



# The Paw Print Press

## IMPORTANT DATES

September 7, 2016

**Wednesday, September 7**

### **Room Parent Meeting**

6:00pm, Lakeshore Community Room  
Tips and tricks for being a great room parent.

### **PTA Meeting**

7:00pm, Lakeshore Community Room  
Lakeshore families are invited to attend. **Free child care.** Snacks provided for the kids. A \$5 donation per child is requested.

**Thursday, September 15**

### **Back-To-School Night, 1st-5th**

6:00-7:30pm, Lakeshore School  
Meet your student's teachers and learn about the upcoming year. All parents / guardians are recommended to attend.

**Friday, September 16**

### **Picture Day**

Brush your hair, pick out your best duds and smile big for the camera!

**Friday, September 23**

### **Kid's Night Out!**

6:00-9:30pm, Community Room  
PTA fundraiser. Movies and food for the kids.



## Shop Amazon for Lakeshore

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

## Back-to-School Night – Don't Miss it

Do not miss this very important event to kick off the school year happening next Thursday, September 15 at 6pm. This is your chance to hear from the Principal, meet your teacher, see the classroom, ask questions, and find out how your student spends the day.

Learn more about:

- Your teacher's approach for the coming year
- The subjects and topics covered
- Expectations for homework
- Field trips, enrichment, and other experiences

The evening will start in the Community Room with a presentation from Mr. Hartford. You will then be asked to go to the classroom for a presentation by your teacher.

We encourage all parents or guardians are recommended to attend. Hot dog "Meal Deals" will be available for \$5 between 5:45 – 6:15. Childcare will be provided – a donation is requested.

## Bring a Bag...

Don't come empty handed to Back-to-School Night. Bring a bag of gently used kids and women's clothing and accessories. Place the bag in the yellow Schoola bin near the Lost and Found. 40% of sales for all donated clothes goes directly to Lakeshore. And, you have more room in the closet.

### **Now accepting women's clothes**

Yes, you read that correctly. You can now donate gently used women's clothes to Schoola! Need some room in that closet? Do you have clothes you haven't worn in six months or more? Give it a new life. Bring it to Lakeshore, drop it in the Schoola bin and soon, we will receive money to support our enrichment programs. It's that easy.

## Get Involved! Volunteers Needed

Help create the amazing Lakeshore experience for your children. It's parents like you who help deliver the art and science programs that enrich our students' education. Most parents are working full time and volunteer on their own time from home. We have a few key positions we need to fill.

- **VP of Consultants:** Manage the paperwork and logistics for hiring and payment of our team of wonderful arts/science consultants. The contracts are almost complete for this year but the current volunteer needs to assist with invoicing, feedback from staff, and transition the role for the rest of the year.
- **VP of Fundraising:** Can you help the team coordinate the fundraising activities? Each fundraiser has a dedicated team. This volunteer helps to see the programs get started and work with the Treasurer to report on progress.
- **Parliamentarian:** Help the Board adhere to our PTA Bylaws.
- **Membership assistant:** Assist the VP of Membership to drive PTA membership programs and collect/track member applications.
- **Volunteer Coordinator:** We're looking to find ways to manage contact information, enlist help, and recognize all the great people who help the school.
- **Wordpress/Website Administrator:** Help us rework the school website to make it mobile-friendly, do site backups, etc.

If you can't do it, perhaps someone in your family or a friend can volunteer. For example, our taxes are done by a former CPA who is friends with a Lakeshore grandmother. Former Board Members have been grandmothers or parents of Lakeshore Alumni. If you or someone you know can help support our community, please email [pta@LakeshoreElementary.org](mailto:pta@LakeshoreElementary.org)

## Community Corner: Free Programs at Merced Branch Library

Don't miss these great events at our community library for kids and adults (and visit their website for information on other events such as knitting circles, baby/toddler playtimes, and more!):

**Monthly Lego Club** – Tuesday, September 6 at 4:00 p.m.  
Come to the Merced Branch and build some wild and crazy creations. Family participation is encouraged. LEGO Club is the first Tuesday of every month.

**Tremendous Triangles** – Saturday, September 17 at 2:00 p.m.  
Triangles are strong and stable. They're a great shape to use when you are building stuff. Join staff from the Exploratorium to create surprising structures with paper plates folded into triangles and three-dimensional, four-sided triangles called tetrahedra made out of newspaper pages rolled into sticks!  
[www.exploratorium.edu/](http://www.exploratorium.edu/)

**Persian Dance Performance, Shahrzad Dance** – Saturday, September 24 at 2:00 p.m.  
Shahrzad Dance Academy is proud to present an engaging and educational program on Persian Dance, an ancient art form shrouded in mystery! Elegant and flowing, yet rhythmic and inspiring, this visual journey will showcase the unique body positions, angles, and dynamics that are intrinsic to Persian aesthetics. A brief informative lecture and audience participation are included. Created by world-renown choreographer and author of the ground-breaking book *The Art of Persian Dance*, this program features the exquisite choreographic art of Shahrzad Khorsandi.

## Do You Have Leads for Prizes?

Lakeshore generates a good portion of our revenue from the Raffle and the Auction. We are looking to get started on these programs earlier this year and we're hoping our community can help provide leads on great donations for these events. Do you work for a company who makes donations of products, tickets, services or gift certificates? Do you know local celebrities, production companies or other entertainers who might consider donating services to an event or allow us to auction off their services? Do you have a connection to someone with a vacation rental, airline, or restaurant? Have you heard of great ideas for prizes? We're looking to start our list creative ideas and potential donation leads. We want to hear from you. Email [pta-auction@LakeshoreElementary.org](mailto:pta-auction@LakeshoreElementary.org).

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