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# The Paw Print Press

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday, September 1**  
Labor Day Holiday — NO SCHOOL

**Wednesday, September 3**  **UPDATE**  
**Room Parent Meeting**

6:00-6:30pm, Lakeshore Community Room  
Room parents will receive information for how to best help their classrooms throughout the year. If you cannot make the Orientation, please contact [heatherbaria@gmail.com](mailto:heatherbaria@gmail.com).

**PTA Meeting**  
6:30-8:00pm, Lakeshore Community Room  
Our first PTA Meeting of the year! All Lakeshore families are invited to attend. Pizza and childcare provided. A \$5 donation per child is requested.

**Saturday, September 6**  
**African American Family Welcome Back Breakfast and Resource Fair**  
10:00am-1:30pm, SF Public Library, 100 Larkin  
Please join Mayor Ed Lee and Superintendent Richard Carranza at the African American Family Welcome Back Breakfast and resource fair. Emily Wade-Thompson from the SF Alliance of Black School Educators will also be attending. Breakfast begins at 10:15 a.m. in the Main Auditorium of the library. There will also be a free school supplies resources giveaway!

**Thursday, September 11**  
**Back-To-School Night, 1st-5th**  
6:30-8:00pm, Lakeshore School  
Meet your student's teachers and learn about the upcoming year. Childcare will be provided. \$5 donation per child is requested. All parents / guardians are recommended to attend.

August 27, 2014

## Spotlight on: Sheera Sadja

**What is an IRF and why is it important to Lakeshore?**  
IRF stands for Instructional Reform Facilitator. An IRF provides guidance and support for a school using teacher collaboration, instructional coaching, and professional development. The role of IRF is important here at Lakeshore so teachers are supported as they continue to innovate their teaching practices.

**What got you interested in teaching?**  
For as long as I can remember I've enjoyed being around children. When I was in high school, my school had a new program called Exploratory Teaching. As part of the program I had the chance to spend time in my former elementary and middle schools helping the teachers. I loved it so much that I decided I wanted to be a teacher!

**Who was your favorite teacher and why?**  
My favorite teacher was Ms. Firtell, my 6<sup>th</sup> grade language arts teacher. I wish I could tell you what it was that made her my favorite, but I don't remember! I just remember looking forward to her class and going back to visit her and help in her classroom when I was in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. When I was in the Exploratory Teaching program in high school, her class was the one that I chose to volunteer in.

**What do you like most about your role?**  
What I like the most about being an IRF is having the opportunity to work with all the teachers and different grade levels. I enjoy visiting classrooms and interacting with all the students in the school.

**What are your hobbies?**  
I have a lot of hobbies! I love to read! I'm usually reading 2-3 books at the same time and have a long list of books that I want to read. Another hobby of mine is traveling. I try to do that as much as I can – anything from an international trip to visiting my family on the East Coast or even a weekend trip here in California. I also LOVE living in San Francisco and try to be outdoors as much as possible. I like to run, hike, and ride my bike in Golden Gate Park and the Presidio. I'm also a new skier and love to head up to Tahoe in the winter.

*Welcome Ms. Sadja by stopping by her office (Rm 19, across from the ExCEL room) to say "Hi!"*

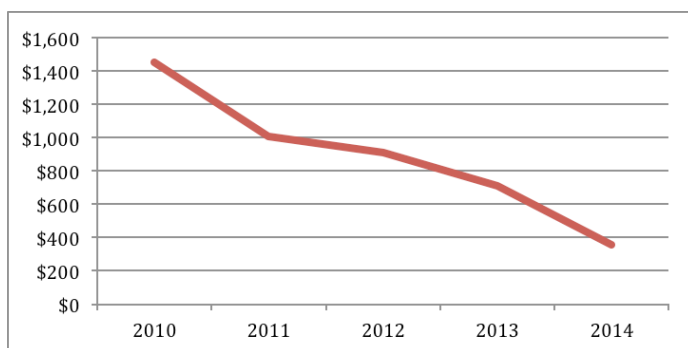
## NEW Amazon Shopping Shortcut

### [lakeshoreelementary.org/amazon](http://lakeshoreelementary.org/amazon)

Use this convenient shortcut every time you purchase from Amazon.com, and you can help raise dollars for Lakeshore – up to 6% of your purchase!

This shortcut will redirect to the current Amazon.com address with the tag needed to credit Lakeshore. When we started the program in 2010, we raised more than double what we raised last year – **let's stop this trend and send the graph back up!** This should be easy money fundraising as we benefit for what you're already doing.

REMEMBER: **Amazon = Money for Lakeshore.** All you have to do is type in the easy-to-remember address. Pass it along to friends and family too! (You can also use the button on the website or your previously stored bookmarks – the old address still works.)



## Tour and Welcome Committee Volunteers

We are looking for interested members of our Lakeshore community to help with Tours and Welcome for 2014-2015 school year. It's a great opportunity to meet prospective families and promote all the great things at Lakeshore. We need volunteers to lead and assist on tour day, bake goods and set up the welcome table, create, copy and collate handouts. If you would like to help with Tours please contact Dara Dubosky at [welcome@lakeshoreelementary.org](mailto:welcome@lakeshoreelementary.org).

## Room Parent Meeting

Please join us for Room Parent Orientation on Wednesday, September 3 at 6pm, right before the first PTA general meeting of the year. If you cannot make the Orientation, please contact Heather Baria ([heatherbaria@gmail.com](mailto:heatherbaria@gmail.com)) to receive the materials needed for a successful Back to School Night!

## Introducing New After School Program: Creative Drama Class

Act out and clown around in **New Conservatory Theatre Center's Creative Drama Class at your school!**

Take a dive into your imagination each week and you'll find yourself saving the world, finding lost treasure or discovering new sights and sounds in this exciting class session!

- Class: After School Drama (12 weeks)
- Grades: Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades
- Day/Time: Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30pm
- Dates: Sep 17 – Dec 10 (off Nov 26)  
*With a potential new class in the spring 2015*
- Cost: \$150/student  
*We can offer up to 3 full scholarships, to be nominated by the school*
- Class Size: Min 8 students / max 18 students

**Why drama?** Students will build skills in focus, imaginative play, problem solving, story structure, working as an ensemble and making creative choices with their bodies and voices.

**Is there a final show?** The class will culminate with a Presentation of Skills Learned on the final day.

**Who teaches the classes?** Our enthusiastic, qualified Teaching Artists are what make each class truly special. Teaching Artists have degrees in theatre, are working actors/directors, and many specialize in educational theatre.

**How can we register?** Start at our website, <http://nctcsf.org/> and complete the online registration form. You will have a choice of online payment by credit card, or mailing a check to NCTC.

## Thank You Corner

A big huge THANK YOU to Shannon, Irene, and Terri C who helped organize the Second Annual Lakeshore Ice Cream Social. It's no small effort to ensure 500+ students, faculty, and parents are served ice cream treats before it all turns to soup. Many parents came to assist with scooping, distributing and merrymaking. Thank you also to the students for being respectful and once again showing what makes Lakeshore so special.

*Have someone you want to thank or something to include in the Paw Print Press? Email [newsletter@lakeshoreelementary.org](mailto:newsletter@lakeshoreelementary.org).*

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