



# The Lakesider



## WELCOME

Happy Fall from The Lakesider! Each month, we will share Lakeside news, announcements, and events regarding the school, PTA, Student Council & SEPTA. Hope you enjoy reading all the exciting things we have going on!



Important Dates

- 2 • National Custodian's Day
- 3-4 • **ROSH HASHANAH - School Closed**
- 7-11 • Evacuation Drill and Health & Wellness Week
- 8 • BOE MEETING @ 7:15PM
- 9 • Walk to School Day - meet @ Julian Lane Park 8:10am
- 11 • BOOSTERTHON/FUN RUN
- 11 • Early Dismissal (15 minutes early)
- 14 • **School Closed - Columbus Day**
- 15 • Grades 5 & 6 NCPD Internet Safety
- 16 • Unity Day
- 17 • PANERA BREAD fundraiser (See page 5)
- 21 • Sports Night - Grade 1 @ 7pm
- Sports Night - Grade 4 @ 8pm
- 22 • Sports Night - Grade 2 @ 7pm
- Sports Night - Grade 6 @ 8pm
- 28-Nov 1 • Red Ribbon Week
- 28. • Sports Night - Grade 3 @ 7pm
- Sports Night - Grade 5 @ 8pm
- 29 • Sports Night - Grade K @ 7pm
- 31 • **Halloween Parade (See page 8)**

## 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.

## YOU MUST RENEW PTA MEMBERSHIP EACH YEAR

Join Lakeside PTA!



**PTA**  
everychild.onevoice.

First Parent/Guardian/Staff: \$15

Second Parent/Guardian: \$5

<https://lakesideschoolpta.memberhub.com/store>



## Why Join?

### PTA Programs

Fundraisers  
Cultural Arts  
PARP  
Peace & Friendship Day  
Welcome Back Festival  
Picture Day  
Founders Day  
Reflections  
Veterans Day Ceremony  
Vendor Fair  
Lakeside Lunch Box  
Theatre Program

### Children Benefit

Decades of research shows when parents are involved, students perform better academically.

### The School Benefits

The PTA provides support for teachers, staff & administration by providing supplies, programs and events that bring the school together as a community to enrich learning.

### You Benefit

Make life-long friends with other parents in the school and form connections with teachers and staff.

## Stay Informed

Follow the Lakeside PTA on Facebook

@Lakesidepta

*On 9/24, we welcomed our community to our first PTA meeting for the 2024-2025 school year. We are so excited for all the fun events and activities we have planned this year. Remember, the PTA is only as good as its community! Thank you for your support.*

**Next Meeting: November 19, 2024**





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## Norman J Levy Lakeside School Families!

We're excited to introduce this year's main fundraiser, the Levy Lakeside Fun Run happening on October 11<sup>th</sup>!  
(Event during school hours)

***Our goal this year is to raise \$25,000 for field trips and assemblies to benefit ALL students at Norman J Levy Lakeside School.***

We're excited for this fundraising experience because it offers 3 important things to our school community: a user-friendly fundraising platform, a character enrichment program and a fitness-focused event that includes ALL of our students.

As a family, you will work together asking friends and family to donate on your student's Donation Page at MyBooster.com. Donations accepted until October 14<sup>th</sup>!

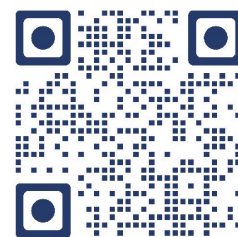
The best part is, you can still support our school just by SHARING about the fundraiser! Students will also experience an amazing character enrichment program called "Castle Quest", teaching students about how to be brave and live with character.

**HEY FAMILIES! HELP OUR SCHOOL!**

# LOG ON TODAY!

**MYBOOSTER.COM**

**OUR FUNDRAISING EVENT IS HERE!**



**FEATURING**  **DUDEPERFECT**

If we can get 60% of the school signed up, we could earn a school wide pajama day!





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## HEALTH & WELLNESS WEEK



We will be kicking off Health & Wellness week on **October 7th!** We will be focusing on mindful moments, positivity, checking ingredients in our snacks, staying hydrated and most importantly, staying active!

