



The Leopard Link

Principal's Corner

Good Afternoon Lead Mine Leaders and Learners,

It is hard to believe it, but we have passed the half-way mark for the 2017-2018 school year. Second Quarter report cards were sent home on Friday and we are now into the 3rd quarter of the school year. Please ensure that you review your child's report card and request conferences if you and/or your family have any questions.

Thank you to some of our amazing volunteers who came out this weekend to help our Green Thumb Club clean up the courtyard. A lot of work went into taking out the old flower beds and putting in the new and more efficient raised beds.

Ms. Volland (3rd Grade Teacher) and Ms. Kearsse (LME Parent) have put a lot of work into planning and revitalizing our courtyard so that it will sustain plants, vegetables, and core instruction aligned with standards Kindergarten through fifth grade. The two have also written and received two grants to help fund and support all of their hard work.

We have enjoyed having so many of our parent volunteers in and around Lead Mine the first half of the year and we are excited to continue these partnerships into the second half of the school year. Parents and community members spend as much time as they have available and that varies so much from person to person. Some of our volunteers are here once a week, some more, and some less.

We are interested in having you and would love the chance to work out a way to have you in our classrooms supporting the amazing teaching and learning that takes place each day. No matter your gifts, talents, interests, time, or expertise, we can work to find the best area to volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering and just need some direction, contact Mr. Marcin or Ms. Carroll and we will work to get you in as soon as possible.

The Book Fair has begun at Lead Mine and we are excited to welcome all of our families in to browse, read, and build their home libraries. Check out information in this week's Leopard Link, our school website, or reach out to Ms. Foss for more information.

The Book Fair will be open this Wednesday, February 7th from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM for any and all family/community members who are interested in stopping by to purchase books for their families.

Friday, February 9th is an Early Release. Dismissal will begin at 12:30 PM.

Kindergarten registration has begun! If you or anyone you know has a rising Kindergartener, please come in to register at your earliest convenience. You can look on the WCPSS website, or call Ms. Henrion if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you all soon,

T. Aaron Marcin
Lead Learner/Principal



Calendar of Events

2/7

5:00 PM Book Fair Family Night

2/9

12:30 EARLY RELEASE

Sprit Day: Crazy Hair

Pawsative Assembly:

8:45-9:45 3rd-5th

10:00-11:00 K-2nd

2/16

8:30 AM PTA meeting

2/19

School is IN: Snow Make-Up Day

3/2

12:30 Early Release

School Spirit Day: March

Madness

3/10

9:00 AM Grounds Day

3/13

FNO-McTeacher Night

3/15

5:00 PM Literacy Night

3/16

Food Drive Begins

3/22

7:00 PM PTA Meeting

3/23

Food Drive Ends

3/24

Reserved RAIN DATE for Grounds Day if needed

3/28

Spring Class Pictures

End of 3rd Quarter

3/29

School is IN: Snow Make-Up Day

4/20

8:30 AM PTA Meeting

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Spots of Thanks go to...



...everyone who came in last Thursday to help set up the book fair!

... to **Callie Wright** for decorating the Media Center door and for working so hard on our volunteer sign-up!

Annual 5th Grade Parent/Student Dance Reminder

When: Thursday, March 1st- from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Where: Lead Mine Elementary, MPR and cafeteria for refreshments

Who: All 5th grade students and their parents (please do not bring younger brothers and sisters)

Attire: Please dress nicely for this event, bring a camera because photo opportunities will be available.

We are all looking forward to this wonderful and exciting evening. We hope many of you will be able to participate in this memorable event. Please remember that we will be doing many different types of dances, so everyone will be able to participate!

We hope that the 5th grade boys will remember to personally invite their mom's and the girls will invite their dad's for a special night of dancing and fun!! (Adult or older sibling family members are invited to step in for any parent who may be unable to attend with their child)

For any question or if any parents are interested in helping out with refreshment setup/cleanup or decorating. please contact Susan Cruickshanks. scruickshanks1@wcpss.net

(this is a good opportunity for any high school students (brothers or sisters of our 5th graders) to earn service hours)



CANDY GRAMS!

