



The Paw Print Press

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

Puberty Education Info Session

7:00 – 8:00pm, Room 106

Parents (especially of 4th and 5th graders) meet with Ivy Chen to understand the curriculum and how to discuss the changes of puberty with your children.

Thursday, October 17

PTA Fest

We can't wait to present you with a showcase of our many Enrichment Programs including examples of student work and live demos from Motor. Consultants Jean Butler and Steve Rubenstein will serenade while taking you on a tour through the Lakeshore gardens. Light refreshments will be served.

Thursday, October 31

Halloween at Lakeshore

Don't miss this Spooktacular event! Join us for costume parades, class parties, and a Creepy Carnival.

Sunday, November 3

Daylight Savings Ends

Don't forget to change your clocks to "Fall Back" and get that extra hour of sleep!

Monday, November 11

NO SCHOOL

Veteran's Day

November 18 – 22

Conference Week / EARLY DISMISSAL

Schedule time with your child's teacher and make arrangements for early dismissal.

October 16, 2013

Last Week at Lakeshore

Teachers Switch Day

Did you hear about a "new" teacher in the classroom? Perhaps your child was referring to Teacher Switch Day, one of the Walk-a-Thon fundraising rewards given last week.

Teachers had a great time switching between rooms and grades giving them the opportunity to meet new students or reunite with former ones. Some read stories while others did activities such as still life sketching.

"It was fun teaching a totally different grade and heartwarming to see former students work so independently and do such advanced work!"

Students vs. Teacher Kickball Game

The week ended with a spirited, non-competitive game of kickball.

Two students were chosen from each class to comprise the mighty team of students. With the entire school coming together on the top yard to cheer on their friends, the student team ran the bases driving excitement in the crowd.

Students were up first and received two more outs per inning than the teachers. Upper grade players helped their younger teammates. The second through fifth grade players fielded while their Kinder and first grade teammates cheered them on.

Everyone played hard. Teachers showed their stuff with some powerhouse kicks but the students responded with strong kicks of their own, speedy laps around the bases and a few notable plays including shutting out Principal Hartford's fly ball.

All students had a chance to kick and the game concluded at 3:15. Everyone demonstrated fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship. "It was a blast!" said one young leopard.

PTA Membership Update

So far this year, we have 209 PTA members representing 151 students across all classrooms (about 1/3 of the school) & about 80% participation by teachers/consultants! Please help us achieve 100% PTA membership participation by Parent-Teacher conferences!

Why join?

- To benefit your child(ren) and our school. *Family involvement has been proven by 30 years of research to be the greatest predictor of student success.*
- To join a time-tested National and State non-profit organization that advocates for all children and works tirelessly to promote family involvement in schools. *PTA advocates for policies that eliminate achievement gaps for all students and works toward the equitable distribution of resources among all schools.*
- To support a variety of enrichment programs and events at Lakeshore designed specifically for our school's students and families.
Programs like: Gardening, Studio Art, Motor Perception, Poetry, & Puberty Education
Events like: Disco Bingo, Math & Literacy Night, Science Fair, & Multi-Cultural Potluck

PTA Membership at Lakeshore costs just \$10 per individual, but to fully support all of the PTA-funded programs at our school for one child, it costs \$200 per year (just \$17/month). Please give generously today!

What's in it for you?

- You are always welcome – but never required – to attend our monthly PTA meetings. Please see the school calendar for upcoming meeting dates and come if/when you can.
- Your PTA Membership card entitles your family to discounts at CA Academy of Sciences, Enterprise and Hertz Car Rental, Jamba Juice, Legoland, Staples, T-Mobile, & more!

Ready to join?

Ask your Head Room Parent or Teacher for a Membership Form or go to www.lakeshoreelementary.org/join-the-pta

PTA Meeting Summary: Oct 2

The general meeting began with a discussion on the budget, which was unanimously approved. The amazing work done since the previous meeting was recognized and the upcoming events including school tours was discussed. Request for fundraising volunteers was made (fundraising@lakeshoreelementary.org) and Mr. Hartford provided valuable information on Lakeshore's implementation of the Behavioral Response to Intervention (RTI) program. He also discussed the Gov. Brown's approval of the suspension of the spring CSTs (statewide tests) as part of the transition to the Common Core Standards and how the school is preparing for successful adoption. Meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board by the top yard.

Student Corner

My Halloween Thoughts By Luke Robert Patnon, 2nd Grade

When I think of Halloween my thoughts turn to wearing a George Washington costume. He was the first President of the United States of America. You can find his picture on the dollar bill. I would love to wear that costume. I saw General George Washington fighting against the British for America's independence. I hate the sound of thunder at night and creepy monster costumes. My costume will be different. I will have a sword and eagle.

Halloween makes me think of having a nice time and feeling awesome. I love it and look forward to visiting a haunted house to see ghosts, vampires, mummies, and crying children. In the Philippines I remember reaching and grabbing for candies hanging above our heads in a bag attached to a rope. Boys try first and then girls to reach the candies as an adult pulls the rope and down.

I would like to be General George Washington for Halloween. I plan to wear a blue 18th century military costume. I would like for my costume to include the following items: a three cornered hat, and long black shoes with buckles, and a shiny white sword.

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Don't miss the variety of costumes on display at Lakeshore. Email volunteer@lakeshoreelementary.org or sign up on the sheets by the big yard if you can help make Lakeshore's Halloween unforgettable.

Preparing for Halloween raises money for Lakeshore

Need Halloween candy? Treats for class parties? Costumes? You can raise money for Lakeshore simply by stocking up on these items at Lucky's, Target, or Amazon.com. All of these companies give a percentage of your purchases back to Lakeshore.

- Use your **Lucky's S.H.A.R.E.S. card** when shopping. Don't have a S.H.A.R.E.S. card? Stop by the office or email pta@lakeshoreelementary.org. Make sure to get one for friends and family too!
- Link your Target RedCard with Lakeshore and all purchases raise money for the school. Friends and family can link their cards too. Visit Take Charge of Education at www.target.com/redcard/tcoe/hometo.
- Shop online at Amazon.com using this link <http://amzn.to/17IVpJF> or click on the Amazon button at lakeshoreelementary.org. Bookmark it to use whenever you shop online.

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