



Lakeshore Elementary PTA
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Make the Most Out of Your Lakeshore Years

Welcome! We're thrilled to have you join the Lakeshore Community. Now that you and your student have begun your exciting elementary school journey, it's time to start planning how you, as a proud parent, can contribute to make the most of the next six years.

Lakeshore encourages and expects all parents to actively participate in their child's education, both at home and at school. One day, one month, one hour—whatever the amount of time you have to volunteer at Lakeshore makes an everlasting positive impact in our students' lives.

First, Stay Informed

- Visit our website at www.LakeshoreElementary.org or scan the QR code at the right.
- **Provide your updated contact information in ParentVUE or submit your emergency card to receive updates and be contacted in case of emergency.**
- Read our weekly Lakeshore newsletter, *The Paw Print Press*.
- Come to our monthly PTA meetings and participate in decision making.
- Accept your invitation to our new communication platform, ParentSquare.
- Attend our family-friendly events and parent education programs.



Then, Get Involved

There is a volunteer activity to suit any schedule and level of involvement, such as joining decision-making committees of the PTA, School Site Council, or Advisory Councils; volunteering in classrooms or the library; assisting enrichment programs; chaperoning field trips; and organizing or participating in school-wide events. Learn about a few of our most popular volunteer options below.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is the perfect place for parents to really get involved at Lakeshore, as the PTA works with all members of the school community to create the best environment for our children. It's a group that represents all parents, teachers, and children of Lakeshore. You will make long-lasting friendships here!

The PTA

- Works with all members of our community to create academic, creative, emotional, physical, and social enrichment for every student.
- Drives family involvement school-wide and policy advocacy at the local, state, and national level on behalf of families and educators.
- Provides the structure for our school's fundraising needs and distributes a large budget throughout the school, primarily focused on ensuring enrichment programs and staff support.

All volunteer hours, donations, and acts of charity benefit Lakeshore students by enriching their education and strengthening our community. You can do your part by joining the PTA and donating your time and/or financial support.

School Site Council (SSC)

The Lakeshore School Site Council (SSC) is the main governing body of the school, composed of elected staff and parents who work with the Principal to ensure quality education for Lakeshore students. The primary role of the SSC is to guide the site planning process to ensure that the needs of all students are addressed in the Balanced Scorecard, a living document that highlights the school's goals and programs. It also provides oversight of the school site budget. Members are elected each fall by their peers for a two-year term. Officer elections are held every year.

Both the PTA and SSC are composed of parent volunteers, teachers, staff, and community volunteers. The SSC and PTA are committed to working together to create a meaningful education and enhance academic achievements at Lakeshore.

Assist in the Classroom

When the time is right, ask your child's teacher about working in the classroom (younger students may need to get settled for a month before seeing parent helpers in classrooms). He or she may need volunteers to help with small group activities, reading to children, chaperoning field trips, preparing materials, or correcting papers. Helping at school shows your child that you value education. It's also a great way to get to know your child's teacher and other kids in the class.

Become a Room Parent

If you wish to be a bit more involved in the classroom and at school, being a room parent is perfect for you. Room parents serve as the liaison between the teacher, class parents, and PTA. Room parents consult with their teachers to determine their needs and then make those things happen by enlisting the help of other parents.

Depending on the preferences of your child's teacher, your duties may include:

- Coordinating classroom activities and volunteer schedules
- Planning class parties and events
- Organizing teacher gifts and needed supplies throughout the year
- Communicating about and assisting with school-wide events

Volunteer Around Campus

Volunteers are always appreciated throughout the school day. Be a safety monitor, help children at lunch or recess, or assist in the school office. Visit the library and offer to check out or shelve books or assist students.

There are also volunteer opportunities with our enrichment programs. Studio Art, Motor Perception, Gardening, and other programs are often looking for assistance. Talk to your child's teacher to see where your presence will be most valuable.

So, Where's the Easiest Place to Start?

How can you choose from all these options? Talk to your child's teacher and email pta@LakeshoreElementary.org to see where your presence and help will be most valuable, or learn about open volunteer needs at bit.ly/lsvol or scan the QR code→

We can't wait to know you and your family better throughout the coming years, and we thank you in advance for investing your time in our students and your new school community!

