



The Lakesider



- 5 • End of Year Dinner
- 5-9 • Staff Appreciation Week
- 6 • NYS Science Assessment (Grade 5)
- 6 • BOE Meeting & Budget Hearing @ 7:15pm

8,9 • Plant Sale

13 • LAST PTA MEETING @ Birch - 7pm

16,19 • Spring Concert for School @ 9:15am

19 • Spring Concert for Families @ 7:00pm

20 • District Art Show – 4:45pm-8:45pm

22 • STEAM Day

23 • SCHOOLS CLOSED -Emergency School Makeup Day

26 • SCHOOL CLOSED– Memorial Day



- 4 • Grade 3 Concert @ 9:15am
- 4 • Grade 6 Dance
- 5 • Grade 6 Recognition Assembly
- 9 • Pre K Moving Up Ceremony
- 10 • Grade 6 Picnic
- 10 • BOE Meeting @ 7:15pm
- 11 • Grade 4 Concert @ 9:15am
- 19 • School Closed - Juneteenth**
- 20 • Peace & Friendship Day
- 23 • Grade 6 Trip to Coleman
- 25 • Grade 6 Moving Up Day @ 9:15am
- 27 • LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (Dismissal @ 9:40am)**

**** See Principal's Page for more on school event dates**

Last meeting of the year



**Join us for our last meeting of the
2024-2025 school year on
May 13th @ BIRCH elementary school
7pm**

We will be voting on the slate

PLANT SALE

NORMAN LEVY LAKESIDE

PLANT SALE

THURSDAY MAY 8TH &
FRIDAY MAY 9TH

CLASS SCHEDULES HAVE BEEN
ANNOUNCED IN PARENTSQUARE

Plants range from \$6 to \$20.
Cash only.

Class schedule posted on Parent Square



THANK YOU!

Congratulations to the cast and crew of The Wizard of Oz. We ran 4 performances over 2 days on March 26th and 27th. The entire group was incredible to watch and we are very proud of their accomplishments.

Thank you to the administration, staff, volunteers, community, PTA, and the families for their support!

SEPTA

Merrick School District SEPTA

Roses for Mother's Day

Roses are \$2.00 EACH.

Complete and place the **entire** form in an envelope with exact cash labeled **ROSES FOR SEPTA** by May 2nd. The roses will be delivered to your child's classroom on May 9th and they will bring them home.

For more information, please contact Kimberly Fox at kfox1029@yahoo.com or Melanie DePascale at depascale2015@yahoo.com

Student's name: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Number of Roses: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council Crew has had a strong outcome with all of the service projects this year! In February, we collected items for Birthday Wishes, an organization that ensures that each child living in one of Nassau's Homeless Shelters gets to celebrate his/her birthday. We are so proud the Lakeside Family was able to donate over 20 boxes of items!

In March, our efforts moved to helping our neighbors with food insecurity. We collected tons of items which were donated to, *Soup to Nuts*, a local soup kitchen. The recipients greatly appreciated the individual snacks, rolls of toilet paper, socks, gloves, and fresh fruit we were able to donate.

Our April service project will be held from April 22nd through the 30th. We are collecting a list of items that will go to the Sunrise Day Camp. Sunrise is a Long Island based camp that provides a summer experience for children suffering with cancer and their siblings.

One of the highlights of our year will take place on Sunday, May 18th. On this special day, the student council crew, alongside members of the Kennedy HS Student Government, will take a trip to the Hewlett House. Our mission for the day is to beautify the grounds by cleaning up the yard by planting, beautiful shrubs, and flowers. All the Lakeside Lions are invited to attend. If any of you are interested, please email Ms. Becchina to let her know you will be joining us.

The final two spirit days for this school year are:

Rainbow Day of Acceptance on May 30th- Each grade level will wear an assigned color.

Class-Uplet Day on Thursday, June 26th- Each class/grade will choose their own theme.

The student council crew would like to thank the Lakeside Family for all the support they have offered to us this year. By working together we have been able to help so many people! We wish you all a restful and peaceful summer!



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Staff appreciation

**Staff Appreciation Week 2025 starts
May 5th!**

We've got a great week planned to show our staff how thankful we are for all that they do, but we need your help!

If you'd like to make a monetary donation that will be used to purchase food and items needed, you can do so here:

my.cheddarup.com/c/staff-appreciation-week-2025-60158

If you'd like to donate items needed, you can sign up here:


<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD49A9AE28ABFEC61-56272301-staff#/>

Donations can be dropped off any time before May 5th to 2354 Halyard Drive or 2120 Dolphin Court.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

*The Staff Appreciation Week Committee
Julie Berman and Michele Gursky*

PTA LAKESIDE LUNCH BOX

The Lakeside Lunch Box  will be open for lunch ordering from **10th to the 22nd of each month.** Late ordering is open every month from the 23rd to the 25th.

LOOK OUT FOR A SPECIAL PTA LUNCH TREAT ON MAY 19TH!

Volunteers are always welcome. Email us @levyptalunch@gmail.com



If you are interested in lending a hand for any of the following events, please contact the committee members below.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH
PLANT SALE – May 8th & 9th**

Please email lakesideptaprez@gmail.com

Lunch (ongoing) – levyptalunch@gmail.com





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Pta election update

Slate for 2025-2026

Co- Presidents: Andrea Mandelberger-Kaplan,
Ali Sussman

Vice- President: Rachel Goldberg

Treasurer: Stacey Bernstein

Corresponding Secretary: Gabby Fox

Recording Secretary: Janice Hoffman

VP of Fundraising: Kristen Desideri

VP of Public Relations: Alicia Forkos

As per our bylaws, Article VII- OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION, Section 3. Nominating Committee, Item E. The nominating committee shall present its report at the regular meeting of the association in May at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor.

