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# The Paw Print Press

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## IMPORTANT DATES

October 2, 2013

**Wednesday, October 2**

**PTA Meeting**

6:30-8:00pm, Community Room

Childcare will be available (\$5 donation requested) with light snacks for the children.

**Friday, October 4, 2013**

**Walk-a-Thon!**

Our big Fall fundraiser. Please pledge generously and then to cheer on our students.

**Saturday, October 5**

**Community Picnic and Gardening Day**

**TIME CHANGED:** 12pm – 4pm

Bring your family, enjoy food and make a huge difference in our campus!

**Wednesday, October 9**

**International Walk & Roll to School Day**

Join International Walk and Roll to School day to work together to make communities safer and more pleasant for walking. For information: <http://sfsaferoutestoschool.org/>

**Friday, October 11, 2013**

**Picture Day**

Find your best duds and give us a big smile!

**Wednesday, October 17**

**PTA Fest**

We can't wait to present you with our showcase of Lakeshore's many Enrichment Programs. There will be examples of student work and live demonstrations from Motor. Garden consultant Jean Butler and music consultant Steve Rubenstein will serenade you while you take you on a tour through the Lakeshore gardens. Light refreshments will be served.

**Fun, exercise, eating and some healthy competition**

**Join us for the Walk-a-thon and the Lakeshore community Picnic and Gardening Day!**

We kick off the weekend on Friday with the Lakeshore **Walk-a-Thon** where the students will be showing their spirit and seeing how far they can walk to benefit the Lakeshore enrichment programs. All students will be participating and everyone receives a new Lakeshore water bottle. They have been working hard to get sponsorships and have earned a student / teacher kickball game. We have a long way to go to reach our goal and have a school-wide Sock Hop so keep those online donations and checks coming in. Come by to cheer on the kids —

- Grades K, 1, 2: 1:45pm – 2:30pm
- Grades 3, 4, 5: 2:30pm – 3:15pm

Saturday is the inaugural **Picnic and Gardening Day** hosted by Gardening consultants Jean Butler and Martha Luna. The weather is shaping up to be fantastic for a picnic under the sun and then competing with friends and family in "The Big Root Competition." No special skills are required other than a desire to help maintain our outstanding seven grant-winning gardens. The day begins at 12 noon and continues through 4pm so drop in anytime and kids of all ages are encouraged to attend.



**Calling all ghouls and goblins**

Lakeshore embraces Halloween with a special costume parade and a seriously spooky event for the kids. We need volunteers to help hide skeletons in closets, create the monsters, brew secret potions. Conjure up your inner Witch, Warlock or Mad Scientist and email [volunteer@lakeshoreelementary.org](mailto:volunteer@lakeshoreelementary.org). Don't be a ghost and miss this memorable event.

## Complete your SSC ballot

Your vote counts and helps build an organization that guides the future of our school. Please complete the SSC ballot and return to your child's teacher no later than Wednesday, October 9.

## A simple way to raise money!

**eScrip** is an easy, **no cost** way to support the Lakeshore Elementary School, just by shopping as you normally do. Our goal is to have 100% of Lakeshore Elementary School families registered with the eScrip program this year. If you are one of the many families who are already using eScrip, thank you! Here's how it works:

1. Visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com).
2. Register any grocery loyalty cards, credit cards, ATM, and debit cards.
3. Then use your registered cards at participating merchants (visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) for a complete listing).
4. A percentage of the sale will be automatically contributed to the Lakeshore Elementary School.

### Existing eScrip users must renew membership:

Please take a moment to go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and renew your Safeway card by November 1<sup>st</sup> by entering your phone number, email address or Club Card number. Then click on the "Yes Renew!" button. Check that your personal information, as well as credit card numbers and expiration dates are up-to-date.

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*Want to include something in the next edition? Please email [newsletter@lakeshoreelementary.org](mailto:newsletter@lakeshoreelementary.org) no later than Friday evening with final content and your contact information.*

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## A little about homework

Parents and families play an important role in the homework process. Together, families can help children develop good study habits and attitudes that lead to becoming lifelong learners. Your job is not to do the work for them, but to provide support, encouragement and ask questions that help them arrive at the answers themselves.

Why do teachers give homework? Teachers use homework to:

- To help students understand and review the work that has been covered in class.
- To see whether students understand the lesson.

## Kicking off tour season

Tour season starts next week and we are looking for people to help out with this year's tours for prospective families. It helps the school and is a great and joyful experience to see the school in action! Tours are scheduled from 10-11:30 on:

- October 9, 17, 22 (wed, thurs, tues)
- November 6, 14, 19 (wed., thurs, tues)
- December 4, 12, 17 (wed., thurs, tues)
- January 8, 16 (wed., thurs.)

How you can help:

- Lead or assist with tours
- Table set up
- Coffee pickup
- Baked good / fruit donation
- Kinder parents encouraged to participate!

If you can help out in any way please visit:

<http://bit.ly/16CASpV> or email

[tours@lakeshoreelementary.org](mailto:tours@lakeshoreelementary.org). Join us on Thursday, October 3 at 8:30am if you'd like a quick tour run through.

## Studio Art hosts breakfast

Studio Art begins mid-October for Second and Third Grades and will continue for eight weeks. Consultant Sharon Collins invites **parents of Second and Third Grade students** to attend an informational breakfast **October 9 at 9:45am in art room 13**. Learn more about the upcoming year — details about the projects your children will be doing and the philosophy about how they work with the students to get robust art education. (Similar events will be held for other grades later in the year.)

- To help students learn how to find and use more information on a subject.
- To teach responsibility and routine.

How much time should my child spend on homework each night? Most educators agree:

- For children in grades K-2, homework is more effective when it does not exceed 20 minutes each school day.
- Older children, in grades 3-6, can handle 30-60 minutes a day.
- For kids in middle and high school, 2 hours of homework may be assigned.

*Source: California State PTA School Smarts Parent Engagement Program*

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