



The Leopard Link



Deadline Extended! If you haven't signed up for PTA membership yet, you have until Open House (Sept 22) to qualify for one of three \$50 gift cards to **Sawmill Tap Room, Kai Sushi, or Gonza Tacos**. The winners will be announced in the Leopard Link on Sept 27. Thank you for your support!

President's Perspective

We're off to a running start, aren't we? Now that our children are settling back into the school 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 teachers and friends.

When people ask me what I love about Lead Mine, it's never a difficult question for me to answer. There are many reasons. We are so fortunate to have such an amazing community at Lead Mine. When I stand back and watch how all of the little people and big people come together to make things work in our school, I realize that things don't just work out by chance. The people at Lead Mine *work together* to make things happen. Teachers, parents, students, our wonderful administrators...we have a strong team, and that makes Lead Mine a strong place for our kids. I am often asked, "How do I get involved?" That question has many answers, but the best way to do so is very simple: by staying informed. If you have read this far, then you are doing just that! One of the most important things you can do for your child and our school is to be "in the know", and it is a priority for our PTA to help you learn about what is going on as well as to support our staff in helping to communicate that to you.

A big thank you to everyone who has participated so far in our **GoPlaySave Fundraiser!** Orders and/or returned books are due on Monday, September 26th. **We have only sold 1/8 of the books that we sold last year so far.** If you are considering purchasing the book that was sent home with your child, please plan to do so this week. 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. Some of our major financial commitments include mini grants, support for curriculum-based activities, and classroom funds for teachers. All of these things enrich the learning experiences our students have at school, and it is important to support them. If you prefer not to participate in this fundraiser, please return the book marked with your child's name. The PTA must pay a portion of the price of the book for those that are not returned. Go-Play-Save is our only product-based fundraiser this fall, and the book will more than pay for itself with all of the great savings it has to offer. We would love your participation.

On **October 5th**, you might want to set the alarm a few minutes earlier in order to participate with your child in our **4th Annual Walk to School Day**. Our Health & Wellness Committee is busy planning some big fun to get us off to a healthy start. In fact, schools all over the country will be joining forces to highlight the importance of exercise in our lives. Word on the street is that Leo the Leopard himself is already lacing up his sneakers to join us, so set your alarm now and plan to get movin' with Leo!

I hope to see you all on **October 11th** at our **Family Night Out at Milton's Pizza & Pasta!** Stop by for dinner or takeout on your way home from work, and be sure to tell them you are a Lead Mine family. A portion of the proceeds will be given to Lead Mine.

Have a fantastic week!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 9/22
6:00 –8 :00 PM
OPEN HOUSE NIGHT
6:10 PM General
Membership PTA meeting
6:45 PM 1st parent session
7:20 PM 2nd parent session
- 9/23
8:00 AM Fitness Friday
- 9/26
Go-Play-Saves ends
- 9/27
1st Quarter Interim Reports
- 9/29
8:30 AM Class Parenting 101
- 9/30
8:00 Fitness Friday
12:30 EARLY RELEASE
- 10/3
Writing Contest Begins
- 10/4
Fall Picture Day
- 10/5
7:30 AM National Walk to
School Day
- 10/7
8:00 AM Fitness Friday
- 10/11
5:00-8:00 PM FNO at Milton's
- 10/14
8:00 AM Fitness Friday
Lead Mine T-shirt/Colors
Spirit Day
- 10/21
8:00 AM Fitness Friday
8:30 AM PTA Meeting
12:30 EARLY RELEASE

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...



...**Leslie Blackwood, Holly Lotterhos, & Amy Sefcovic** for performing an "Extreme Makeover" on the Teacher's Lounge. The staff now have a cozy and relaxing place to eat lunch or take a much-needed break!

...**Cathleen Berry, Lauren Cotter, Christie Cox, and Danielle Saraceno** for designing the tickets and helping at the Frozen Yogurt Social last Thursday.

...A big thank you to all of the families who came out to our first **Frozen Yogurt Social** this past Thursday at school. It was a very fun way to kick off this **DYNAMIC** school year!!

