



# Lakeside Elementary School

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A CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

## WHAT'S UP

Aug 26 ~ 5:30 pm Back to School Night

Aug 31 ~ 3:00 pm PTA Meeting

Sept 1 ~ 6:00 pm Bus Meeting

Sept 2 ~ 8:20 am PTA Walk-A-Thon Kick Off

Sept 2 ~ 6:00 pm Special Board Meeting

Sept 3 ~ 9:00 am Hearing Testing for K, 2 & 5

Sept 3 ~ Bookmobile



For more calendar information click:

<http://www.lakesidelosgatos.org/calendar.html>

## Welcome to Lakeside School!

After a great first day, I feel we're off to a wonderful start!

Welcome back to all our returning students and a warm welcome to all 16 of the elementary students who moved into the District over the summer!

### Back To School Night:

Please plan to come tonight at 5:30 pm to Back to School Night. There will be childcare available at Clubhouse. A fee of \$10.00 per child (with a sibling discount) will be charged. This is an important event and will help you to better help your child make the transition to the new school year.

**Attendance Policy** It is the parent's responsibility to notify the school when your child will be absent or late. You may do this in person, by phone or by sending a note. If an explanation of the absence is not received within three days, your child's absence will be marked UNEXCUSED. Students absent without a valid excuse for more than three (3) days in one school year shall be classified as truant. Students who are more than thirty (30) minutes tardy on three (3) or more school days in one school year shall be classified as truant

### Campus Beautification:

On August 15 we had an excellent turn out for a work day. Many families stayed all day! The Foundation provided lunch and a great deal of work was accomplished. As you notice how neat and tidy the campus is please remember to thank the following people: Missy, Luke & Owen Norquist, Keleigh, Karen & Matthew Kaufman (Keleigh & Matthew are at St. Mary's School this year), Karen, Emily & Sarah

Johnson, Melanie, John, Aaron, Faith & Naomi Cantu, Ann Marie, Mike, Giulianne, & Kassie Pate, Ali Barker, Steve, Doniell, Christopher & Nicole Hillegas. The whole campus looks beautiful! Well done!

### Technology Crew:

Many thanks go to Linda Kelley, Ralph & John Becker, and Mike Gull for spending many an evening here getting the classroom computers, as well as the computer lab ready for the school year.

### Summer Watering:

Keeping our Garden lush and green is a big job! Many thanks go to Wendy Candelaria, Missy Norquist, Christine Jarvis, and Anne Warner for stopping by and watering!

**Forms:** If you have not turned in ALL your forms yet, please do so as soon as possible.

**Internet Access:** We are using email and the Website for most of our communication. If you do not have internet access, please stop by and take advantage of the computers in the school library. Please be sure that we have at least one email address on file for your family that is checked daily. Keep us informed of changes in email addresses and phone numbers. It is imperative that our communication data base be accurate.

**Bus Routes and Transportation:** There will be a meeting dedicated to discussing the bus route on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 6:00 pm. Staff is working hard to help facilitate a route that represents the needs of the majority of the District families. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please take a moment and draft an email or a letter describing your level of interest in the bus service. It is vital to the success of the route for us to have accurate information as to who would use the bus under which circumstances.

### Fall Mountain Soccer

Loma Prieta, Lakeside, and Lexington Fall 2008 Mountain Soccer league registration deadline in September 2, 2009. Mountain Soccer League welcomes ages 5 - 12. Weekly practices begin in September. Games are on Saturdays through November. If you are interested in coaching, please contact the Recreation Department for information. Click here for Registration Forms:

[http://www.lakesidelosgatos.org/pdf/09\\_fall\\_soccer2.pdf](http://www.lakesidelosgatos.org/pdf/09_fall_soccer2.pdf)

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

These are some of the highlights from the meeting on August 19, 2009.

- Bryan Loomas was appointed August 19 to fill out the balance of the term of Brent Schwager who resigned from the Board this summer. Following Board questions and community input, Bryan was selected by unanimous vote of the Board consisting of Ann Marie Pate, Phil Nelson, Steve Cox and Janice Compton.

Bryan and Mary Loomas have lived in the District for nine years and have two boys at Lakeside, Kindergartener Xander and 3<sup>rd</sup> grader Quinn. Mary is the owner of a local business and Bryan is CEO of ServoVita, Inc., a start-up medical device company. Bryan was educated in mechanical engineering, has been on the management board of several companies, and is the holder of 37 U.S. patents. He most recently served Lakeside as Vice-Chair on last year's School Site Council. Please join us in welcoming Bryan to the Board of Trustees.

- Sarah Stern from the public advocacy firm TBW& B gave a presentation on issues surrounding pursuing a decision involving a parcel tax. The Board will consider retaining the services of TBW&B at the Sept. 2 meeting. A Parcel Tax is one of several options that have been considered over the summer in public meetings to place the District in a strong position to provide for all students the highest quality program possible
- Bus Routes: Discussion on bus routes and transportation issues dominated a large portion of the meeting. The Board directed staff to make transportation a high priority.
- Another topic of great interest and lengthy discussion was the financial implication of the new agreement with Campbell. This is the first time compensation for the cost of educating our sixth – eight grade students at Rolling Hills Middle School has been a part of our agreement with Campbell Union School District. The Board approved a new agreement that obligated the District to pay approximately \$5,000.00 per student.

The next Board meeting is September 2 at 6:00 pm. The Board has directed staff to add a second monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. This additional meeting will allow the Board to respond in a more timely manner to the changing circumstance of the district. The third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm will remain as the regular scheduled meeting.



On Friday, September 11, Lakeside will celebrate the start of the new school year with a family-friendly, informal event that begins with a picnic and ends with a concert. Bug Horn Rex will perform their signature New Orleans style, horns-driven jazz, rock, rhythm and blues. This back to school event will be held at Lakeside and is open to the general public. A free will donation will be collected. The BYO picnic begins at 5:30 pm and the Bug Horn Rex concert begins at 7 pm.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY IS A MINIMUM DAY.**  
Remember that school will be out at 1:15 pm on Wednesdays.

### Bridging the Gap

The challenges of scheduling one bus to serve two schools have necessitated certain flexibility. Rolling Hills Middle School has had a change in their Bell Schedule starting and ending their day later. Even with the later morning start time, elementary students riding the bus will arrive at Lakeside before the campus opens and will be required to check-in to Clubhouse. There is a special Clubhouse rate for families using the bus service. This special rate is \$1.00 per day per family (\$20 per month whether you use it every day or not.) and is only applied to those families using the bus service. In order to ensure that our middle school children arrive at Rolling Hills on time, when the bus arrives at Lakeside, all K-5 students will go to clubhouse.

For elementary students riding the bus home in the afternoon, (or waiting for middle school siblings) there will be a staffed study time in the Library to allow students to work on homework while awaiting the bus which is scheduled to arrive at 3:22 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The Bus should arrive at 2:22 pm on Wednesdays.

**Parents picking up their children after school should plan to arrive at 2:40 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and at 1:15 pm on Wednesday. Students remaining on campus after 2:50 pm (or 1:25 pm on Wednesday) will be sent to Clubhouse.**