



# The Lakesider



## WELCOME...

Happy May from The Lakesider! Don't forget to take part in our monthly trivia contest for the chance to win some fun Lakeside swag! Congratulations to our April trivia winner, Sandy Thakurdeen!

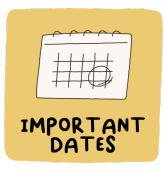
**TRIVIA: What show did our 5th and 6th graders perform at the end of April?**

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

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## MAY 2023

- 08|** Joint PTA Meeting: 7PM
- 11-12|** Plant Sale
- 12|** Student Council Spirit Day: WILD Everything Day
- 15|** End of the Year Dinner: 7PM @ Matteo's
- 16|** District Art Show 4:45-8:45PM @ Lakeside
- 23|** SEPTA Meeting: 7PM @ Chatterton
- 29|** No School - Memorial Day



## END OF THE YEAR DINNER

This is a night to celebrate PARENTS & STAFF and honor those who have dedicated hours to the PTA & School. It's not too late to purchase tickets for this special event being held on Monday, May 15th at Matteo's of Bellmore. Raffle tickets will be sold prior to the event and at the dinner. Scan the QR code to purchase your tickets now!



## ..... GET INVOLVED IN THE PTA

Get involved for the 2023-2024 school year! Please use the QR code below to complete the 2023-24 PTA Committee Chair Request Form.

Note:

- All positions are for 2 years unless there are no volunteers and the current chair remains in the position.
- You must fill out the form even if you are continuing with year 2 of the position.

Forms are due by May 15th. The final Committee Card will be emailed before the end of the school year.

Please keep in mind that these committees cannot run without volunteers!



# STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Happy May to all the Lakeside Lions! The student council crew continues to busy themselves with service projects, spirit days, and so much more! At a recent meeting, the crew decided on the charity that would benefit from their next service project. Birthday Wishes was voted on. Birthday Wishes is a local agency which provides birthday parties for children living in the many homeless shelters in Nassau County. They provide all the necessary items that a family would need to create a beautiful birthday celebration. In addition, they give a birthday gift and a book to each child. This service project is slated to begin in the beginning of May. A flyer will go home with all the details.

Spirit days are always tons of fun at Lakeside. Our spirit day for May is scheduled on Friday, May 12th. The theme of the day is Wild Everything Day! This day gives all the Lakeside Lions a chance to show off their uniqueness! Come to school in mismatched socks, shoes, or a wild head topper! The more outrageous, the better!

The recycling program has been reinstated here at Lakeside. Each classroom and office has been given a recycling bin where paper and empty water bottles are collected. We are very proud to be doing something to help planet Earth.

If you have an opportunity to stop by Lakeside anytime soon, you will notice a brand new bench in the lobby. This bright red bench was purchased as part of our school improvement plan. In addition, two more outdoor trash cans will be added to the back field in a few weeks. We want to ensure that our beautiful school remains litter free!

If any families are holding on to Monday Lunch forms for the months of May and June, please send them in ASAP! They will still be accepted through the first week of May. The crew wants to ensure that all the Lions receive their delicious Monday Lunch from Chicken Carnival. Happy Spring!

# SEPTA

SEPTA's roses for Mother's Day fundraiser is underway. Roses are \$2. Forms and payment are due on May 4th. Our last meeting of the year is May 23rd at Chatterton at 7pm.

# PLANT SALE

Our PTA plant sale is back in person this year! The children will have to opportunity to purchase plants and vegetables provided by Jamesport Vineyards on May 11th and 12th. The sale is cash only so please send money in an envelope with your child's name on it. Plant prices range from \$3.00-\$6.00. A flyer will be sent home this week with more information.

# 6TH GRADE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lakeside celebrates our 6th graders' successful completion of elementary school with a number of exciting events in the month of June. All 6th grade committees are working very hard to plan activities for your children, so that they finish their journey at Lakeside with a lifetime of memories. Please check the 6th grade Facebook Page and PTA email for updates and information.

Reminder, Program Cover Contest submissions are due 5/5 and the Activity Fee is due on 5/15.



# MARY POPPINS

We would like to congratulate the cast and crew of our musical production of Mary Poppins! The talent and dedication displayed by this group of kids was incredible! We would like to thank Julie Haiber and Sabrina Selvin for all of their hard work to make this show such a success. Another thank you to the parents who volunteered to help during the event. Bravo!





# PRINCIPAL'S PAGE



Dear Lakeside Families,

We would like to share grade level updates from Levy Lakeside School.

## Kindergarten

Lakeside kindergartners have been very busy. We are boosting our reading powers and becoming avid readers. In writing, we enjoy writing how-to books, and showing off what we know. Many of us are learning how to ride two-wheelers as the weather outside gets warmer! We are learning about living and non-living things in science and had fun in our previous unit about "push and pull." It's all "adding up" in math, as we continue to work hard. Lakeside has many "first-graders in training!"

## Grade One

First grade was so excited to share their nonfiction, How-To Books and restaurant reviews with their families and friends at a spring writing celebration. They are learning all about money and have been exploring a coin unit using real coins and were even able to participate in a pretend toy store! We are looking forward to our May field trip to Long Island Children's Museum to see a live performance of Elephant and Piggie.

