



# Lakeside Elementary School

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A CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

## California Dept. of Ed. Releases Academic Performance Index (API) Number

You will soon see API score information in the local news. Data was just released on Tuesday. Lakeside has done exceptionally well garnering a score of 935 for the District. If you are into making comparisons you may be interested to know that Loma Prieta had a score of 930 and Los Gatos Union had a score of 925. Our School Site Council has set a goal of remaining in the top five high scoring elementary districts in Santa Clara County. Check us out in the media to see how we did (Saratoga Elementary has a score of 967).

One indicator of academic excellence for school districts is the API score. This score is derived from STAR test data. The stated target goal is to have a score of 800. The current scores represent the 08/09 school year.

STAR assessment sets a goal of all students scoring proficient or advanced in English/Language Arts and Math. The 08/09 report for Lakeside shows the following performance indicators: Figures show the percentage proficient and/or advanced in each area by grade (testing begins at 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; statewide averages are shown in **BOLD**—

	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science
Grade 2	84 percent ( <b>53</b> )	84 percent ( <b>63</b> )	
Grade 3	73 percent ( <b>44</b> )	80 percent ( <b>64</b> )	
Grade 4	80 percent ( <b>61</b> )	100 percent ( <b>66</b> )	
Grade 5	88 percent ( <b>54</b> )	94 percent ( <b>57</b> )	89 percent ( <b>49</b> )

## WHAT'S UP

- Sept 17 ~ Book Mobile
- Sept 17 ~ 3:00 pm Room Parent Training
- Sept 21 ~ 3:00 pm PTA Meeting
- 6:00 pm Foundation Meeting
- Sept 24 ~ Third Grade to California Academy of Sciences
- Sept 25 ~ Second Grade to Wilder Ranch
- Sept 28 - Oct 2 ~ Fall Book Fair
- Sept 28 ~ School Photos 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- Sept 29 ~ School Photos 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades
- Sept 30 ~ School Photos Kindergarten and All School
- Oct 2 ~ 5:30 pm Family Fun Night with Happy Birds
- Oct 7 ~ 10:30-11:30 am -Rembrandt Living Artist Theater-Parents Welcome!
- Oct 16 ~ Walk- A -Thon

For more calendar information click:

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

### Board Hires Consulting Firm to Help Plan the Future of Lakeside

At the Special Board meeting on September 2, 2009, the Board of Trustees of the Lakeside Joint School District hired the consulting firm of TBW & B to advise the Board during the “research and feasibility,” and “public education and outreach” phases of consideration of placement of a Parcel Tax measure on the March, 2010 ballot. A Parcel Tax is one of the options that is being discussed as the District continues to consider how to meet the needs of middle school students and secure the future of Lakeside School.

TBW & B is well known in our area. They have developed successful efforts in Los Gatos Union and Loma Prieta.

**OVERHEAD PROJECTOR NEEDED:** Mrs. Wingfield needs a new overhead projector for her classroom. Does anyone know if their employers have a used projector they no longer need and would donate it to the school? Mrs. Wingfield uses hers every day!

**LAKESIDE QUILT:** Urgent help is needed!: If you, or someone you know, is gifted with embroidery skills and would like to help with the quilt project, please contact Mrs. Wingfield ASAP. Lakeside has a long tradition of creating these beautiful works of art. Let's keep the tradition going!

### 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. Bryan Loomas has been selected to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Lakeside Joint School District. His replacement will fill the balance of a two year term ending in September 2010. 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](mailto:bchrisman@lakesidelosgatos.org). The deadline for submissions is Monday, Oct. 12.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:

The book fair arrives on Sept 25th in the morning. We will need volunteers to help unpack it on the 25th and then more volunteers to help with sales. The book fair runs Sept 28 through October 2nd. Don't forget to stop by and browse when you have your parent/teacher meeting. Volunteer sign-ups will be in the commons room.

## SCHOOL PORTRAITS are COMING

School portraits will be taken on the following dates:

Sept 28 - 4th/5th and 3rd grades

Sept 29 - 2nd and 1st grades

Sept 30 - All School, Staff, and Kindergarten

Please dress your child in clothes you like. Avoid solid white.

**PARENT HOT LUNCH SERVERS:** Reminder: we will be asking each class to cover 2 months of Hot Lunch Duty. Your room parents will be coordinating this sign up process. More information will be forthcoming. 2nd grade has generously offered to go first. Stay tuned!

