



LAKESHORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, September 12

Back-To-School Night, 1st - 5th grades

6:30-8:00pm, Lakeshore School

Meet the teachers and learn about the upcoming year. All parents / guardians are recommended to attend. Childcare and light snacks will be provided (\$5 donation per child requested, reserve a space below).

Wednesday, October 2

PTA Meeting

6:30-8:00pm, Community Room

Saturday, October 5

Lakeshore Community Picnic and Gardening Day

10:30am - 2:00pm Lakeshore School

Bring some delicious food to share and bring your children to enjoy the sunshine at a garden work party during our San Francisco Summer! Children can water. Parents can help with gardening chores (please bring gloves).

Walk-a-Thon Returns!

A fun spirit-filled day where all kids are winners. Get those walking shoes and sponsorships ready. Keep an eye on the Paw Print Press for more details.

September 4, 2013

Back-to-School Night

Dear Lakeshore,

Next week is Back-to-School night which is an important event giving you the opportunity to learn about the coming year, understand the teacher's expectations for your child, and discuss how your child can get the most out of the year. This is a chance to meet Principal Hartford, your child's teacher, and see the classroom so you have a basic understanding of your child's daily experience. Attendance by at least one guardian per family is recommended.

Childcare will be provided (a \$5 donation per child is requested) but please send your child with something to eat as only light snacks will be available.

Nut Awareness

As we settle in to our school-day routines, it's important to consider what we bring for lunch and snacks. More and more of our classrooms are becoming nut-free because our students have serious allergies to nuts.

Please refrain from bringing anything with peanuts or tree nuts (walnuts, hazelnuts, almonds, Brazil nuts, macadamias, pistachios, pecans, pine nuts and cashews). The most common culprits are nut butters and Nutella but remember to check any times like granola mix, trail mix, and snack bars you put in your child's lunch as these can contain nuts. A huge THANK YOU for helping keep our campus safe for all members of our community.

Back to School Childcare Request

Attending the Back to School event is an important way to participate in your child's education. To make it easy, childcare will be provided free of charge (although we request a \$5 donation per child). In order to ensure we have enough caregivers, please reserve a space by emailing rspv@lakeshoreelementary.org and list your name and your child(ren)'s names or complete this form and return it to your teacher no later than **Friday, September 6**.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Child's name: _____

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School Site Council (SSC) has open positions

Lakeshore will be holding elections for its School Site Council (SSC) later this month and we are actively looking for parents and community members who are interested in helping to decide on important school-related matters.

Lakeshore's SSC currently has four open parent/community members positions that need to be filled.

Every public school in San Francisco is required to have an SSC made up of ten members: five school staff members (the principal, three teachers, one staff member) and five parents/community members. SSC members are elected to their positions and serve for two years.

The SSC's main purpose is to address matters that directly affect the school and provides a channel for input from the school community. One of the SSC's most important roles is to oversee how the school's budget is allocated, including money from grants that provide additional funding for Lakeshore. The SSC is also responsible for helping to shape Lakeshore's Academic Plan, as well as other school-related policies.

- No special skill or experience is required for being an SSC member—just a desire to help our school and our students.
- The time commitment is relatively small: mainly just one evening meeting per month.

If you're interested in becoming an SSC member (or know somebody who you'd like to nominate), please submit names to Principal Matt Hartford at ssc@lakeshoreelementary.org or drop a note with the names and contact information in the office. Nominees will be contacted and included on the ballot, which will be sent home later this month. The deadline for submitting nominees is September 20th.

Spotlight on: Johnny Gonzalez

Mr. Gonzalez joined us this year as a 5th grade teacher so we thought we'd get to know him a bit. Please take a moment to welcome him to the Lakeshore community if you see him on campus.

What got you interested in teaching? It all started back in June of 1992 when I first walked into a room full of preschoolers.

What was your favorite memory as a student? Walking the stage and receiving my Masters Degree back in 2002 still remains as my favorite memory.

What do you like most about fifth grade? After having worked in a middle school for 8 years and having taught just about every grade in elementary, I think that every grade is unique and special.

What do you like about Lakeshore? I really love the diversity this school has. I did not expect to see this beautiful rainbow of children in a public school in San Francisco. I hope to prepare my students for the road ahead and the expectations that they will face in middle school.

What are your hobbies? I just love hanging out at home and listening to my little girl and twin boys laugh and be silly. I love going on "adventures" with my kids and carrying our "magical walking sticks." I love listening to their logic and reasoning when I ask them questions.

What do you think is most important for fifth grade students to learn this year as they prepare for Middle School? To do the right thing when nobody is looking. To tell the truth even when it's hard and / or find themselves standing alone. To take pride in hard work and maintaining a strong sense of integrity and fairness. There's nothing wrong with questioning, even adults or people in charge.

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.