## Grade Two

Second graders have been soaring right into spring! We have started an exciting new program in our STEAM Lab combining technology and creativity. Throughout the eight-week cycle, second grade students will learn all about the features of stop motion animation! Be sure to ask your child all about it! LIGHTS-CAMERA-ACTION! May marks the beginning of the infamous second grade play! Throughout the months of May and June, students will have the opportunity to participate in several play practices coordinated by an outside company to build on their facial expressions, body movements, and ability to work together as a team to make a story come to life. We look forward to seeing all parents on June 7th to watch your little actor and actress shine!





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## Grade Three

Third-grade students have been learning various reading strategies on how to tackle challenging fiction and nonfiction texts, as well as writing short responses that include several details from the text. They also have been busy learning about the cultures of China and Brazil. The entire grade will be going to the Vanderbilt Planetarium and Museum in May, where they will be learning about sea life and the night sky. This will help the students when they start their animal research groups.

## Grade Four

Fourth grade has been having fun and working hard learning about the settling and founding of New York. We are also busy exploring geometry and using protractors. Our Fourth graders are looking forward to reading historical fiction, researching the American revolution, and an upcoming interactive colonial experience!

## Grade Five

The fifth graders really enjoyed learning how to play chess with the "Chessnuts." Many students were also able to advance their skills. Timelines are on view in the fifth grade hallway. These Timelines connect to social studies in that they illustrate personal turning points and world-wide turning points. We have also begun making 3-d key chains in our technology class. The fifth graders are also looking forward to upcoming field trips!

## Grade Six

Sixth grade is looking forward to a culmination of their Lakeside Career. We have a busy spring. In May we will be visiting with our 7th grade buddies at MAMS and learning about history at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center in Glen Cove. We will be getting ready for our big day on June 16th and ready to party on June 5th with our sixth grade friends. We are looking forward to making our final memories here at Lakeside Class of 2023.

We would also like to share our Lakeside Library and Technology Newsletter.

With warm regards,

*Libby Trencheny and Meredith Kelly*





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April 2023

## LAKESIDE LIONS

*building 21st century skills in technology*

**Kindergarteners** enjoyed learning about coding. They are now using their coding skills to tell digital stories in a program called ScratchJr. They are learning to create characters, settings and programs to tell their digital stories.

**Digital Tools:** *Clever, ScratchJr*

**Fifth graders** loved learning about coding and drones. The unit culminated with students developing a flight plan to solve a real-world simulation. Now, they are learning about 3D design and printing using a website called TinkerCAD.

**Digital Tools:** *Drone Blocks, TinkerCAD*

**First graders** have grown so much as programmers! First graders are using ScratchJr to create and tell digital stories across multiple pages. They design characters, settings and include dialogue to create more interesting stories.

**Digital Tools:** *Clever, ScratchJr*

**Sixth graders** finished their coding unit by making real-world connections to drones. Collaborating with their peers, they created missions by selecting real-world scenarios and coding flight plans. They are currently enhancing their 3D design skills through TinkerCAD.

**Digital Tools:** *Drone Blocks, TinkerCAD*

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

**Digital Tools:** *Clever, Bloxels*





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April 2023

## LAKESIDE LIONS

*building 21st century skills in library*

**Kindergarten** students come to library each week and have become more proficient at finding and selecting new books. They are also beginning to integrate technology into our library lessons. Kindergarteners are using apps on their iPads including Seesaw and ChatterPix to respond to our books. We share our successes in the Seesaw journal, and have embarked on animation, bringing characters to life in ChatterPix.

**Read Alouds Included:** *Happy Valentine's Day Mouse, 100 Day Worries, Hop on Pop, Mae Among the Stars, and The Book Hog.*

**Third graders** are immersed in our coding unit, learning the skills necessary to apply to most coding languages. They are learning about debugging our code along with creating events and using loops to repeat actions. Third graders use our coding lessons to enhance and build upon their knowledge, learning and practicing during each library session.

**Read Alouds Included:** *Girl Running, Counting on Katherine, and What Pet Should I Get.*

**First graders** have expanded upon their library navigation skills and make appropriate choices for their personal interests. We have integrated technology into our literary responses through the Seesaw platform, where students have expanded their digital response skills. Students also enjoy using ChatterPix to bring characters alive and are currently working on creative projects where we animate our book characters.

**Read Alouds Included:** *Love Splat, Love Monster, Green Eggs and Ham, Margaret and the Moon, Where is Bina Bear, and The Day the Crayons Quit.*

**Fourth graders** enjoy coding and understanding how events create actions in our programs. They are learning how to be efficient by adding loops as well as nested loops to shorten our lines of code. Students are also learning about conditionals through if and if/else statements within our algorithms to help the program make decisions.

**Read Alouds Included:** *Girl Running, Counting on Katherine, What Pet Should I Get, and Testing the Ice.*

**Second graders** have been excited about the new opportunity to select chapter books in a series from the back of the library. They have learned strategies to ensure they choose "just-right" books. They are also recommending different series to their peers and enjoying reading their favorite series. Second graders use Seesaw as a digital communication tool to respond to our lessons and share their posts responsibly with their classmates.

**Read Alouds Included:** *Petunia, Amelia Bedelia's First Valentine, Trombone Shorty, The Watcher, There's a Wocket in My Pocket and Living Sunlight.*



# PTA LAKESIDE LUNCH BOX

**June** PTA lunch will be available for ordering beginning **May 10th - 22nd** with late ordering from **May 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: [levyptalunch@gmail.com](mailto:levyptalunch@gmail.com).



## 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.



## 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](mailto: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!



## 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](mailto: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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