



The Leopard Link

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Happy January Lead Mine Families!

Our New Year has gotten off to a spectacular start here at Lead Mine and we have been so excited to see and hear everyone starting off this new calendar year with so many smiles and positive outlooks on what is yet to come. The cold weather is back and we are all hopeful that the precipitation stays away while our temperatures remain below freezing for the rest of this winter season.

Please remember to ensure that your child dresses warmly each morning as they are preparing for school. We want everyone to be comfortable throughout the school day. Jackets, Coats, hats, gloves and pants are strongly encouraged for everyone who waits for a bus, walks to school, or goes outside for recess. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions, concerns, or need support in providing any of these articles of clothing for your child.

We are starting to see the building improvements that each of our students worked so hard to raise funds for during our Leopard Laps Fun Run this fall.

- Our playgrounds are being cleaned, repaired, and will be painted when the temperatures are optimal this Spring. New mulch will be going down to provide for better drainage and safety while students are playing off the ground.
- The reception area will be getting new flooring along with the nurses station. The carpet will be removed and a luxury vinyl tile will be put down for easier cleaning, better sanitation and a longer lasting surface.
- The Lead Mine Media Center is scheduled to have new carpet put down, will be painted, and the old furniture will be replaced with more comfortable and inviting lounge and work spaces for students to enjoy.
- The Art Room will soon be sporting new tables, chairs, a large drying rack, brand new kiln, and a new layout to meet the needs of all learners who enter that space.

-In addition, we have ordered and begun receiving over \$3,000 in new books/titles for our Media Center. Altogether we will be seeing more than \$40,000 in building upgrades taking place over the next few months and this is all being done with the funds that you raised during the Fun Run along with funds from the school and the district.

We at Lead Mine are proud of our history of teaching, learning and community. A person who has been a part of our school community for a long while will be retiring in February and we want to be sure to let everyone know how much we have appreciated and will miss Coach C. Ms. Cruickshanks will be retiring as of February 15th and will begin a different pace as she is more able to spend time with her husband, children, mother and mother-in-law. We are excited for Coach C and we wish her all the best as she transitions into a fantastic new stage of life.

A team of teachers was able to interview candidates for the Physical Education position that will be open when Coach C's retirement begins. That team chose a candidate who has been recommended to the Board of Education and will begin February 19th. As soon as this recommendation is made official, we will share more information about our new PE Teacher.

As we are preparing for the 2019 calendar year, we will be adding our NC testing dates/calendar to the master calendar online. Our testing schedule will take place as follows unless any unforeseen circumstances take place.

- May 29th - 3rd Grade Reading EOG
- May 30th - 3rd Grade Math/5th Grade Science EOG
- May 31st - Make-Up Day
- June 4th - 4th/5th Reading EOG
- June 5th - 4th/5th Math EOG
- June 7th - Make-Up Day
- June 8th - Make-Up Day

We look forward to a fantastic rest of the month and encourage all of our families to reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions.

See you soon,

Aaron Marcin

Lead Learner/Principal



Calendar of Events

1/25

8:00 AM Art
Reflections Reception

2/1

Book Fair begins

2/4

P2 Assembly: Wear green!
8:45-9:45 K-2nd grade
10-11 3rd-5th grade

2/5

5-7 PM Book Fair Family
Night

2/9

2:00 PM Writing Contest-
at Barnes and Noble of
Triangle Towne Center

2/12

7:00-9:00 PM 5th Grade
Dance

2/15

8:30 AM PTA Meeting
12:30 Early Release
Spirit Day: Rainbow Day
12PM -10 PM FNO @ Six
Forks Cinema

2/18

NO SCHOOL-
Teacher Workday

2/19

School is IN: Snow Make-Up

3/7

5:30-7:00 PM Science Fair

3/8

Spirit Day March Madness
12:30 Early Release

3/12

4:30-7:30 McTeacher Night:
7301 Six Forks Drive location

3/15

Cultural Arts Performance:
Birdman Dave

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Spots of Thanks go to...



