



# Lakeside Elementary School

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A CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

## WHAT'S UP

- Oct 19-30 ~ Minimum days for Rolling Hills/ Altered Bus Schedule
- Oct 29 ~ Harvest Food Drive Begins
- Oct 29 ~ Bookmobile
- Oct 29 ~ 7:00 pm Rolling Hills Band Concert
- Oct 30 ~ Costume Parade @ 1:00 pm & Class Celebrations @ 1:30 pm
- Oct 30 ~ Deadline to submit an application for the Board Vacancy
- Oct 31 ~ Foundation Harvest Festival
- Oct 31 ~ 5:00 pm PTA Trick or Trunk
- Nov 4 & 5 ~ 4/5<sup>th</sup> grade to Age of Sail
- Nov 4 ~ 6:00 pm Special Board Meeting
- Nov 6 ~ Walk-A-Thon pledges due
- Nov 6 ~ San Jose Quilt Museum here for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- Nov 10 ~ Kindergarten to Deer Hollow
- Nov 11~ NO SCHOOL- VETERANS DAY**
- Nov 12 ~ Bookmobile
- Nov 18 ~ Insect Discovery Assembly 9:00 am and 10:00am
- Nov 24 ~ 12:00 pm Thanksgiving Feast

For more calendar information click:  
<http://www.lakesidelosgatos.org/calendar.html>

### LAKESIDE BOARD CONSIDERING A LOCAL EDUCATION FUNDING MEASURE

For 127 years, Lakeside Joint School District has provided an excellent education for local students right here in our mountain community. Children in kindergarten through fifth grades learn in a small school environment with excellent teachers. Our middle school students receive a comprehensive education that provides them with the skills to succeed in high school, including strong core academic programs like reading, writing and math, as well as a complete science program with labs, fine arts and sports. In fact, Lakeside is the fourth highest ranked K-8 district in Santa Clara County in student academic achievement.

But due to unforeseen changes in funding for the Lakeside middle school program, as well as an ongoing trend in declining state funds for education, Lakeside could face closure, state takeover, or other drastic cutbacks. That is why the school Board of Trustees is considering a local education funding measure to preserve excellent education for all students in the Lakeside Joint School District. All of the revenue from this measure will be spent locally on students in the Lakeside Joint School District and cannot be taken away by the state.

Lakeside has a unique partnership with the Campbell Union School District whereby our sixth through eighth grade students attend middle school at Rolling Hills. With teachers who specialize in the subjects they teach, a comprehensive science program with updated labs for hands-on education and updated computer technology to help students excel in the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy—our middle school students excel.

But due to state budget cuts and dramatically increased costs, the middle school program cannot continue as is. In order to provide an excellent, comprehensive education for our middle school students, a new revenue source is required. This measure would provide stable funding for middle school education and protect the small school environment at Lakeside School.

Without the revenue from this measure, Lakeside would have to educate all nine grades with only five teachers. This would result in three-grade combination classes, the elimination of programs, over-burdened teachers and a reduction in the quality of education for all students in the Lakeside District.

This local education funding measure would allow Lakeside Joint School District to continue to provide an excellent education for its middle school students and continue our 127-year tradition of academic success in our mountain community.

*Bob Chrisman*

Please Come!  
Foundation Harvest Festival this  
Saturday, October 31, @ 11am – 3pm  
Lakeside Community Center

We still need help! What we need:

- Volunteers to serve chili and dessert samples
- Volunteers to assist in the children craft area

Volunteers may be middle school age or older. If you would like to be a volunteer this Saturday, please contact me at [susan@scox.com](mailto:susan@scox.com) or 408/395-1615.

**HALLOWEEN COSTUMES-** On Friday, Oct. 30, students will be dressing in their costumes after eating their lunch. Please help your child select a costume that is age appropriate and please do not include weapons of any kind. The Lakeside Halloween Parade begins at 1:00 pm. Parents are encouraged to attend. Classroom celebrations will follow the parade



## NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCY:

Due to health restrictions, Janice Compton stepped down from the Board of Trustees. 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.

### PTA News

#### PTA VP POSITION FILLED

The PTA welcomes DeLynne O'Toole mother of 5th grader Christina, as our new Vice President! DeLynne has generously stepped up to fill our open position. We thank her and look forward to working together!

#### PTA Cards and Coupons are in your Parent Folders

LEGO Land coupons and SeaLife Aquarium coupons are in PTA members parent folders (on the right in the office). There are two LEGO Land coupons with different expiration dates. If you need additional coupons, feel free to email us at [pta@lakesidelosgatos.org](mailto:pta@lakesidelosgatos.org). We have a few extra available first come first serve.

**SECOND HARVEST FOOD DRIVE** starts on October 29th. Six Barrels are coming on 10/29, one for each Class plus one for the Lakeside Staff. PTA needs a volunteer to coordinate this effort. Please contact Ruth Van Sciver at [pta@lakesidelosgatos.org](mailto:pta@lakesidelosgatos.org) if you are interested.

**REMINDER:** Please help your children turn in their Walk-A-Thon pledge envelopes on time with enclosed checks by Nov. 6, 2009!

#### Walk-A-Thon T-Shirts Available for Purchase

Adult Size Small QTY: 7 Price: \$7  
Contact Theresa Bond, 353-8469

#### PARENTS INVITED to INSECT DISCOVERY

**ASSEMBLY:** Learn about and see wonderful insects from around the world. Your donations to PTA via the Walk-A-Thon and other PTA fundraisers are what pay for these assemblies! Come and see for yourself what you are helping to sponsor! 9 am for K, 1 & 2 and 10 am for 3 & 4/5 on Nov. 18th.

#### BIGGEST SCRIP order EVER!

PTA's October SCRIP order was the biggest we have ever made, a total of \$3,100.00! Good job for starting to use your shopping power to fund the school! Many thanks to Anne Warner for heading this up. Keep up the good work! November's form will be up soon.

#### PTA thinking about PARENT CRAFTS

After seeing what wonderful things the kids are making at school, we've had a few parents and teachers show interest in making adult crafts. Is this something that interests you, either as a participant or leader? If so please contact Ruth Van Sciver at [pta@lakesidelosgatos.org](mailto:pta@lakesidelosgatos.org). Let's put our heads together and dream up something fun for the parents.



## Lakeside's second annual Trick or Trunk

Plan to decorate your car, truck or trailer and load it up with Halloween treats. Come in costume! Kids go from vehicle to vehicle to gather up their Halloween surprises. Be as creative as you want to be. (Please no candles or fires)

**6:00 pm** October 31

Please note time change!



## REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 1

### Los Gatos-Saratoga Girls Softball

#### Association

Sign up for the Spring 2010 Season  
(Ages 5 through 16)

**No Experience Necessary. Everyone Plays.**

Buddy plan for 6U and 8U and any new players  
Special discounts on registration fees for:

- returning players bringing in new players
- returning players who did not play in 2009
- new groups of girls that can comprise a full team

Look for **Online Registration** link along with other important information at <http://www.lsgsga.org>

Questions? Email us at [LGSGSA@PACBELL.NET](mailto:LGSGSA@PACBELL.NET)

