



# The Paw Print Press

## IMPORTANT DATES

January 25, 2017

### Thursday, January 26

#### Dragon Parade

11:15am

Join the Kindergarten Leopards for their festive Dragon Parade — the perfect way to kick off Lunar New Year!

### Friday, January 27

NO SCHOOL

Lunar New Year

### Wednesday, February 1

#### Room Parent Meeting

5:45pm – 7:00pm, Community Room

Room parents, learn how to support Lakeshore's activities this Spring semester. RSVP [pta@LakeshoreElementary.org](mailto:pta@LakeshoreElementary.org) if you need child care.

#### PTA General Meeting

7:00pm – 8:00pm, Community Room

Join us to learn more about the amazing Special Education program at Lakeshore.

### Thursday, February 2

#### Black History Month Kickoff Assembly

Community Room

Lakeshore kicks off Black History Month.

### Friday, February 10

#### Lunar New Year Assembly

9:45am and 10:25am, Community Room

Celebrate Lunar New Year with the Lakeshore Leopards in the Chinese language programs!

### Monday, February 20

NO SCHOOL

President's Day

### February 10 - March 3

Read-a-Thon

Get your library card ready for a workout!

## Kung Hei Fat Choy!

On January 28th, we welcome in a new Chinese New Year, the Year of the Rooster! 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.

**Rooster (2005):** Observant, hardworking, resourceful, courageous, and talented

**Dog (2006):** Loyal, honest, amiable, kind, cautious, and prudent

**Pig (2007):** Diligent, compassionate, generous, easygoing, and gentle

**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

SOURCE: <http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/chinese-new-year> and <http://www.chinahighlights.com/travelguide/chinese-zodiac/facts.htm>

## \*New\* Great Deals at the Auction

Come to the silent and live auction, our biggest annual fundraiser on **Saturday, March 11, 6-8pm at Donworth Hall** at St. Stephen down the street. So many Lakeshore and community businesses are donating gift cards and services for you to snap up at a discount, sometimes 50-75% off!

**Make plans to bid on these recent donations:** 42nd St. Moon, AcroSports, Aquarium of the Bay, BATS Improv, Blaze Pizza, BookShop West Portal, Cal Shakes, California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Children's Creativity Museum, Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose, Fairyland, Chipotle, Code NinjaZ, Contemporary Jewish Museum, Costco, Everyday Magic, Fairytale Town, Geary Dance Center, Habitot, It's Yoga Kids, Marinwood Community Center, Michela Rossi Designs, Navarrete's Black Belt Academy, Photos, Movies and More, Picaboo, SF Youth Ballet Academy, SF Zoo, Scandia Family Center, snackTAXI, Stanford Athletics, Tiger Basketball Camp, Vichy Springs, Winchester Mystery House, Yoga Flow SF - Ocean Ave, plus massages, quilts, veterinary services, pet-sitting, and more from parents and alumni.

We've got over \$11,000 in donated items but hope to reach \$40,000! **Check out the flyer and form going home this week to ask your connections or offer your own donation.**

**Can you help Lakeshore by contacting a few businesses?** Tell us at [pta-auction@LakeshoreElementary.org](mailto:pta-auction@LakeshoreElementary.org) and we'll send step-by-step instructions. This is an easy way to do good for your school from the comfort of your sofa and help a team who really needs it. For easy ideas, visit [bit.ly/lisa-donate](http://bit.ly/lisa-donate). To jump in with soliciting donations, see [bit.ly/lisa-sol](http://bit.ly/lisa-sol).

## Eat at Firefly and 20% Comes to Lakeshore

Firefly Restaurant in Noe Valley is once again supporting SF public schools this January. From January 2 through January 31, come in for dinner on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, mention LAKESHORE to your server, and Firefly will donate 20% of your food and beverage total to LAKESHORE.

Please spread the word and help Firefly support Lakeshore. (Firefly has fantastic Fried Chicken -- and you can get it gluten free!) [www.fireflysf.com](http://www.fireflysf.com)

## Thank You Corner: Kid's Night Out

Thank you to all the families who participated in Kid's Night Out. We had bunch of well-behaved kids who enjoyed dinner, all-you-can-eat popcorn, a double feature as well as dodgeball and crafts. Special thanks to the parents who volunteered: Deb, Mimi, Larry, Nef, Jan, Nieves, Lavette, and Lizzie!

## Black History Month Kick Off – Join Us Monday!

Join us Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> to kickoff Black History Month at an assembly featuring our students—with singing, dancing, poetry and skits honoring Black history.

- 10:00am-10:45am for grades K – 2
- 2:30pm – 3:15pm for grades 3 – 5

Throughout the month there will be special events and speakers in the classroom.

### Black History Month Potluck – All are welcome!

Don't miss the wrap up Black History Month Potluck on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. All families are encouraged to attend to enjoy food and entertainment. This is a free event. If you'd like to donate or prepare a dish, please contact Classy Martin at [martinc@sfusd.edu](mailto:martinc@sfusd.edu) or call (415) 759-2825.

### Tell your story!

We're looking for people who would like to tell stories about their jobs and professional experiences. If you can spend some time with classrooms in the month of February, please contact Classy Martin at [martinc@sfusd.edu](mailto:martinc@sfusd.edu) or call (415) 759-2825.

## Open PTA Positions: Be the Change

**We need five people to volunteer to be on the nomination committee for the upcoming PTA elections.** The purpose of the nominating committee is to recognize and seek qualified nominees for the elected leadership of the PTA. Serving on a nominating committee is an honor and a privilege because you have the ability to shape the future PTA Executive Board. You do not need to run for office nor be a part of any existing committees. The only requirement is that you are a current PTA member.

All positions are elected each year, but these will be vacant: President, Executive VP, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, VP Fundraising, Auditor, Historian, and Room Parent Coordinator. Without a President, Treasurer, and Secretary, we cannot have a PTA that funds our beloved enrichment programs.

Whether you are happy with the PTA and want to help more, or would like to see changes, we welcome your participation. Email [pta@LakeshoreElementary.org](mailto:pta@LakeshoreElementary.org) to help with nominations or learn more about serving on the Board.

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