

# Lafayette Community Newsletter

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Lafayette Elementary School PTA  
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## A Message from the PTA President

Hello friends, fellow members and incoming families. Welcome to the 2008-2009 school year! The PTA has a longstanding history here at Lafayette Elementary - 83 years and going strong. Our monthly meetings are held in the school Cafeteria on the second Wednesday from 7 to 8:30pm. Tea, cookies and childcare are provided. Please join us. We'd love to see you there.

Research has shown us consistently and repeatedly that kids do better when parents are involved. We have many avenues here at Lafayette to help you do just that.

Whether it's in the classroom, through our fundraisers or our community building events, join us in supporting our Principal, our teachers, our kids and our school.

Become an active member of the Lafayette Community today. Find your passion and get involved. Lafayette is a great community and WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

See you at school,  
Kelly Rakos  
PTA President

**TOP 10 REASONS** to support the PTA and be involved at Lafayette school.

10. Be a part of a thriving and supportive community.
9. Attend informative meetings with refreshments and childcare provided.
8. Help make important decisions about school programs and policies.
7. Show your children that you care about their education.
6. Ensure teachers obtain necessary materials for the classroom and the library.
5. Work to maintain and increase our school's academic success.
4. Be a role model for your children.
3. Have your voice heard.
2. Support and help supervise our school's extracurricular activities.
1. **WE CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU!**

## Keep in Touch with Lafayette

Automatically sign up to the Lafayette email tree at: [lafayettenews06@aol.com](mailto:lafayettenews06@aol.com)

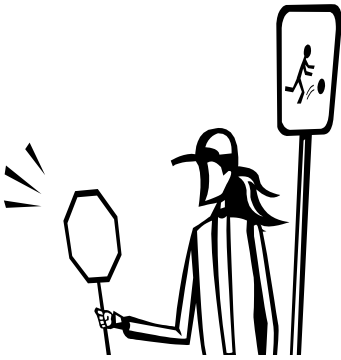
Our Communications chair, Lisa Shaw has set up a Yahoo Group for the Lafayette community and it is by invitation only. It is designed to build a community within a community...so come one, come all!

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/](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.

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### **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!

## Upcoming Events

Halloween Celebration - The Halloween parade and games will be celebrated on Friday October 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:anne.o'leary-cohen@ucsfmedctr.org) or 666-3125 to sign up for help. 15+ volunteers needed.

School Tours - Tours will start Wednesday, October 8th from 8:30 to 10:00am and every Wednesday thereafter. Parents are encouraged to volunteer to help answer questions. If you would like to help (3 or more parents per tour needed), please contact Lisa Shaw at [l.t.shaw@comcast.net](mailto:l.t.shaw@comcast.net)

Autumn Carnival will be held on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 11 - 3pm in the school yard. Come with the whole family...eat some yummy food, play various games and build community! Invite everyone you know ☺

Math Night - is coming! Thursday November 20th from 6:30 -8:00pm. Always a great turn out...the teachers do a great job of making math fun!

Fall Gift Wrap Fundraiser - Starts October 3<sup>rd</sup> and ends on October 17<sup>th</sup>. **Orders should be turned in no later than October 17<sup>th</sup>.** Please contact Terri Klepp for more information or questions #902-8378

## Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair is back! This year the Book Fair is scheduled from October 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am to 3:00pm. All classrooms will have time to visit the Book Fair during school hours. The one evening date will be on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00pm. We need plenty of volunteers. Please contact Catherine Ehr at [cme\\_q@yahoo.com](mailto:cme_q@yahoo.com).

## National PTA Reflections Art Program

This year's theme is "WOW...". 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. Melanie Ray & Julie Benningfield, our co-chairs 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!

## Important Messages & updates

Saturday mornings with Mr. T(!) – Our PE Teacher has a Saturday program in GGPark starting Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> for 2 hours (11-1pm) \$10 per child or \$15 for siblings. Reservations taken before 5pm Friday email [ctab40@aol.com](mailto:ctab40@aol.com) or drop in if space available. All elementary school children welcomed ☺

Unfortunate news - Kathy Steinbeck's son (both Lafayette alumni's) was terribly burned in a fire recently. Kathy was a long time special education teacher at Lafayette who is now teaching at Argonne. If you would like to make a cash donation, there is an envelope located in the main office. We appreciate your consideration and thank you for your generosity.

Shorter hours during conference week – School will let out at 12:50pm during the week of October 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. **Please change your pick-up plans accordingly for this 1 hour earlier dismissal time. Thank you.**

## Escrip = Smart Money

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. Contact Rachel Friedland at [rachel\\_friedland@yahoo.com](mailto:rachel_friedland@yahoo.com) for more information or call 800-400-7878.

## FACT Fund

Our FACT (Families, Alumni, and Community coming Together) fund is now at \$9,000.00!!!! 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 Karla Bobadilla at [Lafayetterocks@yahoo.com](mailto:Lafayetterocks@yahoo.com). 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 October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and be heard.

## Help Wanted

Please help our PTA events shine by volunteering your time - we need your help for these upcoming events:

**Halloween celebrations** - Friday 10/31...daytime. 15+ volunteers needed.

**Book Fair** - mostly daytime shifts and an evening sale. 15+ volunteers needed. This event benefits our school library.