**10/7** Wear your favorite shirt that makes you feel confident or sends a positive message!

**10/8:** Bring a healthy snack to school!

**10/9:** Walk to School Day

(Meet at Julian Lane at 8:10AM and wear your ROARS shirt!)

**10/10:** Stay hydrated! Bring a water bottle to school

**10/11** FUN RUN! Wear your class shirt, comfy shoes and get ready to have fun and run!

**LAKESIDE SPORTS NIGHT**  
**SAVE THE DATE**

**Monday, October 21st**  
Grade 1 @ 7PM  
Grade 4 @ 8PM

**Tuesday, October 22nd**  
Grade 2 @ 7PM  
Grade 6 @ 8PM

**Monday, October 28th**  
Grade 3 @ 7PM  
Grade 5 @ 8PM

**Tuesday, October 29th**  
Kindergarten @ 7PM

Sneakers are required

Bring a water bottle

Only one parent per child allowed

Dress comfortably

**THIS EVENT IS NOT A DROP OFF**

**MERRICK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**2024-2025 MERRICK DISCOUNT CARD**

**\$20**

Physical card once again this year!

**SAVE BIG**

CARD VALID 9/1/24 - 8/31/25

**& SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL**

PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES:

BAGEL BOSS - BOOST YOUR BEAUTY - CARVEL - DANNY'S CHINESE KITCHEN - DENNY'S - FRANKIE'S - GOLD COAST KIDS - GREEK COVE - LET'S BAG IT - LET'S ROLL - LONNY'S - MOOLALA - PLAYA BOWLS - ROMA PIZZA - SAN MARZANO - SIP N SAY - STORM - SUGAR CRAZY - SUNRISE CAR WASH - STREET TO TABLE - LESTERS

QUESTIONS: Jen Cohen jennifer.byck@gmail.com, Michele Friend mfk417@yahoo.com

**LEVY LAKESIDE PTA**  
**2024**  
**VENDOR FAIR**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**LEVY LAKESIDE SCHOOL**  
21 Babylon Road  
Merrick, NY 11566

**DECEMBER 5**  
6:30 - 9:00 PM







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## NATIONAL PTA® REFLECTIONS®

Help your child express their creativity through Reflections, a national PTA program that helps students explore their 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: literature, photography, & visual arts. This year's theme:

### Accepting Imperfection

<https://form.jotform.com/242525538469062>



More information will be in your child/ren's red folder. Artwork is due by November 5th.

Questions?

Email [reflectionslevylakeside@gmail.com](mailto:reflectionslevylakeside@gmail.com)

### PTA LAKESIDE LUNCH BOX

The Lakeside Lunch Box is open every month for regular ordering from the

**10th to the 22nd.**

Late ordering is open every month from the 23rd to the 25th. Please set a reminder in your phones!

Any questions regarding lunch, please contact [levyptalunch@gmail.com](mailto:levyptalunch@gmail.com).



## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Hey Lakeside Lions!

The student council crew is so excited to begin another amazing year. Elections for class representatives took place in September. Once our new members are in place, we will hold our first meeting.

There are many annual projects coming up this fall. Our first service project will be ***the collection of gently used coats and boots.*** This is an annual project that has helped to keep many of our neighbors warm during the winter months. One of our first orders of business will be to plan out our spirit days for the entire year. Please check Parent Square on a regular basis for exciting news about our upcoming events and spirit days.

***We are looking forward to a year filled with lion pride! Roar!***





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**Panera**  
FUNDRAISING

*Help support us!*

## LEVY LAKESIDE SCHOOL

**20%**  
OF SALES  
WILL BE  
DONATED

**October 17, 2024  
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
2375 Merrick Road, Bellmore, NY**

Use code **FUND4U** at online checkout, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-café.\*

Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the café or enter the promo code FUND4U at checkout on Panerabread.com or the Panera App to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.\*\* Learn more at fundraising.panerabread.com

\*Gift card and catering order placed on Panerabread.com, and delivery orders placed through third-party sites are excluded and will not count towards the event. Other restrictions apply. For complete details, visit: <http://fundraising.panerabread.com/terms-conditions/>. \*\*Services vary by café.

