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# The Paw Print Press

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## IMPORTANT DATES

January 20, 2016

**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.

**Wednesday, February 3**

**PTA General Meeting**

**6:30pm – 8:00pm**

Join us to discuss important topics and upcoming events. Agenda to be announced.

**Friday, February 5**

**Dragon Parade**

**11:15am**

Don't miss the Lunar New Year celebration!

**Monday, February 8**

**NO SCHOOL**

**Lunar New Year**

**Monday, February 15**

**NO SCHOOL**

**President's Day**

**February 22 – February 26**

**Conference Week**

Early dismissal at 2:30pm. Please be sure to schedule time with your student's teacher.

**February 23 – March 3**

**Read-a-Thon**

It's the fun in fundraising! Read to help Lakeshore provide our amazing enrichment programs!

## Homework Tips for Parents

### 1. Be a stage manager.

Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do homework. Make sure the needed materials (paper, pencils, dictionary) are available. Unless the homework assignment involves using a computer, power down electronics and remove other unnecessary distractions.

### 2. Be a motivator.

Homework provides a great opportunity for you to tell your child how important school is. Be positive about homework. The attitude you express about homework will be the attitude your child acquires.

### 3. Be a role model.

When your child does homework, don't sit and watch TV. If your child is reading, you read too. If your child is doing math, balance your checkbook. Help your child see that the skills they are practicing are related to things you do.

### 4. Be a monitor.

Watch your child for signs of failure and frustration. If your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers. If frustration sets in, suggest a short break.

### 5. Be a mentor.

When the teacher asks that you play a role in homework, do it. If homework is meant to be done alone, stay away. Homework is a great way for kids to develop independent, life-long learning skills.

Over-involvement can be a bad thing.

## Homework Tips for Students

### Pick a good time to do homework.

Try to do your homework at the same time everyday. Try not to leave homework until just before you go to bed.

### Spend more time on hard homework than easy homework.

If you know what's easy and what's hard, do the hard work first. Take a short break if you are having trouble keeping your mind on an assignment.

### If homework gets too hard, ask for help.

If your parents are busy and you have an older brother or sister, ask them for help, or get your parents to ask them. Only ask for help if you really need it.

## Meet With Friends @ Firefly Restaurant!

Any time a diner mentions Lakeshore Elementary between Jan 4 and Jan 27 on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday night, Firefly will donate 20% of their food bill to our school!

Please mark your calendars and help spread the word. Firefly Restaurant is located at 4288 24th Street (at the corner of Douglass), SF and opens at 5:30pm nightly. Website: fireflyrestaurant.com Phone: 415-821-7652.

## Box Tops for Education

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. Collect them yourself and get friends and family involved. Another way you can raise money through everyday activities!



## COMMUNITY CORNER: Lake Merced Library Programs

**Saturday, January 23 at 12:30 p.m.**

**Lion Dancers: Year of the Monkey, 4714**

Celebrate the Lunar New Year at the SF Public Library with a Chinese Lion Dance and Martial Arts Performance.

**Sunday, January 31 from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.**

**Bay Area Bike Mobile: Free Bike Repair Day!**

Get your bike fixed at the Merced Branch Library - for free!

The Bike Mobile can fix flat tires, adjust brakes and gears, and even replace broken or worn out parts like brake pads, chains, seats, grips and tires. They can usually replace shifters, brake calipers, and brake levers, as well.

Merced Branch Library,

ALL PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY ARE FREE

155 Winston Drive (at 19th Avenue), (415) 355-02825

Thanks and hope to see you at the library!

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## Spirit Gear Survey

We want to provide you with the best options for showing your Lakeshore Spirit! Take a moment to complete the survey below and return it to your teacher or take the survey at <http://bit.ly/lis-spirit-gear>:

	Youth XS	Youth S	Youth M	Youth L	Youth XL	Adult S	Adult M	Adult L	Adult XL	Adult XXL
Sweatshirts (zip hoodies, \$40)										
Baseball shirts (3/4 sleeve, \$20)										
T-shirts (\$15)										

Which sweatshirt / shirt color do you prefer? \_\_\_ Black \_\_\_ Red \_\_\_ No opinion

I would be interested in the following items if they were available:

\_\_\_ Baseball cap (youth) \$20

\_\_\_ Baseball cap (adult) \$20

\_\_\_ Folders \$2

\_\_\_ Pencils - \$0.50 each or 3 for \$1

\_\_\_ Reusable bags \$5