



The Leopard Link

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

The Countdown has begun! Can you believe there are only 17 days of school left? There is a lot of work and more than a few celebrations to fit into that time!

I have had the privilege to serve as PTA President this year, and I have enjoyed it so much. Let me start by saying "thank you" to the hard-working women on the PTA Board of Directors – Tara, Rebekah, Jennifer, Callie, Cami, Amy, Leslie, Bonnie, Ann, & Courtney. Through their many hours of planning and working, which began when school ended last June, these ladies made things happen and demonstrated an inspiring commitment to our school. I would also like to thank April, Ann, Sharon, & Meredith for keeping tabs on our finances. Last but definitely not least, I would like to thank ALL of our committee chairs/members who seemingly effortlessly ran our programs throughout the year. There is a tremendous amount of behind the scenes work and planning that goes on to pull off events. Thanks for giving your time and energy to serving our staff and students and for doing everything you can to ensure the success of our programs. It makes all the difference.

There are several roles in our PTA that require time each and every week – and so I'd like to thank these parents for their huge time commitment in serving our school. Thank you, Tara (Copy Center) and Shannon (Media Center), for securing volunteers for every school day – and pinch hitting when unexpected absences occurred. Thank you, Tricia, for publishing our Leopard Link every week and giving up so much time on your weekends to make sure it's ready to publish. And thank you, Erin, Melissa, Kathleen, & many volunteers for running our school store twice a week as well as lining up help as needed.

Let me give a HUGE thank you to every parent and grandparent who visited, volunteered at, or attended an event at Lead Mine this year. Whether you accompanied your child's class on a field trip, helped for an hour at Carnival, sent in supplies for a class project, looked through books at our Book Fair, or joined your child for lunch, your time here makes all the difference in the culture of this school. Nothing our PTA does would be possible without support from YOU! Thank you.

On Thursday, we will hold the year's last PTA General Membership meeting, which will be followed by a performance by the 4th/5th Grade Chorus. At the meeting, the following slate of nominees for the 2017-2018 PTA Board of Directors will be presented for a vote.

Lead Mine Elementary PTA Board 2017-2018

President	Tara Pleasant	First VP	Leisa Glantz
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Our last Family Night Out at a restaurant for this school year is on Tuesday, May 23! Zaxby's and Goodberry's at Harvest Oaks Plaza on Strickland Road will host a "double header" dinner and dessert, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Lead Mine. Our first Lead Mine soccer Family Night Out is scheduled for Sunday, June 4. Please come and celebrate the end of this amazing year!

I hope each of you have a relaxing summer filled with all the things you love. If you will be moving on to another school next year, I wish you the best of luck wherever life leads. If your little leopards are returning to Lead Mine in August, then I look forward to seeing you again!

Leisa Glantz



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 5/17
7:30 AM Walk to School Day
- 5/18
6:30 PM General Membership PTA meeting
7:00 PM 4th/5th grade Chorus Performance
- 5/19
Fitness Friday
- 5/23
FNO: Zaxby's & Goodberry's
- 5/26
Fitness Friday
Pawsitive Assemblies
8:45 AM 3rd, 4th, 5th grades
10:00 AM K, 1st, 2nd grades
- 5/30
Reading EOG 3rd-5th grades
- 5/31
Math EOG 3rd-5th grades
- 6/1
Makeup EOG Date
- 6/2
Fitness Friday
Science EOG-5th Grade
- 6/4
4:00 PM NC FC Soccer Outing
- 6/5
Read to Achieve Test- 3rd grade
- 6/6
Super Kids Day
9:00 AM Grades 4-5
11:00 Grades 2-3
1:00 K, Grade 1
- 6/8
12:00 5th Grade Recognition Ceremony
- 6/9
Last day of school and 4th Quarter Report Cards!

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Spots of Thanks go to...



...Jason Edwards and the Health & Wellness Committee for organizing Walk to School days every quarter this past year & for helping our school get the Sneakers and Spokes Award & Brains & Bodies Award – Bronze Level from the Advocates for Health in Action.



All Lead Mine Families and Staff are invited to our

4th Quarter WALK to School Day—TOMORROW!

Wednesday May 17th at 7:30am

Everyone has enjoyed walking to school together this year so we are having another opportunity to get some exercise and walk with our friends.

- Plan to meet in the parking lot of Greystone Village Shopping Center near Sola Café at 7:30am.
- Wear a school T-shirt or school colors (blue and yellow), so we can make a colorful statement for Lead Mine.
- Before the walk, meet a Raleigh police officer to discuss pedestrian safety.
- Start the day off right and have a great time on the walk to school with Leo and your friends!

****IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY for ALL of the children involved, students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for our walk to school. Please do not drop your child off to walk alone.

Questions? Contact Melissa Shedd at mvshedd@gmail.com.



2017-18 School Supply Sale

Exciting news! Our PTA has partnered with SchoolKidz (schoolkidz.com), which is operated by Staples, to offer inexpensive school supply kits for next school year. Although it may seem a little early to be ordering school supplies for next year – especially when this year is just ending – you may want to consider this option for several reasons:

Great prices! This is NOT a fundraiser. We're offering this program solely as a service to our families, and so we're simply passing through the prices SchoolKidz has quoted us, which include a 8% discount. The past 2 years, we have run a supply sale ourselves, and we were amazed to find that the prices we were quoted were similar or LESS than what we charged for our sales!

