



# Lake in the Hills Elementary School Family Newsletter

## d300

### Events and Activities

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

Dear Families,

Winter break is right around the corner. I hope that you and your family will enjoy the time off of school and will enjoy some quality time together. Please note that the school office will be open over the Winter break with the exception of December 24, 25, 26, 31, and January 1st. Our office hours are from 7AM-3:30 PM. Don't hesitate to stop in or call if you need something.

What an exciting contest we had with the bottle cap recycling project. How many bottle caps do you think that 517 students collected? Probably no one could have predicted the tremendous success that we would have had. The school collected **49,850 bottle caps** to send to Aveda for recycling. Did you know that Aveda is the only organization that currently recycles bottle caps? As part of a partnership with the Lake in the Hills Rotary, Rotary member Steve Swanson has been in charge of this project. He offered the class that collected the most bottle caps a pizza party. Having collected 8,974 bottle caps, Mrs. Roby's first graders are the winners. It was a fight to the end though as Mrs. Strojny's second graders collected 8,429 and coming in close behind them was Mrs. Williams' third graders with 6,135. As promised, we will start the contest one more time beginning on March 9 and running until April 30th. **However, please keep in mind that only bottle caps will be accepted. Aveda only recycles bottle caps that screw on. The following items will not be accepted: fast food lids, baby cup lids, lids from any type of food container and any type of Tupperware lid. As stated, we are only collecting screw on bottle caps.**

Thank you for the feedback we have received so far with regards to the new D300 Standards Based Report Card. There will be a district survey for you to complete at the end of the school year as your feedback is so very important to all of us at D300. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at (847) 658-2530.

Principal,  
Mrs. Poole

### **Progress Reports to all Parents on Friday, January 23rd**

In an effort to communicate more with families regarding student progress, all students in kindergarten through fifth grade will now receive a progress report at the half-way point of each trimester. Kindergarten students did not receive a progress report for the first trimester. This is being done district wide at all the elementary schools. We hope as a district that you find the information beneficial. The progress report shows where your child is at academically at the current time, whereas the report card is reporting progress on end of the year goals. As always, if you have questions or concerns about your child's progress please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. I believe you will find the staff at Lake in the Hills willing and dedicated to working with you to best meet the needs of your child(ren).

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### January Events

December 22-January 2

- Winter Break

Monday, January 5

- Classes Resume

Sunday, January 11

- PTC School Event at Extreme Wheels Roller Skating Rink 5:30-7:30PM

Tuesday, January 13

- PTC Meeting @ 2:45PM

Weeks of January 12-  
January 30th

- Access Testing for our TBE and TPI Students

Monday, January 19

- No School-Martin Luther King's Birthday

Wednesday, January 21

- DARE Graduation @ 9AM

Friday, January 23

- Progress Reports go home to all students

Monday, January 26

- School Improvement Day/No School for Students

### **Please Send In Your Old Ink Cartridges**

Thank you to those of you who have been sending in old ink cartridges. As a school, we have been collecting old ink cartridges that are empty. The school will be able to recycle these to a company. The proceeds will be used to benefit the students and activities at LITH.

### **2nd Grade Buddies**

One of the most anticipated activities in second grade is High School Buddies. Members of Jacobs High School Interact Club come to Lake in the Hills School three times per year. Each time the high school buddies meet with their second grade buddies, they read books, do a book related project, share their books and enjoy a snack. At the final meeting, the second graders receive a certificate for participating and they also receive a book to keep. This valuable program helps the second graders become better readers and offers them positive role models. The program helps the high school buddies by giving them a way to help other people and share their love of books with second graders.

### **Parent Helpers Needed for PBIS School Store**

Would you like to come in and help with the school store for PBIS during the month of January. The dates are January 13th, 14th, 15th and the 16th. The hours that we need parent helpers would be from 1:00-2:30. Your help would entail assisting the younger students with counting their "spots" and directing them to the correct table to make their purchases. In addition, you would be collecting spots from all students when they have made a purchase from the school store. It is a lot of fun and a great way for you to get involved at school without a big time commitment. Please call the school office (847) 658-2530 and let the secretaries know what day you can help. If you need more information please let me know.

Thank you so much.

### **Nutrition Policy**

Just a reminder with the holiday parties right around the corner that we do ask that you send nutritious treats for the parties. In addition, all food items must be prepackaged from a commercial establishment. We strive at Lake in the Hills to teach the students about the importance of making healthy food choices which is part of the Nutrition Policy. Thank you for your help with this matter.

### **BIRTHDAY BOOKS**

Special thanks from the Media Center to the following students for donating a book on their birthday.

Sarah Harvey

The Doh's Family

Zoe Fetzer

Destiny Thomas

Elizabeth Thompson: [A House for Hermit Crab](#)

### **Fifth Grade News**

Fifth grade students recently held their "used" book sale. This book sale is the 5th grade "service learning" project. The sale was a huge success. We made \$345.50! This money was donated to the Animal Care Shelter in Huntley. We are very proud of our students. Congratulations!

### **Additional Attachments to the Newsletter.**

You will notice a few additional sheets with today's newsletter. The first is a report to parents that breaks down some terms that you may hear staff members and/or D300 use on a regular basis. This handy sheet comes from the National Association of Elementary School Principals. I thought you might find it beneficial.

In addition, the district now has a system for paying student fees on line. As a result, the directions are attached. Please call the office if you need assistance with this at (847) 658- 2530.

**Happy Holidays from the Lake in the Hills Staff.**







