



# The Leopard Link

**This is the last issue of the Leopard Link for the 2015-16 school year!  
Have a fantastic summer!**

## A Message from Mr. Marcin

Hello, Lead Mine Families,

And just like that...it is June! This 2015-2016 school year has flown by as we have all been busy Loving Every Growth Opportunity. We have had a busy few days preparing for and participating in the NC end of grade tests here at Lead Mine. Now that we have worked to show all the growth that we have made this year, we are focusing on making each of the remaining days count for additional learning and foundation building as well.

Congratulations to our 5th grade students who will be participating in our 5th grade recognition on the last day of school before moving up to middle school next year. We are all so proud of the work that has gone into the last six years of education for these students and we cannot wait to help celebrate their growth. Thank you to the team of parents and teachers who have worked to make this recognition celebration possible.

Thank you to our amazing PTA who continue to work to support the students and teachers of Lead Mine Elementary. We enjoyed hosting the Volunteer Tea for those parents, families, and community members who consistently give their time and support in order to create the best learning environment in Wake County! Ms. Stephens, Ms. Henrion, and Ms. Madden did a beautiful job of turning our cafeteria into a hub of appreciation. We know that the tea was not nearly the sentiment that you provide the students at Lead Mine - but we could not let another day go by without sharing our appreciation.

We would like to thank the 6 parents who are going to serve on the new School Improvement Plan at Lead Mine Elementary - this is unprecedented and we are all so very excited about the collaboration that is going to support teaching and learning from Kindergarten to 5th grade over the next few years.

Now that the School Improvement Plan has been voted on and approved by the staff of Lead Mine Elementary - we will be inviting interested family members to learn about and be a part of the school based planning to move all students forward in the next few years. More information will be coming in next week's Leopard Link and a digital sign up will be going out as well.

Looking forward to a great next two weeks with our amazing Lead Mine Leopards!

**T. Aaron Marcin, Lead Learner**



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 6/1  
Math EOG MAKE-UP
- 6/2  
Fitness "Thursday" Club 8:00  
Grade 5 Science EOG
- 6/3  
Fitness Friday Club 8:00  
Science EOG MAKE-UP
- 6/7  
Super Kids Day  
Times TBD
- 6/8  
Pawsitive Assemblies  
8:40-9:25 3rd-5th, Holden  
9:45-10:30 K-2nd, Brown
- 6/9  
5th Grade Recognition  
(graduation ceremony): 10:30  
**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
Report Cards

Happy Summer!



## 5th Grade Recognition Ceremony Thursday, June 9th at 10:30am



We are looking forward to the 5th Grade Recognition Ceremony on Thursday, June 9th! The ceremony begins at 10:30AM in the Lead Mine Multipurpose Room, but come early to secure seats. Also, if you have several family members attending, consider carpooling since parking is always an issue. The ceremony itself should last for 1-1.5 hours. Cake and punch will be served afterwards in the school cafeteria for graduates and their families. After the reception, students are welcome to leave with their families if they would like, or they can remain at school.

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## Spots of Thanks go to...



...A HUGE thank you to all of the **parents** who have volunteered to be on the PTA next year! We announced the new Executive Board at the PTA meeting last week but still have plenty of room on the committees if you are interested. We truly appreciate all that our volunteers do and have great expectations for the 2016-17 school year!

...all of the **parent volunteers** who helped or are helping with proctor needs for the EOG's.

### *President's Perspective*

Dear Lead Mine Families,

It has been a pleasure to serve as PTA President for the last year and a half! Working with the other members of the PTA, the students and their families and our awesome staff has been such a rewarding experience. I thank you all for your support of our school and our PTA.

I am thrilled to be transitioning this role to a long-time Lead Mine volunteer extraordinaire, Leisa Glantz-Davis. She is the perfect person to lead our PTA and I know she will do an amazing job!

I want to give a special thank you to the PTA Executive Board that served with me. These past two years have been a team effort and I could not have done it without their help! Also, thank you to all of the committee chairs and members. This past year was a huge success for Lead Mine and the PTA...we have accomplished so much and we should all be so proud!

Over the summer, the Always Dream Playground will move from being a dream to being a reality. There are not enough words to express how exciting that is! Thank you to everyone who gave of their time and talents to make this happen!

Last of all, I want to thank Mr. Marcin. He has worked so closely with the PTA since coming to Lead Mine and he is a true champion for our kids! Everything he does in his day is to make Lead Mine a better place for our staff and students. His dedication to our school is simply overwhelming. I stand in awe of him and the job he does! We are so blessed to call him our principal and our friend! I look forward to many more years of working with Mr. Marcin at Lead Mine!

I hope everyone has a happy and safe summer!

Best,

*Leslie Blackwood*

PTA President



## EOG Spirit Week Continues at Lead Mine!

Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>: Wear **GREEN**, and good luck, although we know you won't need it!

Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wear **BLUE**, because "We will not be **BLUE**, the End-of-Grade tests will be over before you know it!"



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## Joy Donations Wanted



The children in the ID Severe Classes love fun, musical toys! If you have any gently-used **musical** and/or **light-up** toys you would like to donate, they would be so appreciative! You may drop them off in the front office with a note attached specifying "ID Severe Toy Donation". Thank you!

## Fitness Friday: EOG Style!

Our EOG's are continuing this week, and we want to give our leopards every advantage to be successful before they sit down to take their End-of-Grade tests. We still need a few parents to help us help on Fitness Thursday & Fitness Friday, so please consider signing up for one or both:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054fada62da31-fitness>. Thanks!

## SUPER KIDS DAY!

Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

It's everyone's favorite day....Super Kids Day! Click on the Sign-Up Genius link below to see how you can help with this event. Parent volunteers are needed for both morning and afternoon, especially 4th and 5th grades from 1-2:30pm. Please help her make this event a fun day for our kids by giving a little of your time to make it a success!

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



## Please Join Us for a Retirement Reception for Ms. Stober & Ms. Lenz!

Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:00 – 7:00 PM  
Lead Mine Media Center



Please join us for cake and punch in the Media Center, and help us wish these teachers well in their retirement! They will be missed!



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