



The Lakesider



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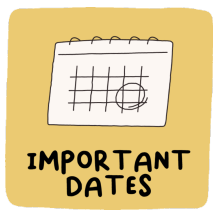
How are you enjoying our newsletter, The Lakesider? We would love your input, ideas & suggestions. Feel free to reach out to us directly. In each issue, we will include a trivia question about the school or town. Please submit answers to: thelakesider11566@gmail.com. We will announce the winner each month. Congratulations to the winner of last month's trivia question, Maisy Ebner!

TRIVIA: Name three vendors participating in this year's Vendor Fair.

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DECEMBER 2022

- 05|** 5th & 6th Grade Winter Concert - 7pm
- 07|** Vendor Fair - 6:30-9pm
- 13-15|** Holiday Boutique
- 23|** Student Council Spirit Day:
Winter Wonder Wear
- 26-1/2|** No School - Holiday Break



PTA VENDOR FAIR



The holidays are quickly approaching and with shipping delays and supply issues, there is no better time to support your local vendors! Come out to the 16th Annual Lakeside Vendor Fair for some great holiday shopping on Wednesday, December 7th from 6:30-9pm in the Lakeside gym! There will be clothing, jewelry, beauty, and camp vendors as well as personalized gifts and collectibles, to name a few! There will be snacks available and a make your own beaded bracelet station from one of our jewelry vendors for the kids! Come join us for a fun night of shopping and purchase raffle tickets for the chance to win awesome prizes from our vendors and local businesses!

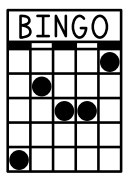
FOUNDERS DAY

The Founders Day nomination period closes on December 9th. Please consider nominating someone who goes above and beyond for Lakeside & the PTA and has a positive impact on the Lakeside community. Scan the QR Code to complete the nomination form.



PTA BINGO NIGHT

SAVE-THE-DATE: Friday, January 20th is the Annual PTA BINGO Night beginning at 7pm. It will be held in the Lion's Den. Advance card sales will begin January 2nd.





PRINCIPAL'S PAGE



It has been a wonderful few weeks at Levy Lakeside School! On October 31st, we welcomed families of students in grades Kindergarten through third grade to attend the Halloween parades in the front circle. Students in grades four through six participated in engaging classroom activities and ended the day watching us get covered in silly string!

Lakeside students continue to explore the world outside of our school building on a variety of field trips. This month, our fifth graders participated in a variety of team building activities through Adventure Education at Old Brookville Education Center. Our fourth graders investigated the scientific world at the Plandome Science Museum of Long Island. Finally, first graders traveled to Jones Beach Nature Center to learn about local ecosystems. Many thanks to Cultural Arts for their support in providing these amazing opportunities for our students!

On Thursday, November 10th, we were thrilled to gather as a school community for a beloved Lakeside tradition. With the support of our PTA, we honored veteran family members of our Lakeside students. Along with our fifth-grade color guard, elected officials and central office administration, we recognized and honored the contributions and sacrifices of veterans within our Lakeside family.

The PTA Recess Improvement Project was completed this month. This new area near the Cub's Cave playground includes a GAGA pit, volleyball court, and Funnel Ball game. Our students are thrilled to begin using the new playground areas during recess. A tremendous thanks to the support of the Lakeside PTA and our incredible Lakeside community; this area will be enjoyed by students for years to come.

Thank you for your participation in Parent/Teacher Conferences. The conversations were positive and productive. We look forward to continuing to see our students soar over the course of this school year.

During our first trimester in technology, our students have been discussing the importance of Digital Citizenship, specifically staying safe and smart while spending time online. Classroom teachers, Mrs. Sabella, and the students have discussed various age-appropriate topics, such as balancing digital media, making safe and smart social media posts and going to age-appropriate websites. Additionally, our fifth-grade ambassador club has been sharing the importance of digital safety during our morning announcements.

As the weather grows colder, parents should be aware that our students will continue to go outside for recess as long as possible. PLEASE be sure to send your children to school dressed with coats, scarves, and other cold weather attire you feel is appropriate. Your child's name should be on their attire.

We are looking forward to our Winter Concert for our fifth and sixth grade band, orchestra, and chorus students. Our musicians will share their talents with the Lakeside students in school on Monday, December 5th. We invite you to join us that evening at 7:00 PM at Brookside School. Our students and teachers have practiced and prepared for this concert, and we look forward to celebrating them!

It is hard to believe it is already the beginning of December. As we reflect on the beginning of the school year, we are thankful for a very rewarding start! The students are becoming stronger readers, writers, mathematicians, scientists, and world citizens. The students are demonstrating kindness and empathy in their daily interactions with peers and adults as they work cooperatively with one another to problem solve and discuss their thinking with their classmates.



PTA REFLECTIONS



Students in all grades submitted an original work of art in the following themes: dance, choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, arts visual arts with this year's theme, Show Your Voice.

Winners will be announced mid-January. All work will be displayed in the lobby late January - February. The awards celebration will take place on February 15th.

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6TH GRADE YEARBOOK



6th Grade Parents, now is the time to give a shout out to your graduate. Scan the QR Code to purchase up to 2 boosters per student. What a way to make their yearbook memorable! Deadline for Boosters is December 22nd, so don't wait!! Boosters sent without payment will not be submitted in the yearbook. Feel free to email Lakeside2023yearbook@gmail.com with any questions.



