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## IMPORTANT DATES

December 3, 2014

**Wednesday, December 3**

**PTA General Meeting**

**6:30 – 8pm, Community Room**

Childcare provided with a light snack. A \$5 donation per child is suggested.

**Wednesday, December 3 thru**

**Friday, December 5**

**Inclusive Schools Week Sing-a-long**

**9:35 am, Morning Intake**

Join us for a very special performance of a song written by our very own Mr. Rich to celebrate diversity and inclusion.

**Saturday, December 6**

**Mount Tam Hike with Mr. Rich**

**10:45 am, Rock Springs Parking Lot**

All are welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Mt. Tam hike.

**Friday, December 12**

**Lakeshore Winter Concert**

**9:45am and 2:20pm, Community Room**

Listen to the voices and instruments of our young musicians from Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Ms. Jones, Ms. Camou, Mr. Gonzalez and Ms. Fusscas' classrooms. Under the direction of Music Teacher Mrs. Reilly.

**Monday, December 15**

**SSC Meeting, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Staff Lounge**

**Wednesday, December 17**

**Staff Appreciation Lunch**

Let the staff know how much you care! Info is coming soon about baking and volunteering.

## **Inclusive Schools Week Song**

Join us on Wednesday through Friday at morning intake to sing this celebratory song.

### **I See You**

*A song about celebrating what's different,  
and recognizing what's the same*

When I...see you there  
On the...other side  
A new friendship could be waiting  
Though I...know your clothes  
Might be different than mine  
But deep down we feel the same thing

'Cause you talk...so different than I do  
'Cause you look...so different than me  
Till we walk...and learn how to stand side-by-side

When I...see you there  
On the...other side  
A new friendship could be waiting  
Though I...know your clothes  
Might be different than mine  
But deep down we feel the same thing

'Cause you laugh...the same way that I do  
'Cause you smile...no different than me  
'Cause you dream...of happiness just like I do

When I...see you there  
On the...other side  
A new friendship could be waiting  
Though I...know your clothes  
Might be different than mine  
But deep down we feel the same thing  
*(gently) I see you*

-Mr. Rich Mertes 2012

## Hike on Mt. Tam with Mr. Rich

On Saturday, December 6th, we will meet at 10:45am up at the Rock Springs parking lot near the top of Mount Tamalpais. We will go to see Cataract Falls, a lovely waterfall in a wooded gorge on the side of the mountain. We will also (hopefully) visit small portions of two separate World War II planes that crashed into Mt. Tam back in the 1945. Not much is left of them, but it is still interesting to hunt for them.

The hike is mostly flat—however, the trail itself is a little rough with rocks and roots. The hike is about 1 and ½ miles each way.

After 9am, you can check the Room 106 website after to see if the hike is cancelled due to weather – [teacherwe.com](http://teacherwe.com) > California > Lakeshore Elementary School > Mr. Rich's class > announcements.

Leave plenty of time for the drive which is approximately 45 minutes from the Golden Gate Bridge. We'll start walking at 11:00 and return around 3:00 or 3:30. Always remember:

- Bring lots of yummy food
- Bring layers of clothes because it can get REALLY COLD
- Bring lots of water
- You are in charge of your child's safety
- Bring a hat if you're sensitive to the sun

Email [richmertes@gmail.com](mailto:richmertes@gmail.com) if you're coming—or even MIGHT be coming—or if you need a ride.

Driving Directions to Rock Springs parking lot:

This is a bit complicated, so you might want to look these directions over BEFORE you start driving, or better yet, look it over on Map Quest or Google Maps. Even better, bring a map with you.

- 101 north over the Golden Gate Bridge
- Exit at Highway 1 / Panoramic Highway
- You will go underneath the freeway. Sometimes there are many cars.
- Turn LEFT at the stop light/gas station to remain on Highway 1.
- You'll start climbing and curving uphill.
- Turn right on Panoramic Highway. (If you start going downhill, you missed the turn.)
- At a junction for three roads, take the MIDDLE one—this is still Panoramic Highway...DON'T go left down to Muir Woods, and DON'T go right.
- When you reach Pan Toll Ranger Station, turn RIGHT (uphill) to go up to Rock Springs. The road has several names...Pan Toll Road or Mountain Theater Road or S Side Road. If you start going downhill, then you missed the turn.
- When you reach Ridgecrest Road, there will be a parking lot and you will see us.

## Welcoming the AIDS Memorial Quilt to Lakeshore!

In honor of World AIDS Day on December 1st, our school will be host a panel from the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt from Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> thru Friday December 5<sup>th</sup> in the Community Room. The Quilt is a symbol of the epidemic that continues to claim lives in the United States and around the world. It offers communities a message of remembrance, awareness, and hope.

For information about AIDS/HIV go to [www.aids.gov](http://www.aids.gov). For information about how to talk to your child about AIDS in a way that is age appropriate visit [www.classbrain.com/artread/publish/article\\_23.shtml](http://www.classbrain.com/artread/publish/article_23.shtml). For more information about the quilt, go to [www.aidsquilt.org](http://www.aidsquilt.org).

## SSC Elections: Ballots Due Dec 8

Please return the SSC ballots you received to your teacher no later than Monday, December 8. We need two elected members and two alternates. If you need a ballot, email [ssc@lakeshoreelementary.org](mailto:ssc@lakeshoreelementary.org). Candidates are:

**Marni Tuel**, mother of first grader Atticus Gibson

I am interested in joining the SSC to learn more about Lakeshore's operations as an entire school, not just my son's classroom and how that relates to SFUSD. I have many years experience working in small non-profits. I have a Masters in Art Therapy and am currently a preschool teacher at a cooperative preschool in San Francisco.

**Chris McCarthy**, father of Seeger McCarthy, Kindergarten.

I would like to serve on the Site Council because I feel that my input and skills could be used to benefit the school, its teachers, its education mission and its students. I am an astronomer at San Francisco State University, where I teach astronomy & physics to students many of whom have graduated recently from Bay Area public schools.

Aware of challenges these students faced in their schools before attending college, I have devoted much of the last 5 years to building stronger education programs in public elementary, middle and high schools. I have twice worked in the classroom with SFUSD teachers (including a Lakeshore 1st grade teacher), to improve science curriculum. For this project, (part of UCSF's Science & Education Partnership) the teacher and I led a week-long summer institute attended by other SFUSD elementary teachers. For the past three summers, I partnered with a master teacher to co-lead workshops for future science teachers as part of the state-wide "STEM Teacher & Researcher" program. I also serve on the advisory board of the Mission Science Workshop, an SFUSD science learning space for children in our public elementary schools.

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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.*