



Lake in the Hills Elementary School Family Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Families,

It was great to see so many of you at our Family Fun Fair. We had a very successful Fun Fair again this year. The students had a great time with all the games especially those students who won a goldfish! Special thanks to all of the volunteers and to our wonderful PTC for all of their hard work. I hope to see all of you at our Family Dance this year on Friday, March 13th. Our theme this year is "Dancing Through the Decades." So grab those bell bottoms and come out to dance the night away.

Spring Break is just right around the corner. All District 300 schools will be celebrating Spring Break from Monday, March 23-Friday, March 27. I hope you and your family have a wonderful week together. The office will be open during this week from 7:00-3:30.

Please take the time to read the entire newsletter as it holds very important information pertaining to Lake in the Hills Elementary. Also included is the district calendar for 2009-2010.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns. I can be reached at 847-532-6900.

Mrs. Poole
Principal

Kindergarten Registration

It is time to start preparing for kindergarten registration. Kindergarten registration for the 2009-2010 school year will be held on Wednesday, May 6th from 9-3 and on Thursday, June 4th from 3:30PM-7:00PM. If this time does not work for you please call the school office at 847-532-6900. Children must be five years old by September 1, 2009. Please bring with you to registration your child's birth certificate, updated physical and immunization records, and three proof's of residency. Please feel free to share this information with friends and neighbors.



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

The Borges Family for donating books to the Media Center

Lucas Schild, Magic Tree House: Midnight on the Moon

Faith McPhee, Blue Goose

Dylan Goll, Curious George at the Aquarium

Events and Activities March 2009

March 2-13

ISAT Testing Grades 3-5

Thursday, March 5

Second Grade Music Program
@ 7PM

Friday, March 6

Report Cards go home

Monday, March 9

Cap Contest Resumes

Tuesday, March 10

PTC Meeting @ 7pm

Friday, March 13

Family Dance 7-9

Week of March 16

2nd and 4th grade locals

Wednesday, March 18

Family Night at Steak n Shake
3-9

March 23-27

No School-Spring Break

Monday, March 30

School Resumes

State and Local Assessments

State and Local Assessment tests impact almost every grade level of students at LITH. Students in grades 2 and 4 will take the local assessments in a few weeks in the area of writing.

In addition, students in grades 3-5 are also required to take part in the state assessment- ISAT.

ISAT tests will begin on Monday, March 2nd and continue until Friday, March 13. We will have a kick off "assembly" to get the students excited and motivated to do their best. The best ways to help your child be ready for these tests are to ensure that they get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and to reinforce to them to do their best. As a school, we will be providing water bottles daily and a healthy snack for all students in grades 3-5. However, students are encouraged and welcome to bring a healthy snack of their choice if they would like.

ISAT tests are very important assessments that measure your child's academic achievement. The results of the ISAT are also the criteria used to determine if each school makes Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) which is part of the federal No Child Left Behind Law. As many of you know, Lake in the Hills is a school that was on the academic watch list but as of the last four years we have made Adequate Yearly Progress. We have shown tremendous growth in reading and writing. I am very proud of the effort that the entire staff has put into preparing our students for these state tests. I am very confident that the students will do well again this year.

From Nurse Gail's Office:

Your child must be fever free without medication for 24 hours in order to return to school. If you have any questions give Nurse Gail a call.

District Wide Registration

The district has listened to district wide feedback in regards to registration being offered online. Actually, you will have many options for registering your child(ren) this year. You may register online, mail your registration packet or send it back with your child, or do walk in registration at one of two places. You can register at Lake in the Hills Elementary School on Thursday, June 4th from 3:30-7PM or Friday, June 5th from 9AM-2PM. If you miss these dates then you can go to Dundee-Crown High School on Tuesday, July 14th from 7:30AM to 11:30AM or 12:30 to 6PM or Wednesday, July 15 from 12-5PM and 6PM-8PM. More information, including registration packets, will come home soon. Any questions please feel free to call the school office (847)532-6900.

Rotary Reader's Club

The Rotary's Reader's Club was such a success that we will be starting it up again this year. This club is designed by the Lake in the Hills Rotary to benefit the students in grades 3-5 who might need a little extra help in the area of reading. Our kick off celebration and the distribution of reading books will be on April 2nd with the program ending on May 7th. Stay tuned for more information.

Something to think about:

Ability is what you are capable of doing, motivation determines what you do and attitude determines how well you do it!

Empty inkjet and Laser Print Cartridges

Thank you for sending in your old cartridges. Please continue to do so as we recently earned \$108 for the ones we recycled. This money goes directly to the students to benefit and support various programs during the year.

Bottle Cap Contest

What an exciting contest we had with the bottle cap recycling project. This recycling contest will start up again on March 9th until April 30th. I have a feeling that we are going to surpass 50,000 lids/bottle caps this time! Did you know that Aveda is the only organization that currently recycles bottle caps? In working with Steve Swanson, of the LITH Rotary, we are working to make a difference by recycling. Please know that in the January newsletter I gave you incorrect information regarding the lids. **We can collect any and all lids except for the thin plastic lids off of fast food cups like McDonalds.** So starting on March 9th send in those bottle caps/lids. The winning class will get a pizza party! Good luck to all the students.

Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (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 at Lake in the Hills when they show respect in the four areas of: respect for self, property, others, and for teaching. We had our second PBIS celebration assembly on Wednesday, February 18th. 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:

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| Kindergarten | Miss Schumacher AM | Noah Carrillo and Alyssa Jedlowski |
| | Miss Schumacher PM | Abby Bastin and Ashley Miller |
| | Mrs. Yuzeitis AM | Landon Oates and Evelyn Troia |
| | Miss Ross | Royce Silva |
| First Grade | Mrs. Levy | Kira Mendez |
| | Mrs. Roby | Ashleigh Price and Brisa Sanchez |
| | Mrs. Harris | Michael Meehan and Chloe Grimm |
| 2nd Grade | Mrs. Minner | Abby Lilliebridge and Brandon Clark |
| | Mrs. Dworak | Brooke Townsend and Dominic Tenayuca |
| | Mrs. Trent | Luis Puga and Jackson Popovich |
| 3rd Grade | Mrs. Strojny | Jessica Jimenez and Evan Bennett |
| | Mrs. Novy | Dylan Bukovsky and Maiah Curran |
| | Mrs. Hartgraves | Tyler Hill and Tess Martin |
| 4th Grade | Mrs. Stinger | Ryne Hill and Brooke Schlicker |
| | Mrs. Williams | Angelica Opalinski and Bailey Ashburn |
| | Mrs. Aguilar | Daniel Schlaiss and Hayley Killough |
| 5th Grade | Mrs. Wallace | April Carter and Ashley Vargas |
| | Miss Kartheiser | Rachel Shields and Patryk Maczuga |
| | Mrs. Latimer | Gerrica Alexander and Ariana Vargas |
| | Mrs. Munaretto | Rachel Idstein and Brittny Hardcastle |
| | Mrs. Thompson | Himadri Joshi and Kendall Bennett |
| | Mrs. Kmiecik | Luis Ruiz and Jonathan Sanchez |

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 at our spot activity. 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:

TEACHING
SELF
PROPERTY
OTHERS

