



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 21 ~ 6:00 pm Regular Board Meeting

Oct 22 ~ 8:45 am Pumpkin carving in Kindergarten

Oct 23 ~ No School for Lakeside Students

Oct 30 ~ Class Celebrations

Oct 29 ~ Harvest Food Drive Begins

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>

SECOND GRADE TREE WALK: Click on this link to view a collection of photos and presentation from the tree walk. Thank you Blair Glenn for providing this wonderful slide show! [YouTube - Tree Walk 2009](#)

FOUND: After the Walk-A-Thon a pair of Oakley sunglasses were brought into the office. If they are yours, please claim them!

ABSENCE VERIFICATION: Please remember to call into the office to verify your student's absence within three days of the absence.



GARDEN NEWS: Welcome to the Lakeside School Garden Column! Please check the Lakeside Letter in the future for any garden-related news; we hope to

keep everyone up to speed on what is happening in the garden throughout the year this way. This year, I think, will be a very productive year in the garden!

There is *always* work to be done in any garden, but right now there is plenty of mulching that needs to be done in ours, and plenty of general maintenance such as raking and harvesting that still needs to be done before the winter rains set in. Trimming could take place on any given plant; they all need a few minutes with the pruning shears. Steve Wilcox is finishing up his remodel of the garden beds in the front, and several parents have already begun planting class

gardens for the fall. We still need a good truckload of either manure or compost or both.

The good news is that all the children have been eager to help so far! The kindergartners are "tucking" their plants in for the cooler weather, learning about the importance of mulching. They have also planted carrots, parsley and lettuce. The second graders have planted a feast of greens already. Stephanie Sicore is spending lunchtime in the garden on Mondays for a special "drop-in gardening" hour, so that any children who want to come help garden during recess may do so. We are finding more and more ways to tie in gardening with our curriculum with ideas from UCSC's Life Lab garden curriculum. It's all very exciting!

We will be holding a community work day on Saturday November 7th in the school garden to accomplish much of the heavy maintenance that the children can't do on their own. We already have all the tools necessary, all we need are the extra hands and humor! Please show up between noon and 5pm and be ready to get dirty!

RED RIBBON WEEK: During the week of October 19-23, our community will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week, which is sponsored annually by CASA. Elementary and middle school students will participate in activities centered on healthy lifestyle choices. Students wearing Red Ribbon Week Wristbands will receive some great discounts at these amazing Los Gatos businesses that support our children's health. Unless otherwise noted, discounts are for October 19-23.

Summit Bicycles- 10% off any non-sale item

Willow Street Pizza 10% off the entire dinner tab for your party

Posh Bagel- Buy any bagel, get the second of equal or lesser value for 50% off

T-Birds Pizza- Buy a slice of pizza and receive a free soda

Bells and Whistles Toy Store- 20% off all purchases

Powell's Sweet Shoppe-10% off all purchases October 19- 21

Blendz Juice Bar- Free 8oz smoothie with purchase of large panino or large salad

Main Street Burgers- 10% entire dinner tab for your party

Athletic Performance (athletic shoes and sports clothing) 20% off any item

Yumi Yogurt- Free topping with purchase of yogurt or ice cream

Sportissimo 15% off any item

NC Boardshop- 10% off any non -sale item

Traders Joes- Free goody bag with healthy treats, while supplies last

Third, fourth and fifth graders:
It's that time of year to start thinking
about student council...

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 at approximately 2:20 pm. 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.

★ Remember, this Friday, there is no school for Lakeside Students, the bus will leave Lakeside at approximately 2:30, one full hour earlier than a normal Friday.

PTA News

WALK-A-THON a BIG SUCCESS

Many thanks to all of the parents who helped in this big event. Please remember your pledge envelopes are due on Friday November 6th. Many thanks to our wonderful sponsors!

*Lions Club
Los Gatos Rotary Club
Trader Joe's
Oak Meadow Dental Center
Justin Gee Balloon Twister
Vreman Scientific Instruments and Services
Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage
Connie Goddard and Barbara Harriman
Brent C. Lay, D.D.S.
National PTA
Hobee's
Inevit LLC
Noah's Bagels
Summit Store
Pacific Water Art Inc.
Salon Aura
Sunset Ridge Road Association
Balanced Chiropractic
Lunardi's
Wild Bird Center
Nonno's Pizza and Pasta
Sara Bell, Schwartzbach Associates
Ridge Medical Inc.
Nancy and Jill Cole
Bridgford Construction
Hope Services*

FREE ADMISSION to LEGOLAND and SEA LIFE CALIFORNIA for PTA MEMBERS:

If you are a current PTA member, a coupon for a free admission ticket (with one paid admission) will be placed in your parent's folder (to the right of the office desk). If you are not a PTA member....well what are you waiting for? It's not too late. Email us at pta@lakesidelosgatos.org. The coupons are good through 12/31/10.

T-SHIRTS SHOULD ARRIVE NEXT WEEK!

SCRIP CARDS should be ready for pick up in the office next Monday, October 26- signature required

SECOND HARVEST FOOD DRIVE starting on October 29th: 6 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 if you have any questions



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!



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.

2009 Foundation Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 31 @ 11 to 3 pm

If you have any questions, please call or write; 408/395-1615, susan@scox.com

ARE YOU READY? The Lakeside Harvest Festival is drawing near, so blow the dust off your recipes and let's start cooking. Just a few reminders:

- You can still enter the chili and dessert cook-off and you can still invite your friends and family. (Go to the lakeside website and click on Foundation. You will find entry forms and the invitation. Complete the form and bring it with you to the event with your entry fee (\$25 for Chili and \$15 for dessert.)
- You can still sign up for a **Craft Table** (Adult - \$30/table, child - \$5/table; if you donate your proceeds to the school the tables are free of charge.)
- You can still sign up for a **Toy / rummage table** (\$5.00 fee for each table and free if you donate your proceeds)
- Bring in your **Silent Auction** item to the school office
- **Harvest Festival wrist band** – (\$5.00 per person (child or adult). Allows you to taste and vote on your favorite chili and dessert. In addition, the students will have access to one face painting session, the bounce house, making the craft(s) of your choice and any other student activity held that day.)
- **Snack bar** – (We will serve hotdogs (\$2.00), chips (\$1.00) and fruit drinks (\$1.50) – 12 oz bottled water (\$1.00). A combo will cost \$3.00 (will include either drink kind))
- **Desserts** – (1 serving will cost \$1.00)
- **FREE coffee or hot tea**
- **Chili must be in a crock-pot**
 - Bring your own ladle **WITH YOUR NAME ON IT**
 - A card describing your chili (anonymously)
 - Condiments you think accent your chili
- Bring your desserts in a container **WITH YOUR NAME ON IT** and your serving utensil
- We will provide you with an allergen check list for your food entry to complete on Harvest day. It will look like this:

Allergen information: please check all that apply

Contains:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Milk | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Nuts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eggs | <input type="checkbox"/> Peanuts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shellfish | <input type="checkbox"/> Soybeans |

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 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

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.