



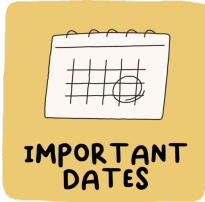
The Lakesider



WELCOME...

Welcome to the first edition of **The Lakesider**. Each month, we will share Lakeside news, announcements & events regarding the SCHOOL, PTA, STUDENT COUNCIL & SEPTA. Scan QR codes for easy access to a website link. Save important dates into your calendar. Stay connected by regularly checking your email & social media. And save each issue as a monthly reminder. Please contact thelakesider11566@gmail.com with questions.

OCTOBER 2022



- 02| Custodian's Day
- 05| No School - Yom Kippur
- 07| Early Dismissal - 15 minutes early
- 10| No School - Columbus Day; Lakeside Lunch Box November Ordering Opens
- 11-14| Health and Wellness Week
- 12| Walk to School Day; Boosterthon Kick-off
- 19| Unity Day; SEPTA Presentation: 7:30pm @ Birch
- 20| 6th Grade: Field Trip to the DNA Lab
- 21| Boosterthon Fun Run
- 25| Sports Night: 7pm Grade 2; 8pm Grade 6
- 26| 2nd Grade: Field Trip to Old Bethpage Restoration
- 27| Sports Night: 7pm Grade 1; 8pm Grade 4
- 31| (K-3rd) Grade Level Halloween Parades
(4th-6th) Candy in the Jar - Results

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. Parents & staff who join the PTA by 10/31 will be entered to win a gift card. The winner will be announced 11/1.

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.





PRINCIPAL'S PAGES



During our first month of school, our students filled our hallways and classrooms with smiles, motivation, and vigor! They demonstrated their understanding of classroom routines, procedures, and materials. Friendships have begun to form throughout the building. It was exciting to see Lakeside students enthusiastic about their new curricula in all subject areas.

We held our school safety presentations for all grades. Topics covered were age-appropriate and included the Dignity Act, ROARS expectations, Bucket Filling, and the importance of demonstrating respect and responsibility everywhere. Please review the Code of Conduct with your child. We have also had quotes of the week which have included: Manners Matter, Be Nothing But Nice, Think Before You Speak, Act, Text and Keep It Clean.

Our goal is to maintain a safe, positive, effective learning environment for all. Inappropriate dress can detract from this climate. Students will be requested to call home for appropriate clothing if necessary. We appreciate your support and partnership in ensuring that our school continues to be a welcoming place for all. We ask that the following guidelines be followed:

- Skirts and shorts are acceptable as long as they are of reasonable length.
- Thin strapped tank tops, cropped tops or cropped shirts, sheer clothing without sufficient coverage underneath and shirts with suggestive phrases, pictures or words are prohibited.
- Long tee shirts without shorts or skirts will not be acceptable. Inseams on shorts should be a reasonable length from knees. "Short shorts" and double rolled shorts are not acceptable in the school environment.
- Footwear such as open toe beach sandals, flip flops and lace less sneakers are to be avoided because of the safety risk.
- Hats should not be worn in school.

We hope your Open House visit to your child's classroom was informative and that the session was an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher(s) for the new school year and hear important information about this year's curriculum, class procedures, and routines. Please email or contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.





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Halloween: On Monday, October 31st, all students (K-6) will be permitted to wear a costume to school. Costumes must meet the following criteria to be worn at the Lakeside School:

- Costumes should be fun, happy and interesting, not gory, violent, obscene, brief/revealing, or mean-spirited.
- Students must continue to follow all building protocols including mask wearing. Students are not permitted to wear full facial painting with the intent of being able to safely identify all students and people in the building.
- There will be no weapons permitted as part of any costume including, but not limited to, guns, swords, knives, light sabers, axes, etc.
- "Group" costumes are highly discouraged. Our school promotes a culture of inclusion, not exclusion. If your child would like to participate in a "group" costume during the school day, please inform and open the invitation to all students in the class.
- This year, our sixth grade students will wear costumes pertaining to a specific theme voted on by their class (for example, decades, emojis etc.) Specific information about each class theme will be forthcoming.
- K-3 parade times were emailed to families on September 28th.
- Any child that comes to school wearing a costume that is considered to be inappropriate based on the above guidelines, will be asked to change or cover up his/her costume.

Lunch Deliveries: Please refrain from arranging lunch deliveries for students from vendors directly. In the interest of safety, we continuously try to limit outside visitors in the school. Delivery persons arriving haphazardly may compromise the safety of our students, especially if this becomes a common occurrence. Thank you for your understanding and commitment to keeping our building secure.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Conferences will be held November 22nd & 23rd. You can choose a Zoom or in-person conference.



SEPTA

SEPTA would like to thank those of you that have already signed up to be a SEPTA member. If you have not done so yet, please consider signing up by scanning the QR code below. This year, SEPTA will have five presentations. The first presentation is on October 19th at Birch. Mrs. Pedley, the occupational therapist from Birch, will be explaining how to help students keep their fine motor skills in a world where technology has replaced many of the traditional fine motor uses. The presentation begins at 7:00pm & if you bring your children, there will be babysitting & a craft in a separate room.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Our Monday Lunch program is up and running, the next round will begin in December if you would like your child to try one of our delicious lunch options. We have two ongoing service projects that will span across the entire year. The first is the **collection of gently used prescription eyeglasses/sunglasses**. The glasses are refurbished and passed along to those who are in need. The second year long service project is to help support **Wands for Wildlife**. We collect used/clean mascara wands. We have a box in the lobby where they can be placed. The mascara wands are used to help save the lives of wild animals. Our first service project for the year will be **Coats for Kids**. We will be collecting gently used coats of all sizes. They will be cleaned and distributed to Long Islanders who are not in a position to purchase one of their own. A flyer will be sent out the first week in October with all the details! Spirit Days will be held monthly. A calendar of specific dates/themes will be out shortly after our first meeting on October 11th. Thank you to the Lakeside Family for your continued support!

