



The Leopard Link

FRIDAY is School Colors Spirit Day!
Don't forget to wear blue & yellow to show your school spirit!

President's Perspective



Dear Lead Mine Families,

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a safe and happy holiday season. We are back to business as usual for the Lead Mine PTA... well, almost as usual. As you know, B.J. Cady has had to step away from her position as PTA President. We are so thankful to B.J. for all the hard work, time and energy she put in to benefit the staff, students and parents of Lead Mine. Our school got off to a great start under her leadership and we will miss her dearly. We wish B.J. well in her new endeavors.

With news of B.J.'s departure, the PTA Board of Directors was tasked with finding a replacement from within our current board. B.J. asked me to take over her role as President and I accepted the challenge after being formally voted in on January 2nd! Per our by-laws, the role of President may be assumed for the unexpired term by a current member of the PTA Board of Directors elected by a majority vote of all Board members. I look forward to working with you all. Our goal as the PTA is to finish what we have started and to finish the year strong. We will need everyone's help to do so!

If you are able, please consider attending our next **PTA Board meeting** next **Thursday, January 15th** at **7:30 PM** following the PBIS meeting. I would love the chance to introduce myself and answer any questions and/or concerns you might have.

Thank you all for your support moving forward. 2015 is going to be a great year for the Lead Mine Leopards!

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Save the Date!

Save the Date for the upcoming Lead Mine Skate Party at United Skates of America! Mark your calendars for **Thursday, January 29th**, from **6-8:30PM**. This will be a **PRIVATE** skate party only for Lead Mine families, so don't miss it!



Calendar of Events

- 1/9**
School Colors Spirit Day
- 1/13**
Parent Chat in Cafeteria - 8:30AM
Topic: Social Skills
Picture Day for
Classes, Groups & Clubs
- 1/15**
Parent PBIS Meeting - 6-7:30PM
PTA Meeting - 7:30PM
note time change
- 1/16**
End of 2nd Quarter
- 1/19**
NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 1/20**
NO SCHOOL
Teacher Workday
- 1/27**
Report Cards
- 1/29**
Skate Party at United Skates
- 2/4**
Pawsitive Assemblies
- 2/2-2/6**
Writer in Residence
- 2/5**
Media By Moonlight (new date)
- 2/10**
FNO at Milton's Pizza & Pasta
- 2/12**
5th Grade Dance 7-8:30PM
- 2/13**
Patriotic Spirit Day
PTA Meeting - 8:30AM
Early Release - 12:30PM
- 2/17**
3rd Quarter Interims

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Copy Center Chairperson Needed!



Did you know that parent volunteers do all of the laminating and copying for the teachers at Lead Mine? This is a service all the teachers really appreciate and we want to keep it going! However, we are in need

of someone to manage the copy center for the remainder of the year. The Copy Center chairperson schedules volunteers for each month and takes care of reporting copier issues to Mrs. Pelletier in the front office. It does not require much time, but it is essential that this role be filled so that our PTA can continue to provide this important service to our teachers. Training will be provided. Please contact Allison Northrup at ajnorthrup@gmail.com or Katherine Todd at khtodd123@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer. Thanks for your consideration!

Let's Go 'Canes!

The Carolina Hurricanes and Harris Teeter have teamed up with our PTA to offer you great Carolina Hurricanes hockey tickets while raising money for our school! A portion of each ticket sale comes right back to benefit our school. To purchase online please visit:

CarolinaHurricanes.com/leadmine
(PASSWORD: Leopards)

Questions? Contact Catherine Foscatto at cfoscatto@nc.rr.com.



A Fond Farewell

A message from our outgoing PTA President

Happy New Year, Lead Mine Families!

Life is so unpredictable. Our family was perfectly happy and content at Lead Mine until a wonderful opportunity presented itself that simply could not be passed up. In late November, I was offered the Administrative Assistant position at St. Raphael Preschool, and I accepted. Our son, Matthew, attended preschool there so I was already familiar with the environment and the people. Matthew is now attending St. Raphael Catholic School on the same campus, which was an important part of this decision. I'm sure you can all appreciate how helpful it can be to have a second income.

While this move is very exciting, it is also very bittersweet. We have made such wonderful friends at Lead Mine whom we already miss seeing on a daily basis. Lead Mine is a great school with a superb and loving staff supported by wonderful parents and grandparents. It has been a real joy to be part of such a special community.

I am very appreciative of all the support I received as PTA president. When I approached Leslie Blackwood about accepting the position of PTA President, she fortunately agreed to step in and provide the necessary leadership for the remainder of the school year. Per our by-laws, the PTA Board of Directors unanimously voted her in at a special meeting on January 2nd. I know you will all continue to support Leslie and our PTA through your commitment to our staff, students, and administration. She will do an awesome job.

Thank you all for making my family's time at Lead Mine so enjoyable and memorable. We hope to see you around town.

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January Staff Birthdays



Don't forget to wish these awesome staff members a Happy Birthday!

Gail Pelletier	1/4
Walidah Abdus-Salaam	1/28
Sarah Monks	1/30

Literacy Corner

Retell and Summarize

Relating the text in students' own words clears up language issues. Retelling challenges them to aim for complete retention. Summarization allows students to discriminate between main ideas and minor details. Instruct your child(ren):

- During reading, note the main ideas or events. Put a check mark in the book or write a note to point out a main idea.
- At the ends of chapters or sections, review the information or story. Note main ideas or events and the details that support them.
- After reading, retell or summarize the text. Focus on the important points, and support them with relevant details.
- Refer to the book to check the retelling or summarization.

Connect the Text to Life Experiences, Other Texts, or Prior Knowledge

Connecting a text to students' experiences and knowledge helps students personalize the information. It also helps students remember information when they link it to their lives. Instruct your child(ren):

- Is the subject familiar? Do the characters resemble familiar people? Have you learned about the concept from school, home, or other experiences?
- Is the style or genre familiar? Does it resemble other texts? Television shows, movies, and games can be considered "texts."
- Write down similarities between the current text and experiences, knowledge, or other texts.



Math At Home

4th Grade Multiplication and Division Strategies Video Support for Parents and Students

Multiplication Strategies

Expanded Notation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8PK7vsIF2Q&list=PLNDkuWRw1gGRpuFSgmHjf07KamFfq8Gz&index=32>

Area Model

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3TJ9KdEhUbU&list=PLNDkuWRw1gGRpuFSgmHjf07KamFfq8Gz&index=6>

Base Ten Blocks

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6MRuNTwZi8&list=PLNDkuWRw1gGRpuFSgmHjf07KamFfq8Gz&index=5>

Strategies for division

Area Model

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uF1KOA_AIfs&list=PLNDkuWRw1gGRpuFSgmHjf07KamFfq8Gz&index=1

Area Model

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4y8Dpw9SUbU&list=PLNDkuWRw1gGRpuFSgmHjf07KamFfq8Gz&index=31>

Expanded Notation

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6F83P_20dU8&list=PLNDkuWRw1gGRpuFSgmHjf07KamFfq8Gz&index=4

Base Ten

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSqYnWqSDPo&list=PLNDkuWRw1gGRpuFSgmHjf07KamFfq8Gz&index=3>

**When you have a moment,
try some of these activities with your child to
improve his or her math skills.**