**Autumn Carnival** - Saturday 11/15 from 11-3pm. Classroom booths. Yummy food & various games =TONS of fun!!! 30 volunteers needed - ASAP

Co-chair positions still open - Yearbook & Spring/Field Day (school picnic).

Join the team. Chair positions will be trained & supported. Call Stephanie at 752-2994 or email: [stephaniepta@aol.com](mailto:stephaniepta@aol.com) if interested.



## Calendar

- ◆ 4 Oct (Sat) Garden Day 9am-11:30
- ◆ 8-Oct PTA Meeting 7pm in Cafeteria
- ◆ 13-Oct Columbus Day/School Closed
- ◆ 20-24 Oct Parent/Teacher conference week, 1 hour early dismissal
- ◆ 20-24 Oct Book Fair
- ◆ 22-Oct SSC Meeting 6:30-8:30pm
- ◆ 31-Oct Halloween Celebrations/Parade
- ◆ 7-Nov CTJ with Mrs. Brown in Cafeteria from 1 - 1:50pm
- ◆ 11-Nov Veteran's day/School Closed
- ◆ 12-Nov PTA Meeting 7pm in Cafeteria
- ◆ 15-Nov (Sat.) Autumn Carnival 11-3pm
- ◆ 19-Nov SSC Meeting 6:30-8:30pm
- ◆ 20-Nov Math Night
- ◆ 26-28 Nov Thanksgiving break
- ◆ 5-Dec CTJ with Mrs. Brown in Cafeteria from 8-9am
- ◆ 22-Dec - 2-Jan Winter holiday break

**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!)

Grade	Teacher	Room Parent(s)
K.....	Ms. Yasuda.....	Kristen Bole & Randi Merzon
K.....	Ms. Shmuckler.....	Rachel Seaman
K.....	Ms. Powers.....	Patricia Stroebe & Lily Figuera
K.....	Ms. Gonzales.....	Julie Wilson & Kathleen Lussier-West
1.....	Ms. Benjamin.....	Rena Aiken & Lynda Butler
1.....	Ms. Dakin.....	Wendy Brauner
1.....	Ms. Chue.....	Amy Mar & Ali Rowaid
1.....	Ms. Gaylord.....	Victoria Gatzke & Karla Bobadilla
1.....	Ms. Melander.....	Leyla Delfs & Dierdre Ryan Booth
2.....	Ms. Lee.....	Lisa Jacobson & Cho Ham Liang
2.....	Ms. Yin-Pollack.....	Helen Archer Duste & Lisa Shaw
2.....	Ms. Casey.....	Camille She & Joy Olshin
2.....	Ms. Berger.....	Lauren David, Catherine Ehr & Marie Peralta
3.....	Ms. Arios.....	Sherry Heldens
3.....	Ms. Wong.....	John Lum
3.....	Ms. Young.....	Ruth Suarez & Mary Ellen Rogers
3.....	Ms. Mays.....	Kelly Rakos
4.....	Ms. Kohn.....	Kate Varosy
4.....	Ms. Welsh.....	Kali Zivitz
5.....	Mr. Drum.....	Karen Tiu
5.....	Mr. Walker.....	Catherine Ehr & Lorelie Sullivan

**PTA Officers****2008-2009**Kelly Rakos, **President**Stephanie LeBeau, **Vice President**Pota Perimenis, **Secretary**Christine Garward, **Treasurer****Lafayette School Principal**

Ruby Brown

Committee	Chair(s)
Art In Action.....	Pota Perimenis
Book Fair.....	Catherine Ehr
Carnival.....	Stephanie LeBeau & Ken Finn
Communications.....	Stephanie LeBeau, Lisa Shaw & Karla Bobadilla
C.O.R.E.....	Stephanie LeBeau & Kelly Rakos
EScrip.....	Rachel Friedland
FACT.....	Karla Bobadilla
Gardening & School Beautification.....	Helen Archer-Duste & Margaretta Himes
Gift Wrap Sales.....	Terri Klepp
Halloween Carnival.....	Anne O'Leary-Cohen
Logo Merchandise.....	Patti Twain
Multicultural Night.....	Kate Varosy & Camille She
Newsletter.....	John Lum
PTA Membership.....	Anne Bakstad & Rena Aiken
Read Aloud.....	Alicia Sullivan & Laurie Brookner
Reflections Contest.....	Melanie Ray & Julie Benningfield
Restaurant Partnerships.....	Stephanie LeBeau
Silent Auction & Room Parent Coordinator.....	Lisa Shaw
School Picnic.....	Kevin Leong
School Play.....	Amal Bisharat & Lisa Shaw
Spell-a-thon.....	Kim Ellis & Kristy Swenson-Heim
SSC*President TBConfirmed*.....	Kim Ellis
Stop, Drop and Go.....	Stephanie LeBeau
Talent Show.....	Ymke Dioquino
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.....	Mary Ellen Rogers
Translators.....	Shirley Peng
Website.....	Tim Himes
Yearbook.....	Ymke Dioquino & Patti Twain