



The Leopard Link



President's Perspective

One of my favorite childhood memories was the annual Westmoor Elementary School Carnival. It was your typical grade school carnival with penny candy games, but my friends and I looked forward to it every single year. At the cake walk, I was like a kid in Vegas, and I discovered I was a skilled fisherwoman at the Fishing Pond. I was always a winner there and ended up with a fat, chewy piece of Bit-o'-Honey on the end of my fishing pole every time! I feel the same little kid rush of excitement each year when Lead Mine's carnival approaches, and I hope our children have similar memories to look back on as they grow older.

Our **Spring Carnival** is next Saturday, April 26th, from 12-4PM. The carnival committee has been hard at work these last few months with their planning for the event. With Tex-Mex catering from Moe's Southwest Grill (don't forget to pre-order your food!), a bake sale, inflatables and games, our silent auction, the Tech Run (2-3PM on the track), and performances from the Lead Mine Band (1-1:45PM) and Jump Rope Team (3:15PM), the afternoon is going to be packed with activity! With all of this and so much more, it promises to be fun for kids old and young!

Of course, it takes A LOT of **volunteers** to pull off an event like the carnival, and we are still in need of volunteer help and a few donations. If you can give an hour or two, or if you have a high-school aged student who needs some community service hours, please visit the online sign-up below and schedule your time. I wish the games could run themselves, but they can't. If you haven't had the chance to volunteer at Lead Mine this year, the carnival is your opportunity! It is a minimal time commitment and a perfect way to give back to the school.

Volunteer Sign-Up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EACA728A5FD0-lead>
 Donations Sign-Up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EACA728A5FD0-spring>

The Spring Carnival committee isn't the only group that has been hard at work. Our **Nominating Committee**, chaired by Beth Sciaudone, has been working overtime to secure new leadership and committee chairs for over 30 committees for the new school year. They will be presenting the slate of officers at this Thursday's PTA Meeting at 7:30PM in the Media Center. There are many wonderful people who have already committed time to help in various capacities next year, and such active participation in PTA programs and services is one of the things that helps our school to stand out. For me personally, I can say that being involved in the PTA over the years has helped me to become more connected to the world my kids learn in every day. We are fortunate at Lead Mine to have an administration and staff who not only recognize the importance of volunteerism in building the partnership between home and school, but encourage it. Many people believe that being involved in the PTA isn't possible if you are a working parents or it equates to having to be at the school all the time. Nothing could be further from the truth. While there are people who choose to spend more time here than others, every hour of volunteer time counts. There are many positions and committees, with time commitments of less than an hour a week to a few hours a month. It truly does take everyone working together to make things happen at Lead Mine, and I sincerely hope you will consider being a part of that next year. Lead Mine is an exceptional school for many reasons, and I know how proud we are to be able to lend our support to the staff who provide such a quality education for our children. Enjoy your week!

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IMPORTANT DAYS THIS WEEK

PBIS Parent Night & PTA Meeting

You're encouraged to attend the PBIS Parent Night (5:30PM) and the PTA Meeting (7:30PM) this Thursday evening!

No School This Friday

There is no school this Friday, April 18th

Calendar

April

- 4/15
3rd Quarter report cards
- 4/15-16
5th Grade Artist-in-Residence (contd.)
- 4/17
Pawsitive Assembly ***date change**
PBIS Night, 5:30-7:30PM
PTA Meeting 7:30PM ***date change**
- 4/18
Holiday- No School
- 4/25
Jump Rope Assemblies
K-2nd at 1-1:45PM
3rd-5th at 2-2:45PM
- 4/26
Spring Carnival 12-4PM
- May
- 5/6
4th Quarter Interim reports
- 5/8
FNO "Double Header" @
Zaxby's & Goodberry's
Frozen Custard
- 5/9
Crazy Hair Spirit Day
- 5/23
Volunteer Tea - 8:30AM
General Membership PTA
Meeting - 9AM
- 5/26
Memorial Day - No School

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Spots of Thanks go to...