...**Leslie Blackwood** for organizing our first Grandparents Day! Over 150 grandparents attended! Wow!



Open House is Thursday!

Thursday, September 22 is Open House Night at Lead Mine! This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers, learn about each grade level's curriculum, and understand your child's teacher's expectations. We will also be holding the first PTA General Membership meeting that evening. At this short but very important gathering, we will vote to approve the 2016-2017 PTA budget as well as share some pertinent information about our school and our PTA. EVERYONE is invited and we encourage you to attend. The schedule of events for Open House Night is as follows:

6-6:30 PM Staff Introduction and General Membership PTA meeting in the multi-purpose room

6:45-7:15 Session I in individual classrooms

7:20-8:00 Session II in individual classrooms



Lead Mine Student Directory

Planning a birthday party or want to schedule a play date?? The Lead Mine Student Directory is coming soon! Please be sure you have turned in your lime green Student Information sheet to your teacher. These were handed out at Meet the Teacher or either sent home the first week of school. We are collecting all the sheets to update our student directory online. If you are in need of another sheet, there are additional copies in the front office. Please have all forms turned in by September 30, 2016. Thanks!

Questions or concerns... Please contact Leslie Blackwood at leslieblkwd@gmail.com



Planning to head to the NC State Fair (Oct. 13-23)? Use the advance ticket purchase link below to get your gate tickets in advance! Lead Mine will receive \$1 back for each child ticket purchased (\$3.00) and \$2 for every adult ticket purchased (\$8.00). You're paying the exact same advance sale rate as everyone else, but you're helping Lead Mine at the same time! Sound good?

When you order, **be sure to enter Lead Mine's school code #470** so the school can receive credit for the purchase. Please consider helping out if you are planning to attend the NC State Fair. This discount is good from now until 11:59 PM on Thursday, October 15, and is online only. Thanks, Lead Mine families!



<http://www.etix.com/ticket/p/3629501?cobrand=ncstatefair16-wakecounty>



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GoPlaySave: It's Our Last Week!

This is our last week of selling Go Play Save books. Orders and unsold books are due back next **Monday, the 26th**. Make sure you have everything turned in that day to be eligible for prizes! Questions? Contact Andrea Smythe at bandasmythe@gmail.com or Beth Rosato at bethrosato@nc.rr.com.

All Lead Mine Families and Staff are invited to WALK to School Day

Wednesday October 5th at 7:30am



*We are excited to celebrate our fourth 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 Paverstone Drive at Old Lead Mine at **7:30 am**. **Sonitrol Security** in Building 901 is allowing us to park in the spaces designated for their business.*

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 Melissa Shedd at mvshedd@gmail.com.

PLEASE Re-Link Your Harris Teeter VIC Card!



Harris Teeter's Together in Education program is a fundraising opportunity for schools in our community. When you purchase Harris Teeter Brand products using your VIC card, Harris Teeter contributes a percentage of those purchase dollars to Lead Mine!

Help Lead Mine earn a \$50 bonus for every VIC card! Link your VIC card to Lead Mine between Wednesday, September 7 and Tuesday, November 1, and then spend \$100 shopping with the Harris Teeter Express Lane in a single visit each week for five weeks out of the eight week time period and Lead Mine will earn \$50. The Harris Teeter Express Lane is a great way to save some time!

Simply complete the form below and return it to your child's teacher. PTA volunteers will do the rest!

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YES! Please link or re-link my Harris Teeter VIC Card to Lead Mine!

Name _____

VIC Card # _____



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PTA REFLECTIONS



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

The theme this year is **"What is Your Story?"** Students are encouraged to tell their story 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, 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.

A complete list of rules, or student entry forms can be found at www.wakepta.org/reflections. Original artwork for Lead Mine Elementary students is due **OCTOBER 28, 2016**.

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, Awards of Merit

For more information fill out interest form below or contact Gretchen Loftis - Lead Mine Reflections Chair at gkloftis@yahoo.com

Please return interested form below to front office PTA box. More information will be sent to you.



Yes! My child is interested in finding out more information and possibly participating in the "What is Your Story?" 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 Music Composition Photography Visual Arts



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