



The Leopard Link



Dear Lead Mine families,

It is hard to believe that this is the last Leopard Link newsletter of the year! I am amazed at how quickly this school year has passed! I hope you and your family had a great year at Lead Mine. I know my girls (both in third grade) had a fantastic year because of their awesome teachers! I know I have said it before and I think it is worth repeating... our Lead Mine staff is the best in the west (and the east, the north, and definitely the south)!

I want to take a minute to recognize another awesome group... our current PTA Board. When I started this year as the PTA Secretary I had no idea I would end the year as the PTA President. I have to say there is no way I could have done it without the amazing group of ladies on the Board. They have been there for me and our school at every turn and I just can't thank them enough. There are no words to adequately express my appreciation for all they have done. Thankfully, many of our board members will be returning next year and have agreed to take on their position for one more year. I look forward to working with them all again! I am also super excited to work with the many new faces taking on positions in the PTA for next year! I want to thank you in advance!

I wish you and your family a wonderful summer break! Enjoy! I will see you all soon!

Best,

Leslie Blackwood

PTA President

Calendar of Events

6/4

Pawsitive Assemblies

6/7

Reception for Retiring Staff Members -
2:00PM

6/8

5th Grade Graduation -
10AM
Report Cards
LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL!



Reception for Retiring Lead Mine Staff

This Sunday, June 7th at 2:00 pm

This year, several Lead Mine staff members will be entering into retirement. You are cordially invited to help celebrate the occasion at a reception in their honor this **Sunday, June 7th, at 2 pm**. Take a few minutes of your afternoon to drop by the Lead Mine Media Center and thank them for all of the countless hours they have given to our children and our school. We encourage you to join us in saying goodbye to these ladies and wish them well in their retirements. Cake and punch will be served.

Patti Rivera	Lisa Coster	Pat Brennan	Gail Strang
Susan Wilkes	Cathy Perkinson	Robin Phillips	



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Spots of Thanks go to...

...Beth Dunn, Sharon Tiller, Shannon Fields and committee members for planning an awesome 5th grade celebration!

...All the PTA Board members, Committee chairs, and committees.... thank you, thank you, thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our staff, students, and Lead Mine families! It was a great year because of all of you!!



5th Grade Celebration

June 8th at 10:00AM!

5th Grade parents, don't forget to mark your calendars for the end-of-the year 5th Grade Celebration! If you missed the flyer in the Tuesday folder, check with your child's teacher for extra copies.

PLEASE note: Parking will be limited.
Please try to carpool if at all possible.



Yearbooks!

If you didn't pre-order a yearbook and still want one, a **limited # of extra copies** are available in the school store.

They will be sold on a first come, first served basis for \$22 each.



Wishing these staff members a very happy birthday over the Summer Break!

Ms. Ausley (June 14th), Ms. Brennan (June 27th), Ms. Coster (June 2nd), Ms. Crosson (June 8th), Ms. Dockery (June 15th), Ms. Holden (June 4th), Ms. Scaraglino (June 3rd), Ms. Descisciolo (July 9th), Ms. Henrion (July 4th), Ms. Jackson (July 27th), Ms. Lenz (July 12th), Ms. Phillips (July 12th), Ms. Sebrell (July 11th), Ms. Wackerly (July 27th), Mr. Warych (July 3rd), Ms. Wilson (July 26th), Ms. V. Evans (Aug 4th), Ms. Huff (August 17th), Ms. Jean -Sephestine (August 10th), Ms. Stephens (August 13th), Ms. Sullivan (August 22nd), Ms. Williams (Aug 18th)

YOUR Lead Mine PTA Needs YOU!

We still have a wide variety positions available for the 2015-16 school year, and we always welcome the involvement of new individuals who would like to get involved in helping support the students, teachers and staff of Lead Mine. If you are interested in any of the following positions, please contact Tara Pleasant, tarapleasant@yahoo.com or another member of our nominating committee: Mary Beth Taintor, ttaintor@nc.rr.com; Ann Norstog, anorstog@hotmail.com; Andrea Smythe, bandasmythe@yahoo.com; Tara Santagata, tarasantagata@gmail.com.

VP of Fundraising

Audit Committee

Carnival – Chairperson & Committee Members needed

Staff Appreciation Chairperson

Cultural Arts

Buildings & Grounds

Yearbook Committee



Summer Math Activities



Gum Drop Geometry

Have the kids use toothpicks and small gumdrops to make various geometrical shapes. This activity lends itself to all types of learners.

They can count the vertexes and sides of each shape. An extension of the activity is to let the kids create a building using different geometric shape. You can limit the number of toothpicks and gumdrops to see who can be the most creative and the best problem solver.

Bubble Gum Fractions

Bubble gum fractions, is a great activity where you teach the kids about fractions by using 2 different colors of bubblegum. To teach the kids how to find the denominator they learn to count all of the bubble gum. To get the numerator they count the color fraction asked for. 2/3 (3 pieces of bubble gum, but only 2 are grape). From this you can discuss shaded and non-shaded forms. After, the kids get to chew the gum!

44 Ideas for Mixing Food & Math - <http://home.comcast.net/~askpauline/math/mathandfood.html>

Resource: <http://www.superteacherideas.com/math1-geometry.html>



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