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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday, December 16**

**Staff Appreciation Luncheon**

**11:30am – 1:30pm, Community Room**

Show the teachers and staff how much you care. Can you provide food, drinks or help? Email [volunteer@LakeshoreElementary.org](mailto:volunteer@LakeshoreElementary.org).

**Thursday, December 17**

**Winter Concert**

Mark your calendars for this festive and joyous presentation by our holiday Leopards.

**Monday, December 21 –**

**Friday, January 1**

**NO SCHOOL**

**Winter Break**

Have a wonderful vacation. See you next year!

**Friday, January 15**

**Kid's Night Out**

**6:00pm – 9:30pm**

Enjoy some time out while your kids enjoy a bit of games, fun, and movies!

**Monday, January 18**

**NO SCHOOL**

**Martin Luther King Day**

**Friday, January 29**

**Disco Bingo!**

**6:30pm – 8:30pm**

Bingo + Disco = FUN!

Join this wonderful Lakeshore tradition to help the teachers with their fundraiser to support team-building activities throughout the year

December 9, 2015

## Celebrate the Season With Us At The Winter Concert

Please join us for a very special event – the 2015 Winter Concert, produced by our fabulous music teacher Mrs. Reilly! Classes from every grade will be performing.

**Thursday, December 17**

Performances at 9:45am and 2:30pm  
Lakeshore Elementary Community Room

### Featuring:

Kindergarten classes: Ms. Tyler and Ms. Fernandez

1<sup>st</sup> grade classes: Ms. Wu and Ms. Egan-Bell

2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes: Mrs. Palacio and Ms. Barry

3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes: Mr. Less and Ms. Arian

4<sup>th</sup> grade class: Mr. Freed

5<sup>th</sup> grade classes: Ms. Fuscas and Mr. Gonzalez

Don't miss our Leopards welcoming the season and showcasing the songs they've learned this semester.

## Mark Your Calendars

A lot is going on next week. Here are some reminders:

- **WED 12/16**  
Bring food for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Leave it in the Staff Lounge marked "Staff Lunch" and label your dishes if you'd like them returned.
- **THURS 12/17**  
Come one of the Winter Performances!
- **THURS / FRI**  
Volunteer to help and send food to your student's class party
- Many Room Parents are coordinating **class gifts** to teachers. Please take a moment to contribute.
- **JOIN THE PTA** and contribute to **CLASS FUNDS** if you haven't done so already. These are different so please be sure to do both. PTA funds support enrichment activities and Class Funds go directly to your teacher to pay for supplies, field trips and other classroom needs. Any amount is appreciated.

## Transform Recess With Playworks

**Who:** Playworks is the leading national nonprofit leveraging the power of play to transform children's social and emotional health. Playworks has been proven to decrease bullying behavior, increase physical activity and support learning. In San Francisco and the county of Marin, Playworks is currently in 38 schools!

**What:** Playworks creates a place for every kid on the playground to feel included, be active, and build valuable social and emotional skills by leading structured games and empowering kids to resolve conflict by teaching them the tools to do so. An experienced Playworks coach does not achieve this alone, selected children in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades are included as Junior Coaches!

**Why:** Lakeshore recess observation by Playworks staff have concluded:

- Boundaries are not being respected between games at play. Imagine a game of soccer interfering in the space of a kickball game! The result often being an altercation between the two groups.
- **Our girls are not participating in the group, core games!**

**How:** To bring Playworks to Lakeshore, we need your help in fundraising! You can easily donate via the Lakeshore website at [lakeshoreelementary.org](http://lakeshoreelementary.org) using our clickable button. Share this link with your network! In the next few months, we will be launching our very own crowd funding campaign as well as other fundraising events, reaching out to our greater community. Stay tuned!

## Art Cart Volunteer – Easy Way to Support Lakeshore

The Art Committee is looking for a parent volunteer to facilitate one of our teacher art resources, the Art Cart. We have two carts filled with books and project ideas that rotate throughout the school and stay in each classroom for two weeks. The schedule will already be set. The parent coordinator will help move the carts from room to room every two weeks.

Please let us know if you are interested in helping with this valuable project! Contact [LakeshoreArt@aol.com](mailto:LakeshoreArt@aol.com)

## Help Us Reach Our Class Funds Goal!

Please support Lakeshore's teachers by donating to Class Funds: <http://lakeshoreelementary.org/class-funds>

While the PTA raises money for enrichment programs and community activities, Class Funds go **directly to teachers** for supplies, academic materials, books, field trips, and classroom activities. Help us raise **\$3500** to fully fund our promise to Lakeshore's teachers this year!

Each family is expected to contribute. We request \$50 per student but any amount is appreciated. Send your contribution to your teacher and mark it "Class Funds."

## Holiday Childcare – Everyday Magic Gift Making Workshops

Childcare and fun on December 21, 22, and 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Everyday Magic Gift Making Workshops. Sign up for a single day or more. Children will keep busy creating handmade goodies – hot cider, baking and crafty keepsakes. Workshops held daily at Lakeshore from 8:30am – 4:00pm. Children will need a coat and a bag lunch. Available for ages 5 and up. Apply with forms at [www.everyday-magic.org](http://www.everyday-magic.org). Space is limited!

## Staff Appreciation Luncheon – Food and Volunteers Needed

Help us demonstrate how much we appreciate all the Lakeshore Staff does for our students. We're looking for volunteers to provide drinks (sparkling water, Italian Soda), sides (salads, breads, veggies, fruit) and desserts for the annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

Also, please let us know if you can volunteer to set up, serve, and clean up on Wednesday, December 16 anytime from 10:30-2.

It's a festive way to celebrate our school and the people who make it so special.

Email [volunteer@LakeshoreElementary.org](mailto:volunteer@LakeshoreElementary.org)

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