



The Paw Print Press

IMPORTANT DATES

TONIGHT!

Wednesday, February 4
Black History Month Kickoff: Soul Food Dinner and Celebration with Entertainment, 6:30-8:00pm, Community Room
Join us for this very special event celebrating Black History Month.

February 2 – 13 **Read-A-Thon**

The exciting annual Read-a-Thon this year will be February 2-13. It is a major fund raising event for Lakeshore. As February is also Black History month, our students will have the opportunity to explore the African American authors. Most important, it is a great way for us to encourage our kids to read for fun. Keep track of your minutes and hand in your Get Caught Reading tickets.

Monday, February 16 **SSC Meeting / Exec PTA Meeting** **6:00 – 8:00pm, Staff Lounge**

A special joint meeting to discuss how Lakeshore will schedule and oversee the variety of enrichment programs provided by the District, PTA and other grants.

Wednesday, February 18 **Dragon Parade**

11:15-11:45, Kindergarten Yard
Help the littlest leopards celebrate the Lunar New Year with our very own Dragon Parade.

Thursday – Friday, February 19 -20 **NO SCHOOL**

Lunar New Year and President's Day observed

February 4, 2015

The Lakeshore Read-A-Thon Fundraising Event Has Begun!

Pick up the books and start the clock! Our annual Read-A-Thon event at Lakeshore is going on right now. The main goal of this event is to encourage reading among our students, while also raising money to help our PTA fund enrichment programs. Prizes will be awarded to all participants, with special prizes for the top readers and fundraisers in each grade and in the school.

Special prizes to be awarded to Read-a-Thon winners are:

- **The top reader/fundraiser in the school:** Nook Simple Touch Reader or \$50 Toys-R-Us gift card (2 students)
- **The second highest reader/fundraiser the school:** \$25 gift card from a local bookshop (2 students)
- **The top reader/fundraiser in each grade:** 1 book and \$5 gift card for Nubi or Coldstone (12 students)
- **All participants:** special bookmark and pencil

All students will be eligible to win extra prizes in the weekly "You Got Caught Reading" raffle. Lakeshore staff will award raffle entry tickets to students who they see reading at school, and families are invited to enter their children into the raffle by filling out and returning the tickets provided in the packet to the classroom teachers. Additional take-home packets and raffle tickets are available in the school office.

Thank you Lakeshore teachers, families, and friends for encouraging and sponsoring our students to participate in this exciting fundraising event.

Everyday Magic Spring Break Camp – Registration Now Open

Everyday Magic will again hold Spring Camp at Lakeshore Tuesday, March 31 through Friday, April 3. We will have a variety of movement, arts, crafts, science and cooking. Visit www.everyday-magic.org to register or for information. We accept Children's Council and are vendors for GGRC. Some scholarships are available. Registration deadline is March 2. Join us for the fun!



Celebrate Black History Month By Reading!

Celebrate Black History Month by reading award-winning African American children's book authors & illustrators selected by Lakeshore Librarian, Ms. Celena Courtney. Be sure to visit the Learning Lab at Lakeshore's library or your local public library to learn more about these (& more!) great African American writers and artists!

Featured Author of the Week: Nikki Grimes

Ms. Grimes began composing verse at the age of six and has been writing poetry ever since. She is the recipient of an Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children from the National Council of Teachers in English and won a Coretta Scott King Award for *Bronx Masquerade*, an homage to spoken-word poetry. She authored the New York Times bestseller *Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope* and is the creator of *Meet Danitra Brown*, a collection of poems for young readers. A recent book, *Words with Wings*, is a free-verse novel in which readers meet Gabby, whose imagination is fueled by "words with wings that wake my daydreams."

Featured Author of the Week: Andrea Davis Pinkney

Ms. Pinkney is founder of the "first African American children's book imprint at a major publishing company": Jump at the Sun at Hyperion Books for Children. She is also vice president and editor-at-large for Scholastic Trade Books. She won a Coretta Scott King Award for *Let it Shine! Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters*. A recent book, *Sit-in: How Four Friends Stood Up By Sitting Down*, is a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Woolworth's lunch counter sit-in, when four college students staged a peaceful protest that became a defining moment in the struggle for racial equality and the growing civil rights movement.

Featured Illustrator of the Week: Brian Pinkney

Mr. Pinkney is the illustrator of several highly-praised picture books for kids including *Faithful Friend*, *Duke Ellington*, and *In the Time of the Drums*, for which we won a Coretta Scott King Award. *In The Time of the Drums* is a Gullah story brought into focus by Pinkney's trademark scratchboard-on-oil drawings, about a boy and his grandmother who are plantation slaves on an island off the coast of Georgia. Mr. Pinkney is married to Andrea Davis Pinkney, with whom he often collaborates on books including *Alvin Ailey*, *Dear Benjamin Banneker*, *Bill Pickett Rodeo-Ridin' Cowboy* and his father, Jerry, is also an award-winning illustrator.

Volunteer for the PTA Nomination Committee

We need five people to volunteer to be on the nomination committee for the upcoming PTA elections. The purpose of the nominating committee is to recognize and seek qualified nominees for the elected leadership of the PTA. Serving on a nominating committee is an honor and a privilege because you have the ability to shape the future PTA Executive Board. You do not need to run for office nor be a part of any existing committees. The only requirement is that you are a current PTA member.

Email pta@lakeshoreelementary.org if you can help.

Want to include something in the next edition? Please email newsletter@lakeshoreelementary.org no later than Friday evening with final content and your contact information.

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