

# Lakeview Elementary School Newsletter

February 2009

Judy Chance, *Principal*

Lakeview Elementary School  
The Eagle's Nest  
Soaring to Success



## Lakeview Elementary School Mission Statement

**The mission of Lakeview Elementary School is to inspire all students to be passionate, continuous learners and to prepare them with the skills to achieve their goals and flourish as responsible, caring citizens in a global community.**

## Mark your Calendar

- ◆ 2/4- 6:00 Community Forum- DO Board Room
- ◆ 2/11- 7:00 PTO meeting
- ◆ 2/13- No School- Lincoln's Day
- ◆ 2/16- No School- President's Day
- ◆ 2/20- Minimum Day
- ◆ 2/27- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Report Cards go home

## Principally Speaking

This time last year we were reviewing and evaluating feedback from our January Town Hall Meeting. Our goal for the meeting was to help gain information from our community members and to open communication lines between our Lakeview community and the Lakeview staff. The meeting was informative and valuable and helped with the vision of where we wanted to be by the end of our first five years.

I want to take this opportunity to update you on some of the addition and/or changes at Lakeview that fit with our mission, vision and the information and suggestions we received. This portion of the newsletter will provide the updates through the remainder of this school year.

An ongoing goal is to provide our students with engaging, interactive and strategically-designed instruction. As a staff we felt that the use of technology was a perfect way to achieve this. With the financial support of our parents and the enthusiasm of the community we introduced the Promethean ActivBoards to enhance classroom instruction. Over the summer and throughout the beginning of this year the Boards were installed in the classrooms of grades 2-5. We have seen a growing enthusiasm for learning among our students, and increased engagement in classroom lessons by the students and a renewed passion by our teaching staff.

In November, we purchased 14 ELMO document imaging cameras with the remaining funds reallocated by last year's PTO. The cameras are shared by "grade-level partnered" teacher teams, with 1 camera for every 2 classrooms. The cameras are able to project a live 3-D image of activities, objects, and text from books. Recently, I watched the students in the GATE class use the

cameras to project parts of their projects on house design. All 27 of our classroom have projectors connected to the teacher's computer, where the ability to bring real, live images, such as "Google Earth" to the classrooms. Teachers can evaluate web sites to enhance lessons...in just seconds a teacher can bring art pieces, historical sites, topics on space and weather, just to name a few, directly to the students. With funds from the Lakeview Site Council we purchased two web-based reading programs, *Read Naturally* and *Reading Counts* for the computer lab (and for use in the classrooms as computers are purchased) to help with all levels of readers, advanced to beginners.

As educators, the staff at Lakeview are committed to bringing what we feel is cutting-edge instruction to our students. We are grateful to our parent community for bringing the vision into practice. We will continue to pursue placing the Promethean ActivBoards in every classroom. In order to do this we move a grade level at a time. When we have the funds to purchase 5 more Boards we will outfit 1<sup>st</sup> grade. At this time we do have a donor who is willing to make a donation of \$2500 dollars to make this happen. This means we are about 1/3 of the way to having enough funding. We are hopeful that we can match this donation and begin to plan for the purchase of the boards. Once first grade is complete we will be within 3 classrooms (Kindergarten) of having an ActivBoard in each room. With the partnership with Intel through PC Pals, we believe we could have the project complete by October.

Sincerely,  
Judy Chance

## Garden News

A garden meeting is scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 in room A-12. If you are able to make it, we would love your input in helping to create a future garden area located behind the extended day building. In addition we would like to plan a picnic day for April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Earth Day to include all grade levels.

Garden happenings include; all the students observing their turnip crop growing steadily as they pass the planting beds for recesses. On February 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:20-3:00 Omid Ghamami, Lakeview parent, will be demonstrating grafting techniques for the GATE students.

Happy Gardening

## Lakeview Elementary Golf Classic

Lakeview Elementary Golf Classic

Where: Empire Ranch Golf Course

When: April 24, 2009 12:00pm registration,

shotgun start at 1:30pm, dinner at 6:30pm

Cost: \$100 per player which includes golf, dinner and prizes for top 3 teams sponsorships available. Donations accepted.

If you are interested in donating in any way to the Lakeview Golf

Classic, please contact the tournament committee at

[springgolf@lakevieweagles.org](mailto:springgolf@lakevieweagles.org) or call Jason Willitts at (916) 934-0491.

