

Lake in the Hills Elementary Family Newsletter August 2010

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Lake in the Hills Families:

Welcome back everyone! We are looking forward to another great year at Lake in the Hills Elementary. We are opening our doors to 480 students with three sections of each grade level. We certainly hope that you will make a point to become involved at school this year and join us in the partnership of educating your child(ren). We are a school committed to excellence and I am proud to say that the students at Lake in the Hills Elementary receive a quality education as you can see from the attached page indicating our success with state testing. In addition, each year is a new opportunity for the LITH staff to work with you and your child(ren) in providing the best education possible. Thank you for entrusting your child(ren) to us. Feel free to call me at (847)532-6900 with any questions or concerns or email me at tamara.poole@d300.org.

Mrs. Poole
Principal

NEW FACES AT LAKE IN THE HILLS

Welcome to the following staff members:

Mrs. Teresa Russell
Cross Cat

Mrs. Marisa Bloomberg
Kindergarten

Mrs. Karen Conzelman
Part-Time Kindergarten

Mr. Jeffrey Didricksen
2nd Grade

Mr. Dennis Ryan
Evening Custodian

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LUNCH TIMES

Lunch times have changed slightly for the 2010-2011 school year. Lunch times are as follows:

5th grade-10:55—11:30
4th grade-11:20—11:55
1st grade-11:45—12:20
2nd grade-12:15—12:50
3rd grade-12:40—1:15

Reminder that students do go outside for recess first and then come inside to eat.

SCHOOL HOURS

8:25 a.m. first bell with tardy bell at 8:30 a.m. and dismissal at 2:45 p.m.



NEW KINDERGARTEN HOURS FOR 2010-11

A.M. 8:30—11:05
P.M. 12:10—2:45

7TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF MEETING STATE STANDARDS FOR LAKE IN THE HILLS ELEMENTARY

That is right. WE did it again! The students, staff, and you the parents can celebrate our accomplishments as we continue to meet state standards. Our Annual Yearly Progress Report is attached which shows our math and reading scores for the 2009-2010 school year. Great work everyone. We will continue to work hard and focus on the area of reading as we know it is the foundation for learning.

5th ANNUAL KINDERGARTEN TEDDY BEAR PICNIC and CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

Our fifth annual kindergarten teddy bear picnic is Saturday, August 7th. We will have several activities and then students will be able to meet their teacher, go to their classroom to drop off school supplies and see their room. This event will start in the cafeteria. Our kindergarten teachers will also be there to meet their students. This special event which is sponsored by our PTC will take place from 10:30-12. I am looking forward to meeting all of our new kindergarten students. Don't forget to bring a sack lunch, drink and your favorite teddy bear or stuffed animal.

Well we have good news and not so good news regarding kindergarten assignments. The absolute best news for your child is that we are no longer at 33 students per classroom. We were able to add another section of PM kindergarten at the last minute. Each year, I receive numerous requests for AM but this year I had an overwhelmingly number of requests for AM (over 20) and very few requests for PM. Many factors go into the placement of students for kindergarten such as: bussing, as the busses are on a schedule so half of Lake in the Hills is assigned AM and the other half is PM which also prevents the amount of time that our young students are on the bus, these same busses have additional routes before and after kindergarten so they must stay within a certain area/time frame, also the boy/girl ratio has to be applied as we can not have a whole class of just boys or all girls, etc... and then special services are looked at such as bilingual services, special ed services, etc.... As you can see it is a detailed process. Even the willingness of many of you to not rely on the bus service and to transport your own child to school does not solve the problem this year. While I understand the desire for the majority of people to want AM kindergarten we simply can not accommodate all of the requests that we receive especially this year since we are sharing our PM teacher with another school. We must all remember the good thing is that our students will be in a much smaller classroom with approximately ten less students than the original number. Thank you for your understanding of the assignment process and your patience. I wish I could have been more accommodating.



