



Lakeside Elementary School

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A CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

WHAT'S UP



- Nov 4 & 5 ~ 4/5th 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 2nd, 4th & 5th grades
- Nov 7 ~ 8:00 am – noon Community Work Day in the Garden
- 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>

What a weekend at Lakeside!

Saturday morning our Lizards fought a brilliant battle on the **soccer** fields of Loma Prieta only to lose by 1 point. The Lizards have been coached by Blair Glenn at least as long as I have been here. He does a terrific job of keeping a soccer program going on the Lakeside campus. On the other field were some of our older boys, 4th and 5th graders. The Lizards are all Lakeside kids; older teams usually have a mix of mountain schools.

The Harvest Festival began at 11 a.m. with chili, baked goods, items for sale, crafts for kids, and even a bounce house. This is a Foundation sponsored activity and this year the chili was exceptional. Look for more information about winners in the next Lakeside Letter (posted on-line at lakesidelosgatos.org).

Saturday evening saw the second annual **Trick or Trunk** event on our blacktop. I counted 14 cars all decorated with lights and sound effects. I took pictures that you can see at the Board meeting.

For a smallish school we do pretty well with providing the community and parents an opportunity to gather and recreate!

Bob Chrisman



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!

Please join us!

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 8 am and noon and be ready to get dirty!

LAKESIDE T-SHIRTS ARE HERE!

T-shirt orders were given directly to parents who attended the Harvest Festival. If you have not received yours, please see Doniell Hillegas at drop-off or pick-up this week. There are some nice canvas bags, aprons, and other goodies we can order now that the vendor has our logo. We plan to place another order in the spring. If you want a specific style (e.g. zipper hooded sweatshirt), submit your suggestions to Doniell at pta@lakesidelosgatos.org.

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, 1st & 2nd and 10 am for 3rd & 4/5th on Nov. 18th.

PTA members get 5% off SOUTHWEST airlines

Use promotion code PTATRAVEL to get 5% off hotel/air packages, if you book by 12/24/09. See www.southwestvacations.com/pta for details.

SECOND HARVEST FOOD DRIVE has started!

One barrel for each class plus one for the Lakeside staff has arrived. The classes will be competing with each other to have the most food by weight. There will be prizes. Last year the 1st (now second) graders won! Barrels will be picked up at the end of November. You have one month. Let the race begin!!!

REMINDER Walkathon Pledges

Please help your children turn in their Walkathon 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

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. Let's put our heads together and dream up something fun for the parents. This is an opportunity for the parents to have a little fun and raise a little money for the school at the same time.

Reminder to ROOM PARENTS: Thanksgiving Feast

The Thanksgiving Feast is coming on November 24! Please start discussions with your teachers to see how your classes and parents can participate.