



The Leopard Link

President's Perspective

Now that the back to school rush is behind us and everyone is settled into their routine, it's nice to be able to take a deep breath. It's always a good feeling when our kids are eager to get to school, look forward to learning and have gotten comfortable with their new teacher and friends.

We are so fortunate to have such an amazing community at Lead Mine. The people at Lead Mine work together to make things happen. Teachers, parents, students, our amazing administrators...we have a strong team, and that makes Lead Mine a strong place for our kids. I hear people ask "How do I get involved?" The best answer is very simple: by staying informed. If you have read this far, then you are doing just that! Being "in the know" is one of the most important things you can do for your child and our school. It is a priority for our PTA to keep you informed about what is going on as well as support our staff in helping to communicate that to you.

Our GoPlaySave Fundraiser is off to a great start! Thank you to everyone who has participated so far. Orders and/or returned books are due on Tuesday, September 26th. Please know that the PTA is not all about raising money, but it is necessary in order to raise the funds needed to support all of the programs and services we sponsor here at Lead Mine. Mini grants, support for curriculum-based activities and classroom funds for teachers are just some of our major financial commitments. All of these things enrich the learning experiences our students have at school. If you prefer not to participate in this fundraiser, please return the book marked with your child's name.

Please take note of the calendar events as we have lots of fun activities planned in the upcoming weeks. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Have a fantastic week!

Tara Pleasant, PTA President

tarapleasant@yahoo.com



Calendar of Events

- 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
- 10/5
3:15-4:45 LEGO Club STEM
Challenge (2nd-5th)
- 10/6
8:00 AM Fitness Friday
- 10/10
FNO Milton's Pizza
- 10/12
3:15-4:45 LEGO STEM
Challenge (2nd-5th)
- 10/13
8:00 AM Fitness Friday
8:30 AM PTA Meeting
- 10/14
9:00 AM Grounds Day
- 10/19
3:15-4:45 LEGO STEM
Challenge (2nd-5th)
- 10/20
8:00 AM Fitness Friday
12:30 PM Early Release
Spirit Day-Crazy Sock Day



Last Week of GoPlaySave !

This is our last week of selling GoPlaySave books. Orders and unsold books are due back next Tuesday, the 26th. Make sure you have everything turned in that day to be eligible for prizes! Orders can be made online until then at www.goplaysavetriangle.com/store/LME2018 .

Questions? Contact Leisa Glantz at leisaglantz@gmail.com.

Editor's Note: *The Leopard Link* is published weekly by the Lead Mine PTA. The purpose of this newsletter is to communicate pertinent school, PTA, and education-related information to the Lead Mine community. Advertisements and solicitations from local and corporate businesses will not be accepted. **The submission deadline for content is each THURSDAY at 12 PM for the following week's issue** . Please e-mail newsletter submissions to theleopardlink@gmail.com . Sign up to receive this newsletter electronically by e-mailing bonniebendell@hotmail.com . Thank you! ~ *The Leopard Link* Editor: Tricia Lane.



Spots of Thanks go to...



- ...Andrea Smythe for updating our PTA website.
- Colleen Fleming and Lauren Cotter for organizing the Two Roosters ice cream social.
- everyone who came out to our Two Roosters Ice Social last Thursday.
- Leslie Blackwood for organizing another amazing Grandparent's Day.

Yearbook

Hello LME Leopards and Families!

This year, Lead Mine Elementary is providing a TreeRing yearbook! Here are three reasons we chose TreeRing:

- * Custom Yearbooks: Every student gets a one of a kind printed copy containing two free pages to customize with personal photos.
- * Green Yearbooks: TreeRing plants a tree in our school's name when you purchase a book and prints on recycled paper.
- * Beautiful Yearbooks: All yearbooks are gorgeously printed in full color using the highest end print production available.

YOU CAN PURCHASE AND PERSONALIZE YOUR Lead Mine Elementary YEARBOOK BY CLICKING HERE:

<http://www.treering.com/purchase?Passcode=1015043028522617>

A few important facts:

- * Your 2 free custom pages are optional, if you don't customize you'll receive a standard yearbook.
- * Your personalized yearbook only costs \$18.00 (until March 23rd, after March 23rd the price goes up to \$20.00) – But get this!
- * If you order before end of September, you get 15% off the \$18.00
- * If you order before end of October, you get 10% off the \$18.00
- * If you order before end of November, you get 5% off the \$18.00
- * You'll need to purchase your copy and complete your free personal pages by March 23.

P.S. If you need help, please contact support@treering.com or

Amy Preddy 2016-2017 Lead Mine Elementary – Chief Yearbook Advisor at lmeyearbookstaff@gmail.com

All Lead Mine Families and Staff are invited to

WALK to School Day

Wednesday October 4th at 7:30am

We are excited to celebrate our fifth annual Walk to School Day! Join Leo the Leopard and some of our wonderful teachers and staff as we start the school day off right! Come meet your friends and exercise our way to school!



- Plan to meet in the parking lot of Sola at 7:30 am.
- Wear a school T-shirt or school colors (blue and yellow), so we can make a colorful statement for Lead Mine.
- Coach C will be leading a warm up session before we begin our walk. Wear your walking shoes and bring a smile!
- Start the day off right and have a great time on the walk to school with 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 Katie Scheffel at katiescheffel@hotmail.com



FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!