Convenient! Each kit contains all of the supplies listed on the required supply list for each grade for the next school year. We've worked with the school to get the lists for 2017-18, which differ somewhat from this year's lists, and the kits are based on the updated lists. Kits are individually packaged and labeled with each student's name and grade.

Saves time! Eliminates the mid-August school supply "scavenger hunt." Kits will be available at school at Meet the Teacher or the first day of classes.

Easy ordering! Orders can be made on the order form or online.

Bonus items! Each kit includes (at no charge) 40 labels personalized with your student's name.

Optional items! You can also order backpacks, lunch kits, and items to donate to your student's classroom (like wipes, hand sanitizer, plastic bags, and tissues). These items will be delivered with your supply kits.

A sample school kit is on display in the school office. Check it out!

Look for the order forms to come home next week!!!



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Lunch in the cafeteria - May 19th 10:00am-10:45am

Come see what it's like to go through the line and buy your lunch! All items can be purchased 'A la carte' and parents can eat too. You may bring a lunch from home if you prefer. Please RSVP by emailing LMEleopards@gmail.com.

Kindergarten Orientation in Media Center -

May 22nd 5:45pm Check In
6:00pm Presentation

General Membership PTA Meeting & 4th/5th Grade Choral Performance Thursday!

Our last PTA Meeting of the school year will be this Thursday, May 18th, at 6:30 pm, and it will be followed by a Choral Performance by the 4th & 5th grades. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend our last, and very short, meeting of the year!



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May 9, 2017

Good Afternoon Lead Mine Families,

It's hard to believe, but we are already coming up to the close of another DYNAMIC school year, and we are beginning to prepare for the 2017-2018 school year.

If for any reason you are already aware that your child will **NOT** be returning to Lead Mine or any other Wake County School, please fill out this form and return it to the school as soon as possible; attention Mrs. Henrion.

You do not need to return the form if your child will attend another Wake County Public School.

Thank you for your cooperation

Name(s) of student(s): _____

Teacher (school year 2016-2017): _____

The student(s) listed above will **not** be returning to Lead Mine or any other Wake County Public School for the 2017-2018 school year.

He/She will be attending:

_____ (name of the new school for 2017-2018)

Parent's name: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Date: _____

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Super Kids Day

Tuesday June 6th

4th and 5th grade events will be from 9.00 to 10.30
2nd and 3rd grade events will be from 11.00 to 12.30
K and 1st grade events will be from 1.00 to 2.30

If you are interested in volunteering, please visit:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b48aea728a20-super1>



Mark your Calendars!

The 5th Grade Recognition Ceremony will take place on

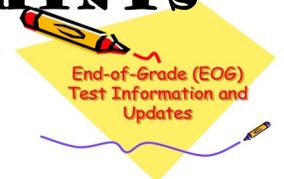
Thursday June 8th at 12:00pm

There will be a ceremony in the Multi-purpose room followed by a reception in the courtyard. Cake and Punch will be served.

The Multi-purpose room will remain open after the ceremony for pictures.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Leslie Blackwood at leslieblkwd@gmail.com

EOG SCHEDULE AND HELPFUL HINTS



Tuesday, May 30 - Reading EOG, 3rd – 5th

Wednesday, May 31 – Math EOG, 3rd – 5th

Thursday, June 1 – Make-up EOG

Friday, June 2nd - 5th grade Science

Monday, June 5 - 3rd Grade Read to Achieve

Please make every effort to have your child at school ON TIME each day of testing. Check family calendars for appointments that may need to be changed. Testing will begin by 8:30 am. If you have a student taking EOG's, there are lots of ways you can help him or her to do her best.

Try the following: Be extra POSITIVE and encouraging. Talk to your child about any concerns he or she may have. Make sure your student has some "downtime" in the evening and gets plenty of rest. Ensure a great start to the day by making sure he or she eats a good breakfast. Encourage your child to go to bed early. Send a sweater or jacket so students can be comfortable while testing.



Lead Mine Day Out and End of Year Celebration

NCFC (formerly Carolina Railhawks)
vs. NY Astros
Wake Med Soccer Park
June 4, 4 pm

Lead Mine Elementary is having a school spirit night with the North Carolina FC. Come and enjoy a night of soccer with your friends and Lead Mine Elementary School families before summer gets here.

If we buy 35 tickets, we will be allowed to make a tunnel for the players at the beginning of the game. If we buy 75 tickets, we will play games on the field at half time. If we buy 300 tickets, a player from NCFC will visit our school! You don't want to miss out on this special event!

Tickets have been discounted just for us and are only \$14. Tickets purchased through the link below will all be together in section 109 (lower sideline) & will be emailed to you 5 days before the game. Concessions are also available. Let's pack the stadium! Go to this link to purchase tickets by May 30: <http://fevo.me/2pqoDYc>



Anyone who buys tickets between now and May 30 will be entered into a raffle to get your tickets for free!!! Winners will receive their money before the game!



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