



The Leopard Link

Welcome Back to Lead Mine for the 2018-2019 School Year!

Dear Lead Mine Elementary School Families,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! The start of a new school year is an exciting time for all of us. To assist you in making the start of the school year a smooth transition, we want to provide a calendar of events. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kindergarten Staggered Entry: Our kindergarten students will participate in “staggered entry” again this year. Students were assigned one day between Monday, August 27th and Thursday, August 30th to attend a full day of school. This special effort allows our young students the opportunity to get to know their new school and allows our kindergarten team the chance to learn more about the students.

Kindergarten Meet the Teacher: This special event is held after the staggered entry process has been completed, Friday, August 31st 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM. All kindergarten students and parents are invited to campus to meet their teachers. This is a regular school day for 1st – 5th grades. Kindergarten parents are encouraged to drop by during this 90-minute event to meet their teacher and visit their classroom.

Open House: This annual event is slated for Monday, September 17th. We will hold two classroom information sessions for each teacher. This will allow parents who have more than one child at Lead Mine an opportunity to visit both teachers. You will receive more information about this in the coming weeks. The schedule for the event is:

- 5:30-6:00 pm Session #1, Parents visit their child’s classroom.
- 5:10-6:40 pm Session #2, Parents visit their child’s classroom.
- 6:45 pm PTA Meeting

Carpool: Our carpool procedures will remain the same for the new school year. Families may take advantage of carpool during morning drop off and/or afternoon pick up. If you have not yet picked up your carpool number, please come to the front office to do so at your earliest convenience. Families who have had carpool numbers in the past will retain those numbers, but will still need to pick up a new tag. New tags ensure that the right students get in the right cars with the right adults.

Hours: Our school hours are the same: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM. Students may be dropped off between 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM. Morning carpool ends at 8:25 AM. If you arrive on campus after 8:25 AM for morning carpool, please park and walk your child in to the front office.

We dismiss at 3:00 PM each day. Please be patient and understand that the first week or two run a little slower to ensure the safety of everyone. In order to decrease your wait time plan to arrive on campus at 3:15 PM until the processes and routines are familiar to everyone.

Before and After School Childcare Program: Lead Mine hosts a before-school program (7:00-8:00 am) and an after-school program (3:00-6:00 pm). If you are interested in either, please pick up a registration form from the school office or register at Meet the Teacher. You will find helpful information on the WCPSS website at <http://www.wcpss.net/before-after-school>.

LMES Website and Calendar: Our school’s website is currently up to date and ready to support families in any way possible. www.wcpss.net/leadminees. The calendar of WCPSS and LMES events can be found on the Lead Mine website under “school calendar of events”. This calendar will provide you with early release dates, teacher workdays, holidays, and breaks throughout the school year.

We are looking forward to seeing familiar faces, and getting to know all the new ones.

With much excitement,
T. Aaron Marcin
Lead Learner/Principal

Calendar of Events

- 8/31**
12:30-2:00 Kindergarten Meet the Teacher
Labor Days LEO Challenge
- 9/3**
NO SCHOOL: Labor Day
- 9/4**
First day of kindergarten!
7:45 AM Kindergarten Kick-Off
- 9/6**
GoPlaySave fundraiser begins
- 9/7**
Fitness Friday
- 9/13**
5:30-7:00 PM Ice Cream Social
- 9/14**
Fitness Friday
- 9/17**
5:30 PM Open House Session1
6:10 PM Open House Session2
6:45PM PTA Meeting
- 9/19**
NO SCHOOL
- 9/21**
Fitness Friday
- 9/25**
GoPlaySave fundraiser ends:
Please return ALL books!
- 9/28**
Spirit Day: International Day
Fitness Friday
12:30 EARLY RELEASE
- 10/3**
7:45 Walk to School Day
- 10/5**
Fitness Friday
Cultural Arts Assembly:
Living Rhythms

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Spots of Thanks go to...



...the Kindergarten Connections committee for organizing Popsicles on the Playground and an evening at the Rainbow Room for our upcoming kindergarteners.
 ...the PTA board for working hard over the summer to plan events for our school year.
 ...Jennifer Leoncini, Rick Childs, Chad Johnson and Jennifer Heard for organizing an awesome Back-to-School lunch for our Lead Mine Staff!

