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School of Distinction

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The Leopard Link

NO SCHOOL TOMORROW!

Don't forget! There is no school tomorrow, Wednesday, September 23rd.
It is a Teacher Workday.

President's Perspective

Dear Lead Mine Families,

It was so great to see everyone at Lead Mine's Open House last Thursday! It is an absolute pleasure to work with all of you to make it a great year at Lead Mine!

I want to thank you for taking part in our first fundraiser. The kids did a great job selling Go-Play-Save books. I am looking forward to using all the great coupons and hope you will put those coupon books to good use as well!

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

Best,
Leslie Blackwood, PTA President
leslieblkwd@gmail.com

REGISTER OR RE-REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER! If you're planning to help in your child's class or attend a field trip this year, you must complete the registration process. **Everyone must re-register each school year.** The process can be completed from a computer at ANY WAKE COUNTY SCHOOL, and stations are set up in the Media Center at Lead Mine for you to do that. Register early to make sure you're approved! Contact Katie Carroll, School Counselor, at kcarroll3@wcpss.net. for questions.

DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT AND RETURN YOUR PTA MEMBERSHIP FORM! It's your dues that make our school events and support possible. Families should rejoin every year. Contact Jenny Halasz at jennyhalasz@gmail.com or 919-810-9160 If you have questions or need another copy of the form. At $10 per individual and $15 per family, this is a small cost to help your little Leopards in a BIG way!

PTA Membership Drive Winner!

Congratulations to Krista Allen, our winner of the PTA Membership Drive Gift Certificate to Sawmill Tap Room! Thank you to everyone who has signed up for PTA Membership this year. If you have not yet signed up, go to http://bit.ly/LMEPTA for a copy of the form. Turn your form and payment in to your child's teacher.

Calendar of Events

9/23
NO SCHOOL
Teacher Workday

9/25
Fitness Friday Club 8-8:30AM

9/29
Class Parenting 101 - 8:30AM
FNO at Milton's 5-9 PM

10/2
Fitness Friday Club 8-8:30AM
Bluegrass Cultural Arts event
3rd - 5th 8:45-9:45AM
K - 2nd 9:45-10:45AM

10/7
Walk to School Day

10/9
Fitness Friday Club 8-8:30AM
Spirit Day: Summer Memories
T-Shirt Day

10/16
Fitness Friday Club 8-8:30AM
Early Release -12:30 PM

10/22
Make-Up Picture Day

10/23
Fitness Friday Club 8-8:30AM
PTA Meeting - 8:30AM

10/26
NO SCHOOL
Teacher Workday

10/30
Fitness Friday Club 8-8:30AM
Report Cards

11/6
Fitness Friday Club 8-8:30AM
Pawsitive Assemblies

11/7
Buildings & Grounds
Clean Up Day

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Spots of Thanks go to…

…**Andrea Smythe** for all her work on our Go-Play-Save fundraiser.
…**Jenny Halasz** for organizing our PTA Membership Drive.

HELP NEEDED!

Technical Support Team

Are you tech savvy? If so, Lead Mine can use your help! Mrs. Crosson and the PTA are starting a technical support team to help our staff at Lead Mine. We are in need of a team chair/contact person as well as team members.

There is an **immediate** need to help download WCPSS programs from IBM Endpoint Manager on new teacher laptops with specific instructions from the Lead Mine Tech Staff.

Other needs include:

- Apple Experts using Configurator for refreshing and updating 2 iPad carts and syncing iPads for updates
- Updating and troubleshooting for several student based programs
- Clearing cache from desktops and laptops (one parent volunteer each quarter)
- Minor repairs and maintenance of HP printers
- Cleaning LCD projector screens once a month (need 4 parent volunteers)
- Cleaning classroom computers

Yearbook Club

We are still in need of parent volunteers to help sponsor and lead the Yearbook Club. Each year, 4th and 5th Graders who would like to join the club help organize and put together the yearbook pages for our annual Lead Mine Yearbook. Training is provided. Please consider this opportunity to give your time and talent to the students of Lead Mine so we can continue the Yearbook Club tradition!

If you are able to help with either opportunity, please contact Leslie Blackwood at lesliblkwd@gmail.com.

WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

WCPSS 2016-17 DRAFT Student Assignment Proposal

WCPSS is expecting continued growth within the school system - with as many as 3000 new students in this school year alone. The district will be opening five schools next year, including two in our attendance area (District 7): Pleasant Grove Elementary and Pine Hollow Middle School, both near Brier Creek.

In order to fill these new schools, address overcrowding in existing schools, align calendars, and create transportation efficiencies, WCPSS has proposed a plan to reassign students to different schools. At this point, the draft proposal does not directly affect students who attend Lead Mine, but it is important to stay informed about the proposal as it revised and updated.

For more information on the first draft of the 2016-17 Student Enrollment Proposal, including an address look-up tool and feedback forum, visit: www.wcpss.net/newenrollmentplan.

Your feedback is encouraged on the online form located on the website. Staff will be presenting a revised version to the Board on October 6 based on community feedback, with additional public information session near affected schools in October. Dates and locations are being determined and will be communicated via the website. There will be one more draft presented to the Board in late October, with discussions in November. The 2016-17 student enrollment plan is expected to be approved late November/December.

All Lead Mine Families and Staff are invited to WALK to School Day Wednesday, October 7th at 7:30am

We are excited to celebrate our third 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. Please look for the spaces marked with the **Walk to School Day** logo.
- 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. Want to be Leo the Leopard for our walk?** Questions? Contact Melissa Shedd at mvshedd@gmail.com.

*****Note that the date on the calendar sent out the first week of school is incorrect. We will be walking on Wednesday October 7th.*****

Join Us for the 1st Family Night Out of the School Year at Milton's Pizza and Pasta on Tuesday, September 29th from 5-9PM

Our first Family Night Out Event is next Tuesday evening, September 29th, at Milton's Pizza and Pasta (8853 Six Forks Rd) from 5-9 PM. Come eat some yummy food and help support our school! Milton's donates a portion of all Lead Mine sales that evening to our school to help support PTA programs and services for students and staff. Hope to see you there!

" Let Your Imagination Fly..." Reflections Art Program 2015-16

PTA REFLECTIONS

Reflections is a cultural arts program designed to encourage the artistic expression of students in pre-school through grade 12. It is a national program sponsored annually by the National PTA.

Students may submit one or more pieces of art in any of the 6 areas: Literature, Film/Video Production, Musical Composition, Dance Choreography, Photography, and Visual Arts.

The theme this year is " Let Your Imagination Fly...." Submissions will be due in October. All participants will be invited to a reception at Lead Mine, where the winners will also be announced. Some art pieces will be selected for competitions at the county, district state and national levels.

More information will be coming home to families next week! Watch for it in your child's Tuesday folder. Questions? Contact Ashley Murr at ashleymurr2000@yahoo.com.

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Paw Prints Will Be Printing Soon!

The Lead Mine newspaper needs responsible 4th and 5th graders who love to write! We will be meeting on Thursday mornings at 7:45am in the Media Center. Our first meeting will be Thursday, October 1st. Look for the info sheet in your Tuesday Folder!

The Lead Mine Fitness Friday Club

PLEASE NOTE: CHILDREN CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS ACTIVITY UNTIL 10/15/15 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 PERMISSION SLIP. WE WANT TO ENSURE YOU AS A PARENT ARE FULLY AWARE OF YOUR CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM!

Who: The Fitness Friday Club is open to ALL GRADE 1-5 students. 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 is a Run/Walk program that students can participate in for up to 30 minutes on Friday mornings before the 8:30 bell.

When: The Fitness Friday Club will begin at 8:00 a.m. on the track, AFTER students have checked in with their teacher. Please note that students may NOT be dropped off prior to 8 a.m.

Where: Interested Grade 1-5 students should arrive at school, head to their classroom to drop off bags (and breakfast if purchased). Students may then head to the track to participate in walking or running, as long as they arrive to their classroom BEFORE 8:20 am. Participants will return to their classrooms at 8:30, and may eat their breakfast and start their class.

Why: ACTIVE KIDS LEARN BETTER!

Questions? Contact Jason Edwards at jedwards.ncsu@gmail.com. **WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF A FEW VOLUNTEERS!**
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e44aaab2ba1f58-fitness.

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 cut and 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:_____

This form MUST be on file with your child's teacher to participate in Fitness Friday after the October 15th deadline! Thank you!