



The Lakesider



WELCOME...

Happy spring from The Lakesider! Don't forget to take part in our monthly trivia contest for the chance to win some fun Lakeside swag!

TRIVIA: Name three of Lakeside's special area teachers.

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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APRIL 2023

05| Student Council Spirit Day- Lakeside Day!

06-14| No school- Spring Recess

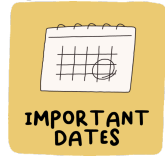
20 (pm)/21 (am)| Parent Teacher Conferences

21| No School- Superintendent's Conference Day

26| Mary Poppins Evening Performance: 7pm

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28| Kindergarten Orientation



VOLUNTEERS

We are still looking for volunteers to help out during the 4/27 evening performance of Mary Poppins from 5:30-9p. You will receive a FREE t-shirt for volunteering. Contact Melissa Warshaw if you would like to help out.



MARY POPPINS TICKETS

The Lakeside Theater Program will perform Mary Poppins on the evenings of 4/26 & 4/27. Students will have the opportunity to watch the performance on 4/26 or 4/27 during the school day.

Come watch our talented 5th & 6th graders perform on stage. Bring your friends & family and don't forget to spread the word around the Merrick community!

There are a limited number of tickets still available for 4/26 ONLY with no guarantee that tickets will be available at the door. The 4/27 evening performance is SOLD OUT! Purchase advance tickets now by scanning the QR code.



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MARY POPPINS TREATS

You still have a few more days to order those special Mary Poppins chocolate treats made by @treatsbymiel. This is the perfect gift for someone in the cast or crew or purchase for your kids...just because.... Trust us, they are delicious. Scan the QR code to purchase.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The month of March has given Lakeside’s Student Council Crew a reason to ROAR!

During the month of March, the crew hosted a service project aimed at helping the Hewlett House. The Hewlett House is a community resource center which helps all Long Islanders suffering with cancer. They set up bins in the lobby to collect items that are essential for keeping the organization running. They are so proud that they collected 4 huge boxes of donations. In addition, they donated \$375 of their funds to this worthwhile cause.

March’s Spirit Day, Class-Uplet Day proved to be of the most memorable of the year. Each class decided on their own theme. The purpose of the day was to promote the feeling of “All for One and One for All!” Check out the district website for an article about this very special day.

Our next spirit day is right around the corner. Wednesday, April 5th will be Lakeside Day! Be sure to help your Lakeside Lions organize an amazing Lakeside themed outfit for the day. If your child does not own any Lakeside gear, please have them wear either his/her ROARS shirt or the colors red & white!

It is so hard to believe that the student council crew has recently put out their very last Monday Lunch form for the 2022–2023 school year. This lunch form will cover the months of May and June. Payment can be made in the form of cash or check. All order forms are due in by April 17th. The crew would like to wish all the Lakeside families, a happy and healthy spring break!

SEPTA

SEPTA’s last meeting is May 23rd at Chatterton at 7pm. Our roses for Mother’s Day fundraiser will be back in the next few weeks.

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GET INVOLVED WITH THE PTA

It’s not too early to start thinking about chairing or volunteering on a PTA committee for the 2023-24 school year. The Committee Chair form will be sent out late April/early May.

We are still looking for committee chairs for these bigger positions - Lakeside Lunch Box, Theater Program & Cultural Arts. These committees require a longer transition period, so don’t wait to step up!

Contact Melissaptapres@gmail.com for more information.

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MERRICK BASP VACANCY

The Merrick Before/After School Program has been proudly providing high-quality child care for our three elementary schools for over 35 years, and they are hiring a new program director to fill an anticipated vacancy.

To apply or for more info, please visit www.merrickBASP.com. A link to the job posting/flyer is on the homepage. For any other questions about the position or to connect with the new Parent Board of Directors, email merrickBASPboard@gmail.com.





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Dear Lakeside Families,

It has been another busy month at Levy Lakeside!

