

Dolphin Dispatch

Lake Garda PTA Monthly Newsletter

MARCH MADNESS!

Another busy month for the PTA and Lake Garda community. Starting with an entertaining and educational enrichment program this week sponsored by the PTA - Pilamaya Ye' is coming to Lake Garda on March 6th. Make sure you ask your kids about it.

The Night Out event is March 9th and is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Thank you to all who donated to the classroom baskets or helped in putting them together - they turned out great! Looking forward to seeing many of you at this fun event!

Support our budding scientists at the Science Fair on March 14th at 6:30pm. Calling all readers...the Scholastic Book Fair comes back to Lake Garda this month. We will also be having our annual Book Swap in April so start going through your books at home to select some you wish to exchange.

If you like hockey, you won't want to miss the Lake Garda night at the Wolfpack Game. Save the date March 30th. More information to come soon.

Our next meeting will be held on April 2 at 6:30pm. Please join us, we'd love to see some new faces and hear your ideas on how we can keep getting better. If you can't come to the meeting, we have several great events coming up. We hope to see you there!



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Lake Garda PTA

WEEKLY PTA EMAIL

Look for a weekly email every Monday for important announcements.

PTA MEETINGS

Join us for idea sharing, committee updates and conversation.

APRIL 2

IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH

3/8 - PILN, 9:30 am

3/9 - Parents Night Out, Farmington Club

3/11 - BOE Mtg, 7 pm

3/12 - PILN, 9:30 am

3/14 - Science & Invention Fair 6:30pm

3/15 - No School, Professional Development

3/19 - PILN, 9:30

3/19 & 3/20 - Book Fair

3/19, 21 & 22 Parent Conferences

3/20 - Spring Ice Cream Social

3/22 - PILN, 9:30 am

3/29 - PILN, 2:15 pm

3/30 - Wolfpack Family Night

PRE-K NEWS

We have continued our school year in the Early Learning Center with exposure to the themes of families, pumpkins, pets and dinosaurs. Our program consists of strong peer role models and students with identified needs. Each year the number of role model students we need changes. If this is a program you are interested in, please look for the application on the Region 10 website. Applications must be received by March 30th at our Central Office on Lyon Rd (between the high school and middle school). Here is the [link](#).

If this does not work on your computer, then please visit the Region 10 webpage, scroll down until you see the blue menu bars to the left of Alan Beitman's photo. Please click on Student Support Services bar, then on the left again please click on the Early Learning Center, preschool choice. The application and brochure is at the very bottom of the explanation page in blue. Please print, fill out and return it to our Central Office.

FIRST GRADE NEWS

We recently celebrated the 100th Day of School! The first grade teachers are very proud of how hard the first grade class is working! They are well on their way to second grade!

Students have been learning how to get to know the characters in stories and how to bring these stories to life during Reading Workshop. Students have been writing opinion pieces to try to convince readers. They wrote about favorite toys, movies and places! Now we are working on a new poetry unit where students are writing their own poems and songs.

In math, students have been working on congruent shapes, counting to 100 and continue to use their strategies to add and subtract. Spring will be an exciting time for first grade, as we will be attending a field trip where we will learn about sound! Be on the lookout for more information about this exciting trip!

THIRD GRADE NEWS

In third grade, we are currently working on our character study unit. This unit is very fun for the kids. Students were introduced to a whole new way to view characters while they are reading. We were able to really focus on important reading skills, such as analyzing and deepening their understanding of the characters in their books. In this unit, students will be in a book club where they work together to deepen their understanding of characters.

In math, we are in the middle of our measurement unit. This unit is very hands on and engaging for the students. Students will learn about volume, mass, and length. They will be solving different types of problems involving measurement. In writing, we are working on literary essays. This writing unit compliments our character study unit in reading. Students will be writing about how characters have developed throughout a book. They will also be exploring lessons that books teach us. This is another great way for students to be interacting with their reading. We hope that everyone is enjoying the last month of winter. We all are looking forward to the warm days of spring.

ART ROOM UPDATES

We have been very busy in the art room making messes and masterpieces for the upcoming student art show in the spring. So please do not be alarmed that not much art work is coming home with your children. I save most of it so I can select your kids' finest pieces to put on display. All of the art projects will be sent home at the end of the year. In the meantime, let's find out what each grade level has been working on.

It always amazes me to watch how the kindergarteners grow into such skilled artists by this time of the year. Their fine motor skills develop at such a rapid pace since the beginning of the school year.

Since the start of the school year we have practiced using our fine motor skills while completing the following projects; Mondrian Painting, Matisse Collage, Bowl of Fruit Still-life, Fall Farm Landscape, Cave Paintings, Clay Pinch Pots, Elmer the Patchwork Elephant, and now we are working on a Rainbow Fish project! Wait until you see how adorable these pieces are!

First grade artists have also been very busy in the art room preparing for the art show. Since the first week of art, we have completed the following projects; Mouse Paint, Autumn Tree Painting, Pumpkin Landscape Collage, Henri Rousseau Jungle Paintings, Australian Warlpiri/X-ray Paintings and now we are working on a Henri Matisse Fish Bowl Collage. These projects are stunning!

In second grade, the projects look much different, but still look just as beautiful as kindergarten and first grade. Here's what we have been up to; Color Wheel Hot Air Balloons, Seascape at Sunset Paintings, Sinbad the Sailor Abstract Art, Native American Hunting Pouches, Clay Pinch Pot Fish and

most recently we have been learning about the artist Claude Monet! You are in for a treat when you see these pieces!

