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FALL IS IN THE AIR

By Tracy Scarborough

Hayrides, apple picking and pumpkins everywhere . . . Fall is my favorite time of year. October is a great month for the PTA. Preparations are underway for our Family Fun Night and our Book Fair. Family Fun Night is scheduled for Friday, October 21st. It is the last year that our co-chairs, Laurie and Christine, will be coordinating it and I heard that they are going to go out with a bang! Mark your calendars so you don't miss it. We have new co-chairs for our book fair this year and they will be rolling out a new program that goes well with our school's Be Responsible, Respectful and Friendly behavioral expectations. Be on the lookout for more details. The Book Fair will be on Tuesday October 25th and Wednesday October 26th from 4 to 7 PM. We are also excited to announce that we will be hosting a FREE Ice Cream Social for the whole school on Wednesday October 26th during the same hours in the cafeteria. Make sure you stop by. This is a great opportunity to meet and talk with other families in our school.



One of the goals of the PTA is to promote relationships between the home and school and to create a community. The events in October are a wonderful opportunity for you to see us in action. Have you joined the PTA yet? There are often misconceptions when it comes to the PTA. You probably either saw or heard about the movie Bad Moms that came out this summer. It was a hilarious movie that centered around three moms who were fed up with being expected to be the perfect "PTA Mom." While I am sure all us moms and dads, can relate to having a lot of pressures to help make our children's lives magical, we hope you will never feel that type of pressure from our PTA. Our PTA is a group of REAL moms and dads who are trying to make a difference in their children's lives in the best way that they can. We offer many opportunities to volunteer during the evenings like helping out at the Book Fair or distributing snacks at Family Fun Night as well as behind the scenes tasks like clipping Box Tops, baking for the teacher's breakfast or bringing paper goods to Family Fun Night. Joining the PTA does not mean that you have to help with every single event. Joining the PTA means that you are part of our community! We are happy with any level of participation you can give as we hope to meet you and get to know you at one of our next events.

Looking for more information. Check out the PTA section on the Lake Garda Page of the Region10 website and like us on Facebook for weekly announcements. Join us for our next PTA Meeting on Tuesday October 25th at 9:15 AM in the Lake Garda Cafeteria.



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PTA today!

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Important Dates in October



10/3—Board of Ed Mtg. 7 pm

10/4 – Partners in Literacy and Numeracy

10/7 – No School—Teacher Professional Dev.

10/10 – No School—Columbus Day

10/11—PILN 9:30 am

10/14 – PILN 9:30 am

10/18 – PILN 9:30 am

10/21 – PILN 9:30 am

10/21 – **Family Fun Night** 6:30-8 pm

10/25 & 10/26 - Book Fair 4-7 pm

10/25—PTA Meeting 9:15 am

10/26 - Ice Cream Social 4-7 pm

10/28- PILN 2:15 pm

DON'T MISS FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

Friday, October 21st from 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Lake Garda Cafeteria

Please join us for a night of Family Fun! This is a free event for all families.

There will be music and games and **PRIZES** for all. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Bring your family and get ready to shout **BINGO!!**

For information contact Christine Bonini cnpbonini@hotmail.com or Laurie Stickle lauriestickles@gmail.com.

Principal's Message



Dear Lake Garda Families,

The first month of school was a success! Just ask your children. While we didn't have the heat that we had last September, we certainly did have a few steamy days! We utilized the air conditioned spaces, kept shades down and drank lots of water. As you all know from *open house* and *meet and greet*, it gets pretty hot in here! The cooler fall weather is a welcome change at Lake Garda School!

October 2 is National Custodial Workers' Day. I'd like to recognize our custodians for their tireless efforts to maintain our school. They work behind the scenes to keep Lake Garda School sparkling clean and running smoothly. Thank you to Jud Williams, Mike Pelosi, and Jozef Bober for working so hard for us each day.

October looks to be an exciting month! Your kids are working hard to fill Splash's aquarium with Dolphin Dollars in order to earn *Crazy Sock Day*! We have some enrichment activities planned which include a program called 'Understanding Wildlife' and The N.E.D. Show which encourages students to **N**ever give up, **E**ncourage others and **D**o your best. Also, we have a couple of opportunities in the month of October for us to see each other...two returning favorite activities: Family Fun Night and the Book Fair.

It's going to be another busy month here at the Lake! As always, looking forward to seeing all of you.

Kindest Regards,
Stefanie Carbone

News From Around the School

Kindergarten News

Welcome to October in Kindergarten!

