



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
TIME CHANGED: 12pm – 4pm
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!

International Walk & Roll to School Day is Wednesday, October 9, 2013

International Walk to School Day is a global event that gives children, parents, teachers, administrators and community members an opportunity to work together to make their communities safer and more pleasant for walking. Lakeshore will be participating this year and will have a table set up at the front of the school to greet our walkers and rollers to school that morning. Goodie bags will be distributed, while supplies last.

September 25, 2013

Traffic Safety is Your Responsibility

Our wonderful crossing guards work very hard through rain and shine to help keep our kids safe during drop-off and pick-up. Please help them by following some common-sense rules that will keep traffic and pedestrians moving:

- **Need to turn around? Go around the block.** Making a u-turn in the intersection blocks traffic in all directions and could cause accidents as people and vehicles don't expect this behavior.
- **Can't find parking? Keep looking!** Many people have been double parking on Middlefield and Sylvan restricting visibility and causing vehicles to navigate into oncoming traffic.
- **The bus zones are for buses.** They're big and filled with kids and shouldn't have to find another place to stop.
- **Keep the crosswalk for crossing.** Parking in the crosswalk forces pedestrians into the intersection. The kids are small and many cannot be seen over the front of the cars. Cars parked in the crosswalk can also impair access to the curb ramp making access difficult for those who need it.
- **Stop before the crosswalk – even when you're turning right.** Cars turning right often roll through the crosswalk, sometimes not even coming to a complete stop.
- **Take it slow.** The speed limit in school zones is 15 mph.

These simple guidelines should be applied when there is no guard on duty as well – there is significant traffic around before and after school programs and kids tend to dart out into the street with the excitement of arriving or leaving school. We can't always predict kids' actions so we should be more mindful about our own. Remember, most accidents happen when people are busy and try to save time.

The Prizes Keep Coming

Students are racking up prizes with my meeting Walk-a-Thon fundraising incentives. Last week students earned a “No Homework Pass” for a week and having Mr. Hartford greet students on the roof. They’re not far away from earning “Teacher Switch” and the Teacher vs. Student Kickball Game. The excitement is mounting so harness the energy and get those sponsorships locked in!

Who can pull the biggest root?

Join our hosts Martha Luna and Jean Butler for the “The Big Root Competition” at the inaugural Lakeshore Community Picnic and Gardening Day. It’s an excuse to compete with your kids and enjoy some good old fun in the dirt – all in the name of eradicating the weeds that threaten the health and beauty of our grant-winning gardens. What sound does a weed with a long root make when it is plucked from the ground? How satisfying is it to know you got it all and it won’t grow back? You can find out on Saturday, October 5. Bring a picnic, some gloves, your competitive spirit and join us from noon to 4pm (please note the change in time). No experience required. Family, friends, and kids are all encouraged to attend.

Missing something? Check the Lost and Found before it’s gone for good.

Please pick up your children's lost clothing from the Lost and Found clothes rack located near the cafe just off the school lobby. There has been a big increase in lost items recently with the warm weather! All items currently in the Lost and Found will be donated after October 19, 2013.

Please also remember to label ALL of your children's items – sweatshirts, sweaters, jackets, long-sleeve shirts, lunch boxes, water bottles, hats, etc.

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.

Moon Festival Celebrated by Lakeshore Chinese Language Programs

Last week our Chinese programs joined people around the world by celebrating the Moon Festival also known as Mooncake Day or Mid-Autumn Festival. This is a special celebration which brings friends and families together.

Falling on the 15th day of the 8th month according to the Chinese lunar calendar, the Mid-Autumn Festival is the second grandest festival after the Spring Festival in China. It takes its name from the fact that it is always celebrated in the middle of the autumn season. The day is also known as the Moon Festival, as at that time of the year the moon is at its roundest and brightest.

Learn Cantonese – Morning Program Accepting Students

Are you interested in learning Cantonese? The Morning Cantonese Program (MCP) is currently accepting new students. Available five days a week for an hour of language instruction per day, MCP is scheduled from 8:15am – 9:15am in the Community Room. This is a great time for kids as they’re fresh and focused and it’s convenient for parents needing an earlier start to the day.

MCP is a multi-level program: (1) Beginner, (2) Advanced Beginner, (3) Intermediate, and (4) Advanced Intermediate. Level 1 does not require any Chinese experience. Level 2 is for students who speak some Cantonese and have limited Chinese writing experience. All other levels need to be tested before enrollment, if not progressing from a lower level.

The tuition for the Cantonese program is \$700 for the school year, plus \$25 registration. Please email us mcpatlakeshore@gmail.com for any questions, suggestions or comments.

MCP was started in 1986 at Lakeshore Elementary School by a parent board to promote Chinese language skills and culture. MCP is now part of the Lakeshore PTA Language Programs.

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@lakeshoreelementary.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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