



The Paw Print Press

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, December 16

SSC Meeting

6pm, Staff Lounge

Discuss school budget, academics and other topics affecting Lakeshore. All are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, December 17

Winter Concert

9:45 -10:40 and 2:20 – 3:25, Community Rm

Join Lakeshore Kindergartners and Grades 2 and 3 as they perform festive choir music.

Tuesday, December 17

Staff Appreciation Lunch

11:30am – 1:00pm, Community Room

Show the staff how much you appreciate all they do to educate our students and make Lakeshore an incredibly special place.

Saturday, December 14

Pt. Reyes Nature Hike

10:30am – 2:30pm Bear Valley Visitor's Center

Take a break from holiday preparation to enjoy exercise in the natural beauty of Pt. Reyes with Lakeshore friends.

December 23 – January 3

NO SCHOOL – Winter Break

Enjoy the long break with family and friends.

Monday, January 20

NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day

Celebrating the life and achievements of civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

December 11, 2013

New Stars and Stripes

There's a little something new in front of Lakeshore. A United States flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol on Veterans Day was donated to the school by the office of Representative Candice S. Miller of Michigan. First grader Walker Young presented the flag to the school during morning announcements and he was joined by Ms. Chan and the rest of his class to help Mr. Hartford retire the old flag and run the new flag up the pole.

Superheroes Needed

Help us create the most exciting superhero-themed fundraising event ever! Our Spring Fundraiser will be, Saturday, April 26 and we need volunteers to help brainstorm events, decorations, and other details. Interested? Email volunteer@lakeshoreelementary.org.

PTA Membership Drive A Big Success!

Congratulations Lakeshore families and staff on a successful PTA Membership Drive! Our Thanksgiving Drive brought in 56 new members to PTA & raised over \$3,000 to support signature school programs like studio art, motor perception, gardening, and more!

Special recognition goes to:

- Mrs. Athena Lafferty's K class for most participation in the Thanksgiving Drive
- Mr. Rich Mertes' 4th grade class for most overall participation in PTA membership
- Classroom Teachers, 100% of whom joined PTA & promoted membership to their students' families

Remember: It's never too late to join PTA and help us reach our goals for the total number of PTA members and the total dollars raised through membership donations! We're 97% of the way there (and we'd love to exceed our goals)!

Each classroom that achieves 100% family participation receives a PTA-sponsored class party. Join today by getting an orange form from the school office or visiting: <http://lakeshoreelementary.org/join-the-pta>.

Contact bethrit@sbcglobal.net with questions.

Winter Concert

What would the season be without a joyful musical concert? Lakeshore Kindergarteners, second and third graders will be performing choir music in the Community Room at two performances hosted by our wonderful music teachers, Mrs. Reilly and Ms. Lehmann. Our fourth and fifth grade instrumental musicians will accompany the singers (violins will perform in the morning and winds will perform in the afternoon).

Celebrate the season Lakeshore-style on Tuesday, December 17 by bringing food for the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon and stay for the concert at 9:45am (or, attend the afternoon performance at 2:20pm).

Season of Giving: Benefit Lakeshore While Shopping

Remember you can help Lakeshore while you're doing your holiday shopping! Lakeshore gets a percentage of your purchases when you:

- Shop Target using your Target Red Card
- Shop Amazon.com using the button found on lakeshoreelementary.org or using this link: <http://amzn.to/17IVpJF>
- Shop at Sports Basement and tell them you're from Lakeshore
- Shop at Lucky and show them your S.H.A.R.E.S card

Friends and family can help too. Distribute the Amazon links, pick up extra S.H.A.R.E.S. cards in the office, and ask your family to link their Target Red Card with Lakeshore.

Consider Lakeshore Gifts

Have a hard-to-shop for relative? Consider a gift that benefits Lakeshore:

- A donation to Lakeshore in their name
- Their own Lakeshore PTA membership
- A snazzy new reusable Lakeshore shopping bag — buy one for \$7 or 3 for \$20! (Order forms in the office or email pta@lakeshoreelementary.org)

PTA Meeting Notes

The PTA General Meeting was held, Wednesday, December 4 from 6:30 – 8pm in the Community Room. The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved and Treasurer's Report was read along with a discussion about some important work that has been done to complete and submit essential paperwork to the District PTA and prepare for taxes. A very good discussion followed about the progress that has been made to solve some of the traffic problems that have been experienced at drop off and pick up. Attendees and Mr. Hartford brainstormed further ideas for solving specific problems around double parking on surrounding streets in the afternoon. A call for volunteers to help with the Spring Fundraising event was made. The meeting was adjourned.

Pt. Reyes Nature Hike

Please join Mr. Rich and his class for a hike through lovely Pt. Reyes on Saturday, December 14. Meet at the Bear Valley Visitor Center at 10:30 for a moderate hike that climbs up to a ridge with a beautiful view of Drake's Bay and the Pacific Ocean. You will travel through one of Mr. Rich's favorite wild meadows and pass through the habitats of many wonderful birds, plants and mammals. The trail will be quieter but somewhat steeper than the hike in Tennessee Valley, climbing a total of 1000 feet and be about 4.5 miles.

Please note, the route is not flat so very young children may find this to be too difficult. Also, please leave ample time to arrive at the Visitor's Center as it's an hour from San Francisco.

- Bring lunch for your group.
- Bring layers of clothes.
- Bring lots of water.
- Hats are recommended.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for their own child(ren)
- All are welcome.
- RSVP to MertesR@sfusd.edu.

In case of bad weather, you can find out if the trip is cancelled on the class website: www.teacherweb.com and you follow the prompts to California > Lakeshore Elementary School > Mr. Rich's class (rm 106) > announcements.

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.

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