



The Lakesider



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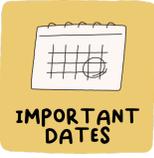
Happy New Year from The Lakesider!
We hope everyone enjoyed their holiday break! As always, feel free to reach out to us directly with any feedback, ideas or submissions for our newsletter.

TRIVIA: Name two previous Founders Day winners.

Please submit answers to:
thelakesider11566@gmail.com for the chance to win some fun Lakeside swag!
We will announce the winner each month.

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JANUARY 2023

- 06|** Student Council Spirit Day- Wear PJ's
- 11|** PTA Meeting 7PM
- 16|** No School- Martin Luther King Day
- 20 - 27|** PARP Week
- 20|** PTA Bingo Night 7pm



GET INVOLVED...

There will be vacancies for many positions for the 2023-24 school year including: Co-President, Corresponding Secretary, VP of Public Relations, Cultural Arts, Lakeside Lunch Box Coordinator.
If a position interests you and you would like to discuss further, feel free to contact Melissa Warshaw, Mrs. Trencheny or Mrs. Kelly.



PARP WEEK



When students enter the building on Friday, January 20th, the school will transform into a celebration of all things reading as PARP (Pick a Reading Partner) Week officially 'kicks-off'. The week will be filled with activities & fun tied to reading. The official calendar will be distributed shortly, but some highlights include:

- 1/20:** Community Read Aloud: members of our local community will visit the school to share a special book for each classroom.
- 1/23:** Special surprise for all Lakeside students.
- 1/24:** Mystery Reader: students will have the chance to enjoy a story from a special mystery reader in their classroom. Don't forget to ask your child who was in their classroom that day!
- 1/25:** School Book BINGO: Classes will compete in school-wide game of BINGO.
- 1/26:** Author, John Schu: will be spreading his love of books and reading with our Lakeside students!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the January PTA Meeting, we will be forming our Nominating Committee for Executive Committee open positions. The Nominating Committee will consist of five members: 2 from the Executive Board & 3 from General Membership. If you would like to be considered, you must attend the meeting or email melissaptapres@gmail.com. If you plan to be considered for an open position, you don't have to volunteer for the Nominating Committee.



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 this week. All work will be displayed in the lobby late January - February. The awards celebration will take place on February 15th at 7pm.

BINGO NIGHT



The annual PTA BINGO Night will be held on Friday, January 20th in the Lion's Den. Bring your family & friends for a fun night! Prizes will be given for every game! Doors will open at 6:45pm and games will start at 7pm.

Purchase cards in advance with the QR code below. Each card is \$5.00 and if you buy 4 cards you'll get 1 free! (advance purchases only). Cards purchased in advance will be picked up at the door the night of the event. Cards will be sold at the door and snacks will be sold at the event (cash only).



FOUNDERS DAY

Who are this year's award recipients?? Any guesses?? The 2023 recipients will be announced in the coming weeks. Mark your calendars for February 15th at 7:30pm as we celebrate this year's winners!

SEPTA

On February 1st at 7:00pm at Lakeside, SEPTA will be hosting a meeting on Parent Burnout presented by Dodie Daniels from Parent to Parent. We are hoping you all will come out to join us in watching this presentation.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Happy New Year Lakeside! The student council crew is looking forward to a new year filled with endless possibilities.

Our first spirit day of 2023 will be held this Friday, January 6th. The theme of this day is Pajama Day! Please come dressed in your coziest PJs.

Our next service project is about to take place. We will be holding a collection for the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter. The collection will take place from January 9th-18th. Some of the items we are accepting include: wee wee pads, collars, leashes, dog/cat treats, old towels, and shoe boxes. A complete list will be sent home with your child.

There are several new additions to our building. With the funds the student council crew has raised, the purchase of cup dispensers and cups for each water fountain has recently taken place. Our amazing custodial staff finished mounting them right before the holiday break. There is no need to worry if you should forget your water bottle, filtered water is available for all!

During one of our meetings, the topic of trash on the field was discussed. It was discovered that the trash cans in the back of our school did not have lids on them. The result was trash strewn across the field. Three brand new, heavy duty, enclosed trash cans were placed on the field just this week. It is our greatest pleasure to make improvements to the place we often refer to as our home away from home. We are still waiting for the delivery of our new bench which will be placed in the lobby for all to enjoy.

Keep your eye out for future bulletins outlining our upcoming events!





PRINCIPAL'S PAGE



It has been a wonderful week back after the winter recess. The students are engaged in their learning and the staff will continue to ensure that they are successful.

During the next two weeks at Lakeside, students will participate in the following assessments:

- Winter MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) to K – 6. The MAP is a computer adapted assessment and is administered in the fall, winter and spring.
- GOI's (Greater Outcome Indicators) to K-4. This assessment is used to monitor growth in foundational literacy skills.

This winter we face a newly complex challenge. A host of respiratory viruses, including influenza, RSV and COVID-19. The NYS Health Department encourages these commonsense precautions to prevent the spread:

1. Staying up to date on vaccines, including Flu and COVID-19.
2. Washing your hands often with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds.
3. Not coughing or sneezing into your hands; sneeze or cough into your elbow.
4. Staying home when sick or symptomatic.
5. Wearing a well-fitting, high-quality mask when in public indoor spaces

We are happy to share that Merrick's brand new Social Emotional Learning webpage is up and running! Visit the link below for parent resources, past presentations from the mental health team and Mrs. Alaimo's interactive Calm Corner.

http://merrick.k12.ny.us/parents_students/Social_Emotional_Learning

Please see the following pages for some highlights of our Lakeside Library and Technology programs.