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### LOOK OUT IN NOVEMBER FOR ...

5 • School Closed – Superintendent's Conference Day

6 • Picture retake day and Club Photos

8 • Veteran's Day Assembly

11 • School Closed – Veteran's Day

16 • BOE Meeting @ 7:15pm

**19 • PTA Meeting @ 7pm**

22,25,26 • Book Fair

26 • Parent Teacher Conferences (5:30-8:30pm)

27 • School Closed – Parent Teacher Conferences

28,29 • Thanksgiving Recess – School Closed



**10/7** - Shirt that has positive message

**10/9** - Walk to School Day - ROARS shirt

**10/11** - FUN RUN! Wear your class shirt, comfy shoes

**10/31** – See "Principal's Page" on page 8

\* There may be other dress up days that come up (Unity Day, Red Ribbon Week)



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

**Boosterthon/Fun Run** – Volunteers needed for water stations and taking pictures

Email: [lakesideptaprez@gmail.com](mailto:lakesideptaprez@gmail.com)

**Health & Wellness** – Need help writing positive messages in chalk one morning.

Email: [ekar5424@gmail.com](mailto:ekar5424@gmail.com)

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





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## PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Dear Lakeside Families,

During our first month of school, we enjoyed seeing our students fill our hallways and classrooms with smiles, motivation, and vigor. They demonstrated their understanding of classroom routines, procedures, materials, and friendships began 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 in the beginning of September. Topics covered were age-appropriate and included the Dignity Act, Bucket Filling, and demonstrating respect and responsibility everywhere.

The **Code of Conduct** was emailed through Parent Square and requires your electronic signature. Please review the Code of Conduct with your child. Additionally, we will hold this type of presentation along with further discussions about dignity and belonging again in the Winter and Spring.

We have been launching our focus on *dignity* and the dignity elements. All students learned what dignity is and how to honor it. Classrooms generated "Imagine Statements" where they envisioned the type of classroom and school they wish for. The students also are learning about the dignity element of *independence*.

***Independence is the ability of individuals to make their own choices, so they feel in control and believe in themselves.*** Classrooms will explore the concept of having a growth mindset, setting goals, encouraging others to work on their goals, reflecting on their progress, and identifying problems or obstacles in our lives and/or the world that need to be changed or addressed.





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**Important Dismissal Information:** *If you would like to make a change to your child's dismissal (i.e. pick-up, walker, biker, or busser), a request must be made in writing, by the parent or guardian on the day of the change.*

Please note the following:

- Send a note in your child's backpack addressed to the teacher on the date of the dismissal change.
- Please do not email or send a Parent Square message to your child's teacher regarding a *day-of dismissal change*. Many times, teachers have limited time during the school day to check their messages and it cannot be guaranteed they will see it before dismissal. Additionally, teachers may be absent, and the substitute teacher in the class would not be notified.
- In an emergency dismissal change, you must call the main office directly at 516-992-7231.

Our K - 2 students had the opportunity to learn about fire prevention and fire safety from our **Merrick Fire Department on October 2.**

The Nassau County Police will visit Lakeside on **Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> to speak to grades 5 and 6 about internet safety.**

### **Lost and Found**

Our lost and found already has many jackets and water bottles. Please label all student jackets, lunch boxes and water bottles with your child's name. This way we can return the item to your child. Also, the next time you are in the building, please make sure to check the lost and found items.





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### HALLOWEEN

On Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, **all students (K-6) will be permitted to wear costumes 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 are not permitted to wear full facial paintings 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.
- **We will hold an entire school building parade for our UPK, Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3.**

More details pertaining to the Halloween Parade to follow. Any child that comes to school wearing a costume that is inappropriate based on the above guidelines will be asked to change or cover up his/her costume.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held November 26 and 27. You can choose a Zoom or in-person conference.

**PTA and SEPTA** memberships may be completed online. We encourage all families to join!

*With 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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