



The Paw Print Press

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, November 9

Sandcastle Contest, 10:30am – 4:30pm
Ocean Beach @ Fulton
Cheer on Mrs. Fusscas' class in building a sandcastle masterpiece. www.leaparts.com

Monday, November 11

NO SCHOOL – Veteran's Day

Friday, November 15

Picture Retake Day

If you missed picture day, here's your chance to get your school photos. Big smiles!

Saturday, November 16

Tennessee Valley Hike, 10:30am – 2pm
Join Mr. Rich for an easy hike through the Marin Headlands and a picnic lunch on the beach.

November 18 – 22

Conference Week / EARLY DISMISSAL

Schedule time with your child's teacher and make arrangements for early dismissal at 2:30.

November 27 – 29

NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break

Thankful for great times with friends and family.

Schoola Stitch

Lakeshore has partnered with Schoola Stitch, a new company from the founders of Savvy Source, to raise much-needed funds for the school. Simply place gently-used children's clothes in the bags provided today and leave them behind the Lost and Found no later than Friday, November 15. Schoola will pick them up, put them for sale at www.schoolastitch.com and Lakeshore will receive up to 40% of the proceeds from these items. Check out the site, you may find a few great deals to fill up the newly-created holes in your child's closet!

November 6, 2013

Around Lakeshore: Scary Fun!

On Thursday Lakeshore students were replaced by brain-eating zombies, crime-fighting superheroes, magical fairies, movie and game characters, soaring birds, ninja and other creative costumes. Teachers and parents got into the spirit with including a Ghostbuster, a team of Ninja Turtles and the mighty Gandalf the Grey.

Festivities began at 10am with the Lowell Orchestra serenading the students followed by an energetic, yet orderly, costume parade taking the costumed mob down Middlefield and giving commuters along Lake Merced some unexpected entertainment.

Throughout the day, students visited the Spooky Community Room to enjoy some toe tappin' Halloween-themed music, games of skill, and face painting. They quite enjoyed tossing rings on the witches hat, throwing UFOs through the alien rings, playing football with a zombie and tossing glowing eyeballs into gravestones.

Class parties were held with healthier snacks to mitigate the sugar bombs acquired in the Community Room.

A big THANK YOU to:

- The parents who helped set up, manage the games, and return the Community Room to order.
- Everyone who donated candy. We successfully had a nut-free event which provided piece of mind to families of students with severe nut allergies.
- Parents who helped coordinate classroom parties, contributed goodies, and assisted the teachers through all the excitement of the day.
- The Lakeshore staff who organized the school-wide costume and managed to maintain some sense of order despite classrooms full of highly sugared, costumed, and excited students.
- And last, but certainly not least, the students who exhibited responsibility, courtesy, camaraderie, patience and good sportsmanship throughout the day's activities. Many parents were impressed by the composure and self-control of the students during such an incredibly stimulating day.

We hope everyone enjoyed Halloween!

Holiday Food Drive

We have partnered with the San Francisco Food Bank to help make everyone's Thanksgiving special. We are collecting non-perishable foods in the bin by the Community Room (please, no glass containers). Most needed foods are:

- Soup, chili, baked beans
- Canned vegetables
- Tuna, canned meat
- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Granola bars

One in four residents in San Francisco and Marin are unable to get the food they need and the SF Food Bank serves more than 225,000 people in their mission to end hunger. For more information, visit www.sffoodbank.org.

Thanksgiving PTA Membership Drive Starts this Week!

Please help spread the word about the Membership Drive by encouraging everyone to show their gratitude to the Lakeshore PTA during this thankful season by joining or renewing their Lakeshore PTA Membership.

For a limited time, you can add a feather to your child's class turkey by joining the PTA and crown your class turkey with 100% membership. The Lakeshore turkeys will be on display for the month of November in the front hallway of the school.

Why Join?

- A PTA-Sponsored class party for all classes that reach 100% membership during the Drive!
- PTA membership supports enrichment programs at Lakeshore designed for our school's students and families, like Gardening, Studio Art, Motor Perception, Poetry, & Puberty Education.
- PTA Membership entitles your family to discounts at CA Academy of Sciences, Enterprise & Hertz Car Rental, Jamba Juice, LegoLand, Staples, T-Mobile, & more!

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 (\$17/month).

Look for the orange Membership Drive fliers that will be sent home with all children who don't yet have a family member in PTA and return it to school with your payment or visit at <http://lakeshoreelementary.org/join-the-pta>.

Community Corner:

“What I Like About Lakeshore”

“The think I like about Lakeshore is all the fun activities we get to do in all the classes. I also like the art studio and gardening. I love the structure and the big field on the top yard.” — Amanda, 3rd grade

“Lakeshore is good school. All teachers are nice and good job as teachers. The school is clean and class rooms are organized.” — Hayden, 1st grade

“What Asia and I like about Lakeshore. We appreciate (all) the teachers and families. We like our old, and new principals, Ms. Keener and Mr. Hartford. We like Physical Education with Ms. Burke. We are pleased to have the programs that Lakeshore provides. Lakeshore is a beautiful school.” — Asia and Darlene, 4th grade

“We parents like the skilled teachers, the diversity of the student body, and the wide array of enrichment activities. Our son like the afterschool chess program, his friends, and being near Ocean Beach.” — Parents of a 3rd grader

What are You Thankful For?

This month is a great time to consider all the things for which we are thankful. The seasons are changing and our minds turn toward gatherings, feasts, lovely decorations, and special traditions with family and friends. We would love to share statements of gratitude in a special upcoming Paw Print Press so please take a moment to consider what you'd like to share. Statements are encouraged from students, staff, and caregivers and can be anonymous. Email your thoughts of gratitude to newsletter@lakeshoreelementary.org or give them to your teacher.

Inclusive Schools Week Planning

Lakeshore and the nation will be celebrating Inclusive Schools Week, December 2-6. We are planning ways we can we can participate in this important event. Can you help with research, communications, coordination, or planning? Many tasks can be done at home and on your own schedule. Contact volunteer@lakeshoreelementary.org.

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.

