



Lakeside Elementary School

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Wednesday, October 7, 2009

A CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

WHAT'S UP

- Oct 7 ~ 10:30-11:30 am -Rembrandt Living Artist Theater-Parents Welcome!
- Oct 7 ~ 6:00 pm Special Board Meeting
- Oct 15 ~ Bookmobile
- Oct 16 ~ Walk- A -Thon
- Oct 19 ~ 3:00 pm PTA Meeting
- Oct 19 ~ 6:00 pm Foundation Meeting
- Oct 19-30 ~ Minimum days for Rolling Hills/ Altered Bus Schedule
- Oct 21 ~ 6:00 pm Regular Board Meeting
- Oct 22 ~ 8:45 am Pumpkin carving in Kindergarten
- Oct 23 ~ No School- Lakeside only- staff furlough day
- Oct 30 ~ Class Celebrations
- Oct 31 ~ Foundation Harvest Festival
- Oct 31 ~ 5:00 pm PTA Trick or Trunk

For more calendar information click:

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

Walk-a-thon T-Shirt Design Contest Winner Selected

Congratulations to all Lakeside artists for submitting entries in the Walk-a-thon T-shirt design contest! We received 34 entries, from which the Walk-a-Thon committee selected three finalists, created by Emily Plane, Seth Groen, and Alexandra Szabo. The winning entry, as selected by student vote, was Alexandra's design.

Volunteer Help Needed

The Walk-a-Thon is right around the corner! We will need parent volunteers the morning of October 16th to help build our balloon arch, set up tables and water, etc. If you can help, please contact Kathy McKinney at 353-8530, kathy@paralleldesign.com, or just plan on showing up early on the 16th.

Students will walk, jog and run for between 30 – 60 minutes, depending on their grade level. See the schedule below to find out when your child will be participating:

K/1:	9:00 – 9:30
2/3:	9:45 – 10:30
Recess:	10:30 – 10:45
4/5:	10:45 – 11:45

AFTERNOON BUS SCHEDULE -TEMPORARY

CHANGE: October 19 – October 30 Rolling Hills will dismiss every day at 1:54 pm. The bus transporting middle school students to Lakeside will arrive at Lakeside School approximately at 2:20. For those students continuing on the bus, supervision will be available until Lakeside Students are released. On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday's during this period, the Bus will load immediately after Lakeside dismissal and begin the afternoon route approximately 40 minutes earlier than the normal schedule. Wednesdays will be the same as always.

NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCY

On the Agenda for tonight's Board Meeting is the acceptance of a letter of resignation from Janice Compton. If you are interested in completing Ms. Compton's term of office (which goes until November of 2010), application packets are available in the office. The deadline for submitting an application is Oct. 30, 2009. Contact Mr. Chrisman for more information.

School Site Council Seeks One Member

School Site Council needs to appoint one person to fill out the Council for the 09/10 school year. Meetings are held beginning at 7:20AM on the second Tuesday of the month. Interested persons may submit their name to School Site Council President Anne Plane or submit by email to bchrisman@lakesidelosgatos.org. The deadline for submissions is Monday, Oct. 12.

Keeping our children safe

"We thought you knew . . ."

Jeff was safe the entire time but during the one hour search our mood could only be described as panic. Jeff, our 10 year old son, had gone over to Bill's house when we thought he was at Mark's home. When we called to see if he arrived safely a gut wrenching series of events was put in place. Did I tell you this was 5 p.m. in Minnesota in the winter? The temperature was in the 20's and it was dark. After many frantic calls and a search of the creek near our house (partially frozen) we connected with Bill's parents. The ensuing conversation was very joyous but it did include their statement, "We thought you knew."

To avoid the panic that a potentially "missing" child creates for the parents and for the school officials, please consider the following. When a child shows up at your house, call the parents to confirm safe arrival. If the parent knows about the visit they will be pleased; if they were not aware of the visit your call may prevent potential panic.

Red Cross Disaster Drill

On Oct 24 from 10 am to 2 pm, the Mountain Emergency Response Corps (MERC) will hold a Disaster Shelter exercise at the Lakeside Elementary School Community Center. The scenario involves an earthquake that has caused significant damage and isolated the mountain area from the flatlands. The exercise will provide MERC members an opportunity to practice skills they have learned in Red Cross disaster service classes and to familiarize themselves with the facility. This will prepare us to better help our neighbors when the next "Big One" comes.