WELCOME TO LEAD MINE !

We are so glad you're here! On behalf of the Lead Mine Parent Teacher Association (PTA), I would like to welcome all new and returning students and families to LMES.

Our school prides itself on not only an out-of-this-world Staff, but also an active PTA. Our goal is to work with the staff at our school to foster an environment where every child can succeed. The PTA welcomes EVERYONE and encourages you to get involved in any capacity that works for your family. By becoming a member, you can become an important part of helping to ensure that these plans become a reality. We also welcome your new ideas for the benefit of our children.

How can you help? It's simple!



JOIN the PTA ! By joining, you are being an advocate for your child!

VOLUNTEER ! Whether you have one hour a month or one hour a week to offer, it takes ALL of us working together to support the staff and students. There are many opportunities to help: send in supplies for special lessons or learning experiences, shelve books in the Media Center, help with copy needs in the Copy Center, or volunteer at one of the many events planned during the year.

Be INFORMED ! Sign up to receive our e-mail alerts, read the weekly newsletter (The Leopard Link), "like" us on Facebook, follow our "tweets" on Twitter, and attend a PTA meeting. No matter how busy you are, there is always a way to stay connected to what's happening.

VISIT Lead Mine ! Have lunch with your child, attend family events, read a story to your child's class or volunteer for a classroom learning experience. Visiting helps you get to know our awesome staff!

Please contact me at anytime with any questions you may have. We are looking forward to a very successful school year and are so glad you will be a part of it. I look forward to meeting you!

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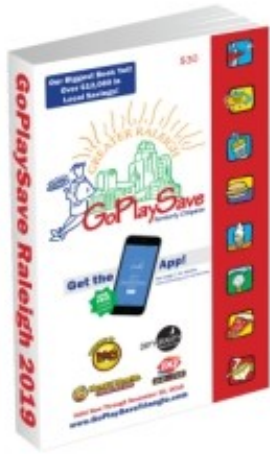
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It's GoPlaySave Time!

Yes, the new books are HERE!



Get ready for our first big PTA fundraiser of the year to help raise funds for programs, teacher grants/reimbursements, technology, cultural arts programs, and much more! These coupon books will help your family save tons of money while having fun dining out and creating memories in the Triangle!

GoPlaySave has over \$12,000 in local savings, which is more than ever! Coupons for fun places for families and amazing restaurants, including Brio Tuscan Grille, Bonefish Grill, Ruckus Pizza, Famous Toastery, and Leesville Taproom, as well as Office Depot/Office Max are included, plus so much more!

Our GoPlaySave coupon book fundraiser begins Sept. 6th and goes until Sept. 25th.

A book/order form will be coming home Sept. 6th or you can go now to:

www.goplaysavetriangle.com/store/LME2019

to order your books or create your own personal url and email the link to friends, co-workers, and family to help raise money for our PTA. The mobile book and Raleigh or Charlotte paper books each sell for \$30, while the Chapel Hill/Durham or Triad books sell for \$25 each. For every book sold, our PTA will earn \$15, and you can earn some great prizes from Menchie's, Brixx Pizza, Hungry Howies, Adventure Landing, iTunes, Learning Express, etc.

Any questions or comments?

Please email Leisa Glantz (leisaglantz@gmail.com) or call/text 919-523-9895.



**“We’re all Different fish, But at this school—
we swim together!”**

**Big shout out to Laura Bernstein Tanner for making our
super cute Welcome Back bulletin board
in the main lobby!
Thank you!**



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Mrs. Carroll's Corner

Let's Start the Year with a SAFE Mindset!

KEEP YOUR KIDS
SAFE Online



Are They Ready?

Consider your child's age and maturity level before you agree to let them join a social networking website or download apps.

Spend time with your child online and talk about the dangers of the internet.

Communicate.

Create a set of rules for internet usage.

Talk about the risks.

Keep the lines of communication open!

Educate.

Teach your child good standards for internet behavior.

Have your child teach you how they use the internet.

Monitor!

Review the websites and apps your child uses.

Make sure you have a copy of all their passwords.

Avoid including your kid's name, photo, or personal details in their username or gamertag.

Be Involved.

Turn on parental controls and privacy features.

Stay engaged with your child about their internet usage.

For more information, please go to:

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