Parent Information Nights

Please make plans to come to our informational Back-to-School Parent Nights. These are scheduled by grade level. Parents of students in grades 3—5 are invited to attend on Thursday, August 19th at 7:00 PM. Parents of students in grades K—2 are invited to come in at 7:00 PM on Monday, August 23rd. We will start with a brief presentation and staff introductions in the gym followed by individual classroom presentations. **These nights are for parents only** as classroom teachers will be discussing classroom expectations, behavior programs, the curriculum, new state standards and other important subject matters. You will be signing up for parent/teacher conferences at this time. We certainly hope that you will come with questions and are eager to hear about a new school year. Both informational nights will begin in the gymnasium. We look forward to seeing you there. Aramark will be available on both evenings at the school if you wish to pay for lunches or if you have any questions.



Thank you from the Media Center to the following student for donating a birthday book:

Angelica Opalinski: The Children's Planet Earth Encyclopedia

SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM

Thank you to all of you who came to the Lake in the Hills library this summer. Special thanks to all the teachers and staff members who made it possible to have the library open for you to enjoy. Congratulations to the winners each week who won the gift cards from Borders.

5TH GRADE BAND RECRUITMENT

If your child is interested in joining the 5th grade band please make plans to attend the informational night, for LITH and many other schools, which will be held at Algonquin Lakes Elementary on Tuesday, September 7th from 3:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. You can stop by at anytime during those hours.

DISTRICT WIDE FOOD POLICY FROM THE KANE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Per the Kane County Health Department we can no longer distribute food to students that is not from a commercial establishment. As a result, all food items brought into the school for classroom parties, birthday treats, etc... must be purchased from a commercial food establishment. This is to better protect the students and faculty from possible contamination of food that is served.

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2010-2011

Your child's classroom teacher has been assigned and classes are official. Your child's assignment is listed on the front. Class lists are also posted on the inside of the building if students and families want to come up to the school and see who is in their child's classroom. For safety purposes, the district does not allow class lists to be posted outside the building that is why assignments are also mailed home.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORT AT LITH (PBIS)

At Lake in the Hills we continue to focus on the key area of respect. We are looking for and positively recognizing all of the students and staff at Lake in the Hills when they show respect in the four areas of: respect for self, property, others, and for teaching. At our last PBIS assembly of the school year, in June, the following students and staff members were recognized for showing respect. Recognition was given out to many students with special recognition given to three students from each classroom who best demonstrated the four areas of respect. The following students and staff members were recognized:

Kindergarten—A.M.	Isabelle Demengeon Quinn Butera	Michael Nunemaker Abigail Fry	Shannon Provost Lizbeth Jimenez
Kindergarten—P.M.	Kaitey Summers	Mia Gifford	Jessica Richardson
First Grade	Jay-Q Jones Jimena Cabrera Troy Lahrman	Ashley Miller Kristina Innis Morgan Zeek	Emily Garrett Bobby Puente Evelyn Troia
Second Grade	Ashleigh Price Brandon Dinh Amber Anderson	Abby Lilliebridge Ireland Ashburn Miranda Harris	Nathan Killough Zoe Fetzer Mia Haggard
Third Grade	Kelsey Brown Megan Carbonelli Jessica Jimenez	Nick Seiler Jeremy Vanderwerf Nycole Johnson	Melissa Narlock Anna Tello Rachel Sargent
Fourth Grade	Katie Miller Samantha Ricks Adam Henkemeyer	Tyler Hill Gary Richardson Jasmine Shi	Jessica Riedl Ryne Hill Jayce Hoff
Fifth Grade	Emma Penders Madison Colado Samantha Cooney	Kyle Gallagher Katarina Zepeda Rinda Figielski	April Carter Madison Jonas Rhiannon Palmer
Staff Members:	Mrs. Brown Miss Bonta Mrs. Almodovar Mrs. Aguilar	Mrs. Minner Ms. Schumacher Mrs. Trent Ms. Ross	Mrs. Hartgraves Mrs. Levy Mrs. Stinger Mrs. Wallace

I am so very proud of all of the students and staff members at Lake in the Hills and the commitment that they have put forth in showing respect and making Lake in the Hills a wonderful place to be.

At Lake in the Hills we show respect for:

**SELF
TEACHING
PROPERTY
OTHERS**

August 2010

LAKE IN THE HILLS ELEMENTARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 School Supply Drop Off Grades: K—3 4:30—5:30 	13	14
15	 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	17	18	19 Parent Night Grades: 3—5 7:00 P.M. 	20	21
22	23 Parent Night Grades: K—2 7:00 P.M. 	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Picture Day 				