



# Lake in the Hills Elementary School Family Newsletter

## d300

Events and Activities

### From the Principal's Desk...

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Dear Families,

The school year is really in full swing now as the students have become familiar with the daily routines. Thank you to everyone for coming out to parent teacher conferences in early October. We had a very high parental involvement rate of 95%. This is fantastic. On Wednesday, November 26th please look for your child's first trimester report card. Please spend some time talking with your child on his/her progress. This is a time to look at your child's strengths as well as areas to improve in. If you questions regarding a standard that is marked please contact your child's teacher as they will best be able to explain the progress. I wish you a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving with your family.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at (847) 658-2530.

Mrs. Poole  
Principal

### December Events

Friday, December 5/  
Saturday, December 6

Holiday Shop

Monday, December 8

D300 School Board Meeting  
at Neubert @7:30PM

Friday, December 12

Rockin' Science Assembly

Monday, December 15

1st grade Music Concert @  
7PM

Monday, December 22-  
Friday, January 2

Winter Break-No School

### COLD WEATHER APPROACHING

With the cold weather coming quickly please make sure to send your child to school with a coat, hat, and gloves. Many of our students are coming to school without these important items. Students do go outside daily at lunch recess and many classrooms have a daily classroom recess as well provided that the weather is above 10 degrees.

### Thank you from the Media Center

Thank you from the Media Center to the following students and families for donating books:

Brandon Dinh, Are You My Mother.

### REMINDER FROM THE LUNCHROOM

Just a reminder from the lunchroom that you need to put your child's first and last name on the lunch money envelopes.



## **FIRST GRADERS COLLECT FOOD FOR THE FOOD PANTRY**

The first graders have collected their first box of "birthday food" for the food pantry. They are looking forward to collecting several more boxes this year.

## **Support Group for Single Parents**

Are you a single parent? If so, Heidi Henkemeyer would love to have you join a new support group that she is hoping to start at Lake in the Hills. This would be an opportunity for you to get to mingle with other people, spend some adult time talking and getting to know people who are in the same situation as you. Heidi is hoping to form a support group where people can get to know one another and support each other. I think this sounds like a great idea. If you are interested in participating please call Heidi at 224-678-2962.

## **All Aboard for Good Bus Behavior**

As part of our PBIS system, the district is incorporating PBIS into the bus. On Wednesday, November 12th our D300 busses showed up for a practice run on the actual school buses in which PBIS staff members trained the students on the expectations for proper bus behavior. This is probably our biggest challenge at school and one area we really hope to see an improvement in for the school year. Bus drivers will be passing out bus bucks which students can in turn use at our PBIS School Store. As part of a district program, schools that are implementing PBIS, will have a bulletin board displayed which shows all of the busses for Lake in the Hills. If there are no bus write ups, on that particular bus for the month, then the bus will move one step closer to the finish line. Please look for this bulletin board at Lake in the Hills to see how your child's bus is doing.

## **PLEASE SEND IN EMPTY INK CARTRIDGES AND OLD CELL PHONES**

As a school, we have been collecting old ink cartridges that are empty and old cell phones. The school will be able to recycle these to a company. The proceeds will be used to benefit the students and activities at LITH. Thank you so much. Please continue to send these items in.

## **Communication about how your child goes home each day**

As you can imagine getting over 500 students home safely each night is a challenge. We need your help in making sure your child goes where he/she is supposed to go. If your child will be going home in a different manner than normal we ask that you send a quick note to the classroom teacher. Many times students will tell us that they are not riding the bus and that a family member is picking them up. Unless we have a note indicating otherwise we follow the normal protocol of what was told to us at the beginning of the school year. Thank you so very much for your help with this matter.

## **Bottle Cap Contest**

As all of you I am sure know, we have been collecting bottle caps for a recycling contest through Aveda. The class that collects the most bottle caps will earn a pizza party. This contest goes until Friday, December 5th. We currently have some classes that have brought in more than 3,000 caps. Keep up the good work boys and girls.

**Our thought for the month is:** When you help someone up the hill you get that much closer to the top.

# **Happy Thanksgiving from the Lake in the Hills Staff**

## Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (PBIS)

Our school year is off to a great start with all students working hard at Lake in the Hills to show respect in the four areas of: respect for self, property, others, and for teaching. We had our first PBIS celebration assembly on Wednesday, October 24th. Recognition was given out to many students and special recognition was given to two students from each classroom who best demonstrated the four areas of respect. The following students were recognized from each classroom:

Kindergarten	Miss Schumacher AM	Kylie Camarena and Kyle Washington
	Miss Schumacher PM	Jacob Bashonski and Zachary May
	Mrs. Yuzeitis AM	Keegan Olivera and Rachael Saia
	Miss Ross:	Robert Puente
First Grade	Mrs. Levy	Oswaldo Parra
	Mrs. Roby:	Brandon Dinh and Carter Davis
	Mrs. Harris:	Amber Anderson and Luke Vega
2nd Grade	Mrs. Minner	Ireland Ashburn and Carlos Ojeda
	Mrs. Dworak	Kelsey Brown and Bailey Summers
	Mrs. Trent	Robert Boss and Veronica Buchweitz
3rd Grade	Mrs. Strojny	Andrew Kuhns and Emily Pena
	Mrs. Novy	Erik Ojeda and Katie Miller
	Mrs. Hartgraves	Samantha Ricks and Ryan Moeller
4th Grade	Mrs. Stinger	Nicholas Janchev and Andrea Aguirre
	Mrs. Williams	Ean Goll and Dominique LaVigne
	Mrs. Aguilar:	Alexandra Blaus and Dennis Bieniek
5th Grade	Mrs. Wallace	Dalyce Jacoby and Megan Huff
	Miss Kartheiser:	Heather Anderson and Michael Preston
	Mrs. Latimer	Kathryn Burns and Garrett Lisle
	Mrs. Munaretto	Danielle Gehr and Jacob Riedl
	Mrs. Thompson	Madilyn Moeller and Nicole Sindelar
	Mrs. Kmiecjak	Marissa Herzog and Jeremy Quast

Students are also working hard to be “spotted” showing respect. In doing so, they receive a spot which they are accumulating for a special activity of kickball and bingo. We will have three “Spot Celebrations” this year where students can cash in their spots to participate in a special activity. Another big hit this year is our school store. Many students prefer to shop than attend the special activity. By offering a school store in addition to the spot activities we are hoping to reach all of our students. I am so very proud of all of the students 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  
PROPERTY  
OTHERS  
TEACHING