We are having a fun time exploring our senses in kindergarten. What a perfect time of year for it!

We'll be taking a field trip to Indian Rock this month to learn all about apples- how they grow, how they taste, and how they are made into cider and lots of other things!

We are all building our reading stamina during our Reading Workshop time. We are learning to be good sharing partners as well. In math, we are learning about the base five number system and practicing writing our numbers. The kids are zooming through learning to read, write, and make sounds for their letters. And as always, we are trying each day to be the best that we can be!



“Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel”

~ Socrates

Second Grade News

SECOND Grade

Second Graders are off to a *sensational* start! Reading workshop is well underway. Research shows that second grade is a pivotal year for reading growth- our instruction reflects the research. While first graders are consumed with basic decoding, your second graders will be undertaking some serious thinking about books. Word work remains as an important reading emphasis, but components reflective of automaticity with print and reading with natural speech rhythms begin to assume center stage. Your children are learning to orient themselves to a selection by deciding how a book "wants to be read." Is it humorous, serious, factual? What is the genre? Let's give the book a "sneak peek" by examining the cover illustration, the back-cover and the table of contents. We learn to become better readers by increasing our stamina; we push ourselves to read for longer, independent periods with bigger "scoops" and rely on "snap" words (words we instantly recognize) to keep up the pace. "Stop, think, retell" is an important, comprehension technique which is receiving our current and ongoing instructional emphasis.



Math continues its emphasis on problem solving as well as addition and subtraction in light of number sentences with emphasis on greater than, less than, and equal to with appropriate symbols expressing each number relationship. Manipulation of arrays and their relationship to odd and even numbers as well as to "equal groups of" thinking lays the groundwork for multiplication concepts. In-depth exploration of place value remains ongoing. We are looking forward to more amazing learning in the coming months!

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Fourth Grade News

The framework for daily routines and activities has been established, expectations for best-quality work are in place and ongoing, and the *Readers' Workshop* and *Bridges in Mathematics* programs are well underway. During this adjustment period from summertime routines to the structure of their back-to-school schedules, your students have proven themselves equal to the task!

Readers' Workshop finds us focusing on the identification and synthesis of key events and character actions in a well written summary. Envisionment is a strategy which reinforces comprehension by encouraging readers to "make a movie in their minds" as the story unfolds. Enrichment teacher, Mrs. Michele Deeb, is supporting this effort through the creation of a Book Buzz activity in which students will use *iMovie* to create a book trailer highlighting their favorite selections.

Multiplication strategies and problem solving take center stage in math. We're finding that many students are a bit "rusty" with multiplication facts and would benefit from a "brush-up." We would greatly appreciate your support in reviewing those times tables! Personal narratives currently form the basis of our *Being a Writer* program as we generate topics to develop within our community of writers. We've also been making a lot of noise in science as we learn about sound, how it travels, and what best conducts it!

We've been busy! As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions which may arise. We greatly appreciate all of your support.



Math

Hello! I am Amy Edgerly, Lake Garda School's new math tutor. I am very happy to be a new member of the Lake Garda community. I grew up in Litchfield though now I live in Bristol, where my husband and I have raised our family for the last 26 years.

I took time away from work to care for our growing family then began working for the Bristol school system in 2005. In 2014, I became a math tutor for 2 Southington elementary schools where I have worked for the last 2 years. I have been getting to know the Bridges math program and I am looking forward to supporting students as they explore and work to comprehend math concepts at their grade level.



PE News



There is a whole lot of excitement going on in PE class to start this year. It's been great to see students coming in with their sneakers on and ready to go!

Lower elementary students have been working on a variety of warm-up exercises, locomotor moves, tagging games, and showing good sportsmanship at the end of each class.

Soon we will begin using various pieces of equipment to continue working on locomotor moves, pathways, levels, and manipulative skills.

Third and fourth grade students are practicing for the CT Physical Fitness Assessment. All students in grades 3-10 across CT are tested on their pushups, curlups, sit & reach leg stretch, as well as the mile run. We are preparing students to do their best when we begin testing in the middle of October.

Students are working with partners, providing corrective feedback, as well as learning to take/record their pulse and determine their level of intensity from their heart rate. Since we try not to be too mean, they also get to participate in some fun activities and games!

Please check our webpages for a complete list of units throughout this year as well as pictures of your students enjoying their time in PE class. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call or email. Enjoy the fall weather and get outside with your family.

