



The Lakesider



WELCOME...

The Lakesider would like to congratulate last month's winners of the trivia contest: Joanna Salerno and Alexander Volodarskiy! There will be some fun Lakeside swag coming your way!

TRIVIA: Name all three of our gym 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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MARCH 2023

03| Student Council Spirit Day-
Class Uplet Day

13| District Blood Drive @ Lakeside
from 3:30pm-8pm

13| SEPTA Coding event

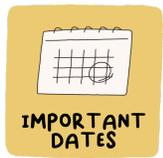
15| PTA Meeting at 7pm via Zoom

27| SEPTA Meeting @ 7pm at Birch

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GET INVOLVED WITH THE PTA

There will be vacancies for many positions for the 2023-24 school year. Call for Executive Committee Nominations will be coming next week. It is not too early to begin thinking about chairing or volunteering on a PTA committee next year. The Committee Chair form will be sent out in May.



BLOOD DRIVE

The Merrick District Blood Drive will take place on Monday, March 13th from 3:30-8pm at Lakeside in the Gym. All donors will receive (2) Islanders tickets. Walk-ins accepted, but appointments preferred. We are in an emergency blood shortage & can use your help. Scan the QR Code to make an appointment.



MARY POPPINS

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

If you would like to place a business ad (1/4 page - full page) or dedication message in the Playbill, scan the QR code below.

Custom Mary Poppins T-Shirts are now available for purchase to support the Theater Program. Orders must be placed by 3/15. Show your school spirit by wearing a T-Shirt.



Playbill



T-Shirt



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Wow! It is hard to believe that March is already here. We hope you all enjoyed the February recess and had a chance to rest and recharge. The student council crew has several service projects they are currently working on. Right before the February break, the crew wrapped up a very successful drive for the New York Metro Ronald McDonald House. We asked all the Lakeside Lions to please bring in items that would help make the stay of each family more comfortable. They did not disappoint! We collected more than 14 boxes/bags of: paper goods, soaps, detergents, diapers, baby wipes, and so much more. The Ronald McDonald House volunteers were over the moon with our donation. Something magical takes place when children reach out to help other children in need.

The student council crew just concluded another round of ordering for its Monday Lunch program. The last form that went out was for the months of March & April. Although checks are written to Lakeside PTA, the proceeds of the Monday Lunch program help the student council crew fund various service projects. The Monday Lunch program is a completely separate entity from the PTA lunch which is ordered monthly through Boonli. We greatly appreciate the continued support that we receive from the Lakeside Families. Thank you to all!

Our next spirit day will be held on March 3rd. The theme of the day is Class-Uplet Day! Check in with your kids, as each class or grade level decides on their own theme. All for one and one for all!

Our March service project provides the Lakeside Lions with an opportunity to help an amazing organization. The Hewlett House is a community resource center that helps any Long Islander who is suffering with cancer. The types of services they provide are vast. A person can seek assistance with research, forms, support groups, and can even be gifted a wig if necessary. The Hewlett House makes such a difference in the lives of so many people. The crew wanted to take the opportunity to collect the necessary items which help the Hewlett House staff continue their amazing work. A notice listing their needs will go home with each Lakeside Lion towards the middle of the month. The drive will take place between March 13th and the 23rd. The student council crew would like to thank everyone in advance for his/ her generosity. Wishing you all peaceful days ahead!

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SEPTA

On March 13th, SEPTA will be hosting its second coding event. SEPTA's fourth meeting will be on Monday March 27th on handling ADHD. This will take place at 7pm at Birch. There was an error in the calendar; March 28th is the incorrect date. We are hoping you all will come out to join us in watching this presentation.





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On Friday February 10, 2023, Lakeside participated in P.S. I Love You Day. The mission of P.S I Love You Day is to bring awareness to the importance of mental health and decrease bullying. We strongly believe by educating students earlier about mental health, the conversation will be easier to discuss, and students will be able to recognize when they or others around them need help.

February 13th was the 100th day of school. We also celebrated the 100th day of the Merrick School District. On this day students and staff had the opportunity to dress up in the style of the 1920's or as if they were 100 years old. The students also watched a ten-minute read aloud slide show on The Velveteen Rabbit and completed a grade appropriate activity.

On February 14th, sixth grade students worked together to make 1,649 sandwiches for the River Fund. In addition to the sandwiches, thanks to donations provided by sixth grade families and the Lakeside PTA students, they gathered 250 bags of assorted chips, 30 bags of goldfish snacks and 10 extra loaves of bread.

ALL placement requests must be submitted by March 10th using the link below: [2023-2024 Placement Request](#) Calling all future kindergartners! We are happy to announce that Kindergarten Registration is underway for the 2022 – 2023 school year. Registration will be done online. Please contact our office at 992-7231 if you have any questions.

Please see below for Special Area Updates:

Mr. Glemboski's Music Corner

Kindergarten is singing the major scale and studying the quarter note/ quarter rest/ two eighth note rhythm symbols on various percussion instruments.

First grade is working on playing a steady beat and learning about the different instrument families in the symphony orchestra.

Second grade is reviewing their instrument families and using percussion instruments to accompany the class while they sing traditional melodies.





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Third grade is learning how to perform music on the Recorder. They have learned six out of the seven notes in the Major scale and can perform up to six different songs. They've had lots of practice being a respectful audience member.

