



LAGUNITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

WEEKLY NOTICE

Lagunitas and San Geronimo Schools ~ January 13, 2015
Serving Forest Knolls, Lagunitas, San Geronimo, and Woodacre, California

Quote of the Week: *"I made no resolutions for the New Year. The habit of making plans, of criticizing, sanctioning and molding my life, is too much of a daily event for me."* (Anaïs Nin, 1903-1977)

Important Dates

January 15	-	Middle School parent meeting 6 pm
January 19	-	Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday (no school)
January 21 – 28	-	Early dismissal days for conferences (mark your calendars!)
January 21	-	Wellness Committee meeting 2:45 pm in Room 20
	-	Open Classroom parent meeting 7 pm
January 22	-	Budget Committee meeting 4 pm
	-	Lagunitas School Board meeting 6:30 pm
January 26 – February 5	-	Tours for new 2015-2016 students (call office to sign up)
January 29	-	Drake High School Open House 6:30 pm (for 8 th grade families)
February 2	-	LEAP sponsored assembly with the <i>Marin Theater Company</i>
	-	Montessori PTO meeting 3:15 pm
February 4	-	100s Day (100 th day of school)
February 5	-	8 th grade registration for Drake High School
	-	Budget Committee meeting 4 pm
	-	LEAP meeting 7 pm
February 6	-	Middle School BINGO fundraiser 5 pm
February 9	-	Kindergarten registration starts
February 11	-	Facilities Committee meeting 2:30 pm
February 16 - 20	-	Presidents' Week holiday break (no school all week)
February 26	-	Budget Committee meeting 4 pm

News and Information

Conference week begins on Wednesday, January 21 and ends on Wednesday, January 28. These are early days for students with dismissal at 2 pm (lower) or 2:10 pm (upper).

This round of conferences is primarily for teacher requested conferences and time for completing Montessori *Progress Reports*. Teachers will be in touch if a conference is requested. As always, teachers are available throughout the year to communicate with parents. Please email or call your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns, would like an email exchange or phone call, or to set up a time to meet.

We have changed the format of our **New Student Orientation** this year. Instead of gathering at the community center for a comparison of the programs, we will have four dates for an orientation and district-wide tours. I will welcome visitors and provide an overview of our school district in the upper campus library. The group will then tour the Open Classroom and the Montessori programs with parent guides. I will then take the group through the Middle School program. This experience should give an overview and inside peek into all our classrooms, and serve to unite us as a K-8 school district. New student registration begins on February 9. Thank you to Valerie Fowler-Daly and Kerry Olivetti for helping to organize the tours of the two programs.

The school board's **Budget Committee** met for the first time last week to begin the process of developing a fiscally sound budget that will provide stability for the next several years. We have representatives from the different programs, parents, classified, certificated, administration and the entire school board working together on this committee. We are contracting with Terri Ryland of School Business Consulting to help us with many of our business office needs until we hire a new Business Manager. Terri is part of our budget committee and will be educating the group about school finance at our next meeting. (Bruce Abbott has taken a position in the Shoreline School District that began at the start of January.)

We welcome a **new instructional assistant** to Pauline Hope's third/fourth grade classroom in the Montessori program. Beth Wolf joins us three days a week (Amy McConnell continues for the other two days). We are delighted to have Beth return to Lagunitas. Years ago, Beth worked in the office at Lagunitas and was involved with the Montessori PTO when her son was younger.

Three Lagunitas 8th graders helped plan the **Peer Summit** this year! For the first time in 19 years, Lagunitas students participated in the planning of the 19th Annual Peer Summit, which was held last November. Pina Trinka, Makena Cusick and Eva Ponadel attended weekly planning meetings for 2 months to help plan the Peer Summit this year. They were joined by 18 other middle and high school youth planners. Together they represented Lagunitas with the highest quality of leadership and responsibility and teamwork. Props to our three leaders!

Student Meeting **Student Newspaper** seeks adult help! The small but mighty Student Meeting kids have gathered together a great amount of material for their first newspaper, including stories, interviews, comics, jokes, an advice column and more! We are looking for someone to help format this into an attractive newspaper. Nothing too fancy. If you have formatting expertise and a little time to help out, please contact Susan at [415-488-9437x 219](tel:415-488-9437x219).

Youth Court is looking for drivers! Parents, would you like to experience Restorative Justice at its best in Marin County? Our ongoing trips to Youth Court on Thursdays are in need of a few drivers. We leave the gym at 4:40 and return around 7:30. If you would like more info please call Susan at [415-488-9437x 219](tel:415-488-9437x219).



Bingo Blast



• *Scrumptious Dinner!*

• *Yummy Homemade Dessert Table*

• *Super Gift Basket Raffle! and other big prizes!*



• Lagunitas School Multi-Purpose Room

• **PRIZES • Dinner • Family FUN!**

The **ONE** and **ONLY**
Middle School Fundraiser

Friday Feb. 6th, 5:00-8:30

Marin County Office of Education

presents



Ali Partovi

Co-founder Code.org, LinkExchange

Ali has been described as one of "Silicon Valley's top angel investors," having been on the ground floor of both Facebook and Dropbox. After graduating from Harvard, he co-founded LinkExchange. Later he co-founded iLike and the non-profit Code.org, which promotes Computer Science education and hosts the worldwide "Hour of Code."

February 25, 2015

4:00 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Marin County Office of Education
1111 Las Gallinas Avenue
San Rafael, CA 94903

Cost: **FREE**

To register for Ali Partovi: <https://signup.marinschools.org>

If you have any questions, please contact the Education Services Department at 415-499-5878.



Join us afterwards for

"Hour of Code"

January 23, 2015

6:00 p.m. ~ 7:15 p.m.

To register for Hour of Code: Eventbrite

Cost: **FREE**

