



# The Paw Print Press

## IMPORTANT DATES

February 23, 2016

### **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 4** **Read-a-Thon**

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

**Thursday, March 3**  
**Black History Month Potluck**  
**6:00pm – 8:30pm, Community Room**  
Join us for food and entertainment. All are welcome!

**Friday, March 4**  
**First Friday**  
**9:30am, Community Room**  
Join parents for coffee and pastries.

**Wednesday, March 9**  
**PTA General Meeting**  
**6:30pm – 8:00pm, Community Room**  
PTA Elections are coming, learn about the candidates or nominate someone!



## Shop Amazon for Lakeshore

[LakeshoreElementary.org/amazon](https://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!

## Lakeshore Read-A-Thon is Underway Through March 4th

What can you do to help your reader have a successful Read-A-Thon?

- Encourage your reader to set a daily goal and help them track minutes daily.
- Help your reader practice his/her script before he/she solicits donations. They might say:  
*"Will you please sponsor me in my school's Read-A-Thon? My goal is to read \_\_\_\_ minutes per day. The money we raise will help pay for school programs like Poetry, Theater, Motor Perception, Gardening and Art. You can make a flat donation or pledge an amount for each minute I read. Your donation is tax-deductible (tax ID No. is 94-3042896) Thank you!"*
- Enter your reader in our "Get Caught Reading Raffle" by sending pictures of kids reading at home to [readathon@LakeshoreElementary.org](mailto:readathon@LakeshoreElementary.org) Pictures will be posted in the lobby!

Prizes for top fundraisers and top readers include:

- eReaders
- \$25 West Portal Bookshop gift cards
- \$5 Nubi gift cards
- Selected books courtesy of Green Apple Books

Every student who participates will receive a prize!

## Give Your Feedback on Lakeshore

Starting this week, we will be asking you to fill out a short survey about your feelings about the school. This survey is very important to helping us understand how we can improve the school, so please be sure you fill one out before April 10th! We want to hear every family's voice!  
<https://goo.gl/idJh5e>

We will have laptops at the site available for parents to use for the survey if needed. Please contact Ms. Sadjia (leave a note for her in the office, a message for her at the school 759-2825, or an email [sadjas@sfusd.edu](mailto:sadjas@sfusd.edu)) to arrange access to a computer!

## Now taking nominations for 2016-2017 PTA Executive Board

Elections for next year's PTA Executive Board will be conducted at the General Meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>. We are now collecting nominations for all positions and will present a slate of candidates at the March 9 PTA General Meeting. We especially need candidates for those listed below. **If you would like to be nominated or you have someone you think should run, email [pta@lakeshoreelementary.org](mailto:pta@lakeshoreelementary.org).**

Most positions are perfect for working parents as responsibilities can be done on your own schedule. There are once-monthly evening Executive Board meetings and six General Meetings per year.

**VP, Membership\*:** Maintain and/or grow the current membership of 250+ members, which raises about \$20,000 annually in membership fees and donations to support PTA-funded programs.

**VP Programs and Consultants\*:** Manage the success of the enrichment programs including consultant contracts, obtaining feedback from teachers, consultants, and PTA membership.

**VP Special Events\*:** Manage the teams that drive our signature Community and Fundraising events.

**Financial Secretary\*:** Handles all the unit's deposits.

## Profile: VP of Programs

I am mom to triplets in 3rd grade and a full-time working artist and Associate Professor. Like many families we work full-time and juggle a very busy activity schedule.

I've witnessed many wonderful things about our school, the excellence of our teachers and principal, and the remarkable enrichment programs the PTA funds in arts, science and movement. I can't be at school during the day but I wanted to be involved so I joined the PTA board as the VP of Programs to help us continue to deliver great enrichment to all Lakeshore students. I think these programs can be transformative for kids and they are part of what makes Lakeshore special. In the last 2 years, we've introduced new teachers and program options including capoeira and Native American Studies.

Do you love our programs? Does your child talk about their cool gardening projects or read their poems? Would you like to be part of the team which makes these programs a reality? My term is coming to an end and we need to elect a new VP of Programs. This is an essential position because we spend the majority of the annual PTA budget on these programs. It is great for a working parent with the majority of the work done at home in early Fall and Late Spring. I would love to help transition a new person into this role, so step up now!! No special skills needed, we just need someone that loves our programs!

Sincerely

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## Notice of Potential Disclosure of Information

The California Department of Education (CDE) is currently in litigation in which the plaintiffs, Morgan Hill Concerned Parents Association and the Concerned Parent Association, have requested numerous documents and student data collected and stored by CDE, which may include personally identifiable student information. To comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), CDE is required to inform parents and students of the disclosure of such information.

You can find out more the about the CDE Morgan Hill case or file a form to object by April 1, 2016, to the disclosure of personally identifiable information related to your children by visiting [www.sfusd.edu](http://www.sfusd.edu). SFUSD is not a party to the litigation and is not required to disclose any student information, nor do we intend to do so. If you have any questions, or require more information, please contact CDE directly at 916-319-0800.

## Auction Corner

Lakeshore's annual Spring Auction will take place on April 9 at Donworth Hall at St. Stephen. All adults are invited! Visit <http://lakeshoreelementary.org/auction2016/> for more information.

A flyer went home last week requesting help with soliciting donations, volunteering at the event, and getting the word out. Please return the form or email [pta-auction@LakeshoreElementary.org](mailto:pta-auction@LakeshoreElementary.org) if you can help out.

It's going to be great, but we need everyone's help to pull it together. To fund all our programs, we need over \$90,000 every year, and we've got only 3 months to raise almost \$40,000. This auction is a big part of it. If we don't make our goals, we will have to make hard choices about where to put our money. Please help make these choices a little easier by helping bring in donations.

- 1) Download a donor letter from Lakeshore's website: <http://bit.ly/lis-auction-letter-n>
- 2) Email [pta-auction@LakeshoreElementary.org](mailto:pta-auction@LakeshoreElementary.org) for a donation form
- 3) Solicit donations from your favorite stores, restaurants, and other businesses. If they're not already on our list at <http://lakeshoreelementary.org/auction2016/solicit.html>, then give them the letter and form. Ask them to submit their donation information online at <http://bit.ly/lis-auction> or to return the donor form.
- 4) Return the donations received to the Lakeshore office. Envelopes can be left in the PTA mail slot, or for tangible donations, with Ms. Sadja in the school office.

Nothing to donate? That's okay! Individuals and businesses can also sponsor our event with cash contributions, also on our donor form. Sponsors will be listed in our event brochure, website, Facebook event, and school newsletter just like donors.