



# The Paw Print Press

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday, February 15**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**President's Day**

**Friday, February 19**  
**Lunar New Year Performance**  
**Community Room, 9:45am and 10:25am**  
Join us to celebrate the Year of the Monkey with this presentation showcasing Lakeshore's Mandarin and Cantonese language program students.

**February 22 – February 26**  
**Conference Week**  
Early dismissal at 2:30pm. Please be sure to schedule time with your student's teacher.

**February 22 – March 3**  
**Read-a-Thon**  
It's the fun in fundraising! Read to help Lakeshore provide our amazing enrichment programs!



## Shop Amazon for Lakeshore

**LakeshoreElementary.org/amazon**  
Use this convenient shortcut every time you purchase from Amazon.com, and you can help raise dollars for Lakeshore – up to 6% of your purchase!

**February 10, 2016**

## Kung Hei Fat Choy!

Chinese New Year is the most important of the Chinese holidays, and is a time of feasting with the family, celebration, fireworks and gift-giving. It is a 15-day holiday, beginning on the first day of a new moon and ending with the full moon on the day of the Lantern Festival.

The Chinese calendar is based on the lunar year, so the date of Chinese New Year changes every year. The Chinese calendar follows a 12-year pattern with each year named after an animal. There are various stories which explain this. The simplest is that Buddha (or the Jade Emperor) invited all of the animals to join him for a New Year celebration, but only 12 animals turned up. To reward the animals that did come, Buddha named a year after each of them in the order that they arrived, starting with the Rat, followed by the Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat (or Sheep), Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig.

Depending on the year you are born, you are believed to have the various character traits of that year's animal.

Rat (2008):	Quick-witted, resourceful, and versatile
Ox (2009):	Decisive, honest, dependable, and hardworking
Tiger (2010.):	Brave, competitive, unpredictable, and self-confident
Rabbit (2011):	Gentle, quiet, elegant, and alert; quick, skillful, kind, and patient
Dragon (2000):	Confident, intelligent, ambitious, persevering, and hardworking
Snake (2001):	Intelligent, courageous, confident, insightful, and communicative
Horse (2002):	Animated, kind, straightforward, active, and energetic
Goat (2003):	Gentle, shy, stable, sympathetic, and amicable
Monkey (2004):	Witty, intelligent, ambitious, and adventurous
Rooster (2005):	Observant, hardworking, resourceful, courageous, and talented
Dog (2006):	Loyal, honest, amiable, kind, cautious, and prudent
Pig (2007):	Diligent, compassionate, generous, easy-going, and gentle

## Lost & Found: Next Deadline February 29 and THANKS for the Donations!

Any items (jackets, sweaters, hats, mittens, lunch pails, etc.) in Lost & Found that are unclaimed by Monday, 2/29 will be sent to SCHOOLA or GOODWILL.

Many thanks to all Lakeshore families for donations of babies, children's and women's clothing to Schoola. Place donations in the Yellow Bin in the Lakeshore lobby, or request a shipping bag online ([www.schoola.com](http://www.schoola.com)). Our account is "LAKESHORE ALTERNATIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL" at 94132. We receive 40% of the sale proceeds for enrichment programs at Lakeshore.

## Auction Corner

Thank you to everyone who's donated and solicited donations for our auction so far. Our solicitation goal is \$32,000 and we've brought in **\$8,000** to date!

Not sure how you can help with donations?

- **Plan on taking a stroll through your neighborhood or a shopping mall?** Take some donor letters and drop them by your local businesses for gift certificates and tangible goods.
- **Have personal connections to businesses?** How about your favorite hair dresser? Or your preferred barista? Equipped with donor letters, it doesn't take much to ask for a gift certificate from a business you frequent while you get your nails done, eat out, grab coffee, or shop for clothes.
- **Can you donate your own service** like child care, a home-cooked meal, house cleaning, a massage, nail treatment, sporting goods, web design, garden maintenance, or dog walking? How about sponsoring a movie trip for 4 second-graders? Or a personalized tour of the cool place where you work (maybe a planetarium or an animation studio)? Can you teach 3 little Leopards how to sew their own dresses? These are all **valuable** services! Let us know what you're willing to do.
- **Do you have new items or gift cards that you aren't using?** Let us know.
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Email [pta@LakeshoreElementary.org](mailto:pta@LakeshoreElementary.org) to request a donation letter or donate your own goods or services.

And save the date: April 9. You'll be able to get great deals on these gift certificates, toys, movies, games, student-made crafts, tours, and curated experiences!

## Lakeshore Parent's Show At The Asian Art Museum

Ranu Mukherjee, mom to third grade triplets at Lakeshore, is a working artist with a show at San Francisco's Asian Art Museum. The show, called *Extracted*, combines Asian art, Bay Area history, mythology, and contemporary culture to question the legacies of the California Gold Rush. Inspired by an ancient Chinese mythological text, *The Classic of Mountains and Seas*, Ranu examines Chinese mining sites along the Yuba River and the implications of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the first significant law restricting immigration into the United States. Developed to coincide with the museum's 50th anniversary exhibition in spring 2016, *Extracted* features Ranu's textiles, paintings/drawings, and films alongside objects from the museum's collection. *Extracted* is presented in three parts, each featuring an additional installation of artwork and film. The first two parts are currently on display and the show runs through August. The museum has free admission the first Sunday of each month. Ranu also has 15 free tickets available first come, first served to Lakeshore families: [ranu.iz@gmail.com](mailto:ranu.iz@gmail.com).

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Planning – Be a Part of the Special Day

It's hard to believe that Lakeshore's 5th graders will be graduating from elementary school in just a few months! In Leopard tradition, matriculating students will participate in a graduation ceremony and enjoy keepsakes and other fun activities to recognize their last year at Lakeshore. Sample activities include a bowling trip and/or picnic, sample keepsakes include a yearbook and/or class t-shirt. Fifth grade families are preparing for the festivities with an initial planning meeting on Fri. Feb. 19th, 9:30-11:00 am, at Lakeshore (in the teacher's lounge next to the front entrance). Please come and share your ideas. To RSVP for the meeting, or if you're not able to attend but want to volunteer to help (there are several tasks that can be done anytime), please contact Diane Marbello: [dmarbello@usfca.edu](mailto:dmarbello@usfca.edu)

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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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