



# The Leopard Link

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Good Afternoon Lead Mine Families!

We are so glad to see the sun more often and to be getting outside to play more and more after so many rainy days!

Thank you to all of our families who we have seen out and about supporting students and their efforts the past few weeks. We truly enjoyed seeing our students showcasing their writing talents at Barnes and Noble, and hearing the winners from each grade level read their stories to the audience.

Our fifth-grade recognition committee recently organized a PDQ family night out and we appreciate everyone who was able to support this group as they work to create a memorable 5<sup>th</sup> grade recognition at the end of the year.

Speaking of fifth graders – we had a blast at the fifth-grade dance last month! As one of their culminating experiences, Coach C. held her annual family/child dance. We loved seeing all of our fantastic fifth-graders show off their families in some very dapper attire.

Although we are glad to see this rain subside, our frog friends have most likely been enjoying this wet weather the past few weeks. We were excited to welcome families of our third-grade students to Lead Mine to see and hear presentations about the amphibians that they have been studying and learning about throughout the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

Welcome to Lead Mine Coach Flood! Coach Flood was born and raised in Sanford, North Carolina and recently graduated from Appalachian State University with a Bachelors in Health and Physical Education K-12. Go APP STATE! Coach Flood loves all sports and being active. Some of his hobbies include: working out, playing slow pitch softball, and golf. This is Coach Flood's first year teaching and he is ecstatic to be expanding his love for physical education with our students.

Congratulations to Ms. Kelly Denny and Ms. Annette Thornhill who have each been named finalists in representing Lead Mine as Teachers of the Year and Social Workers of the Year. Ms. Denny, one of our CCR teachers has been named a WCPSS Teacher of the Year Top 20 Finalist while Ms. Thornhill has been named a Top 5 Finalist for School Social Worker of the year! We could not be prouder to have such fine folks representing our school community.

This Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, is an Early Release for WCPSS. During our morning on Friday we will have an author visit by Nick Briel. He will be sharing his passion for reading, writing, illustrating, and story-telling with the students of Lead Mine. Thank you to Lisa Genschel for organizing this event with Quail Ridge Books.

We are looking forward to an amazing week at Lead Mine and we cannot wait to see you all soon. Have a wonderful evening and please let me know if I can support you or your child in any way!

Respectfully,

*T. Aaron Marcia*  
Lead Learner/Principal



## Calendar of Events

- 3/7  
5:30-7:00 PM Science Fair
- 3/8  
12:30 Early Release  
Spirit Day March Madness  
9:00-10:00 AM Author Visit
- 3/12  
4:30-7:30 McTeacher Night:  
7301 Six Forks Drive location
- 3/15  
Cultural Arts Performance:  
Birdman Dave  
Deadline for 5th Grade  
Sentiments
- 3/20  
5:30 PM-7 Literacy Night
- 3/26  
6:30 PM PTA Meeting
- 3/28  
Spring and Class Picture Day
- 3/29  
**NO SCHOOL-**  
Teacher Workday
- 3/30  
9:00 AM Grounds Day
- 4/4-4/5  
5th Grade Field Trip
- 4/5  
Fitness Friday
- 4/6  
Pop-Up Market
- 4/12  
P2 Assembly  
Spirit Day-  
Storybook Characters  
Fitness Friday
- 4/15-4/19  
Spring Break
- 4/22  
**NO SCHOOL – TWD**

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# Spots of Thanks go to...



...Lisa Genschel for all her hard work organizing our first author visit with Nick Bruel this Friday!

...Blair Stone, Sarah Hathaway, Melissa Shedd, Chad Johnson, Lauren Cotter, and Tricia Lane for all their help with the Lead Mine Community Food Drive!

## The Science Fair is this Week!



Parents and other family members are welcome to visit the fair between 5:30 and 7 pm on Thursday, March 7th.

We would love for everyone to visit the fair even if your child did not participate. There will be over 30 displays to enjoy and discuss!



**McTeacher's NIGHT** 

**Next Tuesday!!**

March 12th From 4:30 - 7:30pm, 7301 Six Forks Road



Yearbooks include the option for you to create 2 **FREE** customized pages.

To order a yearbook and to upload all of those **AMAZING** pictures you've been taking all year:

1. Go to [www.treering.com](http://www.treering.com)
2. Enter Lead Mine's passcode: **1015043028522617**

## STAFF SPRING SOCIAL



It is time to spoil our amazing staff! The staff appreciation committee will be hosting a luncheon **THIS Friday** March 8th, which is an early release day for the students, and we need your help! Please check out the sign up and help out if you can!

All items should be labeled "staff luncheon" and dropped off by 9 AM on Friday March 8th. There will be a volunteer at carpool in the morning to collect any donated items so that you do not need to park and come into the school.

Thank you for your help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E44AAA628A6FA7-staff1>



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# THANK YOU FOR SHARING LEAD MINE LEOPARDS!

You provided over **1800** food items to North Raleigh Ministries  
to support our local community!  
**YOU** made a difference in the lives of others.

Because  
OTHER PEOPLE MATTER.

## Congratulations 5th GRADE!

You won the contest by bringing in **497** food items!  
New playground equipment is headed your way soon!



thank  
you!



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](http://www.bit.ly/LMEVolunteering).

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# Your baby is a 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:LMEyearbook2019@gmail.com) or call Callie at 919-901-8176.*



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