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# The Paw Print Press

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday, February 13**

**Black History Month Assemblies**

**1:00 – 2:00pm, 2:20 – 3:20 pm**

Please join us when JaNay Brown Wood, an African American educator and children's book author, will present to grades K-2. She will lead an interactive discussion about why reading is important and why it is important to reach for your dreams, and she will read her recently published children's book, "Imani's Moon".

**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**

Littlest leopards celebrate Lakeshore's Lunar New Year.

**Thursday – Friday, February 19 – 20**

**NO SCHOOL**

Lunar New Year and President's Day observed

**Support Lakeshore This Spring!**

Mark your calendars for these upcoming fundraising events:

- **NUBI Yogurt:** Wednesday, Feb 25 – Take your little leopard for some delicious fro-yo! Lakeshore will get 30% of the proceeds so fill up that cup.
- **Patxi's Pizza on Irving:** Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Dine in or order out. Tell your friends and family because 10% of the **entire day's** proceeds will benefit Lakeshore.
- **Casino Night:** Saturday, April 11 – Enjoy a fun evening of entertainment and camaraderie for adult Leopards.
- **Superhero Saturday:** Saturday, April 25 – It's back for a second year. Fun! Games! Food! Entertainment! Costumes! Details to come.
- **Kid's Night Out!** Back by popular demand! Two more dates this year: Friday, March 13 and Friday, May 1.

February 11, 2015

**The Lakeshore Read-A-Thon**

**Fundraising Event: Final Week!**

This is the final week of the exciting Read-A-Thon fundraising event. Students, remember to ask parents or adult family members to record and initial the total daily minutes on the Reading Log. To be eligible for prizes, Read-a-Thon envelopes and sponsors' pledges must be returned to the classroom teacher between Monday, February 16 and Wednesday, February 18. Winners will be announced in the Paw Print Press and prizes awarded on February 25.

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 in 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

Until the end of this week, students are also 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. So don't forget to turn in those raffle tickets!

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

**Lost & Found: Next Deadline is**  
**Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

The next deadline for finding lost items is Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5PM, before the holidays. Unclaimed items will be sent to Schoola ([www.schoola.com](http://www.schoola.com)), or Goodwill. Thank you.



## 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: Jacqueline Woodson  
Ms. Woodson won a Coretta Scott King award for *Miracle's Boys*, about three young bi-racial brothers growing up without parents in New York. She won a National Book Award in Young People's Literature for her autobiographical work, *Brown Girl Dreaming*, about what it was like to grow up as an African American living with the remnants of Jim Crow and the Civil Rights movement. Woodson's eloquent poetry reflects the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, despite the fact that she struggled with reading as a child. Her love of stories inspired her and stayed with her, creating the first sparks of the gifted writer she was to become.

Featured Author/Illustrator of the Week: Kadir Nelson  
Mr. Nelson has created paintings for the United States Postal Service, Major League Baseball, and Dreamworks where he worked as a visual development artist for the feature film *Amistad*. His paintings can be found in the collections of the U.S. House of Representatives and the National Baseball Hall of Fame, and featured on the album "*Michael*", by Michael Jackson. Mr. Nelson won a Coretta Scott King Award for "*We Are The Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*", which he authored and illustrated. He has also written and/or illustrated books about Michael Jordan, Jackie Robinson, Joe Louis, and Nelson Mandela.

## Don't Miss Black History Month Assemblies!

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## "Andre"

By Gwendolyn Brooks

I had a dream last night. I dreamed  
I had to pick a Mother out.  
I had to choose a Father too.  
At first, I wondered what to do,  
There were so many there, it seemed,  
Short and tall and thin and stout.

But just before I sprang awake,  
I knew what parents I would take.

And this surprised and made me glad:  
They were the ones I always had!

## Recipe: Creole Green Beans

### Ingredients:

2 tsp. vegetable oil  
2 small cloves garlic, chopped  
2 cups cleaned and halved fresh green beans, or 1 16 oz. pkg. frozen beans  
1 cup chopped red bell pepper  
1 cup chopped fresh tomatoes  
½ cup chopped celery  
½ tsp. salt  
¼ tsp. cayenne pepper

### Preparation:

1. Heat oil in a large skillet over low heat
2. Sauté garlic in oil for 1 minute.
3. Add green beans and bell peppers. Increase heat to medium and cook for 7 minutes.
4. Stir in tomatoes, celery and seasonings. Cook for 7 minutes more. Serve while hot.

## Thank You Corner: Black History Month Kick Off Celebration

Congratulations to everyone for a stupendous event on Wednesday! The Soul Food buffet was scrumptious and a wonderful way to settle in for the lessons and entertainment that were to follow. Enormous thanks to these amazing parents to made this inaugural event and the month of activities that follow happen: Lisa K, Frances S, Nichole C, Candy S, Lawanda T, Beth R, Ms. Classy, Ms. Sadja, Susanne H, Horace M, Darlene M, Ms. Celena.

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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.*

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