Registration forms will be posted on [www.lakevieweagles.org](http://www.lakevieweagles.org) in the near future.

## Is Your 5th Grader Headed to Marina?

Dear 5th Grade Parents,

We are in the process of organizing a Spring Orientation for incoming 6th Grade Parents at Marina Village Middle School. We would like to have your input to incorporate it into the presentation.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding middle school, please email me at [debbiat@pacbell.net](mailto:debbiat@pacbell.net).

Thank you so much for your help.

Debbi Thompson

Marina Village Middle School PTC President

## Reading Contest

Reading Contest 1/23 - 2/23 - Reading Goal 250,000 minutes

Students were sent home scorecards to keep track of your child's reading. Each book icon equals 15 minutes of reading and each scorecard is equal to 4 hours. There is space to write in any minutes that exceed the 4 hours. If your student needs more scorecards, they will be available in the library and in the office. Every minute read is important. Each scorecard must be signed by a parent to qualify for the prizes. Students may have parents read to them. In-school minutes will be separate from the minutes read at home. Only the minutes read at home will be eligible. Each teacher will give me the total for minutes read in class. In the spirit of fairness, late cards cannot be accepted.

We will have a reading assembly to honor the top readers and award prizes on Tuesday, March 2, 2009 at 9:15 AM. (Dr. Seuss's birthday)

The prizes are:

2 Grand Prize Winners (1 primary and 1 intermediate student)

\$75 Border's gift card

6 First Place Winners (1 per grade level) \$25 Borders gift card

12 Second Place Winners (2 per grade level)

Purple Place kid's meal

12 Third Place Winners (2 per grade level)

Red Robin kid's meal

12 Fourth Place Winners (2 per grade level)

Round Table Personal Pan

Pizza

Happy Reading!

## Paper Drive

The PTO will sponsoring a paper drive beginning February 10<sup>th</sup>, more news to follow.

*"Parents and community members are invited to complete "Words of Praise" cards."*

## Eagle Eye Winners from January:

The staff at Lakeview supports the recognition of positive choicer. Our Eagle Eye program applauds those students who have shown exemplary behavior and who uphold the character traits described in our Character Counts program. Each month, each class draws a name from their pool of Eagle Eye recipients to receive a gift certificate from an area restaurant.

Congratulations to the following students for their exemplary behavior!

Jacob B. from Mrs. Ronzone's class  
 Tanner B. from Mrs. Murphy's and Ms. Maloney's class  
 Blake N. from Mrs. Arendt's class  
 Cole H. and Katrina U. from Mrs. Hoffman's and Mrs. Keever's class  
 Tyler K. from Mrs. Nelson's class  
 Hayden G. from Mrs. Berry's and Mr. Arendt's class  
 Patrick S. from Mrs. Stephen's class  
 Ryan M. from Mrs. Stevenson's class  
 Kourtnee K. from Mrs. Bazor's class  
 Gavin Z. from Mr. Hohn's class  
 Tara G. from Mrs. Ryan's class  
 Madalynn G. from Ms. Barry's class  
 Joshua T. from Mrs. Fechner's class  
 Juliet W. from Mrs. Armstrong's class  
 Marcos M. from Mrs. Brancoli's class  
 Matthew W. from Mrs. Simmons' class  
 Sydney E. from Mrs. Folsom's class  
 Hannah H. from Mrs. Hoffman's class  
 Jossilin W. from Mrs. Lindwall's class  
 Haley K. from Ms. Dermer's class  
 Thank you Lakeview Eagles!

## Be Good for a Sub

This program recognizes students who do an exceptional job in the classroom during a teacher's absence. Lakeview staff expects students to behave respectfully, supporting the guest teacher in a polite and courteous manner. The following students have earned the honor of being "good for a sub."

Good for a Sub Winners:

Chris V. from Mrs. Goodman's class  
 Nikko J. from Ms. Barry's class  
 Ben B. from Ms. Dermer's class  
 Nic H. from Mrs. Phillips' class

## Character Counts

We all want our children to have good values and strong character. But good character doesn't just happen. It's up to each of us to lay a solid foundation for character development by teaching children right from wrong and by acting as positive role models.

At Lakeview we want to reinforce the traits of good character. Each teacher nominates a student who is recognized for exhibiting this trait at school.