The **Merrick IMPACT Committee** continues to work toward our goal of ensuring all Merrick students, families and staff feel a sense of belonging in and around our school community. Thank you to those of you who provided your perspectives through surveys, focus groups, and as committee members.

Looking ahead:

New York State Assessments:

In April and May, students in grades three through six will be taking the New York State English Language Arts and Mathematics Assessments. The testing will take place on the following days. **Please note that these dates are changes from the district calendar.**

ELA: *Grades 5 & 6 – Wednesday, April 19th and Thursday, April 20th*

Grades 3 & 4 – Monday, April 24th and Tuesday, April 25th

Math: *Grades 5 & 6 – Tuesday, May 2nd and Wednesday, May 3rd*

Grades 3 & 4 – Thursday, May 4th and Friday, May 5th

All students will be taking the assessments on the computer. As in previous years, the tests are not timed. The students will have as much time as they need to complete the assessment. The teachers and students have been working diligently all year and we are confident that our students are well prepared for the tests.





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Please be sure to **arrive to school on time** as testing for all grade levels will begin promptly at the start of the school day. Due to the necessity for the teachers to prepare for the exams prior to the students' arrival, extra help on these testing days will be cancelled. In the event your child is sick, please note that make-ups will be administered upon their return.

As with all exams, please ensure that your child has a good night's sleep and nutritious breakfast. Students will be provided with a pencil for working on scrap paper.

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Parent Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, April 20th and Friday, April 21st. *Classroom teachers will be sending sign up information through Parent Square.*

Mary Poppins:

Join us for the incredible performance of Mary Poppins on Wednesday, April 26th and Thursday, April 27th.

Parent Square:

We continue to transition to our new communication platform, Parent Square! Visit <https://www.parentsquare.com/signin> to set up your account if you have not already!

Congratulations!

At the upcoming meeting on April 4th, we will be recommending that the Board of Education grant tenure to the following Faculty and Staff Members: Karen Alaimo, Tatianna Flores, Nancy Grenham, Janice Kleinman, and Ellen Margulies.





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SEL UPDATE:

Please see the following update from Mrs. Karen Alaimo, our District Guidance Counselor:

Throughout the month of March, students worked with Mrs. Alaimo to focus on career exploration.

This year we started to implement restorative practices in our school. Restorative practices are a set of strategies that help repair harm and heal relationships when a choice has been made that has affected others. You can continue this work at home by asking some key questions when your child has made a poor choice:

How were you feeling before you made that choice?

Who was affected by that choice?

How can you make it better?

What is a different choice I can make next time?

We wish all Lakeside families an enjoyable and safe Spring Recess!

With warm regards,

Libby Trencheny and Meredith Kelly



PTA LAKESIDE LUNCH BOX

May PTA lunch will be available for ordering beginning April 10th - 22nd with late ordering from April 23rd - 25th. There is now a \$10 fee for any lunch requests after the 25th. Scan the QR code to go directly to Boonli to place your order. Any questions regarding lunch, please contact: levpytalunch@gmail.com.



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/in-class event during the year. Stay involved by attending monthly PTA meetings, vote on current topics, elect Executive Committee members & share thoughts & ideas. Join now!

PTA END OF YEAR DINNER

Save the Date!
PTA End of Year Dinner
May 15, 2023
Matteo's Bellmore
More information to follow!



We would love some volunteers to assist collecting raffle donations for the AMAZING baskets the committee has been working on all year. It will take up minimal time! For every two raffle prizes you collect, you will receive a free raffle ticket. Email hayley.phoel@gmail.com for more information.

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.



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.



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.

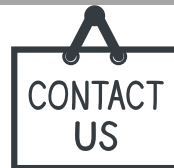
25% of your order supports the PTA.



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!



If you have any questions or would like more information about the PTA, SEPTA or STUDENT COUNCIL, contact:

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