



The Leopard Link

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Good Afternoon Lead Mine Families,

We hope that this finds each of you well and warm. This cool weather has been a nice change and it has led to many discussions with our children about dressing appropriately for times that we are outside our homes, cars, and schools. We appreciate everyone ensuring that students are dressed warmly and ensuring that they have jackets, coats, etc. Please take a moment to label your child's jacket or coat with a sharpie marker in the case that it is left outside or somewhere else on our campus. Labeling these items on the tag with your last name is a great way to ensure that the item is returned to you or your child if it is ever misplaced.

Our Leopard Laps Fun Run was a HUGE success and we want to thank each of our families who participated in getting so many pledges and donations! The entire event was run by our amazing volunteers to ensure that 100% of the proceeds came directly back to our school. It was amazing to see our school community come together to do such an outstanding job giving back.

Tomorrow is a regular school day for students and staff. Although 10/31 was originally a teacher workday it is now a weather make-up day.

In addition to tomorrow being a regular school day - it will also be our first "Trunk or Treat" day sponsored by our amazing Lead Mine PTA and many families who have agreed to set up cars and/or donate treats. The event will begin at 5:30 PM. Please check the Orange flier that was sent home the past two weeks or check our website for more details.

Tuesday November 6, all WCPSS will operate on a 2-hour delay due to many schools (including Lead Mine) serving as polling stations. Our first bell will ring at 10:00 AM, the 5 minute awareness bell will ring at 10:25 AM and the instructional day will begin at 10:30 AM. Buses will pick up at their stops two hours later than normal. If your bus usually picks up at 7:30 AM, it will pick up at 9:30 AM on Tuesday 11/6/2018.

Students in grades 2, 3, 4, and 5 will participate in end of quarter assessments beginning Friday November 2nd through Wednesday November 7th. The assessments are formative and help us determine student learning/mastery at the end of our instructional quarter. There is no studying or preparation necessary, nor do we want students to feel any performance stress. The assessment is just one way for us to check for understanding and inform teachers of which students may need more instruction in the coming weeks to fully master grade level standards. Your child's teacher will send home information a few weeks after the assessment.

First Quarter report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 9th. Each child will receive scores ranging from 1 - 4 in each of their academic areas, as well as a work habits rating that ranges from 1-3. A level 1 score indicates that a student has not yet shown independent mastery of a grade level standard. A level 2 score indicates that a student may be able to show mastery/understanding with support from the teacher. A level 3 indicates that a student has demonstrated mastery/understanding with independence. A level 4 score indicates that students have demonstrated mastery and then independently extended the concept of the standard and applied it to other situations without support/direction from a teacher.

Report cards are sent home in an envelope with a place for families to sign and return the envelope. By signing the envelope families are indicating that they have received their child's report card. Please note that there is a box on the envelope that families can check indicating that they are requesting a conference to discuss their child's progress.

Individual classroom teachers will be setting up conferences during the months of October and November and may use another format for families to sign up for conferences, and the report card envelope serves as one other method for families to request a conference to discuss their child's progress.

As always, if you have any questions - please reach out and ask. You can reach me at tmarcin@wcpss.net or 919-870-4120.

Thank you,

Aaron Marcin

Lead Learner/Principal



Calendar of Events

10/30

Reflections art work due

10/31

Full day: weather make-up day
5:30 PM Trunk or Treat

11/2

Fitness Friday
Grandparent's Day

11/6

School on 2 Hour Delay

11/7

Fall Picture Make-Up Day

11/9

Fitness Friday

11/12

NO SCHOOL-Veteran's Day

11/13

6:30 PM PTA meeting

11/16

Fitness Friday
6:00 PM FNO: Movie by
Moonlight

11/20

12:30 PM Early Release
Spirit Day: Wild Sock Day

11/21-11/23

NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving

11/30

Fitness Friday

12/12

Holiday Shop starts

12/19

Holiday Shop ends

12/21

12:30 Early Release
Spirit Day-Holiday Fun
Staff Holiday Luncheon

12/24-1/2

Winter Break

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Spots of Thanks go to...



...a **BIG** thank you to **Cami Stephens** and **all the volunteers** who helped make Leopard Laps a **HUGE** success! It was such a fun event!
 ...to **all the families** and **friends** who donated and businesses who sponsored Leopard Laps.
 ...to **Leo the Leopard** for adding so much fun to our Leopard Laps event!

Grandparent's Day is Friday, November 2!

You can find the lunch schedule here - you will need to know the name of your child's teacher.
<https://www.wcpss.net/domain/14831>.

Grandparents come have lunch with your little leopards! Grandparents day has been re-scheduled to Friday, November 2nd. We could use your help providing sweet treats for the kids and grandparents as well as help setting up the media center the day of the event. Visit <http://bit.ly/LMEVolunteering> to donate your time or items. Thanks so much!



Pro Tips:

1. Allow enough time for parking. Handicap & Visitor spaces will be in HIGH demand.
2. Bring lunch and beverages.
3. Lunch can be purchased in the cafeteria (which takes a fair bit of time).
4. Enjoy the outdoor picnic tables outside the cafeteria door.
5. Stop by the Media Center for a dessert donated by PTA volunteers.



MISSING SOMETHING?

The Lost and Found Cart will be placed out front on Tuesday, (Oct 30th) and stay there for 1 week.

Anything left unclaimed by that following Wednesday, November 7th, will be donated.



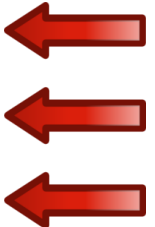
Register or Re-register to Volunteer!

Any adult who volunteers in a Wake County School must be approved as a volunteer.

So, if you are planning to help in your child's classroom or attend a field trip this year, you must complete the registration process.

EVERYONE MUST RE-REGISTER EACH SCHOOL YEAR.

The process can be completed from a computer at **ANY WAKE COUNTY SCHOOL**. If this is your first time registering you will need your Driver's License and Social Security number. If you just need to re-register, you will only need your Social Security number. Stop by the Media Center before or after school, or even during your lunch hour, to complete your registration. It is quick and easy!



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Save the Date

Friday, November 16th,

for

MOVIE BY MOONLIGHT

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

@ Lead Mine Elementary

Doors open at 6:00pm

Movie begins at 6:30pm



Special thanks to Cindy Evans of Home Depot #3634 at 9517 Strickland Road for the PVC pipe & fitting used to create a reusable arch for our inaugural Leopard Laps. The best part is that you will see this arch again. It can be used for future events like carnivals, dances and promotion ceremonies!

P2 Pointers



This week, Lead Mine students are talking all about

creativity!

Creativity is defined by how we come up with new and original ways to create and do things.

If you've visited Lead Mine recently, you have probably witnessed all the creative artwork throughout our hallways inspired by our art teacher, Mrs. Brautman. Students will learn about how being creative sometimes means turning mistakes into something great!

Some of the stories students will be listening to this week are Beautiful Oops by Barney Saltzberg and Ish by Peter Reynolds.

"Creativity is experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, breaking mistakes and having fun". -Mary Lou Cook



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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-9d760e7a79f8243e12e2c453f1e9f819/basic.ics>



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2. Mail check payable to Lead Mine Elementary PTA.
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