

PAC meeting #1, Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Lakeland Library.

6:00-6:30 – Q&A for new parents with Principal Heather Manrow

Early Release: The first early release is this Friday. There is still Aftercare. Otherwise, all students have to be **picked up** two hours early, starting at 12:45 p.m. No buses! The kids who get picked up at 12:20 still get picked up at the same time. Bring lunch as usual. For the middle school kids, it will be best to pick them up when they return from their trip (estimated 1:00 p.m.) vs. having them go to the library.

New Website: The [www.lakelandmontessori.com](http://www.lakelandmontessori.com) website is getting better all the time. It is still evolving. Please keep giving Heather feedback.

The Middle School kids are going on a trip to Nature's Academy (at the end of the school year).

(On certain days), kids can wear jeans to school if they bring \$1.00. The money collected goes to buy material for the study of the continents of Antarctica and Australia.

Safety Procedures: Every year, there are lockdown drills in which the students will go into the teachers' offices. There are also tornado drills in which they will sit along a wall (inside). Every month, there is a fire drill. The bomb drill is the same as the fire drill. As far as what is communicated to students, we do not say that a "bad man" is at the school, just that this is just to keep them safe.

PAC Meeting, followed by committee sign-up and LMMS meeting (separately, SEE BELOW)

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Heather Manrow

Volunteer hours: (20 hours are required for LMS. 20 hours are required from LMMS.) Remember to log your volunteer hours on the website. You get 2 hours for each parent (or grandparent, ect.) who attends the PAC meetings. The PAC meetings for LMS and LMMS will now be combined, and the LMMS is done as a committee meeting after the main PAC meeting. You will get 2 volunteer hours, even if the PAC meeting takes less than 2 hours.

LMS PAC MEETING NOTES

Debbie Mondale, PAC Facilitator

We have some "traditional events", such as the Multicultural Festival, Friendship Feast, and Art and Tea Show listed on the board. Also, we have a list of "passions" on the board. If you are passionate about something, take the ball and run with it. There may be some things that we did last year that no one will feel passionate about, so we will not continue to do them. This year, we will set up creative teams for each one of the events or programs. We want to feel like a community and feel like we can call on each other and connect with other people.

For example, we had gotten away from the intent behind the Tea and Art Show, such as the children using fine china and serving the parents tea, as well as show their art work. Each “traditional event” has assigned a teacher/staff person to each event, and will work with the “parent partner” who can help organize the other parents, the “helpers” on what the teachers need. The helpers will work with the parent partner. We have a list of “traditions”, and a list of “new ideas”. If you feel passionate about any item on this list, do it. For example, Kitty Wilson is the BoxTop coordinator.

The Grounds Committee has changed a lot this year. Dave Jones has been in charge of the Grounds Committee, i.e. gardening projects. The school has taken responsibility for repairs and ground maintenance this year. So, the Grounds Committee money can go towards more creative activities. We are not building or adding anything as part of the Grounds Committee.

Permaculture project. An example of a parent who has a passion is Alex Barcia. He has ideas to add, for example, fruit trees, berry bushes, different (sensorial) surfaces, mulch, gravel, grass to the school. A hopscotch set was added last year. We would like outdoor classrooms for teachers to teach outside. Any new structural items will now be a part of the Permaculture Committee. The LMS Families Committee is a new one, and is organizing the Potluck (Sunday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 4-6 p.m. at LMS), on Facebook link and email, from the family Google group. Sign-up for what you would like to bring. This was led by Erica Barcia. More examples of activities are meeting at the park spontaneously and roller skating over the summer. This group also does the Buddy Family program. We did not do this last year, but had done it in the past. This year, Erica will head the Special Events Committee. You do not have to only be in one committee. For example, the Historical Timeline parent partner would work with parents from other committee, say to take pictures, maybe someone from the Memories Committee would like to be a helper. The Community Awareness group has included the MLK Day Parade, press releases.

Here are the 6 committees: Special Events, Permaculture, LMS Families, Community Awareness, Grounds, Memories.

K-Kids is a service group for the children in the 9-12 classroom. Past events include volunteering at the Kiwanis Pancake Festival, the Penny Harvest (now “Operation Piggy Bank”, lake clean-up, VISTE. At the end of the year, they decide where to donate money collected from Operation Piggy Bank. They also write a monthly newsletter.

Each committee has about \$600 in their budgets to start with. For example, the walk-a-thon made 100% profit! We have \$3400 in mini-grants to cover expenses. We can have some fundraisers, but it is not necessary. We want to do things that we are passionate about.

Last year, we had no one to do the yearbook. In the end, Heather, Briana, and Linda did a great job with the yearbook last year. The school owns a camera, and you can borrow that one from Heather Manrow and take it on the field trip to take pictures. Robotics Club was started with a mini-grant. One parent bought the “Flips” video cameras and they need to be found at the school.

Everyone wrote their name on a Post-it note and put it next to an event or committee.

## LMMS PAC MEETING NOTES:

### LMMS notes

1. If you're willing to drive on field trips, overnight events, or service-learning, email Heather.
2. ALL intersessions are important to the curriculum. Heather stressed that it is expected that every student attend every intersession.
3. The Fall Dance is tentatively scheduled for November 15th. They are looking for a volunteer to coordinate that.
4. If anyone has any fundraising ideas, they should contact Heather. She's open to anything, but it has to be run completely by parents and students.
5. There is a high school expo on November 19th, from 8am-8pm at Sun N Fun. All of the career academies will be there so that students can see if any of them are interesting for high school. The 8th graders will go as an official field trip, but families can go on their own during this time.
6. Kids need to bring everything they'll take on Thursday's trip to school on Wednesday. They'll confirm that they have everything, and then leave it at school until Thursday morning.