The Leopard Leaders want you to have a
LOVEly Valentine's Day!

We will be selling Candy Grams
for \$.50 each
from Feb 5th - 9th.

You will be able to write a message to a special
friend or teacher that week.

The message will be delivered on Feb 14th with
the candy attached.

Let's make everyone in our Lead Mine family
feel the love!

The Lead Mine Care Kits boxes are placed around the school and ready to be filled! The Leopard Leaders are collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks, granola bars, bandaids, hand sanitizers and grocery bags to package Care Kits for Raleigh's homeless. Please help our Leo Leaders make an impact on our community by bringing any of these items to school.

Every little bit helps!



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It's already time to start thinking about next year's line up! If you are interested in any of the PTA positions below or have any questions, please contact Cami Stephens (the crazy lady in the front office) at 919-870-4120 or cstevens2@wcpss.net.

We encourage you to volunteer for any committee you are interested in!
Whether it is a few hours a week or a few events a year,
we would love to work with you!

Lead Mine PTA Board Positions

President
1st VP
Treasurer
Asst Treasurer
Advocacy/Legislative Cmte
Secretary
Audit Cmte
Nominating Cmte

VP Services
Copy Center & Laminating
Media Center
Mentoring
School Spirit
Staff Appreciation
Grounds
Kindergarten Connection
Yearbook
Newspaper
Lost & Found

VP Communications
Directory & GP Coordinator
Leopard E Link
Newsletter Editor
Public Relations/Social Media Coord
Wake SpEd Inclusion Cmte

VP Programs
Book Fair
Character Education
Cultural Arts
Family Night Out
5th Grade Celebration
Health, Safety & Wellness
Reflections
Math / Literacy / Science Fair Night
Community Outreach

VP Fundraising
Carnival
Go Play Save
Boosterthon/Great American (Tervis)
Writing Contest
NC Football Club
Holiday Shop
Community Participation
Hurricanes Tickets
Membership
Welcoming & Volunteers
Original Works of Art
School Store/Supply Sale
Leopard Leaders Liaison

Thank you for all you do to make Lead Mine a DYNAMIC place to laugh and learn!



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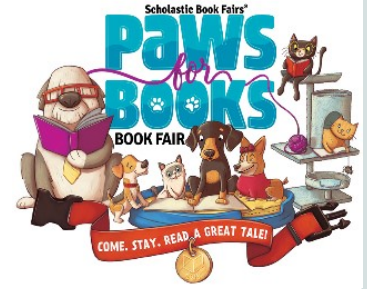
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BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lead Mine students and families are sure to have a dog-gone good time at our **Paws for Books Book Fair!** It will be open for the rest of this week during school hours as well as before school from 8:00-8:30am and after school until 3:15pm.



We will also have a **Paws for Books Dessert Night, a Lead Mine Family Night event on Wednesday, February 7th from 5:00-7:00 pm.**

We can't put together such an awesome book fair without your help! Please consider volunteering your time or make some yummy items for our bake sale. Go to: <http://bit.ly/LeadMineVolunteer> and select the appropriate tab to choose from one of the available dates or baked donations needed.

COFFEE CHATS WITH WCPSS DISTRICT 7 BOARD MEMBER KATHY HARTENSTINE

KATHY CHATS

NO AGENDA - ASK QUESTIONS, GET CLARIFICATION, SHARE IDEAS AND CONCERNS

MORRISVILLE: Common Grounds Coffee House 1000 Perimeter Park Dr	Each Event will be 10am until 11am	NORTH RALEIGH: Maude's Garden & Coffee 12333 Strickland Rd
DATES: 2/15 3/15 4/27 5/31		DATES: 2/8 3/2 4/19 5/17

NEW! Quick link to Lead Mine monthly school calendar: <http://bit.ly/2FHkx5I>



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