...the Yearbook Committee for all their time and effort putting together a great Lead Mine Elementary yearbook!



Your baby is a 5th grader How did that happen?!

Tell your child how proud you are of them and their accomplishments in the

Yearbook Sentiments!

You are welcome to include separate sentiments from grandparents, siblings and other loved ones. Please make the check payable to Lead Mine PTA (there is a \$25 returned check fee).

Deadline to submit your sentiment and payment is Friday, March 15th.

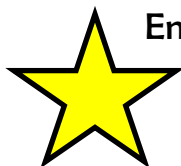
There are several options for your sentiments -

25 words or less - \$5

25-50 words OR 25 words or less with a small picture - \$10

50-100 words, with or without a picture - \$20

****Each Additional picture, add \$5 per picture.*



Email your message to us with the student's full name and picture (if desired) to LMEyearbook2019@gmail.com. Payment can be sent to your child's teacher or put in the PTA box located inside the front door of the building.

We prefer checks when at all possible.

If you need help scanning a picture or submitting a sentiment, email LMEyearbook2019@gmail.com or call Callie at 919-901-8176.

Are you working on your story?

The 2019 Writing Contest stories are due by January 25th!

All students are encouraged to write a fictional story about:

- Favorite toy transforms into a superhero
- Favorite stuffed animal comes to life
- What if I could time travel to the past or the future?
- Making a new invention that helps others in need
- Your dream Snow Day off from school

The requirements are:

Kindergarten
50-100 words

1st Grade
100-200 words

2nd and 3rd Grades
150-300 words

4th and 5th Grades
200-400 words

LME Showcase at Barnes and Noble, Triangle Town Center
Saturday, February 9th, 2-4pm



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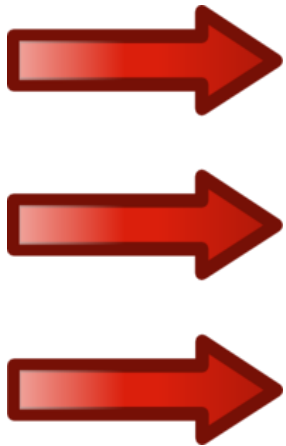
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Save the Date: Lead Mine Science Fair
2nd through 5th grades March 7, 2019– 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Registration deadline: February 7th

Do you want to be a Scientist? Or maybe an Inventor?
The Lead Mine Science Fair will be March 7th. So, put on your lab coat, grab your lab notebook, and start testing your hypothesis. Students can complete projects individually or in teams up to 3 students. Fill out the registration form coming soon in your Tuesday folder by 2/7.

Questions? Contact Leisa Glantz: leisaglantz@gmail.com or (919) 523-9895.



SAVE THE DATE

Friday, Feb. 15th
Noon-10:00pm

SIX FORKS CINEMA
9500 FORUM DR.
RALEIGH, NC 27615



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1. Go to www.treering.com
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**BOOK
FAIR
COMING SOON!**

We are so excited the Scholastic Book Fair will be at Lead Mine February 1 – February 8. To make the book fair a successful event we are going to need your help.

The Book Fair is open each day during school hours. We need volunteers to help with students as they come in to preview and pick out items from the book fair to purchase. Please look over the list of what is

needed to see when you are available to help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e44aaa628a6fa7-book2>

Thanks in advance for all your help!

Tara Pleasant

tarapleasant@yahoo.com



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

There is now a page on the Lead Mine Elementary Web site that lists all opportunities for volunteering at Lead Mine! You can access the page by going to the Lead Mine Web Site and selecting the Parents tab, then Volunteer Opportunities. Or you can go directly to the page by visiting www.bit.ly/LMEVolunteering.

Keep up with upcoming events by using the link below to subscribe to the Lead Mine PTA Calendar of Events. <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/lmesraleigh%40gmail.com/private-9d760e7a79f8243e12e2c453fle9f819/basic.ics>



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