



The Paw Print Press

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, October 2
PTA Meeting
6:30-8:00pm, Community Room

Friday, October 4, 2013
Walk-a-Thon!

Our big Fall fundraiser. Students walk towards school-wide prizes. The money raised directly supports Lakeshore's enrichment programs, such as gardening, art, and motor perception. Please pledge generously and then to cheer on our students while they walk their laps.

Saturday, October 5
Community Picnic and Gardening Day
10:30am - 2:00pm Lakeshore School
Bring some delicious food to share and with your children, 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). No experience necessary. Bring your family, enjoy food and make a huge difference in our campus!

Quick Reference Guide

This handy guide packed with essential information has been published in both English and Chinese. They were distributed in Wednesday folders. If you didn't receive yours or need an extra copy, visit the office or download it from the Resources section of the website.

September 18, 2013

Principal's Corner

Dear Lakeshore,

I wanted to thank you for coming to Back to School Night last week. I am told it was the largest turn out we have seen in a long time. The students from Lowell High School had a great time and are looking forward to working with us in the future. I visited many classrooms that evening and am impressed with the professionalism of the teaching staff. I saw examples of best practices and a sincere effort to communicate clearly what your children can expect across the school.

In other news, the final budget numbers are in and we are in good (not great) shape financially. The projected budget that was used for planning purposes was \$5,000.00 higher than our actual fall final budget. This is due to a slightly smaller number of students than anticipated and slightly less allocated per pupil across the district. While it is disappointing, I don't foresee any drastic change in staffing, but I anticipate tightening the supply allocations to make up for the difference. So, what can you do? Read on please.

School lunch applications are an important way that school districts get funding from the state/feds and even if you are not interested in getting school lunch, **please turn in lunch applications for each child attending Lakeshore by this Friday, 9/20**. They can be the paper applications or the online version at <https://schoolmealapp.sfusd.edu>.

You can also support our Walk-A-Thon on October 4th. The cost of a high quality education is far more than we receive from taxpayers. You expect and demand a high level of service that we at Lakeshore are proud to provide, so please help us make ends meet. If you can give and it will help offset families who may be less able to give.

Thanks and please know it is my pleasure serving as your principal.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hartford

Help with Fundraising

Do you have a knack for event planning? Are you connected to the community? Looking for a way to volunteer outside of the school day? Join the Fundraising Committee in raising critical funds for Lakeshore Elementary. From promotion of monthly third party fundraisers, to event planning for our annual Spring Fundraising Event, there are volunteer opportunities to fit anyone's schedule! For more information, please contact volunteer@lakshoreelementary.org.

Meal applications needed from everyone – even if not interested or qualified!

We ask that every family submit a meal application; there is a direct link between the amount of qualified Meal Application forms received and SFUSD's budget and access to funding.

Not interested in receiving free meals? Please do still fill out the online application and indicate that you are not interested in receiving meal benefits. Apply Online: <https://schoolmealapp.sfusd.edu/> and print out the final screen showing that your application was received.

Any school that turns in 100% of its Meal Application Forms by Friday, Sept 27 (paper applications due to Student Nutrition office by Friday, Sept 20) will be able to choose from the following two prizes:

- A Chili Taste Off Event at your school for up to 50 students, made possible by Revolution Foods.
- A Special Treat - delicious Revolution Foods Hip Pops for all students and faculty.

Plus! All schools which turn in 100% of their Meal Application Forms will be entered into a raffle to win a field trip to Revolution Foods Culinary Center in Oakland!

Walk-a-thon!

Students are limbering up and talking about seeing Mr. Hartford doing intake on the roof, getting a popcorn and movie, and proving we can replicate last year's fundraising success.

- Get those sponsorships! Checks can be made out to Lakeshore PTA and are tax deductible.
- Please join the kids and cheer them on the afternoon of Friday, October 4.
- Have a few minutes in the morning? Help the teachers fill out the walk-a-thon sponsorship receipts. If you're available, contact volunteer@lakshoreelementary.org for more information.

Last Call: SSC Nominations

This Friday is the last day to submit nominations for representatives to participate on the School Site Council. If you are interested in working closely with Mr. Hartford, teachers, community members and other parents to provide direction for the school, please consider joining. Taking only a few hours a month, the SSC is a great way for busy parents or guardians who can't participate during work hours to make a difference.

If you're interested in becoming an SSC member (or know somebody who you'd like to nominate), please submit names to ssc@lakshoreelementary.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.

Want to include something in the next edition? Please email newsletter@lakshoreelementary.org no later than Friday evening with final content and your contact information.

What I like about Lakeshore...

We are gearing up for school tours and the SFUSD Enrollment Fair. We'd love to get thoughts in your own words about what you and your kids like about Lakeshore. Email them to newsletter@lakshoreelementary.org or write it below and give it to your teacher. If you or your kids are feeling creative, draw a picture, tell a story, or write it in your native language. These will be shared with the community.

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