

Lafayette Community Newsletter

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Lafayette Elementary School PTA
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A Message from the PTA President

Hello there friends and fellow members,

Our PTA unit has been alive and well going on 83 years and is constantly growing and improving. My objective this year is the same as last year - to build a membership that is informed, efficient and organized...Last year we accomplished a great many things because we worked together.

We created the committee C.O.R.E. (Combining Our Resources for Education...serving both the Teachers and administrative duties of the PTA), the Silent Auction & Carnival, the Arts & Craft Bazaar, Parent led tours, Restaurant Partnerships, re-introduced the Stop, Drop and GO program, Room Parent Committee, School play and the Garden Committee.

This year I can already tell you that we are continuing on with that mission. Over the summer months the Board worked hard to create a PTA handbook, Description of committees and events and our website.

I believe it takes a village to raise a child and Lafayette is our village for the next 6 years so let's make it a fun and productive time together ☺

**I want our work to be a legacy and I want us to work hard, but smart
GO TEAM!**

Cheers,
Stephanie LeBeau
PTA President

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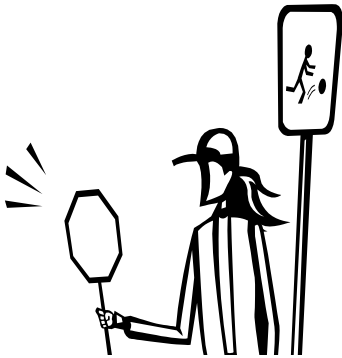
Keep in Touch with Lafayette

Automatically sign up to the Lafayette email tree at:
lafayettenews06@aol.com

Our Communications chair, Lisa Shaw has set up a Yahoo Group for the Lafayette community and is by invitation only. It is designed to build a community within a community...so come one, come all!

Do you have a business or service that you would like to let other Lafayette families know about? Would you like to dialogue about issues you are concerned about or advertise special offers, garage sales, organize playdates, childcare or carpools??

Go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lafayette_community/ and click on Join This Group! In the top left corner. You will be in the group as soon as Lisa Shaw approves your request.



Safety is our priority!

Please obey the law of the white zone...it is a Bus Zone not a passenger drop off zone. Please no parking or stopping in this important area. Be a part of the solution ☺

All volunteers at the school MUST sign in and obtain a pass from the front office. It is not only school policy but it helps keep our children safe from strangers!

Important Messages

Shorter hours during conference week - School will let out at 12:50 during the week of October 29th - November 2nd. Please change your pick-up plans accordingly.

Street Cleaning Change - The PTA will be circulating a petition during the Parent/Teacher conference week that will be requesting that the county consider changing the street cleaning on Balboa from 7-8am to 6-7am! This will make the morning drop-off easier for the Lafayette community ☺ Please support this cause & sign the petition. Your support = more parking in the morning!!

Playground Monitor Training - Mrs. Brown is holding a training session on October 23rd at 1pm (location tba) for all parent volunteers who wish to help supervise the students on the playground during lunch recess. Contact Karla if you would like to attend at lafayetterocks@yahoo.com or call 752-2322

Website - Our new website lafayettetdolphins.net is up and running. Thanks to Tim and John for all their hard work. Pictures of school events would be wonderful! Please send them to Tim at thimes@crossingborders.org

Upcoming Events

T-shirt contest deadline - All entries for the Lafayette T-Shirt Logo contest are due by Friday, October 19th. There will be 3 winners, one from Kindergarten, one from grades 1-2 and one from grades 3-5. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Twain at SFTwains@sbcglobal.net or at 387-0779.

Halloween Celebration - The Halloween parade and carnival will be on October 31st. We need volunteers to help assemble party favor bags, set up and decorate the auditorium, help work at the fair and with breakdown and clean-up. Please contact Anne O'Leary at anne.o'leary-cohen@ucsfmedctr.org or 666-3125 to sign up for help.

School Tours - Tours will run every Wednesday from 8:30 - 10am starting Wednesday October 17th. If you would like to help, please contact Lisa Shaw at l.t.shaw@comcast.net.

Math Night - is coming! Thursday November 8 from 6 -7:30. Parking in the school yard. Bring the family & play some games...Carnival atmosphere -fun, fun, fun!

Restaurant Partnerships

Lafayette partners with neighborhood restaurants to raise money for our children's programs. Our 1st partner of the year is Tia Margarita (on the corner of 19th and Clement) for the month of November. When you dine there, present your wallet-size coupon (coming soon -check for it in your Wednesday envelope) and Tia Margarita will donate 15% of your bill to Lafayette for our kids Art, Music and Science programs. It's a win-win!

Lafayette Talent Show

Come one come all and show off the talents!

The Talent Show rehearsal/audition is Monday, October 22nd in the Auditorium from 2 to 4pm. Contact Ymke for more questions at jeske5@yahoo.com or phone #668-1278.



National PTA Reflections Art Program

This year's theme is "I can make a difference by...". The PTA believes that all children deserve a quality arts education and encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participating in the annual Reflections Art Program. The six categories in which students can compete are: Literature, Musical Composition, Photography, Visual Arts, Dance Choreography and Film/Video Production. Students are judged in four different age divisions.

