



# The Lakesider



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to 2025! We hope you had a great winter break and are ready for a great new year ahead!



- 06 • School resumes
- 07 • PTA Meeting @7pm
- 10 • FEB lunch ordering opens
- 13 • PARP KICKOFF
- 13-17 • PARP WEEK
- 14 • BOE Meeting @ 7:15pm
- 17 • PARP Closing and Community Read Aloud

### 20 • SCHOOL CLOSED – MLK Jr. Day

28 • Lakeside night UBS Arena: NY Islanders Game

### 29 • SCHOOL CLOSED – Lunar New Year

- 22 • FEB Lunch ordering closes
- 23 • FEB LATE lunch ordering until 1/25
- 31 • SPIRIT DAY – College Day



Please join us for our **next PTA meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm VIA ZOOM**. Link will be shared via parent square.

All Committees with events in January/February, please be prepared to give an update on your committee. If you chaired a committee in November/ December, please have at least one member attend to share an overview of the event.

## PARP (PICK A READING PARTNER)

Another amazing PARP (Pick a Reading Partner) week is around the corner!



PARP Week will be January 13th-17<sup>th</sup>

We've secured our author visit with Chris Grabenstein - best known for *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* and this year we have an exciting partnership with **Merrick Library!**

We have an exciting lineup of activities, dress up days, and special guests to highlight our love of reading!  
***Be on the lookout for a schedule of events.***





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## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

We hope all the Lakeside Lions and their families enjoyed the holiday season. We all have so much to be grateful for!

The student council crew is working on their next service project! During the month of January, we will hold a collection for the. **Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter.**

We will be collecting old towels, blankets, and sheets. In addition, we will be looking for donations of cat and dog food, wee wee pads, and pet toys.



This service project will be held from January 13th-21st. Be on the lookout for a flyer and a Parent Square message as well.

Our recent Toys for Tots drive was a huge success. The Lakeside Lions stepped up to donate many huge boxes of toys. They were distributed to local children to ensure that everyone enjoyed the holiday season.

The student council crew is holding a winter spirit wear sale. There are some really cool items and brand new logos! Flyers will be sent out soon. Stay nice and warm this winter by wearing some cool Lakeside Spirit Gear!

Spirit days are one of the highlights of each month.

- January's Spirit Day is the 31st. The theme of the day is College Day.
- On February 14<sup>TH</sup>, we will celebrate P.S. I Love You Day by wearing purple.

*Reminders will go out about these two special events. The crew wants to thank you all for your continued support!*





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## PTA LAKESIDE LUNCH BOX



The Lakeside Lunch Box  
will be open for FEBRUARY lunch ordering  
from **Jan. 10th to Jan. 22nd.**

*Late ordering is open every month from the  
23rd to the 25<sup>th</sup>.*

Volunteers are always welcome. Email us  
@[levyptalunch@gmail.com](mailto:levyptalunch@gmail.com)



**SAVE THE DATE**  
FOR LAKESIDE PTA'S SCHOOL DANCE:

**PARTY GRAS**  
TO BE HELD ON:

MARCH 4TH  
(PRE K, K)  
  
MARCH 6TH  
(1ST/2ND, & 5TH/6TH)  
  
MARCH 7TH  
(3RD/4TH)

TIMES AND DETAILS COMING SOON...

## LOOK OUT IN FEBRUARY FOR ...

3 -7 • Kindergarten Registration  
6 • Reflections @ 7pm  
6 • Founder's Day @ 7:30 pm

11 • BOE Meeting @ 7:15pm  
14 • P.S. I Love You Day- Mental Health Awareness

17-21 • **School Closed** – February Recess



If you are interested in lending a hand for any of  
the following events, please contact the committee  
members below.

**Sat, 1/11 morning - volunteers needed to  
help decorate for PARP**

Please email [lakesideptaprez@gmail.com](mailto:lakesideptaprez@gmail.com)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH 6<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE FUNDRAISING**

Please email [lakesideptaprez@gmail.com](mailto:lakesideptaprez@gmail.com)

**Lunch (ongoing) -** [levyptalunch@gmail.com](mailto:levyptalunch@gmail.com)





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## PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Dear Lakeside Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you had the chance during winter break to catch up with friends and family and enjoy some rest and relaxation! Entering a new year surely means new beginnings for all of us. January is a time of learning, celebration, and preparation for continued success.

As we return from winter break, we will kick off the new year with a focus on growth and goal setting:

- Mid-Year Assessments:** These will help us to continue to track student progress and adjust instruction as needed. The assessments for K – 6 are the NWEA and the Acadience (Grades K, 1, 2, 3 and 4)
- PARP** will be held the week of January 13. Our author's visit, Chris Grabenstein, will take place on January 15. Chris Grabenstein is a popular author of many series that our students love in the library. He wrote the **Mr. Lemoncello's Library** series (made into a movie), **Dog Squad**, **The Smartest Kid in the Universe** and a few picture books as well.
- We will conclude our PARP week with our Community Read Aloud
- Spirit Day:** January 31: College Day

### Reminders

- Please ensure students come to school dressed warmly and prepared for outdoor recess.
- Regular attendance and being on time for the start of the school day at 8:40 am is crucial for student success; let's make it a priority in the new year!
- Please continue to follow the direction from our safety officers in the front loop during morning arrival to ensure all students enter the building safely and efficiently.

*Thank you for your continued partnership in making Lakeside a wonderful place for learning and growth. In 2025, let's radiate our most positive traits, share our smiles, and support one another. We wish each of you a year filled with many exceptional and special moments.*

Warm regards,

*Libby Trencheny and Chris Colarossi*







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Have Something to Share?

If you have news to share with our PTA community, drop us a line for consideration in the next issue of The Lakesider.

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