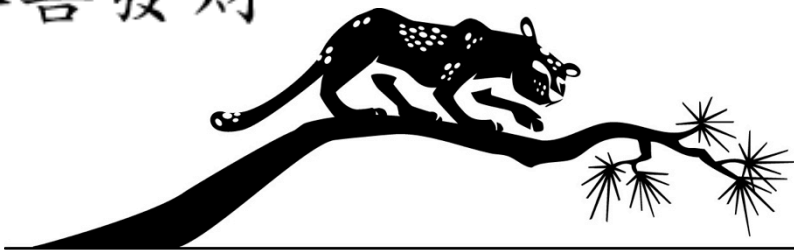


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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday, January 30**

**GATE Parent Meeting**

**6:00pm, Room 115**

Learn about the GATE program at Lakeshore.

**Friday, January 31**

**NO SCHOOL – Lunar New Year Observed**

**Wednesday, February 3**

**PTA General Meeting**

**6:30pm – 8:00pm, Community Room**

**Monday, February 10**

**SSC (School Site Council) Meeting**

**6:00pm, Staff Lounge**

**Tuesday, February 11**

**Chinese New Year Performance**

**9:40am and 10:15am, Community Room**

Join our Mandarin and Cantonese classes for a performance celebrating the New Year.

**Celebrate Education Week**

**February 10 – 14**

**Green Book Fair**

**Monday thru Thursday**

Books and educational toys and games at reasonable prices!

**Math and Literacy Night**

**Wednesday, 6:30 – 8pm, Community Room**

Games, puzzles and experiments for lovers of learning.

**Read-a-Thon**

**February 10 – 21**

Sponsor those readers! Prizes awarded at all grade levels.

January 29, 2014

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## Happy Chinese New Year!

The Year 2014 is considered as the Year of the Horse according to the Chinese Zodiac Calendar which begins on January 31, 2014, and ends on February 18, 2015.

According to Chinese Astrology Calendar, it is the Year of Wood Horse. Wood is related to tree or green, so it is also called Year of Green Horse. The Chinese zodiac calendar comprises 12 animal signs and horse is the seventh among all of them. In Chinese culture, the Horse is a symbol of nobility, class, speed and perseverance. People born in the Year of the Horse (1966, 1978, 1990, 2002) are smart, fabulous speakers who have a gift for getting through to other people. People bearing the horse sign strive towards seeking freedom and happiness. In general, 2014 would be a better year for those people who were born under The Year of the Horse.

*Excerpted from <http://www.hanban.com/chinese-culture/chinese-zodiac/the-2014-year-horse.html>*

### New Year Wishes

The arrival of the Year of Horse is a time to reconcile differences, let go of all grudges, and sincerely wish everyone peace, health, and happiness. Here are some of the most popular

- Lucky/Auspicious Year of the Horse! (mǎ nián jí xiáng)
- Instant success when the horse arrives! (mǎ dào chéng gong)
- Take the lead upon the horse! (yī mǎ dǎng xiān)
- Peace and good health in the Year of the Horse! (mǎ nián ān kāng)

*Excerpted from: <http://www.theepochtimes.com/n3/468298-chinese-new-year-2014-year-of-the-horse/>*

## Sprint Concert Series – Adventures in Music

The Art Committee would like to invite parents to attend any of our upcoming Adventures in Music (AIM) concerts this Spring. Each year, the San Francisco Symphony provides a variety of music to our children, free of charge! We are very lucky to be able to expose Lakeshore kids to this type of wonderful experience. Concerts are 45 minutes to an hour. Please join us!

All concerts are on Fridays and each session is a different type of music.

Grades 1 & 2: January 24, February 21, March 28, April 16  
10:15 and/or 11am

Grades 3 – 5: February 14, March 14, April 18, May 16  
10:15 and/or 11:15

For more information about the Lakeshore Art Committee, contact [LakeshoreArt@aol.com](mailto:LakeshoreArt@aol.com)

## Classroom Funds

The PTA classroom funds gives teachers an allowance of \$25 per student to purchase additional materials to enrich their classrooms, including art supplies, reading materials, laptop computers, and special celebrations. This year we are underfunded by almost \$3000. Please consider donating a small amount to the fund, donations of even \$5 or \$10 will add up and all donations are tax deductible. Please put your donation in an envelope that includes your child's name and classroom number and teacher.

Envelopes can be turned into the classroom teachers or placed in the PTA lockbox in the main office. The following classes that have already have achieved outstanding levels of participation:

- Kabala – 70%; Soukup > 60%
- Greater than 50% participation: Chan, Fusscas, Glover, Jones, Lee and Palacio.



Thanks to everyone who came out to play bingo and boogie down. The teachers raised much needed funds for their classrooms. The Community Room was filled to the brim with bingo cards and impressively long conga lines! Thanks to the teachers for hosting such an exciting event!

## Be Our Valentine

Sweeten the lives of your friends and family! Order your Valentine's goodies from our See's Fundraising Event. Forms and envelope are being sent home. Simply pick out your items for your family/friends on the order form and include the total amount (listed as the suggested selling price) in cash or check payable to the Lakeshore Elementary PTA.

**Forms and envelopes are due Tuesday February 4th.**

All proceeds go toward our enrichment programs! Items delivered to your classroom by Wednesday February 12th. Questions? Please email Cynthia Bringas at [cmscheck@aol.com](mailto:cmscheck@aol.com). Thank you for your support!

## Read Any Good Books Lately?

We're gearing up for our "Fall in Love with Reading" PTA Fundraising Read-a-Thon Feb. 10 – 21 and hope all students are looking forward to the fun! There will be prizes for all participants, including special prizes for the top readers in each grade and extra special prizes for the top readers in the whole school. In addition, we will have a raffle with multiple morning drawings during these two weeks. All that is required to be entered into the raffle is to be "caught reading" by a Lakeshore staff member, or else by an adult at home. Because this is a fundraising event to help pay for our PTA funded enrichment programs such as drama, poetry, gardening, art, music, we hope all participants will also collect donations from family and friends in support of their reading and our school. Look for more details in the Read-a-Thon packets to come home on February 5.

## Learn About Lakeshore's eLab

Please join us at the upcoming General PTA meeting on Wednesday, February 3 when our esteemed Librarian Ms. Courtney will introduce parents and guardians to Lakeshore's new eLab. She will discuss her lessons and how the iPads help to expand our students' literacy and love of reading as well as tips on how you can access similar resources to turn your device into a mini-library.

The meeting is in the Community Room and begins at 6:30. Childcare will be provided with a light meal. A \$5 donation is requested.

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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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