



The Paw Print Press

IMPORTANT DATES

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.

Wednesday, October 1 **PTA Meeting – PTA Fest**

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.

Friday, October 10 **Walk-a-Thon!**

Our big Fall fundraiser. Students walk towards school-wide prizes. The money raised will go directly towards supporting Lakeshore's enrichment programs such as gardening, art, motor perception, and poetry. Please pledge generously, get friends and family to support your student, and come to the school to cheer on our students while they walk their laps.

It's a Surprise!

If you have some time during the day and can help with an onsite project that will be a surprise for the teachers, please contact Ms. Sedja at

September 10, 2014

Thank You! Donors Choose Project Reinvigorates the Rigby Book Room

Last March, the Lakeshore Community banded together for to take advantage of a Donors Choose matching program. In three days, we raised over \$1000 which was matched with an additional \$4000!

In conjunction with the teachers, it was decided to spend the entire \$5000 on new, leveled reading books for our Rigby Reading Room. The bookroom was created about 12 years ago with grants written by parents and teachers. An extraordinary kinder teacher, Janne Waterbury conceived of the idea and drove the project. Over the years, the books have been loved roughly, damaged or lost.

The leveled readers are invaluable for teaching children how to read—a feat that would be impossible at Lakeshore without this resource. SF Unified School is only now realizing how critical it is to have leveled books in order to teach children to read and is encouraging schools to start purchasing books for the classroom and educating teachers on how to teach using guided and independent reading strategies.

The Rigby Room is one of the many gems at Lakeshore that make our school exceptional. Teachers from a partner school in a training course this summer were extremely impressed with our bookroom.

This summer, Ms. Lafferty organized a group of teachers who came to school over vacation to inventory the bookroom, organize the wish list, order the books through Donors Choose, and is working to restock the room as the books arrive.

Thanks to Janne, Ms. Lafferty, the Lakeshore teachers, and the amazing Lakeshore Community who mobilize when needed, Lakeshore has a critical resource that has enabled many children to learn to read.

Walk-a-Thon: Get Those Pledges!

In your folder today, you have received package to collect all the pledges for our exciting 2014 Walk-a-Thon! We're looking to raise \$20,000 which is 20% of our annual PTA goal. This money allows us to provide students with hands-on science learning in our garden, self-expression in studio art and poetry, and develop critical physical awareness and skills in motor.

There are school-wide incentives to reach our goals:

- \$500 Intake on the roof
- \$1,500 No Homework Pass for one week
- \$3,000 Teacher Switch
- \$5,000 Kickball Game (Teachers vs. Students)
- \$7,500 Movie and Popcorn Party
- \$10,000 Teacher Obstacle Course
- \$15,000 Lakeshore Game Show
- \$20,000 Sock Hop

Other incentives:

- Most \$ raised in a class = Lakeshore folder and pencil for all students in the class
- Most \$ raised by an individual in school = \$50 gift card
- Most \$ raised by a class within a grade level = Extra recess for that class

Low Cost Kids' Programs at West Sunset Rec Center

The registration lottery for low-cost afternoon and evening programs at West Sunset Rec Center is officially open. There are several great classes to choose from & are only \$30 for the entire 12-week session!

Enter the lottery registration by 8:00pm by tomorrow, Thurs. Sept. 11th: tinyurl.com/WSRC-Lottery-Fall-2014

Classes include:

- Mondays: "Sunset Green" (Gardening class for Elementary and Middle School students)
- Mondays: Family Fitness (All ages welcome and multi-generational families encouraged)
- Tuesdays: Hip-hop Dance class (Beginner and Intermediate levels)
- Wednesdays: "Mini-Meals" (Cooking class for Elementary students)
- Thursdays: Steel Pan Drumming (Beginner and Intermediate levels)

Contact Gabriel Porter at (415) 583-5516 for more information.

PTA 2013-14: Meeting Review

The mission of the Lakeshore PTA is to positively impact the lives of our children and families through community building, academic enrichment, and advocacy.

At the general meeting on September 2, we confirmed the mission, reviewed the calendar, approved the budget and discussed fundraising opportunities. A summary of the 2013-14 budget was provided and is listed below:

- Income: \$116,491
- Expenses: \$102,163
- Net total: \$14,328
- 72% of income goes directly to benefit students via Enrichment teacher payments (55%) and class funds (supplies/field trips) (17%)
- Operational expenses are low at 8%
- 90% of income sources are between 90-100% profit. The remaining 10% of income is from sales fundraisers which yield an average of 12% profit.

Thank you to everyone who helped make last year a success! We will be rolling over the funds from last year to ensure we have a buffer for this year. Should we have a surplus, the membership will vote on how to apply it at the end of the year.

We are looking to find ways to reduce the number of fundraisers so it doesn't feel like the PTA is always asking for money. There are a few exciting ideas we're considering. If you would like to help or have ideas, please email us at pta@lakeshoreelementary.org.

Cows at Lakeshore!

Yes, you heard that right. As another example of experiential learning, Lakeshore hosted the Mobile Dairy Classroom from the Dairy Council of California the second week of school.

The assembly taught students about the anatomy of a cow, how milk goes from a cow to their refrigerator, the agriculture technology used and gave them the chance to pet the baby calf, Milk Dud. Language Arts, Math and Science are integrated into the lesson as well as healthy food and activity choices and agriculture's contribution to our food supply.

The assembly was taught in two segments:

- 45 minutes for lower elementary grades, K-2, focused on vocabulary, life cycles and anatomy concepts
- 45 minutes for upper elementary grades, 3-5, explaining the ruminant digestive system, lactation cycle, agriculture technology and milk processing with proper vocabulary

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