



The Paw Print Press

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, September 3

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.

PTA Meeting

6:30-8:00pm, Lakeshore Community Room

Our first PTA Meeting this year! All 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. There will also be a free school supplies resources giveaway!

Tuesday, September 9

Tours Committee Meeting

9:30am, Bungalow 7

Learn how you can help with tours. Younger siblings welcome.

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.

TONIGHT!

September 3, 2014

Getting the Most Out of Homework

What Parents Can Do To Support Learning at Home

"Parents are their children's first teachers and are key in creating a home environment that helps a child succeed," said California State PTA President Colleen A.R. You. "As a parent, your job is not to do the work for your children, but to provide support, encouragement and ask questions that help them arrive at the answers themselves." You said families should establish a special place where children can do their homework, setting a "regular time and place" to study. "Ask questions about your child's school activities. Ask 'what are three new things you learned today?' rather than 'how was school?'"

Questions To Ask Your Child's Teacher About Homework

Teachers use homework to help students understand and review the work that has been covered in class, to see whether students understand the lesson, and to help students learn how to find and use more information on a subject.

"One of the best ways to help your child get the most out of homework is to talk with your child's teacher at the start of school to understand expectations," said You.

More About Homework Research indicates that setting time limits based on grade and ability, and encouraging open communication between teachers, parents and students is beneficial to learning outcomes. Most educators agree that for children in grades K-2, homework is more effective when it does not exceed 20 minutes each school day. Older children, in grades 3-6, can handle 30-60 minutes a day while middle and high school students may be assigned two hours of homework. However, homework time and strategies can vary from teacher to teacher and school to school.

Excerpted from the California PTA at www.capta.org

Walk-a-Thon: Get Ready!

Start preparing for this year's Walk-a-Thon which will be Friday, October 10! Stretch! Train! Tell friends and family that next Wednesday, you'll have what you need to start collecting pledges. How far can we go?

Catalog Sale

Your child probably came home today with a large envelope which contains materials for the annual Everyday Magic Catalog Sale! Do your holiday shopping early!! The sale starts today and will end Friday, September 19.

Everyday Magic is the on-site child development center and is a non-profit charitable organization. Proceeds from this sale are used to collaborate with the school community for events and scholarships.

A letter inside the envelope will explain the sale. Please call 681-9168 with questions or email us at everydaymagicinc@aol.com

New Amazon Address!

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!

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 welcome@lakeshoreelementary.org.

Our first meeting is Tuesday, September 9 in Bungalow 7 on the top yard. Younger siblings are welcome. Join us!

NOTE: There are many ways to help prepare the tours that do not require your presence at school. Email tours@lakeshoreelementary.org for more information.

Creative Drama After School Program

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, 1st and 2nd 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

How can we register? Start at our website, <http://nctcsf.org/> and go to Classes > NCTC in the Schools > After School Classes and click on REGISTER toward the top of the page.

If you're interested in a scholarship, contact ranu.iz@gmail.com or ambrosion@sfusd.edu.

Thank You Corner

I would like to thank all the staff and parents who have supported me this past summer while I recover from my Below The Left Knee Amputation. Whither I was in the hospital or at home, I had people from the Lakeshore Community coming to visit me in the hospital, send supportive emails, made meals and dropped them off to our home to help Cindie and myself and bringing positive energy and good cheer to my home. I truly belong to a special community and hope that what I have received over this summer is also shared through out the year at Lakeshore! We do make a difference in the lives of our families, our students and definitely the staff! May the good vibes and positive energy flow during this school year! I can't wait to return and be part of the Lakeshore Community again! Hopefully by mid October! Peace
-- Mr. Lee

Have someone you want to thank or something to include in the Paw Print Press? Email newsletter@lakeshoreelementary.org.

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