



Learning in Action

Lakeshore School is located down the street from Lowell High School and across the street from Lake Merced. We partner with Lowell students who work as volunteers in our classes and provide music for our celebrations. Our proximity to the lake provides a tremendous opportunity to study local bugs, birds, and plants and gives our students a natural playground where they can explore their environment.

Lakeshore teachers welcome and encourage parents as volunteers inside and outside the classroom. Our strong PTA provides numerous opportunities for parent and community involvement. The Lakeshore School Site Council is an elected board made up of parents, staff, and community members that sets the school budget and helps develop, implement, and review the school's site plan.

Academics

Lakeshore offers an outstanding academic program for students in grades K to 5:

A strong early literacy program invites the active involvement of parents as partners in developing their children's love of reading and in teaching them to think critically and creatively about literature and language.

A math program uses hands-on learning methods that connect math to real life and offers a balance between building problem-solving and computational skills.

In our science program we use the newly adopted Foss science kits with hands-on materials combined with active learning lessons in our school gardens and at Lake Merced. Each instructor in a grade level specializes in a given area, and the students rotate among the different instructors for six-week units of study.

Learning Beyond the Classroom Lakeshore students participate in Family Literacy Night, bookmaking, storytelling, poetry performances, PTA Family Math Night, PTA Science Fair, weekly Motor Perception Lessons (K-3), weekly Physical Education Classes (4-5), and weekly Gardening Lessons (K-5).

Each classroom teacher can choose among the following consultant classes for his or her students: Drama, Cooking, Architecture, Dance, Music, Yoga, Folk Art.

Students also enjoy Studio Art Classes (K-5) and Poetry Classes (1-5).



Community Enrichment

Lakeshore partners with the following organizations for further enrichment through concerts, field trips, and workshops:

- The de Young Museum: Get Smart With Art
- The San Francisco Symphony: Adventures in Music (I and II)
- The San Francisco Ballet: Dance in the Schools and Communities

Other programs that are supported but not underwritten by the Lakeshore PTA include:

- Morning Cantonese
- Morning Mandarin
- Afternoon Mandarin
- Instrumental Music—district offered and free to grades 4-5
- Academic Chess
- Piano Lessons

Lakeshore has professional childcare, before and after school, run on-site by Everyday Magic. Before-school hours start at 7:30 a.m. After-school hours end at 6:30 p.m.

“And such is our duty toward the child: to give a ray of light and to go on our way.”

— Maria Montessori



Building Blocks

Special Needs Programming

- GATE—Gifted and Talented Education Program offers challenging learning experiences and opportunities for children with exceptional capacity to meet their potential.
- Excel—Expanded Learning Opportunities for students needing additional support (integrated education, health services, and social services).

School Library

- A district librarian
- A part-time library coordinator
- An 11,000-volume collection

PG&E Solar School

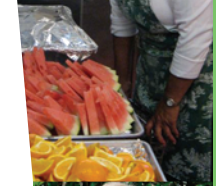
PG&E's Solar Schools Program uses a solar panel installation to teach the value of alternative energy by turning school buildings into hands-on science experiments. This award-winning program is making science fun and teaching students how their everyday actions can impact the environment. PG&E is supporting Lakeshore teacher training and providing solar education materials and support.



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"Our children must never lose their zeal for building a better world."

— Mary McLeod Bethune



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