



The Leopard Link

Welcome Back Lead Mine Families!

We are all so excited to have the building full of students, parents, and families once again. The summer break was a great opportunity for Lead Mine to undergo some exciting changes in paint color, furniture, and brighter lights, and a newly landscaped courtyard, playgrounds, and front entry. We were also fortunate enough to have new security cameras installed throughout the interior and exterior of the building. Hopefully our students found the summer break to be a good way to rest, relax, and rejuvenate themselves for the 2017-2018 school year.

In addition to some changes to the building, we have been busy adding people to our Dynamic staff. Please welcome these new people to our Lead Mine family as you get to know them this year;

- Ms. Sarah Paige Hunter – 1st Grade Teacher
- Ms. Kane Freeman – 3rd Grade Teacher
- Ms. Tara Sant'Agata – ½ Combination Teacher
- Ms. Brittany Dingle – Blended Classroom Teacher Asst.
- Ms. J. Long – Blended Classroom Teacher Asst.
- Ms. Haley Schmidt – I/D 2 Teacher Asst
- Ms. Emily Colon – I/D 2 Teacher Asst
- Ms. Rhoberta Hargrove – 1st Grade Teacher Asst
- Ms. Sara Lindsay Kindem – Kindergarten Teacher Asst
- Ms. Dawn Wood – Kindergarten Teacher Asst
- Ms. Thelma LeMarble – CCR Teacher Asst
- Ms. Erica Nivens– School Psychologist
- Ms. Meredith Ellison – Language Facilitator

Moves among teacher in the school building include;

- Ms. Sally Moseley – 2nd Grade Teacher
- Ms. Jessica Uehlin – 5th Grade Teacher
- Ms. Gail Rogers – Blended Classroom Teacher Asst.
- Ms. Arcelis Gil – 1st Grade Teacher Asst.

We are all so very excited about how our amazing Lead Mine Staff is going to work together in order to GROW EVERY CHILD.

Welcome Back – We cannot wait to see each of our returning students and get better acquainted with new students to Lead Mine Elementary.

Aaron Marcin
Lead Learner
Lead Mine Elementary



Calendar of Events

- 9/1
12:30 PM Kindergarten Meet the Teacher
- 9/4
NO SCHOOL-Labor Day
- 9/5
First Day of Kindergarten
7:45 AM Kindergarten Kickoff
- 9/7
Go-Play-Save Begins
- 9/8
8:00 AM Fitness Friday
- 9/14
6:00 PM Ice Cream Social
- 9/15
Grandparents Day-lunch with grandchild
8:00 AM Fitness Friday
- 9/18
5-7 PM Open House
Night/General Membership PTA Meeting
- 9/21
NO SCHOOL–
Teacher Work Day
- 9/22
8:00 AM Fitness Friday
- 9/26
Go-Play-Save ends
- 9/29
8:00 AM Fitness Friday
12:30 Early Release
Spirit Day=Summer Memories
- 10/2
Writing Contest and Reflections Begins
- 10/3
Fall Picture Day
- 10/4
Walk to School Day

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Spots of Thanks go to...



...thanks to the **Staff Appreciation Committee** for organizing and staffing the Back-to-School luncheon for our Lead Mine staff.
 ...all those who donated items for the Staff Luncheon!
 ...the **PTA Board of Directors** for working so hard all summer planning for the new school year.
 ...**Cami Stephens** for painting the school store!

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



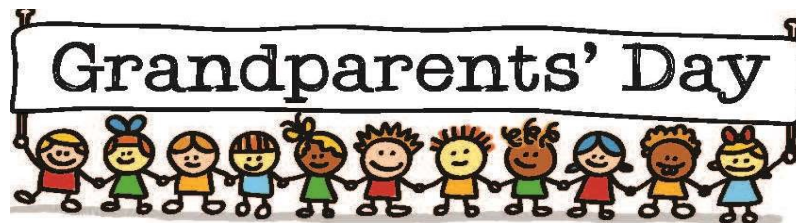
It has been an exciting few days! During last week's Meet the Teacher event, I heard more than a few squeals of delight from friends seeing each other after a long summer. On the first day of school, it made me happy to see students with smiling faces ready to start a new school year. My name is Tara Pleasant, mom to an incoming Kindergartener and Lead Mine alumna and I am happy to be serving as PTA President this year.

