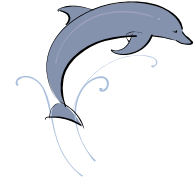




From the Lake



“Linking Together for Success at LAES”

November 2009

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CALENDAR

- Nov. 10 PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Nov. 10 Report Cards Go Home
- Nov. 11 Restaurant night at California Tortilla and Baskin Robbins
- Nov. 12 Make Up Picture Day
- Nov. 13 Celebration Assembly, Grades 4 thru 6, 9:00 am
- Nov. 18 Thanksgiving Luncheon
- Nov. 25 2 hour Early Release at 1:20 pm
- Nov. 26/27 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 1 PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Dec. 10 Choral Concert, 7:00 pm
- Dec. 15 Band/Strings Concert, 7:00 pm
- Dec. 23 2 hour Early Release at 1:20 pm
- Dec. 24 thru Jan. 1 Winter Break



Principal Notes

Dear Families,

The season of thankfulness and giving is approaching. I have so much to be thankful for this year. We had a safe and smooth school opening and I have an excellent teaching and school staff to accomplish all that needs to be done every day. I am thankful for all the Lake Anne team!

I am so thankful for the more than the 75 “LADS” (Lake Anne Dad Squad) that volunteered on October 31st. The “LADS” of Lake Anne accomplished so much. They worked on school projects and supported learning in many of the classrooms, too. Again, I thank all of the “LADS” of Lake Anne.

I am thankful for the excellent first quarter we have just completed. First quarter report cards go home on November 10th. It is a new beginning now and 2nd quarter is a great time to start new homework routines and structures to support your child’s learning. It is never too late for students to improve or achieve even greater success. We are collaborating in teams and across core areas about ways to support each child’s learning. Parents are an important partner in the process. I am thankful for you encouraging your children to do their best each day.

I am thankful for the wonderful opportunities provided by the PTA. This organized group serves all the children at Lake Anne. We had fun at the Lake Anne fall dance. It was great to see so many of you participating. We have many restaurant evenings planned too. Please join us any time and support all of the students at Lake Anne.

I hope all of you will join us for **Thanksgiving lunch on Wednesday, November 18th**. Please purchase a lunch ticket in advance for \$3.65 through the school office so we will have plenty of turkey on hand that day. **Wednesday, November 25 is an early release day**. Students will be dismissed at around 1:20. Please ensure your child and the school understands the going home arrangements if they have changed for that day. The staff hopes to close on time as well to get a head start on the Thanksgiving weekend, so please pick up your children on time.

I wish everyone a safe holiday. I am thankful for being the principal of such a wonderful school and thank you for sharing your children every day. I am continually amazed by how much they are learning and growing.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

Linda S. Hajj, Lake Anne Principal

From the Clinic



Please DO NOT send your child to school sick. If your child has a fever, diarrhea or is vomiting, do not send them to school until 24 hours after they are symptom free without medication. We do not want them to infect other children or staff.

During Fall, the weather can vary quite a bit during the day. Please have your child bring a jacket with them to school.

Also, make sure that your children have had breakfast in the morning. If they do not have time for breakfast, they can have breakfast here. Breakfast is served in the cafeteria beginning at 8:15 am and can be purchased for \$1.50.

We would like to thank all the parents for helping out during the screenings last month. You made the day easier for everyone.

Early Dismissal

Children will be released from school on Wednesday, November 25 at approximately 1:20pm. Please make sure that you make arrangements.

Makeup Pictures

School pictures were distributed to students on Tuesday, October 27th. On Thursday, November 12, a photographer will be at Lake Anne to take makeup pictures. Makeup day is available for:

- Students who were absent on Picture Day, October 7th. An order form will be sent home with your child. Please send payment with your child November 12th.
- Students whose original photograph has a technical flaw (i.e., eyes closed, discoloration on the photo). Please send the original package containing the blue and white packaging slip and photographs with your child November 12th.



Order forms for makeup pictures are also available in the office.

Attendance

Parents, this year we have an automated phone call system for attendance. If you do not call in to the attendance line (703-326-3535) before 9:30 and give a reason for your child's absence, you will be called and emailed by the automated system.