[@Lead_Mine_PTA](https://twitter.com/Lead_Mine_PTA)

GET TO KNOW US AT

<http://leadminepta.weebly.com/>

“LIKE” US ON

facebook

www.facebook.com/LeadMineElementaryPTA

Reflections Art Competition

Do you have a child who likes to dance, create original films, write, compose music, draw, take photographs, craft, design, make jewelry? If so your child might enjoy participating in the Wake County PTA Reflections program. Since 1969, the PTA Reflections program has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to explore their artistic talents by creating works of art for fun and recognition. Annually, hundreds of thousands of students participate in the Reflections program through their local PTAs. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to submit works of art in six categories:

- Dance Choreography Musical Composition
- Film Production Photography
- Literature Visual Arts

The theme this year is "Within Reach". Students are encouraged to interpret the theme through dance, a short film, a poem or story, an original song a photo or visual work of art. Each entry must be new, original pieces of artwork inspired by the current year's theme. Each entry must be the original work of one student only. Each entry must include a title and artist statement which communicates what inspired the work and how it relates to the theme.

NEW! Special Artist Division - The Special Artist Division is an optional division of the PTA Reflections Program for students whose physical, cognitive, or mental health challenges meet ADA guidelines. For complete guidelines, a promotional video and rules please visit www.wakepta.org/reflections.

Complete list of rules and a student entry form can be found at www.wakepta.org/reflections. Original artwork for Lead Mine Elementary students is due **OCTOBER 30, 2017**.

Local winners can go on to compete at the Wake County Reflections and state levels. State winners are then considered for a National PTA Reflections award, including: Outstanding Interpretation Awards, Awards of Excellence, and Awards of Merit.

For more information fill out interest form below or contact Melissa Shedd – Lead Mine Reflections Chair at mvshedd@gmail.com.

Please return interest form below to front office PTA box. Melissa Shedd will send more information to you. Additional forms will be located in the main office, art classroom and music classroom.



Yes! My child is interested in finding out more information and possibly participating in the "Within Reach" Wake County PTA Reflections Art Program



Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent contact information: _____

My child is interested in these art categories: (circle which apply)

- | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Dance Choreography | Film Production | Literature |
| Musical Composition | Photography | Visual Arts |



FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!

@Lead_Mine_PTA

GET TO KNOW US AT

<http://leadminepta.weebly.com/>

"LIKE" US ON 

www.facebook.com/LeadMineElementaryPTA



Lead Mine Box Top Drive!!!



National Box Tops for Education Week is 9/24-9/30

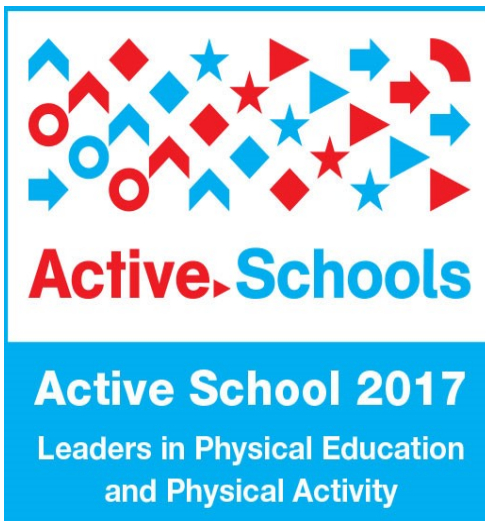
The first-ever National Box Tops for Education Week is next week, and we're holding a box top drive to celebrate and earn cash for Lead Mine. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents, and they add up fast! There is no easier way to earn money for Lead Mine!

Last year, we earned \$1,271 for Lead Mine!!!

You can clip Box Tops from hundreds of products, like Cheerios™, Go-Gurt™, Nature Valley™ granola bars, Kleenex® Tissue Bundles – even Ziploc® bags! There's a full list of participating products at BTFE.com/participating-products.

It's easy to participate in the drive: ask your friends, family, and neighbors to clip Box Tops and give them to you. Any questions, email Leisa Glantz at leisaglantz@gmail.com. Please turn the box tops in to your teacher or the office by **October 20**.

Keep clipping—we will do another drive in the early spring!



Lead Mine continues to make strides in Health and Wellness. The Let's Move! Active Schools National Award is the nation's top physical education and physical activity distinction for K-12 schools. The award celebrates a school's commitment to providing students with at least 60 minutes of physical education and physical activity before, during and after school each day. To earn a Let's Move! Active Schools National Award, a school must have met significant benchmarks in five areas: physical education; physical activity before and after school; physical activity during school; staff involvement; and family and community engagement. Congratulations to the Lead Mine Community! Follow the story at PR Newswire: www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/active-schools-announces-2017-national-award-recipients-300515065.html?tc=eml_cleartime or www.activeschoolsus.org/latest-stories



Don't forget to sign up for PTA Membership!

Members that join/renew by September 29th will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Target Gift Card.



Mrs. Brautman is in need of old newspapers. Please send any in to the Art Room! Thanks!



Lead Mine Spirit Wear: We are still taking orders!

Paper orders Due by September 26th. Online orders can be submitted until October 2nd.

Order your Lead Mine T-shirts by visiting <http://www.spiritandpride.com>.

Our school ID code is **197625**.



FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!

@Lead_Mine_PTA

GET TO KNOW US AT

<http://leadminepta.weebly.com/>

"LIKE" US ON



www.facebook.com/LeadMineElementaryPTA