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HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE



The annual PTA Holiday Boutique will be held December 13th-15th during the school day. Your child/ren will have the chance to shop for & surprise their loved ones for the holidays! Be on the lookout for the budget envelopes which will be sent home in backpacks with all students. The envelopes will be used to send in cash for shopping. Class schedules have been emailed to all families. The students always look forward to shopping & budgeting their money!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Happy December! The Student Council crew has been busy, busy, busy! Thanks to the kind hearts of all the Lakeside Lions, we were able to collect ten huge bags of coats to help Long Islanders stay warm this winter.

Our December service project is well underway; we are hosting a Toys for Tots Drive to benefit Long Island children. We want every child to have something special this holiday season. We are accepting new, unwrapped toys until December 9th.

Our first Spirit Day of the year took place in November. Sport's Day was a huge success! Many classes earned spirit day pencils by answering the spirit day questions correctly. December's Spirit Day is scheduled for Friday, December 23rd. The theme of the day is "Winter Wonder Wear." Each Lakesider is asked to dress up in wear that represents winter for them! We can't wait to see all the cool outfits!

The Student Souncil crew is so excited about our spirit wear sale. There are many brand new items. The joggers and the hoodies are must haves!

The crew would like to wish the entire Lakeside Family a happy and healthy holiday season!

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CULTURAL ARTS



The Kindergarteners attended a program on December 1st with the Long Island Children's Museum called 'Build It!' On December 14th, 4th grade will attend an assembly called, 'Journey into American Indian Territories'.

The 3rd graders will attend a program called 'Game On!' by the Long Island Children's Museum on December 20th & 21st.

A Lakeside favorite, Chess Nuts will continue into December. All 6th graders will learn how to play chess throughout the month of December (6th, 13th & 20th).



PTA LAKESIDE LUNCH BOX

With the holidays approaching, it is IMPORTANT to put a reminder in your phone for January ordering. January PTA lunch will be available for ordering beginning **December 10th - 22nd** with late ordering from **December 23rd - 25th**. No ordering exceptions after the deadline. Scan the QR code to go directly to Boonli to place your order. Don't forget to check out after ordering & please remind your child/ren what you ordered for them.

Any questions regarding lunch, please contact levyptalunch@gmail.com.



LAKESIDE LOCKER

Don't forgot to purchase all your LAKESIDE SPIRITWEAR for extra holiday gifts! Sale items will be announced weekly, so don't miss out. And keep a look out when the Flow Society shorts will be ready! As a reminder, all items will be delivered directly to your child's classroom within a few days of ordering. Contact lakesidefundraising11566@gmail.com with any questions.



MERRICK SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTRONIC DISCOUNT CARD

The discount card can be accessed via a cellphone app featuring 20+ local businesses. Use the app every time you shop to save \$\$.

The cost is \$21 (includes transaction fee).



JOIN THE PTA!

Scan the QR code to join online today!
First parent/guardian: \$15
Second parent/guardian: \$5



You must be a PTA member to volunteer for any PTA activities/events/field trips during the year. Stay involved by attending monthly PTA meetings, vote on current topics, elect Executive Committee members & share thoughts & ideas. It is not too late to join!

STAY CONNECTED: PTA FACEBOOK PAGE

Join the Lakeside PTA Page. Announcements, school updates & volunteer opportunities are shared on Facebook (in addition to email communication). Each grade has a 'grade level page' where parents can share information with each other within the grade.

PTA EMAIL COMMUNICATION

Please make sure you are signed up to receive general PTA emails & grade specific emails. If you **ARE** receiving emails from the PTA, please update your child/ren's grade. To do this, scroll to the bottom of any PTA email. Click on "UPDATE PROFILE" link located on the bottom of any email you previously received from the PTA. Click on the blue link that says 'EDIT PROFILE'. Review & confirm the grade(s). Click 'UPDATE' when you are finished. If you are **NOT** receiving PTA emails, please email levylakesidepta@gmail.com with your first/last name, child/ren's name & grade and you will be added to the database.



PASSIVE FUNDRAISING SUPPORTING THE PTA



HOW IT WORKS:

Buy participating products & use the mobile app to scan your store receipt.

The app automatically adds Box Tops to the PTA school earnings online. Box Tops are worth \$.10 with bonus offers throughout the year.

Scan the QR code to download the app. The school ID is 381099.



PICTURES, CARDS, GIFT & MORE

Shop at Shutterfly and 8% of your purchase will be donated to the PTA. Scan the QR code to link your account to the PTA Storefront before ordering. It's not too early to start thinking about holiday cards!



DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON?



The PTA receives a donation of .5% on eligible purchases. And it is no cost to you.

To get started, scan the QR code. Select: PTA New York Congress 10-139 Norman J Levy Lakeside Schl. If you are using the app, once you set it up, it is there & ready for shopping.

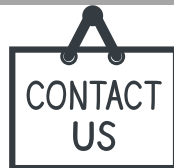


DON'T FORGET TO LABEL...



Never lose an item again.. Keep track of your kid's belongings with durable, disinfectant labels. No sewing required. Peel & Stick. Washer/dryer safe.

Dishwasher safe. Microwave safe. 25% of your order supports the PTA.



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