Lost and Found

We have many coats, hats and lunch bags accumulating in the lost and found. Please check in the cafeteria lost and found cupboards if your child is missing any items.

Impact Aid Surveys

Please remember to return the Student-Parent Survey forms, They are **due now!** If you need a copy, let the office know.

Volunteers Needed

-Grace Art Docents needed for several classes – feel free to “adopt” a class that needs a docent even if it is just for a month or two. Every student at Lake Anne should be part of GRACE Art – if you want to help make this happen, please contact Maureen Barrett (Maureenhbarrett@yahoo.com) to talk more. She’ll make it easy – and you’ll love the GRACE Art program.

-Library – drop in to help straighten shelves and reshelve books. Ten minutes to two hours – Mrs. Swallow would love to have your help. Contact Mrs. Swallow or Cathy Arney (cathy.arney@fcps.edu).

-Room Parents - We also need a room parents for many classes. If your child is in one of the following classes, please think about helping out by planning a few parties for the class and a few other items. This will only take a few hours of your time. Contact the teacher.

Allison Ribeiro

Christina Williams

Ashley Dynda

Pilar Cubas

LeaAnn White (PM)

Valerie Cowan

Stacey Freer

Marta Rodriguez (PM)

Beth Cogswell

Stephanie Hill

Aurian Lotter

Rosalita Santiago

Marty Coaxum

Tom Crotty

Daniel Ramos

Sonia Beckner

PTA Notes

Meeting-This month’s meeting will be on November 10 at 7:00. We will be discussing the Fairfax County Public Schools budget for 2011. Lake Anne stands to lose a great deal if the current budget is adopted; we’ll learn about advocacy groups already forming and how Lake Anne parents can become more involved. This is a **very important** meeting because your children and family will be affected directly by the budget and the cuts that may take place. Of course other PTA business and events will be discussed as well. Please plan on joining your fellow Lake Anne parents for the meeting.

Restaurant Night- Our next Dining for Dollar\$ night will be at California Tortilla and Baskin Robbins at North Point Village Center on November 11. A flyer was sent out in the Tuesday folder and you will need the flyer in order for Lake Anne to get credit for your purchase.

Volunteers-We are seeking volunteers to co-chair various committees for the Spring Celebration to be held on March 13. Come and help out during this fun day! Please email Jenny Vanier-Walter at jennyavw@yahoo.com.



FAIRFAX SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Christopher Zimmerman | Music Director

Free Student Tickets

Students in Elementary, Middle, and High School are eligible to reserve free tickets to the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra for Saturday, November 21, 2009 at 8:00 pm. This concert will take place at George Mason University’s Center for the Arts in Fairfax. Reserve your tickets on our website: www.fairfaxsymphony.org. The deadline is Wednesday, November 18 at 5:00 pm. Only 100 free tickets are available! Non-reserved student tickets are \$15 at the door. All tickets must be picked up between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. at the Student Ticket Window. Accompanying adult tickets are always \$35 in any section! Questions: info@fairfaxsymphony.org; (703) 563-1990.

1st Quarter Celebration Assembly - November 13, 2009



The 1st quarter Celebration Assembly will be held on Friday, November 13th at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. Parents of students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades will be notified via backpack memo if their child will be receiving an award on this day. Congratulations to all our hard working students! The criteria for awards are as follows:

SOL Super Star – Received a perfect score of 600 in any subject area on the 2009 SOL exams.

“A” Honor Roll - A’s in all subject areas (including PE, Art, Health, Band, Strings, and Music). O’s and G’s in Citizenship, Study Skills, and Effort

“A/B” Honor Roll - A’s and B’s in all subject areas (including PE, Art, Health, Band, Strings, and Music). O’s, G’s, and S’s in Citizenship, Study Skills, and Effort

Citizenship - All O’s in the Citizenship and Study Skills area. All O’s and G’s in the Effort areas

Bringing Up Grades Award (2nd, 3rd and 4th Quarters) - A grade must go up one grade level in a subject area, without going down in any other achievement areas. No N’s in Citizenship, Study Skills and Effort

Homework Star Award

100% homework submitted during one quarter (Quarterly Award)

100% homework submitted during every quarter (entire year) (Yearly Award)

Your Views and Opinions Are Important to Us!