...**Krista Brinchek** and **B.J. Cady** for putting together the Spring Grounds Day event on Saturday. A huge thanks to everyone who came out to help clean up at Lead Mine!



Step Right Up for the Lead Mine Spring Carnival! Saturday, April 26th from 12-4PM



Lead Mine's Spring Carnival is NEXT SATURDAY, April 26th! Join us for a fun afternoon of games, inflatables, prizes, face painting, a silent auction, and some tasty food! Pop in and see students performing in the Lead Mine Band (1-1:45) and Jump Rope Team (3:15-3:45), and consider taking part in the Tech Run out on the track to help raise money for technology in the Media Center (2:00-3:00). Information regarding the Tech Run is in your child's folder today. Also, avoid the lines by sending in the order form below along with your payment to pre-order food and game tickets/unlimited play wristbands. The Spring Carnival is always BIG fun, so don't miss it! We can't wait to see you there!

Grade Parents have provided the following information for each class, but just in case you missed it, please check out the following sign ups. We are in need of bottled water and caffeine-free drinks as well as baked goods. To sign up, visit:

Donations <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EACA728A5FD0-spring/587966>

Volunteers <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EACA728A5FD0-lead>

Spring Carnival : Saturday, April 26th the ID Program will have a booth to raise funds for the "Always Dream" adaptive playground

There will be a silent auction with fabulous items, including gift cards and gift baskets. There have been many generous donations from local businesses such as: an Angus Barn gift card and gift basket valued at \$150; Freshwater pearl necklace from Ora Jewelers valued at \$200; Candles from Diamond Candles valued at \$25 each; a Thirty-One bag valued at \$80; Facials, haircut and massage from Tanas Hair Salon valued at \$100; a 42nd St. Oyster Bar gift card for \$50, Jason Michael Carroll CD and two autographed photos, Hill Ridge Farm Family 4 pack , and Gotcha Paintball passes.

The booth will also be serving fresh, homemade french fries (plain or with cheese), cotton candy, blow pops, and a variety of sodas. Please come out for a fun filled day and support a great fundraiser!

YEARBOOKS ARE COMING SOON!!

The books will arrive in May so make sure you snatch one up! The teachers have been given yearbook coupons to pass out to students on their best behavior! There will also be coupons given out randomly on Leopard Live to a few lucky kids, so be on your best behavior!

Student's Name _____

Parent's Name _____

Teacher's Name _____ Grade _____

____ Yearbook \$ 18

____ Additional Yearbooks* \$ 15

____ I would like to donate the following amount toward additional yearbooks for Lead Mine. \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Lead Mine Elementary School.

Return this form with your payment to Cami Stephens, Yearbook Advisor



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Contract opportunity for Professional Painter

The Buildings and Grounds committee is seeking quotes from professional painters. There are a couple of outdoor areas that need professional help. If you, or someone you know, would like to bid on this work please contact B.J. Cady at lilbit@nc.rr.com.



Focused Fitness / WeNet Fitness Scores

All 4th and 5th grade students and their parents will be able to access the pre and post fitness scores for the 2013-14 school year. Most of the classes will have completed their post assessments by the first week of May.

To access the scores:

- Go to the following website: focusedfitness.org
- Login: Student's ID number
- Password: Student's last name (lowercase)
- Click on Fitness and the scores will appear on the open window.

Any questions or concerns please contact Coach C: scluickshanks1@wcpss.net

Spring grounds day was a huge success, the flowers and new pots have really added to our landscape! A big thank you to all our volunteers who came out to lend a hand, we couldn't have done it without you! A special thanks to Homewood Nursery who donated the vast majority of our new plantings along with a big thanks to our Sanderson High School volunteers!



If scheduling kept you from joining the fun, please consider helping out with our mulching needs. We still have mulch that needs to be spread and can be done at your convenience. Even if you only can spread for a 1/2 hr we would appreciate your help.

