



## *Lakeside Middle School Newsletter*

Dear Lakeside Parents,

April 2024

Happy Spring! I hope that you are looking forward to longer and warmer days (and less rain). It is hard to believe we are already approaching the end of the third marking period and will soon be talking about end of the year activities.

### **I would like to highlight some accomplishments that occurred during the month of March:**

- The Practical Arts Team hosted a “Practical Arts Night” to showcase student work from the following classes: Technology, Computer Literacy, Art, Financial Literacy, Digital Music, Spanish and French. The evening also included an induction ceremony for the Tri – M music honors society, musical performances and live singing and dancing. This was an excellent showcase of our student’s talent.
- Congratulations to 7<sup>th</sup> grade student Nick Flormann for his work as Principal of the Day. The school certainly seemed to run smoother with him at the helm!
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade student Kali Naples won her second state youth wrestling championship with a first-place finish at a tournament in Trenton, NJ.

### **Below are some important dates and information that will be useful for the month of April:**

#### **Important Dates:**

April 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bronx Zoo Trip

April 5<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Marking Period 3

April 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break – School Closed

April 15<sup>th</sup> – School Reopens

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Report Cards for Marking Period 3 Posted

April 17<sup>th</sup> – PTA Meeting

April 18<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Pictures

April 19<sup>th</sup> – NJPAC Trip for Dance Students

April 30<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Anti Vaping Assembly

## **Information about 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation photos:**

On Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, during PE classes, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the opportunity to sit for a graduation picture. Students will be provided with a red gown as a prop for the picture. Additionally, boys will be provided with shirt and tie insert. Girls may wear whatever they deem appropriate for under the gown (example – shirt or dress). There will be no caps for the picture. In June, nearer to graduation, all students will be given their own gown (again no caps are used) for the ceremony. If you would like for your child to participate in the optional graduation picture on Thursday, the link to order pictures is on the school website. (Use the School Login Code of 24-11LM)

## **PTA News**

Hello Lakeside Families!

We are looking for nominees for the 2024-2025 PTA Board positions. We are looking for nominees for:

- Treasurer
  
- Recording Secretary

If you are interested in either of these positions, please send an email to [ptalakeside@gmail.com](mailto:ptalakeside@gmail.com). *The nominating form is located on the school website.*

### **April/May upcoming events:**

- **April 17:** Wendy Night (5 - 8pm)
- **April 17:** PTA Meeting @ 7pm in the media center at Lakeside School
- **April 23:** Pizza 1 (Haskell) Dine To Donate
- **May 1:** 8th Grade Volleyball Game - PTA will be selling 50/50 tickets, proceeds will go to the 8th grade class
- **May 6-10:** Staff Appreciation Week. We are looking for donations to celebrate our Amazing Lakeside Staff. Please sign up using the Google Form or return the paper to school by April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**All forms are on the school website.**

**March Recap:**

- Fundraisers for March: Thank you to all who participated in our Pampered Chef & 506 Cafe Dine to Donate.
- Family Ice Skating at Montclair State: We hosted with Riverdale PTA and had over 80 ice skaters between the 2 schools! We hope everyone enjoyed it!
- PTA Glow Dance: We decorated the gym with black lights & gave each child some glow sticks. We played limbo and had a dance off. The 4 winners received \$5 gift cards to Starbucks or Wendy's (their choice). We had over 130 kids attend & we hope they had a great time!

Thank you to all who supported Lakeside PTA whether it was at our dine to donate, purchasing Pampered Chef items, attending the dance, or our family ice skating, we really appreciate all your participation.

Any questions, please feel free to contact Lakeside PTA at [ptalakeside@gmail.com](mailto:ptalakeside@gmail.com)

Enjoy your spring break and we hope to see you at our next PTA meeting on April 17th!

Please reach out to the office if you have any questions or need any assistance!

Sincerely,

Dr. J. Jacob Herninko

Principal