You must be present to elect yourself or someone else.

The election PTA Meeting will be held on May 13th @7:00pm at Birch Elementary School

Thank you to everyone who put in for a position and to our nominating committee.

PTA END OF YEAR DINNER



Registration for the Lakeside 2025 End of Year Dinner is officially open!

We invite everyone to join us for a night of fun, food and fabulous raffle prizes.

Please scan the QR code to purchase event tickets, raffle ticket and 50/50 tickets. If you purchase before hand your tickets will be waiting for you when you arrive.

Tickets for raffles and the 50/50 will also be available to purchase the night of the event, if you would like to purchase more.

If there are tickets left, then they will be available for purchase on the night of the event.

For questions, please contact Kylie Sikorski at kyliesikorski@gmail.com





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PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Dear Lakeside Families,

We hope this message finds you well. As we continue through this school year, we wanted to take a moment to share some items below, as well as upcoming events at Lakeside.

At the April Board of Education meeting, Lakeside had the ***following staff members receive tenure***: Kimberly Alogna, Danielle Curte, Jamie Kanner, Matthew Mills, Samantha Morreale, Jessica Weintraub, Annmarie Whelan and Amanda Corbett-Zeises.

We are both excited and bittersweet to announce the ***retirement of Christine LaMarca***, who will be stepping away after 35 years of devoted service to our school community. Mrs. LaMarca has had an incredible impact on our students and their families, nurturing countless young minds with kindness, patience, and passion. Please join us in wishing Mrs. LaMarca a happy, healthy and fulfilling retirement.

We welcome 74 incoming ***Kindergarten*** students during the month of May for Kindergarten Screening. As of now, we will have four kindergarten classes in September.

May 7th is National School Nurse's Day. Please join us in thanking Kristin Birdie and Ann-Marie Bobb for all the care, kindness, and support they have provided for our students. Their dedication to our students' well-being does not go unnoticed, and we truly appreciate the comfort and assurance you bring to the school each day.





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Spring has sprung! As the weather continues to improve, our students will be able to enjoy many outdoor recess days. ***Please have a conversation with your child about making good choices during lunch and recess.*** Here are some ideas based on recent observations and occurrences:

- Recess is a time when EVERYONE is **included**. There's no such thing as, "You can't play."
- A game during recess is not the *Super Bowl* or *World Series*. It is a time to have fun. Remind children not to let **competition** lead us to make unsafe choices. Aggressive, rough play is not allowed.
- **Turn-taking** is an important skill. Passing during ball games and waiting in line safely are ways to ensure everyone has a positive recess experience and avoids conflicts.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

We have several exciting events planned for the upcoming months that we hope you and your family will be able to join us for:

Spring Concert: Our students are working hard to prepare for the annual Spring Concert on May 19th at 5:30 PM. We invite all families to come and celebrate the musical talents of our students at the Brookside School.

District Budget Vote and Art Show: On May 20th, please come and vote on the school budget. Additionally, we will hold our District Art Show at Lakeside from 4:45 PM to 8:45 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the creativity and hard work of our talented students. Our young artists have been working diligently to create unique pieces, and we can't wait for you to see their masterpieces.

Grade 3 Families: Our grade 3 recorder concert will be held at 9:15 AM on June 4th

Grade 4 Families: Our grade 4 concert will be held at 9:15 AM on June 11th





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Kindergarten Celebrations:

- o June 10th: Mrs. LaMarca's Class
- o June 12th: Dr. Gargan and Ms. Bernesby's Class
- o June 13th: Ms. Parodi's Class
- o June 17th: Mrs. Kassnove's Class
- o June 18th: Mrs. Iseman's Class

Upcoming Student Events:

- April 29 & 30: Grades 3-6 NYS Math Assessment
 - May 6: Grade 5 NYS Science Assessment
 - May 7: Trip to LICM - Kindergarten
 - May 8 & 9: Plant Sale (see class schedule on Parent Square)
 - May 22: STEAM Day
 - May 23: Emergency School Makeup Day: Schools closed
 - May 26: Memorial Day: Schools closed
 - June 4th: Grade 6 Dance
 - June 10th: Grade 6 Picnic
 - June 19: Juneteenth: Schools closed
 - June 20: Peace and Friendship Day
 - June 23: Grade 6 Trip to Coleman
 - June 27: Last day of school: 9:40 AM dismissal
- Please note that Grade 6 Student events will be shared by the grade 6 teachers and PTA.*

Thank You for Your Support

We want to take a moment to thank all our families for their continued support. Your involvement in our school community makes a tremendous difference to the experiences of our students. Whether through volunteering, attending events, or supporting our initiatives, we truly appreciate your commitment to the success of our school. We look forward to continuing to work together to provide our students with positive and enriching school experiences.

Thank you once again for being a vital part of our Lakeside family.

Warm regards,

Libby Trenchery and Chris Colarossi





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Have Something to Share?

If you have news to share with our PTA community, drop us a line for consideration in the next issue of The Lakesider.

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