Fourth grade is singing, dancing, and performing songs from our Silver Burdette music textbook, which include dotted quarter notes and tied notes.

Fifth grade is discovering the wonderful world of Ragtime music and learning about how this early Jazz style influenced mostly all of the popular music that followed.

Sixth grade has been writing parody songs, one of which will be sung at graduation this June. This month we studied the African American Spiritual, the Blues, and musical improvisation.

Art with Ms. Raadsen

In art we are having fun learning to express ourselves using art elements and design principles while being inspired by literature, social emotional learning, various cultures, artists' styles and art concepts and techniques.

Kindergartners have been practicing their tracing, cutting, and gluing skills while connecting literature and social emotional learning concepts into the collaged shapes of their Anansi spiders. First graders are exploring emotions and storytelling through color and drawing, illustrating what makes them feel a variety of emotions.

Second graders are beginning a journey to Australia to learn about the indigenous Aboriginal people and their song line maps and stories hidden in their unique style of art showing their travels and appreciation of the natural environment expressed through shapes and dots of colors.

Third graders are learning about color theory creating their towering monochrome tints and shades of ice cream on a background of its complimentary color.

Fourth graders are creating identity grids using symbols and their names to share their strengths, values, favorite activities and foods, and to celebrate our amazing differences and similarities, as we learn about ourselves and each other using symbolism.

Fifth graders will be creating art inspired by the life and style of the African-America pioneer color field painter, Alma Thomas, who broke through barriers and created a style of art to express her love of nature in the dashes of light and color used to create her art.





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Sixth graders have been learning about realistic art using one point perspective to create a realistic space in their landscapes and are further exploring how to distort that perspective to create optical illusions in their art.

Physical Education with Ms. Barba, Mr. Corrao and Mr. Wingler

So big things are happening in February in PE!! Due to February being Healthy Heart Month, we have been focusing on fitness and heart health. Fitness is important for all of us & we encourage our students to find activities they enjoy and to continue their journey of lifelong fitness. This month we are focusing on ways to increase heart rate and strengthen muscles.

We are also focusing on circus arts with our younger grades. It is a fun and interactive unit that brings many smiles to the faces of our younger students. Our older grades are pairing fitness with the lacrosse unit. Many students have been finding enjoyment in lacrosse as it is a sport many youngsters are not exposed to. In the coming months we will continue our fitness journey as well as beginning our volleyball unit. As the weather gets nicer, we encourage all students to participate in family fitness activities!

FLES with Senora Casey

In 6th grade, students have continued learning about clothing. This week students “went” on a two-day trip to Madrid, Spain, where the airport lost their luggage... Students shopped online to purchase clothing for sightseeing and a formal dinner. They converted their purchases from euros to dollars and worked hard to remain on budget!

In 5th grade, students are learning all about comida (food). Students have been expressing which foods they like or do not like in Spanish with their peers!

In 4th grade Spanish classes, students have continued learning about family. This week students learned how to describe members of their family using physical character traits.

Finally, in 3rd grade, students have continued their learning of the body through Mexican folk art “Alebrijes”. Students created their own Alebrije and identified the body parts they chose to create them!





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Library with Mrs. Levine

Our kindergarten through second grade students are beginning to integrate technology into their library lessons. Students in kindergarten are using apps on their iPads including Seesaw and Chatterpix to respond to our books.

First graders are beginning to learn the early stages of animation by using Chatterpix on their iPad to make books characters come alive.

Second graders are sharing their library responses through technology tools, and will begin collaborating in their Seesaw journal, responsibly sharing their posts.

The third graders are immersed in our coding unit, learning about debugging our code along with creating events and using loops to repeat actions.

Fourth graders are enjoying coding while learning how to be efficient and use loops as well as nested loops, eventually understanding how conditionals work within our coding unit.

Technology with Dr. Sabella

Our kindergarten through second graders are learning about digital story telling.

Kindergarten and first grade students are applying their knowledge of coding to tell digital stories through an app called Scratch Jr. They are learning to create characters, settings and programs to tell a digital story.

Our second graders are extremely excited about the new program they're learning about called Bloxels. Second graders will create video games that include characters, settings, hazards, and collectibles of their choosing to tell their story and create a fun video game for users.

Fifth and Sixth grade students loved learning about coding and drones. They are now beginning to learn about 3D design and printing using a website called TinkerCAD.



PTA LAKESIDE LUNCH BOX

April PTA lunch will be available for ordering beginning **March 10th - 22nd** with late ordering from **March 23rd - 25th**. No ordering exceptions after the deadline. Scan the QR code to go directly to Boonli to place your order. There will be a special Mary Poppins cookie this month that you won't want to miss. Any questions regarding lunch, please contact: levyptalunch@gmail.com.



END OF YEAR DINNER

Are you going shopping? Do you own a business? If you have a favorite store, or your kids regularly attend an activity, why not drop off a donation letter to see if the business will participate in our End of Year Dinner raffle? If there's a place you're thinking about, email hayley.phoel@gmail.com to see if we are still looking for a raffle contribution. If you own your own business, or know someone who owns a business, why not consider donating a raffle prize? Your business can even "sponsor" a raffle prize to show your support.

We continue to look for volunteers. If you can spare 30 minutes, we will give you a list of merchants all clustered in the same area. It's a nice way to meet local vendors and also help out the End of Year Dinner Committee. Contact Hayley Phoel or Valerie Dorinson 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.



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!

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!



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