



# The Paw Print Press

## IMPORTANT DATES

October 15, 2014

### Wednesday, October 15

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Puberty Ed Meeting,  
7-8pm, Room 106**

Learn about the puberty education curriculum and how to discuss the topic with your student.

### Saturday, October 18

**Tennessee Valley Hike with Mr. Rich  
10:45 at the Tennessee Valley Trailhead**

Join Mr. Rich for an easy hike through the Marin Headlands and a picnic lunch on the beach.

### Saturday, October 25

**SFUSD Enrollment Fair**

**9:30am – 2:30pm, John O’Connell HS**

Meet representatives from all SFUSD schools and pick up a copy of the enrollment packet. John O’Connell High School, 2355 Folsom St.

### Friday, October 31

**Halloween**

Little Leopards become princesses, Ninjas, superheroes, animals and more. Join us for a day of parades, parties and games.

### Lost and Found

All LOST items that have not been FOUND by Friday 10/31/14 will be donated to charity on November 1, 2014.

Lost & Found is located near the school entrance. Some days we have as many as 70 jackets, sweatshirts, and shirts and up to 12 lunch pails with additional water bottles, books, etc.

Parents/guardians can help by:

- 1) reminding students to LOOK for their lost items, and
- 2) putting NAMES on all clothing, lunch pails and other personal items. Sharpie pens and iron-on tape are on the top shelf at Lost & Found if needed to make name labels.

## Walk-a-Thon – Amazing Event!

It may have been foggy but Leopards were shining at Friday’s third annual Walk-a-Thon! The kids had an outstanding time circling the top yard. The bubble machine and spray stations were a big hit – may kids had to be encouraged to keep moving rather than stay all day to be sprayed! Students left the event covered in paw print stamps with big smiles and real fruit popsicles.

Thank you to all the parents, teachers and students who helped set up, break down, and manage the event. And thank you to everyone who worked so hard to get donations from friends and family. It was wonderful to see how many students made their own pledges – showing their dedication and support of the enrichment programs they enjoy.

Pledges are still coming in and please submit them by THIS FRIDAY so we can make the final tally to award the prizes. To date, students have earned the prizes indicated by the check marks:

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| ✓ \$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                              |



## Tennessee Valley Hike with Mr. Rich – This Saturday, October 18!

Join Mr. Rich and class on a hike through beautiful Tennessee Valley, which is in the Marin Headlands, about 20 minutes north of the Golden Gate Bridge. We will meet at the trailhead at Tennessee Valley at 10:45, and then we'll begin walking at 11:00. (The road can get crowded on weekends. Please leave plenty of time to deal with city traffic and parking when you arrive. Aim for a 10:30 arrival.)

We will walk the easy 1½ mile trail to the beach where we will rest, look at the ocean, and have lunch together. After a while we will walk back then you can either head home or enjoy an additional excursion to one of Mr. Rich's favorite hidden spots – just off the main trail – adding another hour to the trip.

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

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



## Halloween Candy Drive

The planning is in full swing. Students have planned at least a dozen costumes for the big day. Lakeshore parents are collecting many new and exciting decorations for the Community Room makeover. We need your nut-free candy or prize donations for the big Halloween event. The collection bin is in the Lakeshore lobby so when shopping for your home, pick up an extra bag or two for Lakeshore. Here are some nut-free candy options: gummies, licorice, lollipops / Tootsie Pops, Junior Mints, Hershey Kisses, Laffy Taffy, Starburst Fruit Chews, Now and Laters, Skittles, and Rolos. All candy must be individually wrapped.

## Sandcastle Building Contest Report

On Saturday, kids of all ages came out to support the Lakeshore team at the LEAP Sandcastle Building Contest. Lead by Ms. Fusscas and lead sponsors McCarthy Construction and TEF Design, the team built an impressively large octopus eating favorite kid meals including pizza, ice cream and hot dogs – all as part of the theme, "Food, Glorious Food."

The event includes over 30 schools in the Bay Area and is sponsored by dozens of companies in the area's construction and design community. Participants learn about the building process – from making a design, creating a model, scaling the model up to life size, and the principles behind engineering the structure.

One of the highlights of the day was building a trench that captured water from the rising tide for the team's water station. It was exciting when it worked and it only took two waves to fill the water pit and threaten the structure!

Thank you to Ms. Fusscas for leading this incredible event.

## Important Upcoming Events from Parents for Public Schools

- **Middle School Enrollment Workshop:** Learn about middle school options and the feeder system. Wednesday, October 15, 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Richmond Branch Library, 351 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- **High School Enrollment Workshop:** Get advice on high school enrollment and learn about the different deadlines. Saturday, October 18, 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Bayview Branch Library, 5075 Third Street.

Pre-registration is highly recommended at these popular events! Visit [www.ppssf.org](http://www.ppssf.org).

- **School Governance Program Workshops:** Already enrolled? Learn how to be an effective advocate in your child's school. Tuesday, October 14 (and many other Tuesdays), 10:30am – Noon, Bernal Heights Branch Library, 500 Cortland Avenue.
- **SFUSD Enrollment Fair:** Meet representatives from all SFUSD schools and pick up a copy of the enrollment packet. Saturday, October 25, 9:30am-2:30pm. John O'Connell High School, 2355 Folsom Street.

*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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