



The Leopard Link



We're excited to announce the launch of a composting program at Lead Mine Elementary! Students will be able to start composting their food scraps and paper products at lunch time, starting **April 9th!** [CompostNow](https://compostnow.org/) (<https://compostnow.org/>) will come each week to collect our carts and replace them with clean ones!

What's compostable? A lot! CompostNow can accept any food (including meats, bones, and dairy), coffee grounds / filters, tea bags (just remove the staple!), any soiled paper or cardboard, pizza boxes and much more. [Learn more here: https://compostnow.org/compostables/](https://compostnow.org/compostables/)

"If it grows, it goes!" "When in doubt, throw it out!"

What happens to the compostables? They are processed at a local commercial composting facility, which turns all that waste into compost! The compost we create will be shared with CompostNow's network of community gardens. (Check them out here: <https://compostnow.org/garden-partners/>). Our school will also receive compost for our school garden!

Want to compost at home too? CompostNow has a home collection service.

Everyone at Lead Mine can get started with a free two-week trial at <https://compostnow.org/offer/leadmine/>

Questions or want to get involved?

Contact Elizabeth Kearse: 919.270.3043, eskearse@gmail.com

To starving landfills and building soil!

Calendar of Events

- 3/22
7:00 PM PTA Meeting
- 3/23
Food Drive Ends
Fitness Friday Club
Art Reflections Reception
- 3/28
Spring Class Pictures
End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/29
School is IN: Snow Make-Up Day
- 3/30-4/6
Spring Break
- 4/13
Report Cards Coming Home
Fitness Friday Club
- 4/17
4:30-7:30 McTeacher Night
- 4/20
8:30 AM PTA Meeting
Quarter 3 P2 Assembly
Fitness Friday Club
- 4/24
5:30 Kindergarten Open House
- 4/27
Fitness Friday
5:00-8:30 PM Spring Carnival
- 5/3
5:30 PM Science Fair
- 5/4
Fitness Friday Club
Jump Rope Assemblies:
1:20-2:00 PM K, 2nd, 3rd
2:10-2:50 PM 1st, 4th, 5th
- 5/9
Walk to School Day
6-6:45 FNO at Master Chang's
- 5/7-5/11
Staff Appreciation Week

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Spots of Thanks go to...



...Cami Stephens for organizing our Spring Fundraiser.
 ...the Lead Mine Staff for organizing such an awesome Literacy Night.
 ...Leisa Glantz for organizing the pizza dinner for Literacy Night.
 ...Amy Boyd, Laura Bernstein Tanner, Jennifer Heard, Arlene Monroe and Rebekah Williams for sorting, organizing, displaying and distributing books for the free book giveaway during Literacy Night! #LMESReads because of you!



Jump Rope Assemblies

Lead Mine's morning jump rope teams will be showing their hard work and super jump rope skills at the following assemblies:

May 4th - Friday in the LME Gym:

1.20 to 2.00 pm Kindergarten, 2nd and 3rd grade assembly
 (all 2nd and 3rd grade team members will be performing at this time)

2.10 to 2.50 pm 1st, 4th and 5th grade assembly
 (all 4th and 5th grade team members will be performing at this time)

Please contact Coach C at sruickshanks1@wcpss.net if you have any questions!
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April, 17th From 4:30 - 7:30pm, 7301 Six Forks Road



COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE: MARCH 16th - MARCH 23rd

North Raleigh Ministries provides families with food during times of crisis or need. What to bring for our healthy Community Food Drive to support North Raleigh Ministries Backpack Buddies and School Pantries and for Grocery Bags for Seniors:

- Pop top cans of vegetables and fruit (NO soft top fruit containers)
- Cereal bars, oatmeal packets, and other individually wrapped breakfast items
- 100% juice boxes and shelf stable milk boxes
- Packaged noodles (mac n cheese, ramen noodles)
- Healthy snacks (granola bars, raisins, pretzels)
- Meats and stews (chef Boyardee, tuna packets)



Drop off for food items will be in the mornings at tables in the front of the school building for carpool riders and at the back of the building for bus riders as they enter the school.

GRADE LEVEL CONTEST: The grade that brings in the most food will receive new playground equipment! Be sure to put your food donations in the correct box as you come into school

YEARBOOK



The deadline for personalizing yearbook pages is March 23rd!

Please remember to keep sending in those photos!

You can purchase and personalize your Lead Mine Elementary yearbook by clicking here:

<http://www.treering.com/purchase?Passcode=1015043028522617>



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