Eagle Scouts are awesome! A big thank you to George Sturdivant who's Eagle Scout project cleaned up and made our Outdoor Classroom space safer for our students. If you know of an Eagle Scout looking for a project, please have them contact Krista Brinckek rosequartz66@hotmail.com or Mr. Baird. The Outdoor Classroom has several important projects that need some great, motivated Eagle Scouts!

Jump Rope Assembly

This year's jump rope assembly is scheduled for Friday, April 25th in the MPR . There will be two assemblies: K-2 students will attend 1:00 to 1:45 pm. 3-5 students will attend 2:00 to 2:45 pm.

Those jump rope team members, who have regularly attended morning practices, will be performing in either one or both of the assemblies. Each team member will be bringing home a paper with more information regarding their performance time, on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Please do not hesitate to email Coach C. if you have any questions regarding your child's performance time for this assembly.



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“Drive –Thru Doughnuts” — Pre-Order Form

Lead Mine's ID severe classrooms will be selling original glazed Krispy Kreme doughnuts to assist in raising money for their adaptive playground. In order to make planning easier, we are offering a pre-order option.

While we have some extra boxes, we strongly suggest that you **PRE-ORDER**. The cost is \$8.00/box.

Doughnuts will be available for pick-up during afternoon carpool on **Friday, May 9th**.

Simply drive through carpool, and we will hand you your doughnuts!

Thank you in advance!



Please return the pre-order form with payment to your child's homeroom teacher by **Tuesday, May 6**.

All checks should be made to **Lead Mine PTA**. There will be a \$25 charge for all returned checks.

PRE-ORDER FORM

of boxes @ \$8.00 _____

Total enclosed: _____

Child's Name _____

Teacher's Name: _____



LITERACY CORNER

Activity: Write On



Writing helps a child become a better reader, and reading helps a child become a better writer.

What you'll need:

- Pencils, crayons, or markers
- Paper or notebook
- Chalkboard and chalk

What to do:

- Ask your child to dictate a story to you. It could include descriptions of your outings and activities, along with mementos such as fall leaves and flowers, birthday cards, and photographs. Older children can do these activities on their own.
- Use a chalkboard or a family message board as an exciting way to involve children in writing with a purpose.
- Keep supplies of paper, pencils, markers, and the like within easy reach.
- Encourage beginning and developing writers to keep journals and write stories. Ask questions that will help children organize the stories, and respond to their questions about letters and spelling. Suggest they share the activity with a smaller brother, sister, or friend.
- Respond to the content of children's writing, and don't be overly concerned with misspellings. Over time you can help your child concentrate on learning to spell correctly.
- When children begin to write, they run the risk of criticism, and it takes courage to continue. Our job as parents is to help children find the courage. We can do it by expressing our appreciation of their efforts.

Source: <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/392>

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MATH AT HOME

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Toss Up: Addition to 100

Take turns tossing playing cards into the air in this fun addition game! Second grade is the time to master sums up to 100, and this activity provides a very engaging way to do just that. All you need to play is a deck of playing cards, paper and pencils. You'll take turns tossing cards and adding their values onto your totals. The first player to reach 100 points wins!

What You Need:

One deck of playing cards
Paper and pencils

What You Do:

1. Take turns drawing 3 cards from the pack and tossing them into the air.
2. Players earn points equal to the value of every card that lands face up.

Keep In Mind:

Aces = 1
Jacks = 11
Queens = 12
Kings = 13

3. The first player to reach 100 points wins!

Variations:

- Toss just two cards. Subtract the lesser card if both cards land face up.
- Multiply cards instead of adding them. Play to 500 points.

Source: [http://www.granby.k12.ct.us/uploaded/faculty/wyzika/Dice and Card Games to Practice Math Facts.pdf](http://www.granby.k12.ct.us/uploaded/faculty/wyzika/Dice%20and%20Card%20Games%20to%20Practice%20Math%20Facts.pdf)