Whether you are new to Lead Mine or have been here a while, let me extend a big welcome. The PTA Board of Directors has met throughout the summer to plan and organize events for the new school year. We are excited about what's in store for our students, staff, and families and we hope you will be, too! 2017-2018 is going to be a great year for Lead Mine!

Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Tara Pleasant, PTA President

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is Coming to Lead Mine!

Friday September 15th

Call, text, email, video chat, snail mail...whatever you need to do...just get the word out that Grandparent's Day is coming! All grandparents are invited to join their student(s) for lunch during their assigned lunch time. Afterwards, stop by the media center for a sweet treat!

Questions? Contact Leslie Blackwood at leslieblkwd@gmail.com



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Lead Mine Fitness Friday Club

PLEASE NOTE: KIDS CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS ACTIVITY UP UNTIL 9/29/17 WITHOUT A SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING THAT DATE, A PERMISSION SLIP MUST BE ON FILE WITH THE CHILD'S TEACHER IN ORDER FOR HIM/HER TO PARTICIPATE. SEE BELOW FOR THE PERMISSION SLIP.

WHO: The Fitness Friday Club is open to **ALL students, Grades 1-5. Kindergarten students will be able to start attending later in the school year.** No sign up is required. Showing up constitutes membership in this club.

WHAT: In an effort to help students learn the importance of an active lifestyle, the Fitness Friday Club will continue this school year with a Run/Walk/Exercise program that students can participate in for up to 25 minutes on Friday mornings before the 8:25 bell.

WHEN: **Fitness Friday will begin on Friday, September 8.** The Fitness Friday Club will begin at 8:00am on the track, **AFTER** students check in with their teacher. Please note that students may **NOT** be dropped off prior to 8am.

WHERE: Once students arrive at school, they should head to their classroom to drop off their school bag (and breakfast if purchased). Students may then head to the track to participate in walking or running, as long as they arrive in their classroom before 8:20am. Participants will return to their classroom at 8:25 (students who purchased breakfast may eat in their class when they get back from the track).

WHY: Active Kids Learn Better!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

The Fitness Friday Club requires parent volunteers to supervise the students each Friday of the pro-gram. Please check the Sign Up Genius link below to sign up to volunteer between 7:50am and 8:30am on any of the Fridays. **YOUR HELP** is integral to the success of this program. It's a great way to volunteer, the time commitment is minimal, and the kids have fun!

To volunteer: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4caaa92b0-fitness2>



QUESTIONS: Email Elizabeth Kears at eskearse@gmail.com

FITNESS FRIDAY PERMISSION SLIP

Please be sure to **PRINT** your child's full name in the space provided in addition to providing the grade level and your child's teacher's **PRINTED** name. Please return to your child's teacher.

I give my child, _____, in Grade _____, with teacher

_____ permission to participate in the Fitness Friday activity every Friday that it is available.

Printed name of Parent/Guardian:

Signed Name of Parent/Guardian:

_____ Date _____

Teachers – Please retain this for your records.



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Se busca persona bilingüe inglés/español

Hola, familias de Lead Mine! Nuestra PTA está buscando algún papá o maestro/a bilingüe quien puede brindarnos su ayuda voluntaria como enlace para traducir la mayoría de nuestras comunicaciones a español. Se agradecerá disponibilidad de tiempo, cualesquiera que sea posible y se nos pueda brindar - muchos de nuestros documentos permanecen año a año sin cambiar.

No es requisito ser miembro de la asociación, pero se puede consultar al respecto. Ya que no hay nadie en la representación que hable español, por eso es necesario sea bilingüe.

Si quieres apoyarnos, favor de ponerse en contacto con Jenny Halasz (en inglés, por favor) a jennyhalasz@gmail.com. O si conoces a alguien que puede ayudarnos, favor de compartir ésto con ellos.

Gracias de antemano por su apoyo en hacer Lead Mine Elementary una gran escuela para todas nuestras familias.

Seeking a Fluent Spanish Speaker

Hi Lead Mine families! The PTA is looking for a parent or teacher to join the PTA as our Spanish-English liaison. We would like to begin translating as many of our communications to Spanish as possible, but need a fluent speaker to help. Any amount of time is appreciated, as many of our documents stay the same year after year.

Membership in PTA is encouraged, but not required. Because we do not currently have any Spanish speakers represented on the PTA, the volunteer must be bilingual.

If you are willing to help, please email (in English, please) Jenny Halasz at jenny-halasz@gmail.com. If you know someone who could help, please share this letter with them.

Thank you in advance for your help to make Lead Mine Elementary a great school for all our families.



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