



# The Leopard Link



## President's Perspective

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope the winter break brought you a little fun with relatives as well as a few peaceful moments for yourself. I got exactly the kind of reprieve I wanted and I tried my very best to overdose on some much needed R & R. I don't know about you, but I'm still reeling from the fact that it's now 2014. I am now as old as I swore I would never be, and the years keep getting shorter for some reason. Hmmmm.....it's becoming a problem.

For those of us still in shock that it is actually 2014, we'll be easing back into the swing of things at Lead Mine. This Friday evening, January 10<sup>th</sup>, I hope you will join us for an evening of fun at **Media by Moonlight** from **6-8PM**. Mrs. Crosson, our teacher librarian, and the Family Night Out committee are planning a great story-sharing event complete with crafts, cocoa & cookies, and some fantastic storytellers. This is a **FREE** event for families, and one that has become a favorite among students and staff these past few years. Since this is a family event, please remember that you must remain with your child for the evening. So, help us promote a love of reading and hearing great stories and plan to attend.

Next up in the month is our **General Membership PTA meeting** on Tuesday, January 14, from 7-7:20PM in the Multipurpose Room. This won't be any ordinary PTA meeting, however. A fine musical act has been booked for after the brief business meeting, and we look forward to a musical performance by the Lead Mine Chorus! Mrs. Byers, our music teacher, and the chorus participants have been hard at work with rehearsals, and we can't wait to see the musical selections they have prepared for this gig. It's a perfect opportunity to stay connected with what's happening at school by attending a PTA meeting AND show support for Mrs. Byers and our students who participate in chorus. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

Have fantastic week!

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## Calendar

### January

**1/10**

Crazy Hair Spirit Day  
FNO "Media by Moonlight"  
event @ Lead Mine, 6-8PM

**1/14**

General Membership PTA  
Meeting 7-8PM

**1/17**

End of 2nd Quarter  
Early Release – 12:30PM

**1/20**

Holiday – No School

**1/21**

Teacher Workday – No  
School

**1/23**

Skate Party @ United Skates  
– 5:30-8:00PM

**1/28**

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter report cards

**1/31**

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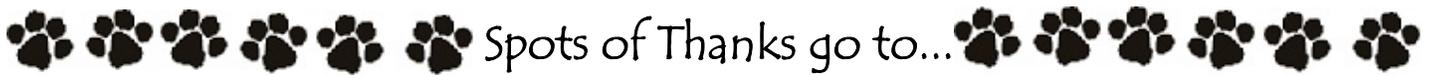
## Media by Moonlight—this Friday, 6-8PM!

Join us this Friday the 10th, for an evening complete with stories, crafts, cocoa and cookies. Mrs. Crosson and the Family Night Out committee have been busy planning and lining up storytellers for this **FREE** family event at Lead Mine.

It's a crowd-pleaser every year, so don't miss it!



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...all of the families who participated in Lead Mine's **Angel Tree Program** and the **Holiday Food Drive**. Thanks for your generosity!



### Save the Date—Lead Mine Science Fair

2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades

**February 6, 2014– 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**

Do you want to be a Scientist? Or maybe . . . an Inventor? It's not too late! Registration forms were sent home before the break. If you need extras, there are some available in the front office. You may turn in this registration form to your teacher any time before **January 17**, and then we will send home the Science Fair Display Tri-fold and the information packet. There is no cost to participate in the Fair this year. Questions? – Contact Science Fair Coordinators Krista Brincheck [rosequartz66@hotmail.com](mailto:rosequartz66@hotmail.com) or Beth Sciaudone [esciaudone@nc.rr.com](mailto:esciaudone@nc.rr.com).



### NOTEABLES



Happy New Year Lead Mine Families! Thank you so much for all of the wonderful gifts, cards and special treats given to me over the recent holidays. What special children and parents we have here at Lead Mine Elementary School!

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE of this reminder!!! Lead Mine Elementary School Chorus will be singing for the January 14th PTA Meeting at 7:00PM.**

The chorus members have only been together for six short weeks but we are looking forward to sharing several songs with you. Choristers are working hard on pieces from several genres: Patriotic, Swing Jazz, Spirituals, and a fun winter piece. Please mark your calendars and join us.

Parents and students please note that **Chorus rehearses January 6 and January 13 at 7:30AM in the Multi-Purpose Room**. Chorus members should arrive at school on **Tuesday, January 14 at 6:40PM for the Winter Performance**. Please meet in the cafeteria for line up and warm up. Chorus members should wear white shirts (no t-shirts please) and black trousers and/or black skirts.

-Amy Byers, Music Specialist

### Literacy Corner



#### Ways to Help Your Child with Reading at Home

Consider these ideas on how you can support reading at home.

##### Setting the Atmosphere:

- Help your child find a comfortable, quiet place to read.
- Orient your child to the book by looking at the cover first and talking about what you think it may be about or any way it reminds you of your life. Ask your child what s/he thinks.
- Have your child see you as a reading model.
- Read aloud to your child. Re-read favorite stories!
- Read with your child.
- Discuss the stories you read together.
- Recognize the value of silent reading.
- Keep reading time enjoyable and relaxed.
- Let your child see you reading for enjoyment and for information.

### Math At Home—Guess My Number

Let your child think of a number between a stated range of numbers while you try to guess the number by asking questions. Here is a sample conversation.

Child: I am thinking of a number between 1 and 100.  
 Parent: Is it more than 50?  
 Child: No.  
 Parent: Is it an even number?  
 Child: No.  
 Parent: Is it more than 20 but less than 40?  
 Child: Yes.  
 Parent: Can you reach it by starting at zero and counting by 3's?  
 Child: Yes.  
*(At this stage, your child could be thinking of 21, 27, 33, or 39.)*

Figure out the answers to your own questions. After you have guessed your child's number, let your child guess a number from you by asking similar questions.

Source: <http://www2.ed.gov/pubs/parents/Math/mathhome.html>

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