



# The Paw Print Press

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday – Friday, February 23 – 27**  
**Conference Week, early dismissal at 2:35pm**  
Be sure to secure your meeting with your student's teacher(s) and don't forget to make arrangements for early dismissal – students are released at 2:35pm.

**Saturday, February 28**  
**Pt. Reyes Hike, 10:30am**

Join Mr. Rich at the Bear Valley Visitor's Center for this fun hike through beautiful Point Reyes.

**Wednesday, February 25**  
**Nubi Yogurt Fundraiser**

30% of your purchase goes to Lakeshore! Bring the flyer you received via email or in the office.

**Monday, March 2**  
**Lunar New Year Assembly**  
**9:45am and 10:25am**

Come celebrate the year of the Sheep / Ram / Goat with our Mandarin and Cantonese language program students.

**Weds, March 4 and Thurs, March 5**  
**Black History Assemblies**

Join us for very special assemblies at 2:30pm each day serving K-2 on Wednesday and 3-5 on Thursday

**Friday, March 6**  
**ASIAN ART MUSEUM, 10:45am - 11:00am**  
Come and support all our 2nd Graders as they sing and represent Lakeshore in the yearly SFUSD Arts Festival at the Asian Art Museum! Admission to the museum is free!  
[www.sfusdartsfestival.org](http://www.sfusdartsfestival.org)

**Friday, March 13**  
**Kid's Night Out, 6pm – 9:30pm**  
Kids can stay to watch a movie with their friends while adults have some time to themselves.  
**Sibling discount:** \$30 for the first child, \$15 for additional family members.  
**Can you volunteer for this event?** Email [volunteer@lakeshoreelementary.org](mailto:volunteer@lakeshoreelementary.org)

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DATE!

February 25, 2015

## And the Winners Are... 2015 Read-a-Thon Results

This year, our Read-a-Thon has been exciting!! During the two week event, our Lakeshore students read a total of over 55,000 minutes while raising almost \$10,000 for our school!! We proudly recognize the top readers/fundraisers on February 25th during the morning announcement. As the stars of the event, their photos will be displayed on the bulletin board in the main hall.

Grand prize winners: **Grace Park, Grade 5 (minutes) & Atticus Gibson, Grade 1 (\$)**

2<sup>nd</sup> prize winners: **Julien Howard, Grade 5 (minutes) & Naia Chien, Grade K (\$)**

3<sup>rd</sup> prize winners:

- Grade K: **Lizzie Hasse (minutes) & Sam Nieman (\$)**
- Grade 1: **Layla Cao (minutes) & William Espe (\$)**
- Grade 2: **Sunil Maurillo (minutes) & Cameron Doyle (\$)**
- Grade 3: **Holly Ahkiong (minutes) & Andrew Marabuto (\$)**
- Grade 4: **Sally Hong (minutes) & Jasmyn Anderson (\$)**
- Grade 5: **Aidan Tubman (minutes) & Edison Carroll (\$)**

We thank all of the students who participated in this fundraising event which promotes reading. We would also like to express our appreciation to our teachers, families, and friends, who encouraged our students to show interest in this wonderful activity and take part in such worthy cause!! Importantly, we thank our volunteers, Athena Lafferty, Lisa Kadyk, Beth Dhesi, Michelle Chu, Mimi Rosenheim, Yume Phung, for making this fundraising event possible.

Moreover, special thanks to our sponsors and local businesses such as **West Portal Bookshop** and **Books Inc.** at Laurel Village for their generous donations of gift cards, and **Green Apple Books** for providing the wonderful books awarded to the Read-a-Thon prize winners. We also recognize the **Children's Book Project** of San Francisco for their donation of many great books which our students received during the 'Got Caught Reading' weekly raffles.

## 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 Authors of the Week: Patricia & Frederick McKissack

Mrs. McKissack was inspired to be a writer by her mother who always read her the poetry of Paul Laurence Dunbar and by her grandparents' stories. Her first book was a biography of Mr. Dunbar and she went on to write many more biographies and other non-fiction before writing her first picture book.

Mr. McKissack was born into the oldest African-American-owned architectural and construction firm in the United States and worked as a civil engineer before becoming an author in collaboration with his wife, Patricia McKissack, writing and researching children's books.

Together, the McKissacks wanted to introduce children to African-American history and make it come alive through stories. They won a Coretta Scott King Award for *A Long Hard Journey: The Story of Pullman Porter*, which chronicles the first black-controlled union, made up of train porters, who after years of unfair labor practices staged a battle against a corporate giant and won. The McKissacks have also co-authored books about Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglas, African American whalers, and Days of Jubilee, marking the end of slavery.

## Langston Hughes

The following poem is by Langston Hughes, an African-American poet active during the Harlem Renaissance. He was a social activist, novelist, playwright, and columnist, and was one of the earliest innovators of the literary art form jazz poetry.

### Dreams

Hold fast to dreams  
For if dreams die  
Life is a broken-winged bird  
That cannot fly.  
Hold fast to dreams  
For when dreams go  
Life is a barren field  
Frozen with snow.

## Grandma

By Alex Zhou Qiyang  
A cinquain poem from Ms. Jones' class, Room 115

Nice, Friendly  
Cooking, Carrying, Sleeping  
I love my Grandma  
Beautiful

## Black History Assemblies

Don't miss the event wrapping up this year's fantastic Black History Month activities. Join us at 2:30pm on Thursday, March 4 (for grades K-2) or Friday, March 5 (for grades 3-5). Families and friends welcome!

This event will feature:

- Step dancing by Lakeshore students and SFSU black fraternity members
- Video montage including Lakeshore students
- Oral presentations by Lakeshore students

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Box Tops for Education – Bring them in for our March Mailing

It's our last chance to raise money for this school year. Bring in all your box tops to your teacher this week! Each one of these coupons found on boxes food, bake ware, apparel, storage bags, and other items is worth 10 cents each. We made more than \$800 last year by clipping these.

## Pt. Reyes Hike with Mr. Rich

We will meet on **SATURDAY, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am** at the Bear Valley Visitor's Center which is just over an hour's drive from San Francisco. We will be walking up a somewhat steeper and quieter trail (not like the flat, crowded one at Tennessee Valley) that climbs up to a ridge with a beautiful view of Drake's Bay and the Pacific Ocean. We will travel through wild meadows and pass through the habitats of many wonderful birds and plants and mammals. Very young children may find this hike too difficult. We will stay together and walk slowly. Please be sure to bring lunch, snacks, ample water, sunscreen and dress in layers. Please leave enough time to make it to the Visitor's Center as the drive is on curvy roads (if you're late, we will be taking the Bear Valley trail to the Meadow Trail heading uphill). We expect to return to the parking lot by 2:45.

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