The program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Any our chair this year will be having a school kick off in the next few weeks. More information will be sent home in your Wednesday envelopes. Put your thinking caps on...Lafayette has had District and State winners for the past few years...so GO ART!

eScrip

If you haven't done it already, please **register your Safeway club card** with Lafayette. 4% of all your purchases goes to the school. If you don't have your card #, next time you're at Safeway, ask the customer service desk and they will give it to you. **Tim Seidler 504-9246 (5th grade parent)** is in charge of entering these card numbers and once that's done, you never have to think about it again.

If you shop at **Macy's, Cal-Mart, Andronico's, Whole Foods, Mollie Stones, Big Five or Office Max** you need to sign up directly with eScrip. Please call eScrip **1-800-400-7878** and register your ATM, Credit Card or Macy's credit card directly with them.

FACT Fund

Our FACT (Families, Alumni, Community, Together) fund is now at \$10,000!!!! Thank you to those families that have already contributed. This makes a big difference in what we can provide for our school and our children benefit most of all! We usually raise \$25,000 per year so we are well on our way. If you haven't had a chance to contribute...we accept (tax deductible) contributions year round and if it is easier we can take monthly payments...for more information please email Pota Perimenis at pota@sfcityhomes.com or call directly at 415-407-2595. Currently we are discussing at our monthly PTA meetings how we are planning to spend it this year...have any ideas? Please come to our next meeting on Wednesday November 14th at 7pm and be heard.

Calendar

- ◆ 24-Oct School Site Council Meeting
- ◆ 26-Oct End of report card period
- ◆ 31-Oct Halloween Carnival/Parade
- ◆ 29-Oct - 2-Nov Parent/Teacher conference week, 1 hour early dismissal
- ◆ 2-Nov CTJ with Mrs. Brown in Library from 8-9am
- ◆ 8-Nov Math Night
- ◆ 12-Nov Veteran's day/School Closed
- ◆ 14-Nov PTA Mtg.
- ◆ 21-23 Nov Thanksgiving break
- ◆ 28-Nov School Site Council Meeting
- ◆ 7-Dec CTJ with Mrs. Brown in Library from 8-9am
- ◆ 7-Dec Talent Show in Evening
- ◆ 12-Dec - 2-Jan Winter holiday break
- ◆ 4-Jan CTJ with Mrs. Brown 8-9am
- ◆ 9-Jan Spell-a-thon
- ◆ 16-Jan PTA Mtg.
- ◆ 21-Jan MLK holiday
- ◆ 28-Jan Semester break

Help Wanted

Reflections Art program -co chair

Multicultural Night - 2 co-chairs for annual school potluck

Spring Picnic - 2 co-chairs

Yearbook Committee - co-Chair

Join the team & chair an event...you will be trained/supported. Call 752-2994 if interested.

Room Parents

Grade	Teacher	Room Parent	Grade	Teacher	Room Parent
K	Ms. Yasuda	Lisa Kearny	2	Ms. Yin-Pollack	John Lum
K	Ms. Benjamin	Leyla Delfs	2	Ms. Casey	Christine Garward
K	Ms. Schmuckler	Jennifer Sklar	2	Ms. Berger	Helena Botha
K	Ms. Powers	Carla Bobadilla	3	Ms. Arios	Meg Scott
K	Ms. Gonzalez	Victoria Gatzke	3	Ms. B. Wong	Kali Zivitz
1	Ms. Dakin	Lisa Shaw	3	Ms. Young	Kate Varosy
1	Ms. Chue	Helen Archer Duste	4	Ms. Kohn	Catherine E.
1	Ms. Gaylord	Kari Park	4	Ms. Welsh	Karen Tiu
1	Ms. Melander	Patricia Strobel	5	Mr. Drumm	Diane Lee
2	Ms. Lee	Ruth Suarez & Kelly Rakos	5	Mr. Walker	Maxime Lee & Ymke Dioquino

About the Lafayette PTA

The PTA is a volunteer educational organization made of the parents, faculty, and members of the Lafayette community. Its goal is to bring home and school into closer relation and to foster the education and welfare of all our students. The Lafayette PTA is a unit member of the California PTA and the National PTA. Membership is open to anyone and everyone concerned about Lafayette Elementary and its community. (Please join if you haven't already!)

2007-2008 PTA Officers	Committee Chairs	Committee Chairs Continued
Stephanie LeBeau, President	Alicia Sullivan, Read aloud day	Margretta Himes, Garden Committee co-chair
Lisa Shaw, Vice President	Amal Bisharat, School Play Director	Mary Ellen Rogers, Teacher appreciation lunch
Pota Perimenis, Secretary, Art in Action	Anne Bakstad, membership co-chair	Michael Baumstein, President SSC
Diane Lee, Treasurer	Anne O'Leary, Halloween carnival	Monica Samaniego, Membership, Gift wrap/cookie
Julia Sun, VP Financing	Catherine E., Book fair co-chair	Patti Twain, Logo Merchandise
	Christine Garward, Newsletter	Penny Lopes, Yearbook, gift wrap/cookie, book fair co-chair
Lafayette School Principal	Felicia Leong, Boxtops	Rachel Friedland, eScrip Co-chair
Ruby Brown	Helen Archer-Duste, Garden Co-chair	Shirley Peng, Translation/Communications
	Kelly Rakos, Donors Choose Co-chair	Tim Himes, Website
	Kevin Leong, Spring picnic chair	Tim Seidler, eScrip co-chair
	Kim Ellis, Spell a thon	Ymke Dioquino, Talent Show
	Les Hernandez, CORE	