This winter, a random sample of Lake Anne parents will receive the Parent Opinion Survey. This survey is part of the Principal Performance Evaluation Program and offers parents an opportunity to provide anonymous input about various issues related to our school. These include safety, parent involvement, curriculum, communications, and expectations for student achievement and behavior.

The survey will arrive in the mail in early December 2009 and will be returned directly to the Fairfax County Public Schools’ Office of Student Testing for processing. If you receive a copy of the Parent Opinion Survey, please take a few minutes to complete and return the survey.

School Hours:

Monday 8:30 am to 12:50 pm

Tuesday-Friday 8:30 am to 3:20 pm

Student's Withdrawal Reminder

If you plan to withdraw your student, either permanently (i.e., moving, changing schools, etc.) or temporarily (i.e., extended absence, going out of the country for the holidays, etc.), please submit a letter to the Lake Anne Front Office before the student's last day.

The letter should include the following:

- the current date;
- the student's name;
- the student's teacher(s);
- the date of the last day that the student will be attending Lake Anne;
- the date the student will be returning (if applicable);
- your signature.

Also, please let the Front Office know whenever you have an address and/or telephone number change. This is a county mandate and it helps us keep your student's file up-to-date.

Healthy Snacking Tips



The rise in overweight children means that parents need to take an active role in providing healthy snacks for their children.

- Keep snacks small.
- Don't eat snacks straight out of the package.
- Snack only when hungry, not bored.
- Limit sweet snacks such as brownies, cookies, and candy because they are often loaded with calories and sugar.
- Offer fruits and vegetables.
- Offer low fat cheese with whole grain crackers or pretzels.
- Select snacks from MyPyramid.
- Quench thirst with water, fruit juices or low fat milk, not soft drinks.
- Read food labels carefully – if first ingredient is sugar **AVOID IT.**

Use www.fcps.edu/fs/food/ nutrition calculator to evaluate your snacks at home.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Our annual Thanksgiving lunch will be held on Wednesday, November 18. (Although the November lunch menu indicates a different day, Lake Anne will be serving turkey on the 18th.) We ask that parents and guests reserve their space and prepay for their lunch. Only guests who prepay can get a Thanksgiving lunch in the cafeteria. Prepayment must take place by Tuesday, November 17. The cost of a guest's lunch is \$3.65. Please send in the exact change or check made payable to Lake Anne Elementary School. (Order form flyers were sent out in the Tuesday folders and are available in the office.) See below for the special lunch schedule for that day. Please be aware that all classes except third grade go to lunch with their PM teacher. Third grade goes to lunch with their AM teacher.



Class	Arrival	Dismissal		Class	Arrival	Dismissal
K-Bartolini	10:30	11:05		3-Miller (AM)	11:45	12:15
K-Santiago	10:35	11:10		3-Dynda (AM)	11:50	12:20
K-Yeatras	10:35	11:10		3-McGrath (AM)	11:55	12:25
K-Freer	10:40	11:15		3-White (AM)	11:55	12:25
K-C. Williams	10:40	11:15		5-Hill (PM)	12:10	12:40
1-Tuckwiller (PM)	10:45	11:20		5-White (PM)	12:15	12:45
1-Pezo (PM)	10:50	11:25		6-Crotty (PM)	12:15	12:45
1-Coaxum (PM)	10:55	11:35		6-Ramos (PM)	12:20	12:50
1-Keeley (PM)	11:05	11:40		Beckner	12:20	12:50
1-Ogden (PM)	11:10	11:45		6-Lotter (PM)	12:25	12:55
2-Melnick (PM)	11:15	11:50		4-Garcia (PM)	12:35	1:05
2-Bachelet (PM)	11:15	11:50		4-Perry (PM)	12:45	1:15
2-Rodriguez (PM)	11:25	11:55		4-Manning (PM)	12:45	1:15
2-Harris (PM)	11:30	12:05		Cowan	12:45	1:15
2-A. Williams (PM)	11:35	12:10		4-Cogswell (PM)	12:55	1:25