Third grade artists have been just as busy as all the rest. We started the school year off with a Rainy Day Fun project followed up with an Autumn Landscape Painting, a Realistic Seascape Painting, Kapiti Plain Collage, Clay Pinch Pot Animals, and currently we have begun working on a Realistic Still-life. I look forward to seeing the finished results.

Last but not least, fourth graders have been refining their artistic skills since day one of art as well. We started the year off by creating Fire Prevention Posters for the State of CT. Mr. Beitman is a big supporter of this. Once the posters were complete we made Kaleidoscope Paintings, Symmetrical Glue Designs, Native American Pictographs, Native American Clay Coil Pots and we are currently working on a Sports Equipment Still-Life. I can't believe this will be the fourth grade students' last Lake Garda Art Show.

Well, as always, it continues to be a pleasure teaching your children about art and watching them grow and develop into the best artists they can be. I look forward to another successful Art Show in the Spring!

PTA MEETING

Save the date - April 2 at 6:30pm and join us for our next PTA Meeting. Don't worry if you can't make it, if you have feedback or ideas, please email lgpta@yahoo.com.

NIGHT OUT ON THE TOWN

We hope to see many of you Saturday, March 9th for our annual Night Out on the Town fundraiser. This event is the PTAs biggest fundraiser and also so much fun. Funds raised at this event go directly to supporting field trips for our school. So, bring your checkbooks and come prepared to bid on some great auction items.

LAKE GARDA SCIENCE FAIR

The annual Science and Invention Fair will be held on Thursday, March 14th at 6:30pm. This year's theme is "FULL S.T.E.A.M. AHEAD". Come support your classmates and friends and see some really cool science projects.

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with set-up, event day helpers and clean-up. If you are available and willing to help, please sign up [here](#).

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The book fair is coming back to Lake Garda on March 19th and 20th. Bring your family and friends and pick out a few new books for your collection. On Wednesday during the Fair, members of our PTA will be making ice cream sundaes. Hope you see you there.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with setup (Monday, March 18th), the student preview, the fair, and clean up. Click on this [link](#) to see our SignUp.

BOOK SWAP

Get your Marie Kondu on and start going through your kids bookshelves. I can guarantee they will find a whole stack of books that they don't read anymore. Put them in a bag and send them in with your child for the annual Lake Garda book swap. They will be able to select the same number of "new" books from our swap at school.

HARTFORD WOLF PACK HOCKEY GAME & FAMILY NIGHT

Save the date Lake Garda Night at the Wolf Pack is coming up soon [on March 30th at 7:00 pm](#). Please send in your ticket order forms by [March 18th](#). We receive a great discount on tickets, which are only \$10.00! If you've never been to a Wolf Pack game this would be the perfect time to go as students really love attending this event with their Lake Garda friends! We're looking forward to a great turnout this year! Also, please tell your children to be on the lookout for Sonar, Wolf Pack's mascot, who will be making a special visit to Lake Garda to waive to the children as they board their buses at dismissal time next Monday the 11th.

BURLINGTON LIBRARY

Story time, Book Clubs, Movies and more. Find out what's happening this month at www.burlingtonctlibrary.org

BURLINGTON JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Registration for spring soccer is now open for all grades. If you would like more information or wish to register your child, please visit the website at www.bjsasoccer.com.



BURLINGTON LITTLE LEAGUE

Registration for tee ball and little league is now open for all grades. If you would like more information or wish to register your child, please visit the website at <https://tshq.bluesombrero.com>



FARMINGTON VALLEY MUDHOGS FLAG FOOTBALL

Open to grades K-8. \$80 per child. Program runs from May 4th to June 13th. Register from now until April 8th at www.mudhogsfootball.com.

DONATE YOUR USED SNEAKERS TO A GOOD CAUSE

Troop 23 in Burlington, is proud to present our troop's sneaker drive fundraiser. We have partnered with GotSneakers, a sneaker recycling organization, which will compensate \$1 for every pair of wearable athletic sneakers. After the sneakers are collected, GotSneakers will distribute these sneakers around the world, specifically within impoverished nations. It is estimated that over 300 million pairs of sneakers are thrown away each year in America's landfills and that over 600 million

adults and children worldwide live barefoot. We can touch the lives of thousands by simply cleaning out our closets and collecting our unwanted sneakers. The request is simple; clean out your family's closets of all unwanted paired sneakers. Please drop off to the following lobby locations: Region 10 Schools, the Library, Town Hall.

MAKE A MARK COMMUNITY CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Make A Mark Enrichment Fund is proud to sponsor our annual region-wide, inter-generational chess tournament on March 23 at Lewis S. Mills High School. The single elimination tournament is a fun and exciting opportunity to practice your chess skills and meet new people or see old friends. Players of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate!

DATE: Saturday, March 23

TIME: 10:00 am

PLACE: Lewis S. Mills Cafeteria

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 per person

•• Gift Card Prizes for Level Winners! •• Practice Area for Free-Play and Volunteer Instruction (Bring your own board for Free-Play) •• Light Refreshments Will Be Available for Sale (Provided by LSM National Honor Society) •• Senior Citizens Eat for Free ••

Register to Enter here. <http://region10lakegarda.ss7.sharpschool.com/common/pages/UserFile.aspx?field=12201725>

CHARACTER MEET & GREET

Sponsored by Lewis Mills Student Council and Link Crew, come out and meet your favorite characters, Disney princesses, Superheros and more at the Lewis Mills school cafeteria and gym. This fun event will be held March 15th from 4-7:00pm and includes dinner, dessert and photo ops with all your favorites. All proceeds go to support Leadership scholarships for Lewis Mills students.