Also joining in the drill will be Loma Prieta Amateur Radio Emergency Service group – the mountain hams. They will be providing communication via ham radio. During disasters, the landline and cell phone systems are frequently knocked out of service or hopelessly overloaded, and ham radio provides a robust alternate means of getting messages through. Representatives of public service organizations have also been invited.

Members of the community are invited to participate in the drill as people needing shelter. If you have at least a half hour to spare to help out (perhaps exercising long dormant acting skills), please contact Leon Milburn at 354-7491 wrdad@peoplepc.com

MERC was formed by the American Red Cross after the Loma Prieta earthquake as a cadre of mountain residents capable of meeting the emergency needs of the mountain community in the immediate aftermath of a major disaster such as an earthquake. MERC volunteers are required to take a series of American Red Cross classes covering various facets of disaster assistance. A new group of MERC volunteers has just completed the series. MERC is somewhat unique in that it operates in cooperation with both the Santa Cruz County (www.sccredcross.org) and Silicon Valley (www.siliconvalley-redcross.org) chapters of the Red Cross.

MERC has identified three potential shelter sites in the mountain area, and has pre-positioned shelter supplies at each location. These sites are the Loma Prieta Community Center, Lakeside School, and the Redwood Estates Pavilion. For further information on MERC please contact Leon Milburn (354-7479) wrdad@peoplepc.com or Bill Rose (884-9529) wrose@gmail.com.

Leon Milburn

SCRIP FUNDRAISING

Scrip is an easy way to help support Lakeside. Simply purchase gift cards from Lakeside PTA for your favorite merchants and use them as you would cash. Hundreds of merchants participate, many local grocery and hardware stores, Best Buy, Borders, iTunes, Gymboree, hotels, movies theaters, restaurants and even gas stations.

Lakeside has partnered with the Great Lakes Scrip Center to bring you "scrip" gift certificates that you buy at face value and use at local and national retailers. You can buy things you would have purchased anyway, and a portion of the scrip amount (usually 4-15%) goes back to the school. Check out the enormous list of participating retailers on the order form.

Here's how to participate:

* Print out the order form, pick one up in the office or download

a form from Lakeside's webpage. The form lists all of the participating retailers.

* Turn in your order form in the office, along with your check made payable to Lakeside PTA.

* Your Scrip gift cards will be ready within 5-7 business days of the order date.

Contact Anne Warner, whitwarner@verizon.net with any questions. Here is the link to the order form:

<http://lakesidelosgatos.org/pta/OctFamilyOrderForm.pdf>

SAFeway RECEIPTS: For three Weeks starting on September 18th Safeway will be printing a redemption code at the bottom of your receipt. Visit this website, <http://www.backtoschools.escrip.com/redemption.html> select Lakeside School and enter your redemption code and Lakeside will receive 10% of the total. You may also just enter your club card number. Lakeside's Group number is 139431539. Please forward this on to family and friends who would like to support Lakeside. The Deadline for entering this data is October 13. You may also drop off receipts at the school office and we will redeem them. Thank you for Supporting Lakeside School!



BOOK FAIR: Judy Shile would like to thank the following Book Fair volunteers: Susan Cox, Theresa Bond, Brenda Taylor, and Ann Warner.

BIRTHDAY BOOKS: Thank you to Crystal Huang for the Book, "A Color of His Own" Crystal donated this book to the Lakeside Library as part of the Birthday Book Program.

Flyers posted this week:

Girl Scouts: <http://lakesidelosgatos.org/pdf/09girlscouts.pdf>

St. Mary's Faire:

<http://lakesidelosgatos.org/pdf/pdf/09stmarysCountryFaire.pdf>

The Owl presentation at Las Cumbres has been changed from 2:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

Owls in Your Neighborhood

A presentation by Garth Harwood, Director of the Hidden Villa Environmental Education Program
Las Cumbres Community Center
Sunday October 25, 2009
1:00 pm

Bring a dessert.

SSA will provide hot beverages and soft drinks.

This interactive presentation will feature an overview of the owls to be found in our area, including: identification of local owls, tips for finding them, their ecology and conservation, and ways you can help owls so they may coexist with us long into the future. Stories of exciting interactions with wild owls will also be included, as well as an opportunity to have your owl questions answered. Lifelike taxidermied owls and other owl-related items will be on hand too.

Garth Harwood, a former manager of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society (SCVAS), currently directs one of the largest-scale environmental education programs in our region at Hidden Villa in Los Altos Hills; over 20,000 student visitors per year! An avid birder and longtime user of the many parks along the Skyline corridor, Mr. Harwood has been seeking out owls for more than a decade, and is happy to host no fewer than 6 owl species in his own Pescadero backyard.