

October 6, 2023

Dear Lakes Families,

We had such a fun week!! The school spirit was awesome with all of our spirit days. Today's Fun Run was a HUGE success...the kids had a blast and the weather could not have been better. What a great day to enjoy as a school community. Huge thanks to our PTO and parent volunteers for the many hours of work put into planning and executing this event.

The Fun Run fundraising grand total is: \$16000.13! Way to go Lakes students and families! I am working on the details for our selected winners to cover me in silly string!

We would also like to thank you to the Bonadio family for doing our September birthday board and the Linski family for our October birthday board! Such a fun addition to our main hallway.

### **Lakes Information and News:**

#### Art Donation Request

Mrs. Russano is in need of 18 x 24 frames for class projects. If any one has one to donate or finds an inexpensive frame they would like to purchase, she is looking for about 24 frames. These framed class projects will be auctioned off at Fun Fest.

#### College Awareness Day

As you are already aware, it has become increasingly more challenging to earn a living wage with a high school diploma. As a result, we are working to have all students prepare to continue with some form of education or training after high school. Post-high school education, commonly referred to as college, actually includes certificate programs, apprenticeships, military training, trade schools and two-year Associate's Degrees in addition to the traditional 4-year college program that we usually think of. At the elementary level, college preparation begins with a strong academic foundation and early College Awareness programming. On Tuesday, October 10th, Lakes students will be participating in a College Awareness Day. In addition to seeing their teachers in their college apparel, students may also participate in lessons that talk about what the word "college" means, which schools are around them, why college is important and how setting goals helps them reach their dreams. We hope you will participate in this day by asking your child what they talked about in school. As simple as it may seem, regular conversations about post-high school education is a key strategy to help kids think of themselves as "college bound".

LOC

"Shake up your savings and deposit with LOC on Tuesday to win prizes and fall candy packs!"

This week LOC is on TUESDAY, not Thursday.

### Coat Drive

The Hartland Education Association coat drive will be taking place in October. The Hartland Teachers will be collecting coats and other cold weather items for local families in need. Please consider donating new or gently-used winter gear: coats, jackets, snow pants, gloves, hats, boots, etc. We will be collecting all sizes for children and adults. The Coat Drive will be for the whole month of October. Please drop items off in the boxes placed at the front of each building. Thank you for your support!

### Upcoming Dates:

10/9: School board meeting, 6:30pm

10/10: College Awareness Day, **LOC Day**

10/13: End of 1st Marking Period

10/17-10/27: Book Fair

10/20: No School, Fall Break

10/27: Trunk-or-Treat

10/31: Halloween and classroom parties

### **PTO News:**

#### Trunk-or-Treat

Hello Lakes and Farms Families!

The Lakes PTO and Farms PTO would like to invite you to participate in the first-ever joint Lakes and Farms Trunk-or-Treat. The event will be held on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

#### Schedule of events:

- Trunk setup and decorating will be from 4:00 - 5:00 PM.
- Crafts, food, and games 4:30 - 6:00 PM.
- Trick-or-Treating 5:30 - 6:30 PM.
- Trunk prizes 6:30 PM

WE NEED TRUNK HOSTS!! Please sign up here to host a trunk:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849ABAD2BAAFC1-lakes11>. Feel free to share this link with friends and family as well!

Prizes for Trunk Hosts:

- Most creative theme
- Funniest décor
- Best incorporation of a plunger into décor
- Best costume (trunk hosts only)
- Overall favorite trunk

**\*\*Please note all trunks and costumes must adhere to school costume guidelines (no weapons, bloody wounds, or morbid/degrading themes)\*\***

If you have any questions, please reach out to [lakeselementarypt@gmail.com](mailto:lakeselementarypt@gmail.com).

#### Tony Sacco's Bracket Challenge Fundraiser

It's Lakes vs. Creekside on Wednesday, October 11th at Tony Sacco's! The winning school will move on to the next round of competition. This competition includes dine-in and gift card purchases (no carryout). So, skip making lunch or dinner and stop in! See attached flier for details.

Have a fantastic fall weekend!

Melissa Frasier

Principal

Lakes Elementary

Attachments: Trunk-or-Treat (2 pages), LOC, Tony Sacco's challenge