LAKE SIDE LIONS

building 21st century skills in technology

Kindergarteners learned how to navigate their iPads and access our district subscriptions and applications. Students learned strategies for Internet safety and how to say goodbye to technology even when it feels difficult. In our next unit, our youngest coders were introduced to computer science with "unplugged" block-style directions that teach coding basics. Students have begun to apply these pre-coding strategies during their independent work and are excited to practice these skills with robots.

Digital Tools: *Clever, Seesaw, Kodable, Puzzlets, Dash robots*

First graders reviewed iPad basics at the start of the school year. Students discussed the importance of being safe and smart online before having the opportunity to use the Internet for visiting far away places. They practiced navigating the Internet safely on the San Diego Zoo's Wildlife Explorers website. Students have started their coding unit and are learning to drag and drop a sequenced series of commands to complete coding challenges. First graders are looking forward to learning more coding concepts.

Digital Tools: *Clever, Seesaw, Nearpod, Kodable, Puzzlets, Dash robots*

Second graders were introduced to their classroom laptops, network accounts, and Office 365 apps. Students learned and discussed digital citizenship concepts such as navigating the Internet safely and the importance of having device-free times. Our young programmers are building on their pre-coding skills. They are using block-coding to create algorithms, repeat code with loops, and debug errors. Second graders are getting ready to practice these coding concepts with robots.

Digital Tools: *Clever, Seesaw, Word, PowerPoint, Code.org*

Fifth graders studied digital citizenship concepts through class discussions and interactive lessons. Students learned about the importance of balancing media use with periods of time off of technology. They also learned about cyberbullying and ways to be an upstander. Fifth graders created mini-posters in PowerPoint to teach their peers these strategies. As part of our coding unit, the students are using Code.org to learn about events, loops, and conditionals. These help us to create more interactive games.

Digital Tools: *Clever, Nearpod, PowerPoint, Code.org*

Sixth graders learned that being a good digital citizen is a lifelong skill. They participated in many conversations, discussions, and debates about online safety and media balance concepts such as taking breaks from technology to maintain a healthy mindset, keeping personal information private, and staying true to yourself online. In coding, sixth grade students are practicing using events, conditionals, and functions on Code.org. These computer science concepts help us to create more advanced code.

Digital Tools: *Clever, NearPod, PowerPoint, Code.org*





LAKESIDE LIONS

building 21st century skills in library

Kindergarten: Since their first visit in September, the kindergarten students have learned so much in the library. They learned about caring for our amazing books as well as the responsibility of checking out books. We have shared many books, always discussing the roles of the author and illustrator, and most recently, our youngest students learned the words to sing our favorite song to help them decide if a book is fiction or nonfiction.

Read Alouds Included: *Giraffes Can't Dance and Giraffes: The World's Tallest Mammal, Spooky, the Square Pumpkin and Pumpkins, Every Little Letter, Read It, Don't Eat It, Run Turkey Run and Turkey Trouble.*

First grade: Our first graders have enjoyed returning to the library to check out great books and discover new ways to navigate their space. We have explored call numbers and spine labels, while always reviewing the different sections of the library and ways to locate what we are looking for. Through our selected read-alouds, we have discussed characters and setting, along with fiction and nonfiction differences. We are always teaching skills and life lessons through the fabulous stories shared with our students.

Read Alouds Included: *The Best Book to Read, Bad Apple, Big Pumpkin, Bats at the Library, T'was the Night Before Thanksgiving, as well as our school-wide book, Every Little Letter.*

Second grade: The second graders loved coming back to library this year, learning about the many new opportunities they will have throughout the year. They have been focusing on the different types of nonfiction genres, learning about literary nonfiction and how we approach reading it differently than a traditional nonfiction book. We have also practiced using call numbers to locate books and examined how nonfiction and fiction call numbers share different information.

Read Alouds Included: *Born to Read, Z is for Moose, How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin, A Very Witchy Spelling Bee and Thank You, Sarah. Our second graders also loved learning the valuable messages in Every Little Letter.*

Third grade: Students come to the library each cycle for their library/tech lesson in which we integrate library skills along with our technology curriculum. We began by reviewing the entire layout of the library with access to all books available for third graders. We shared the importance of finding the joy in reading with, *I Hate Picture Books* and enjoyed life lessons in *Every Little Letter*. Students have been immersed in digital citizenship using Nearpod, an interactive learning experience, supported with books such as *Our Table* and *TEK*, furthering the concepts of taking time off our devices and finding a healthy balance. This unit has also included impactful lessons on strong passwords and internet safety.

Fourth grade: Library has been a fabulous opportunity for our avid readers in fourth grade to visit each week, building their library and media skills, while concentrating on different aspects of library and technology. We reviewed the functional use of the library, including call numbers and independent searching skills. Fourth graders were then immersed in a unit on digital citizenship, using Nearpod's interactive lessons. We shared important messages about social media with *Nerdy Birdy* and other books. Some of our powerful messages came from the books *A Walk in the Words* and *Every Little Letter*. We celebrated our successes with a digital breakout room, working cooperatively to solve problems online.



PTA LAKESIDE LUNCH BOX

Are your kids enjoying the special cookie each month? There will be another special cookie in February. February PTA lunch will be available for ordering beginning **January 10th - 22nd** with late ordering from **January 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.



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CULTURAL ARTS

On January 9th, students in Grades 3-6 will be attending an assembly on cyber safety called "Don't Press Send."

Chess Nuts continues for Grade 6 students on 1/10 and 1/17. Students in Grade 5 will begin in February.



LAKESIDE LOCKER

Get your Lakeside Locker swag... Don't forget to check the 'locker' for all things Lakeside. All items will be delivered directly to your child's classroom within a few days of ordering. Contact lakesidefundraising11566@gmail.com with any questions.



JOIN THE PTA!

It is not too late to join the PTA!
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.

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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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