

The Leopard Link

Assistant Principal's Corner

C ad m ile f ilte Leopard Families! What's that you ask? It is a traditional Irish greeting that translates to "A hundred thousand welcomes." While you're reading this the day after St. Patrick's Day, I hope the day where everyone can claim the Irish treated you well!

One of the aspects of Irish culture that I've always gravitated towards is their writers. Oscar Wilde and Bram Stoker are two of my adult favorites and then of course I grew up with C.S. Lewis and *The Chronicles of Narnia*. So much of our current culture is focused on technological entertainment: video games, iPads, television and movies. While I LOVE a good movie seen in the theater, reading is something I can do every day, anywhere. However we need great writers to create the books we want to read! Writers of great fiction books where we can lose ourselves in the story and great non-fiction texts where we learn about something that has peaked our interest. It is this reason that I am SO excited about the fantastic response we've had from Lead Mine students on the *Paw Prints* writing contest!

You may have seen in your child's Tuesday folder information about the writing contest (newsletters, etc). All students are encouraged to write a fictional story on one of the following themes: animals, sports, or school. Each grade will have a winning author whose work will be published in the last issue of *Paw Prints* along with their picture! The really fantastic news is that the response has been so *pawsitive* that the deadline has been extended to March 31st! Go Leopard Writers!

I'd also like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all of the families that were able to come to McTeacher's night last Wednesday! The Lead Mine teachers and staff working that night had so much fun seeing our kids beam at us "behind the counter!" It was a successful evening all around, one I look forward to each year.

I'm also looking forward to seeing rising Kindergarteners and their families at Thursday's orientation. It is always so wonderful to see their excited faces and remember that all of our kids were once that small. *Sigh* Where does the time go? Before we know it, we'll be wishing for cooler weather having forgotten the winter we just experienced. Well.... Maybe not!

I thank each of you for all you do to make Lead Mine so special. It truly is a school where we feel we've received *c ad m ile f ilte* every time we walk through the door!

Cheers! Teresa Caswell, Assistant Principal.

It's STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK...

...and this week is totally far out. FRIDAY is GROOVY SPIRIT DAY, so break out the 60's attire, peace signs, tie dye, bell bottoms, or even Lead Mine colors to help us "set the mood" for our totally cool staff!

Calendar March

3/18

First In Fitness

3/20

Kindergarten Orientation Night

3/17-3/21

Staff Appreciation Week

3/21

Groovy Spirit Day
Staff Appreciation Luncheon

3/25

FNO @ Panera Bread
4-8:00PM

3/26

Spring Pictures & Class Pictures

3/27

End of 3rd Quarter

3/29

WAKE Up and Read book drive ends

3/31-4/4

Spring Break - No School

4/8

Cultural Arts Assembly
K -2 @ 8:45
3-5th @ 9:45

4/9-4/18

Food Drive to support Back Pack Buddies Program



Peace



Love



Lead Mine!

Show some LOVE to lead Mine this Week!

It's Staff Appreciation Week all week long, and we have some groovy things planned to show the Staff at Lead Mine just how much we love them. The PTA has some special treats in the works for our staff, but we need YOU to help us show some love to those who work with our children each day. Read the flyer in the Tuesday folder this week OR check the following link for more detailed information: <http://leadminepta.weebly.com/uploads/1/6/4/5/16452972/2014.sa.week.flyer.pdf>. We need EVERYONE's help to make

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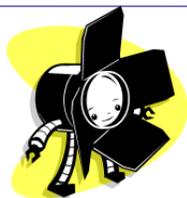
a groovy week for our staff, so we encourage you to get involved and show some love!

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...our awesome **staff** for serving and our FNO crew of **Leisa GLantz-Davis, Lorri Heilig, and Beth Sciaudone** for organizing McTeacher's Night at McDonald's last Tuesday! Thanks for coming out, Lead Mine families!

...**Glenn Scott and Lacy Drummond** for running the Original Works of Art fundraising program. We appreciate the great participation which allows our PTA to continue funding programs and services for our staff and students at Lead Mine.



Nominating Spotlight: Supporting our Staff!

As we all celebrate Staff Appreciation week, it's a good time to reflect on the many ways our PTA supports the school staff. Did you know that volunteers do **all the copying and laminating** for teachers? This frees up their time to work on instructional tasks and focus on the classroom. The PTA also provides teachers with **back-to-school funds** that help offset the costs of classroom materials. Teachers may also apply for **mini-grants** that support and enhance the curriculum. Of course we also enjoy planning **appreciation events** for our wonderful staff as well!

It is only with the support and dedication of an **army of volunteers** that we are able to sustain the level of support that makes our school so special. We have a diverse community within our school and it is vital that our PTA reflect this diversity. There are many jobs both great and small. Some require very little time, some can be done from your home and some require a greater commitment of time and talents. Please consider how you might contribute to this very important effort and contact B.J. Cady lilbit@nc.rr.com or Beth Sciaudone esciaudone@nc.rr.com if you would like more information on how you can help!

The Spring Carnival and Silent Auction are on April 26th!

We need great auction items. Do you have a business you want to promote to hundreds of families in the area? Do you have tickets to sport events or show tickets that you can donate? Maybe a week at your rental property or home at the beach or mountains. How about your employer or that restaurant or business that you frequent that may be willing to donate an item or gift certificate in return for great advertising? All of these make wonderful silent auction items and are tax deductible.

We are also in need of Lego items and ACC items for gift baskets. If you can donate any items, they can be dropped off in the office or contact Lacy Drummond at lacydrummond8@yahoo.com.

WANTED - Small toys and stuffed animals (new or gently used) for prizes. They may be dropped off in the teacher's lounge any time. Thank you for your help!

Save the Dates!

Saturday, April 12th from 9 AM to 12 PM

It's time once again to show our school buildings and grounds some TLC. As you know, the more friends we have to help us out, the more fun it will be for everyone. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Please mark your calendars now so you won't miss out on this fun and productive event. Questions?

Contact B.J. Cady lilbit@nc.rr.com or Krista Brincheck rose-quartz66@hotmail.com

FAMILY NIGHT OUT AT PANERA

March 25, 2014 from 4pm - 8pm

Who: All Lead Mine Elementary Friends and Family

What: Join your Lead Mine Family out for dinner or dessert at Panera Bread where up to 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the PTA! The printed flyer or an electronic version must be shown when ordering. Please note that this is a family event and no supervision is provided. Parents are required to remain with their child.

Where: Panera Bread on Colonnade Center Drive (near Whole Foods)



WAKE Up and Read Children's Book Drive

**4 Weeks - 40,000 Books -
For Our Kids -
For Our Community**

We have collected over 400 books for the Wake Up and Read children's book drive! Continue to send in your new or gently-used children's books through March 28th. Board books, fairy tales, non-fiction, storybooks -- they are all be perfect for young readers birth-age 12. Thank you for helping us to make an impact on childhood literacy development in Wake County!