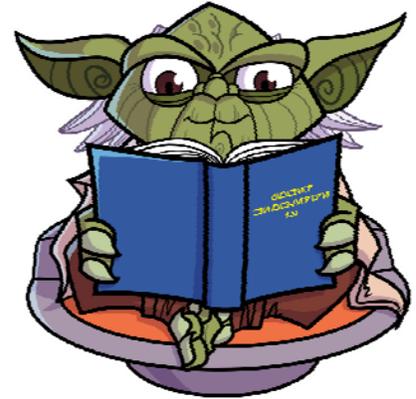
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Language Arts

TOP TIPS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading is Fundamental

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Let your child choose.

Keep books readily available at home, in the car, wherever your day takes you. Plan a trip to the library and let your child choose books that interest them. A librarian can help steer them in the right direction, too.

Read to your child.

Establish a routine for reading. Whether before bed or at snack time, reading can fit into almost any part of your daily routine.

Read aloud together.

It's never too early to start reading to your little ones. For older kids, take turns reading each page of a favorite book.

Talk about what you are reading.

Asking questions before, during and after the read helps your child make connections and increase reading comprehension skills.

Show your child that you enjoy reading.

Be a reading model. Children often mimic parent behavior. Let your child see you enjoying reading and soon you may have an avid reader yourself.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR & ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

October 25th and 26th, 4:00—7:00 pm

Please join us in sharing a love of reading with our students at the upcoming Book Fair, held in the Lake Garda library.

NEW THIS YEAR—ICE CREAM SOCIAL on Oct. 26th!

PTA Announcements



Box Tops for Education

Our first collection deadline is Wednesday, October 12th.

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school earn cash.

Last school year, we earned over \$3,000 and used the money to purchase colorful t-shirts for students for Field Day. This school year, our school's earnings goal is \$3,500.

This year, we are offering one raffle ticket for every 25 Box Tops submitted in a bag/envelope labeled with your child's name. We will have some fun raffle prizes available -- spirit wear, Scholastic books, and a store gift card, to name a few. Please remember to send in your neatly trimmed, unexpired Box Tops, no later than Wednesday October 12th. Your child will receive one raffle ticket for every 25 unexpired Box Tops submitted. The drawing will take place on or before October 31st.

In addition, the classroom that has collected the most Box Tops will receive a special reward of their choosing. Past classroom rewards have included a pizza party, frozen yogurt party, and a Smartfood popcorn party. Every Box Top submitted is worth 10 cents and, without a doubt, makes a difference for our school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Keri Singh, Box Top Chairperson, at epigirl105@yahoo.com. Also, if you would like to volunteer to help trim and bundle box tops, please let Keri know. We want to make our school's Box Tops for Education program a huge success this year.

Online School Directory

Did you know that PTA members have access to our Online School Directory? Click [here](#) to access your account and then click on the Directory link in the upper left corner. The Directory gives you the option to sort by grade and by teacher.

Open PTA Positions for 2016-2017

<p>Garden Committee Co-Chair</p>	<p>Works with garden committee volunteers to create and maintain a pleasant and welcoming environment at the entrance of our school as well as other key outdoor areas. Includes garden clean-up in March; determining new plantings or garden sites based on budget; planting perennials & mulching; planting annuals in late May, Watering, weeding & maintaining gardens are all on-going. August – plant mums; Sept/Oct. fall clean-up & plant spring bulbs.</p>
<p>Talent Show Co-Chair</p>	<p>Organize and be available for act reviews and rehearsals after school (held on February 9th). Help coordinate the event which will be on Friday, February 10th.</p>

Shopper's Reward Program

An EASY way to help Lake Garda earn educational supplies and equipment. The more you spend at stores like Stop & Shop, ShopRite and Price Chopper, the more Lake Garda will earn. If you already have a store rewards card, all you have to do is add your number. Please note: ShopRite requires you to register every year.



SIGN UP TODAY on our PTA website: lakegarda.region1oct.org/for_parents/p_t_a/shopper_rewards_program

Support the Burlington Public Library!

October 2016 programs and events:

Rhythm and Rhyme Story Time

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am

Ages 9 mos. - 35 mos. with caregivers

Pre-K Yoga & Stories

Fridays @ 10:30 am

Ages 3-5

Barnyard Kids

Tuesdays in October

5:30pm

Grades K—4

Building Fairy Houses

Friday, October 7th

1:30 pm

All Ages

Silly Science

Tuesday, October 11th

4:30 pm

Grades K-3

For more details on these programs and more, visit the library website:

www.burlingtonctlibrary.info

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