!!

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