LAKESIDE BOOSTERTHON

October is here! And that means the 2022 Boosterthon fundraiser is right around the corner! Boosterthon is a two week character building and fitness program that kicks-off on 10/12. Students will gather pledges to help support the school. The week will end on 10/21 with students running laps in matching shirts (paid for by the sponsors) & showing their Lakeside Spirit at the Fun Run. This year, the goal is to raise \$20,000 to increase our Cultural Arts events & purchase a book vending machine.

A BIG thank you to all of our sponsors:

- Answering Legal • Graystone Properties • Coleman Country Day Camp • Matteo's • Boost Your Beauty MediSpa • Battiloro Law Group • Long Island Gastroenterology Specialists • Tomato and Basil Pizzeria • Bluebird Kitchen • Sentry Communications and Security • Off the Brook • Ocean and Open Bay Marinas • Langdon Title • Custom Closet Shoppe LLC • Minuteman Press - Merrick • Colony Cards & Gifts • Precision Pharmacy • Bagel Boss • Meena G. Nadrroo M.D., P.C. • Blue Ocean Wealth Solutions • Motor Network Auto Leasing and Sales • The Homme

PTA SNEAKER FUNDRAISER

The sneaker fundraiser continues through October 14th. Get those unused (or used)/unwanted sneakers out of your home and send them into Lakeside (bin in the lobby).

If you have a middle or high school child looking for Community Service hours, please contact ptomana@yahoo.com for more information. Thank you for your support!



HEALTH AND WELLNESS WEEK

Tuesday, October 11th - Friday, October 14th

The week will be filled with daily events to help promote healthy habits for the mind and body

Tuesday: Total Mind and Body ~

Students will receive mindfulness information and each class will receive a Wellness Kit for use throughout the year

Wednesday: Walk to School Workout Wednesday~ Meet at 8:10am at Julian Lane Park wearing your ROARS shirt! (Rain date will be Friday)

Thursday: T-Shirt and Total Positivity Thursday~ Students will wear a T-shirt with a positive word or phrase, or any favorite shirt that makes them happy

Friday: Foodie Friday~

Students will bring a healthy snack to school, and enjoy snack time outside (weather permitting)



VETERANS DAY



The Lakeside community will pay respect to those who served or are currently serving in the US Armed Forces with a 'Field of Honor' flag display. We will once again be collecting personal items & toiletries to send to our veterans, locally. Each student will be asked to write a letter or make a card thanking a veteran for their service. We also hope to honor veterans related to Lakeside students so the students really understand the meaning of Veterans Day. More details to come.



PTA REFLECTIONS SUBMISSIONS

The Reflections program helps students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning. Students are encouraged to submit an original work of art in the following themes: dance, choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, & visual arts. This year's theme: **Show Your Voice**.

More information will be in your child/ren's red folder in early October. The submission box will be located in the lobby with a due date of November 4th.

PTA THANKSGIVING PIES

Thanksgiving would not be complete without a fresh baked pie, cookies, soup or bread from White Post Farms. The 2022 order form is out - don't wait, send in your form now. Any questions regarding allergies, contact ptomana@yahoo.com. Orders must be placed by November 7th. Pick-up at the school November 22th & 23rd. More info to come.



THEATER PRODUCTION

We are very excited that Lakeside is bringing back the Theater Program this year. 5th & 6th graders spent the last two weeks auditioning for Mary Poppins. The cast is excited to begin rehearsals this week for an April 27th production.



FOUNDERS DAY COMMITTEE

The Founders Day Committee Chairs will be looking for members for the Founders Day Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will consist of: (3) PTA Members from the General Membership & (2) PTA Members from the Executive Board. The Nominating Committee is responsible for receiving and organizing the nominations for Founders Day Awards and voting for the Founders Day award recipients. Please attend the November 2nd PTA Meeting if you would like to be considered for this committee.

PTA LAKESIDE LUNCH BOX

November PTA lunch will be available for ordering beginning **October 10th - 22nd** with late ordering from **October 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 SPIRIT WEAR. New ITEMS: Trucker Hats, Socks, Bracelets, Splatter Headbands & more. Water bottles & Absent Notepads, coming soon. All items will be delivered directly to your child's classroom.

Contact lakesidefundraising11566@gmail.com with any questions.



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! There will be clothing, jewelry, beauty, and camp vendors as well as personalized gift and collectibles vendors just to name a few! The fair will be held in the gym on Wednesday, December 7th from 6:30-9pm.

If you are interested in being a vendor please email LakesideVendorFair@gmail.com



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 discounts are good through 8/31/2023 with no limit to the number of times you can use each one. All proceeds will be divided among Lakeside, Birch & Chatterton schools.

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



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.

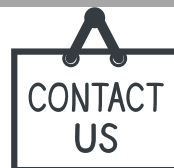


DON'T FORGET TO LABEL...



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.



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

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