**2009 WALK-A-THON:** Here in review are some details that will help you support your student. Students will participate in selecting the theme for this year's event, and at the same time provide the art work for the WAT t-shirt. Art entries are due on Sept. 28. Finalists will be selected by the WAT Committee and students will vote. The final selection will become the theme AND the front art for this year's t-shirt.

A bowling party is offered to students in each classroom who excel at enrolling sponsors and who excel in collecting donations. Tabulations will become official at the close of the day on Nov. 6. One high sponsor student and one high donation collection student will be selected in each classroom. These students will enjoy a bowling party at a date TBD.

November 6 is the due date for all WAT envelopes. Envelopes do not need to be turned in until then and are to be turned in to the classroom. Teachers will keep track of envelope turn in. Do not turn envelopes in to the school office. Mr. Chrisman will provide an all school treat on the day all envelopes have been accounted for.

Thank you for your support of Walk-A-Thon. Your participation makes all the difference in the world.

**The 2009 Walk-A-Thon T-shirt design contest** will run now through September 28. The theme of this year's event will be based on the winning entry, so whether your masterpiece relates to fitness and running, marks an historic or current event, or celebrates Lakeside School, this is your chance to be creative! Ask Kathy McKinney if you need more clarification or ideas.

Submit your best artwork in the box located on the front desk in the office. You may submit more than one entry.

## IMPORTANT CONTEST GUIDELINES:

- *Artwork needs to be on unlined, white, 8 ½ x 11 paper.*
- *Use only one color.*
- *Large, bold images will work better than fine, small details. Clip art will not be considered.*
- **IMPORTANT:** *Write your name and your teacher's name on the BACK side of your artwork.*

*A box for entries is located on the front desk in the office. All entries must be submitted no later than Sept 28. Questions? Call Kathy McKinney, 353-8530*

## WALK-A-THON SPONSOR FORM:

Over 50% of the revenue from the Walk-A-Thon actually comes from the business sponsors! Please help us solicit your favorite businesses! Just drop off the sponsor form with favorite local business.

**COASTAL CLEAN-UP:** Saturday, September 19 is California Coastal Cleanup Day. Dave Birgers, manager for Durham School Services (our bus company), is organizing transportation via bus to take volunteers to New Brighton Beach to join in the clean up effort. Durham is offering this service at no charge. Join other mountain families in this very worthwhile volunteer opportunity. The Bus will pick up families at Lakeside at 7:30 am and drop off at about 2:00 pm. Please contact Susan Ady at 354-2372 if you are interested in reserving a seat on the bus. Check out this link for more information on the Coast Cleanup project.  
<http://www.coastal.ca.gov/favicon.ico>



## OWLS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

“A presentation to the South Skyline Association by Garth Harwood, Director of the Hidden Villa Environmental Education Program”

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.

--Patti Begley



# 2009 Lakeside Harvest Festival

## Saturday, October 31, @ 11 to 3

We are off to a really good start this year for the Harvest Festival. Currently, for the cook off we have 10 chili entries and a whopping 18 dessert entries. Of course, we always need more. More is always better and with your prize recipes who could go wrong? That's right you enter today! You may invite any friend or family member to enter their recipes as well. Just let us know who you are inviting. You may email me at [susan@scox.com](mailto:susan@scox.com) or call at 408/395-1615.

### **WE NEED ADDITIONAL ENTRIES IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:**

([susan@scox.com](mailto:susan@scox.com) or 408/395-1615)

**REMEMBER YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MAY ENTER TO SELL THEIR PRODUCTS TOO!**

- **Adult craft / product tables** – \$30.00 fee for each table; however, if you donate your proceeds to the school the tables are free of charge
- **Child craft / product tables** – \$5.00 fee for each table and maybe shared by another student.
- **Toy / rummage tables**—\$5.00 fee for each table and free if you donate your proceeds. These tables will be setup outside near the Community Center, if weather permits, otherwise we will be one large happy family inside.
- **Silent auction items** –This will be a one table event. IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO DONATE, please contact me at [susan@scox.com](mailto:susan@scox.com) or 408/395-1615.

**ALL CRAFT / PRODUCT GOODS SOLD MUST BE HOMEMADE OR PRODUCED** (i.e., honey, eggs, jams, jewelry, nuts, greeting cards, stuffed animals ...etc.)