January's trait was Fairness. "The traits of fairness include, "playing by the rules, "taking turns", "listening to others", and "not taking advantage of other people". Students who have displayed this behavior include the following:" Students nominated this month for exhibiting Fairness are:

Grace S. from Mr. Hohn's class  
 Hariel C. from Ms. Barry's class  
 Matthew H. from Ms. Kang's class  
 Natalie M. from Mrs. Arendt's class  
 Andrew R. from Mrs. Murphy's and Ms. Maloney's class  
 Zachary A. from Mrs. Berry's and Mr. Arendt's class  
 Devin G. from Ms. Carpenter's class  
 Kalijah M. from Ms. Dermer's class  
 Brielle P./Erin M. from Mrs. Fechner's class  
 Abigail S. from Mrs. Hoffman's and Mrs. Keever's class  
 Hannah H. from Mrs. Hoffman's class  
 Dominic B. from Mrs. Nelson's class  
 Bella H. from Mrs. Stephen's class  
 Ryan M. from Mrs. Stevenson's class  
 Cambria C. from Ms. Phillips' class  
 Sydney E. from Mrs. Folsom's class  
 Tessa G. from Mrs. Ronzone's class  
 Kevin K. from Mrs. Goodman's class  
 Natalie G. from Mrs. Lane's class  
 Devan B. from Mrs. Tweed's class  
 Hunter O. from Ms. Danielson's class  
 Troy W. from Mrs. Bazor's class  
 Jossilin W. from Mrs. Lindwall's class  
 Lily P. from Mrs. Friedrich's class  
 Nick H. from Mrs. Brancoli's class  
 Vanessa S. from Mrs. Ryan's class

## Lakeview Talent

Our Lakeview advanced band played an outstanding performance for the January 9 meeting of the Rescue Union School District Board of Trustees.

Thank you to the students Madison G., Matthew W., Nicholas T., Marissa I., Nicholas W., Trustin L., Troy D., and Joshua A. for their hard work and to Shaun Manley our Band teacher who was able to showcase his outstanding program.

## Parents of 2009 Kindergartners

If you have a child who will turn five before December 5, 2009, s/he is eligible for kindergarten during the 2009-2010 school year. Registration packets will be available in the Lakeview office on January 26<sup>th</sup>. We will accept complete applications starting February 9<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS (should they have an eligible child) ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION.

## Toys, Toys, Toys

Students occasionally ask if they can bring toys to school. Educational toys are permitted, with teacher permission, to be shared during show and tell. Following show and tell, the toy should be returned to the child's backpack. No other toys or electronics at school please.

## Words of Praise

Parents and community members are invited to complete a "Words of Praise" card for any Lakeview staff member. The cards are located on the counter in the main office. Simply complete a card and place it in the basket. Office personnel will ensure that staff members receive your kind words.

## Reminders

### Show your Spirit!

Check out our new Eagles 09 football jersey and our long sleeve hooded rhinestone shirt for girls. Product sales and order forms are in the school office. Product sales will be the first Thursday of every month at pick up time in the breezeway. Show school spirit and wear Lakeview Spirit EVERY Friday. Call Sally Brandon with any questions 916-941-3977.

Community flyers are available online at: [www.rescue.k12.ca.us](http://www.rescue.k12.ca.us). As part of our desire to conserve paper and stay "green" flyers are available online and in the school office.

### Still Collecting Box Tops:

**Even though the contest is over, we are still collecting the labels and the box tops. So please continue** intended to express appreciation and gratitude for the efforts of our hard-working staff, **to send them to the classroom or drop them off in the school office.**

### Community Forum:

The next Community Forum on Budget has been rescheduled to February 4, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Please check the district website at [www.rescue.k12.ca.us](http://www.rescue.k12.ca.us) for more information.

## Thank You!

Congratulations to all of our parents and students! Rescue District's average attendance rate has risen for the first half of this year from 96% to 97%. This will result in an additional \$263,600 for our district if this attendance rate continues through April. That is the equivalent of almost five teachers and will greatly assist our district with the budget challenges for the coming year. Keep

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please follow these directions:

- 1) Go to [www.lakevieweagles.org](http://www.lakevieweagles.org) and select "For Parents"
- 2) Click the link and complete the online form to sign-up for the newsletter electronically

If you would like to receive a paper copy of the Lakeview Newsletter, please notify the Lakeview Office.

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