

Dolphin Dispatch

Lake Garda PTA Monthly Newsletter

LOOKS LIKE WE MADE IT!

Just a couple short weeks of school left. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all our wonderful teachers, staff and administrators and all of you our PTA volunteers that make Lake Garda such a special place. We appreciate all of the contributions and participation throughout the year.

A very special thank you to Paula Shellito, our PTA President for the last 2 years and Board Member for several additional years. Paula's contributions are too many to count. How many days do you drive by the school and see her car out front? Paula, you will be missed by all. Best of luck to you on your next adventure.

At our May PTA Meeting, we voted in a new President, Meghan Rutherford, and Vice President, Kristin Poland. They both are looking forward to the coming year and can't wait to share some of their new ideas with all of you...including some summer activities. Stay tuned.

Enjoy a restful summer full of sunshine, friends and family time. See you in August!



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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.

NO JUNE MTG

IMPORTANT DATES IN JUNE

6/3—BOE Meeting, 7 pm

6/4- PILN, 9:30 am

6/7- PILN, 9:30 am

6/7- Pre-K Activity Day

6/7- Art Show, 5-7 pm

6/13- 4th Grade Moving Up Ceremony

6/13- 1:00 pm dismissal for all students

6/14- Pre-K Graduation

6/14- Flag Day Ceremony

6/14- Last Day of School, 1:00 pm dismissal for all students

PRE-K NEWS

We are looking forward to learning about animals and plants in different environments. We will focus on rainforests, woodland forests and oceans. Our afternoon class will be preparing for our big graduation.

We are grocery shopping in pretend play and will end the year camping. We are looking forward to many happy transitions in the ELC, as our PM class moves to kindergarten and our AM class moves to the afternoon. We are looking forward to summer and the next school year!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We are excited to be nearing the end of kindergarten. We're learning about becoming avid readers during Reading Workshop time. We will carry our love of reading with us throughout the summer and for the rest of our lives. There are so many things to read everywhere we go!

In math, we've been learning about, building, and drawing 2D and 3D shapes. We've been learning about shape names like spheres and pyramids. We've also been solving some word problems about cats and dogs.

In science, we have a mystery pet, an anole lizard. We researched their habitats and how to take care of them. They ate our pet crickets that came first in the tanks! In the tank, we also grew grass and added worms to keep the soil healthy.

There are great things planned for the end of the school year: fun themed days and activities with other classes. We have all had a great year. The kindergarten team would like to thank all of the parents and families for your support during this school year.

FIRST GRADE NEWS

In Reading Workshop first graders enjoyed reading non-fiction books and participated in book clubs.

Our first grade authors finished the year by completing writing projects where they wrote both informative and expository writing. They continued to practice revising and editing to fancy up their projects.

During math time, we have been busy learning to use a ruler, finding the missing addends and exploring new math work places.

We had a blast when we visited the Children's Museum in West Hartford. We enjoyed learning all about sound and explored many fascinating exhibits! We would like to send a special thank you to all of the parents that chaperoned on the trip!

The first grade teachers are very proud of how hard all of our students have worked this year! Way to go everyone! Have a wonderful summer. Please remember to **READ, READ, READ** over the summer vacation!

SECOND GRADE NEWS

Happy Almost Summer! The second grade teachers would like to extend our appreciation for the support we have received this year from parents and the fabulous Lake Garda PTA! Thank you!

Hard work continues in grade 2. Students have been learning all about opinion writing. They are stating what they think as they provide solid reasoning for their opinions and consider the audience they are writing for. Students are also book series experts! Ask you second grader all about the main character of their series – what motivates the character? How does the character solve problems?

As we gear up to be **THIRD GRADERS**, we have been focusing on multi-digit equations in math. Please remember to keep your second grader reading each day over summer break and be sure to get outside and enjoy the sunshine. Have a wonderful, safe and fun vacation!

THIRD GRADE NEWS

What a year this has been in third grade! We have been reading through mysteries, character studies, non-fiction units, and now we are starting a brand new unit involving social issues. We will be working on developing themes and reading more critically. During our writing unit, we are working on adapting fairy tales! During this math unit we are learning about shapes and continuing with our multiplication and division facts. It has been such a pleasure to teach your children this year. We wish them a safe and fun summer. Remember to read and practice math facts!

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Amidst all of our year-end activities, routine curriculum and instruction continues! Reading Workshop highlights Reading with the Lens of Power and Perspective through which readers revisit and refine higher-level comprehension skills and interpretive techniques necessary to fully understand more complex texts. As journalism takes center stage in Writing Workshop your children are walking the beat as cub reporters in search of the five W's of factual writing! This is a highly enjoyable unit in which students draw on their informational writing skills to explain ideas and events that happen around them.

Multiplication, division, data, and fractions form the basis of our Unit 6, Bridges work. As usual, problem solving provides the lens through which we focus our learning. Facility with basic multiplication and division facts is a must. Should you notice that your child is not as confident in this area as he/she needs to be, we'll appreciate your help in reviewing the basic facts.

As we draw to a close, please know that it has been our true pleasure to have worked with your children. Thank you for your support throughout our year together. Enjoy a wonderful summer with your family, and please encourage your new middle-schoolers to find the time to read, read, read!!

Our Camp Chase outing is scheduled for Friday, June 7, and we'll see you on June 13 and 14 respectively for Moving Up and Flag Day festivities!

PHYS ED UPDATES

THANK YOU Paula for everything you've done for LG over the years. We are definitely going to miss you!! Thank you to the PTA for teacher's appreciation week and a HUGE thank you to all of our Field Day volunteers. Have a fantastic summer, stay safe, and enjoy the sun!

ART ROOM NEWS

The Annual Lake Garda Student Art Show is right around the corner...JUNE 7th!

We worked incredibly hard all year creating the best masterpieces to show our Lake Garda families and community. We hope you will all be able to attend!

Lastly, prior to the last day of school, all of your child's art projects created throughout the school year will be coming home whether they were hung in the art show or not. I hope you look forward to seeing them as much as I have enjoyed watching them be created.

BURLINGTON LIBRARY

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

BURLINGTON PARKS & RECREATION

- **Foote Road Camp**
- **Foote Road Swimming Lessons**
- **Diamond Kings Baseball Camp - July 8th**

For more information on any of the above programs, please visit: myburlingtonrec.com

BURLINGTON JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Travel soccer tryouts are underway. If you are interested check our website for age groups and tryout schedules. www.bjsasoccer.com