

The Leopard Link

Principal's Corner

This is the time of year, when as a teacher, I started to get a little misty at the thought of my kids moving on at the end of the year. At this point you know them well and are aware of their many gifts as students and as people. We have high expectations for our students and it is very satisfying when they live up to or exceed those expectations. Student successes here go way beyond the classroom. Prior to Spring Break our fourth graders took a field trip to Old Salem and our fifth graders were able to attend an overnight field trip to "Sleep with the Sharks," at the aquarium in Manteo. Chaperones and charter bus drivers from both trips took the time to write me to tell me what an outstanding job our teachers did on those trips and how well behaved our students were. I am always proud when our students and teachers represent Lead Mine so well.

This past Thursday we had our Pawsitive Assembly to honor the students' academic performance, character traits and attendance. Thanks for the great parent turnout. We love it any time our parents can come to Lead Mine for events. We appreciate all of that support. Anyone who attended will attest to what a fantastic job Robin Phillips, our school counselor, did as the master of ceremonies and organizer. All three assemblies ran like a well oiled machine. One of the highlights of the assembly was a performance by our resurrected school choir. The district gave us two part time music teachers for three years, which made it virtually impossible to have a choir during that time. When we got our single full time music position back, one of my priorities was to get the choir up and running again. When we interviewed Amy Byers for our music position she said she was up to the task and she was correct. She has about 38 kids, which is a great start for a new program. They practice early in the morning, one day a week, before school starts. They will be performing for you April 29th, in the multipurpose room, at 6:30 PM. They will be joined for the performance by the Lead Mine band. The band began several years ago with only six kids and now has enough kids for a beginning and advanced band. They practice Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Mark your calendars – it should be a great evening.

I would be remiss if I did not also mention the school carnival this weekend. We all look forward to the carnival. The Lead Mine PTA does an amazing job of organizing the event so there are plenty of fun attractions for everyone. I love seeing all the smiles as the kids race around the grounds looking for the next cool thing to do. Kids just seem to love running around school on a Saturday.....unless it is a year-round school kid on a snow make-up day. (- ; I'll see you Saturday!

Pre-Orders for Carnival Food

All pre-orders for Moe's food at the Carnival on Saturday are due TOMORROW. To guarantee your food choices, please pre-order your food. An extra order form should be in your child's Tuesday folder today if you need it or on page 2 of the following link to print from home:
http://leadminepta.weebly.com/uploads/1/6/4/5/16452972/11_final4-8.pdf

Calendar

April

4/23

Carnival Food Pre-Orders Due

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

5/9

Crazy Hair Spirit Day

5/23

Volunteer Tea – 8:30AM
General Membership PTA
Meeting - 9AM

5/26

Memorial Day – No School

5/31

Lead Mine Showcase @ Barnes
& Noble (Triangle Town Center)

June

6/2

EOG Week for 3rd-5th Grades
(tentative)

6/10

Super Kids Day

Do You Think You're Eating Healthy?

At our Spring Carnival, come and find out which member of your family has the healthiest immune system! Health is not a "game" and by getting your antioxidants scanned, you can find out which foods to add to your diet to increase your overall antioxidant score. It's easy, the results are often surprising, and it's worth a few minutes of your time!

Editor's Note: *The Leopard Link* is published weekly by the Lead Mine PTA. The purpose of this newsletter is to communicate pertinent school, PTA, and education-related information to the Lead Mine community. Advertisements and solicitations from local and corporate businesses will not be accepted. The deadline for each issue is Thursday at 3:30 p.m. If you'd like to place an article, please email your submission to theleopardlink@gmail.com. Thank you!! Leopard Link Editors: Ashley Murr and Jessica Brueggeman



.....Abbey Zelicke and all of the parent volunteers who were able to help during our visit from the 5th Grade Artist-in-Residence!



The Lead Mine Spring Carnival is THIS WEEKEND! Saturday, April 26th from 12-4PM



Lead Mine's Spring Carnival is THIS SATURDAY, April 26th from 12-4PM! We are SO EXCITED for the fun to begin, and we hope you will come out to join us for an afternoon of family fun!

Here is just a sampling of the fun games & activities we have lined up:

- Inflatable Bounce Castle & Obstacle Course
- Feed the Monster & Bean Bag Toss
- Lucky Ducks & Gone Fishin'
- Skee Roll, Putt Putt Golf from TGA, and Basketball & Football tosses
- Ring-a-Ling and ring toss games, Disk Drop & Knock Em' Down Can Crash
- Face Painting, Jewelry Making, and a Tattoo Parlor
- Silent Auction
- Antioxidant Scanning & health consultations by Deidri & Kjell Ottesen
- Catering from Moe's and an awesome bake sale
- Cotton candy & hand-cut fries to benefit our ID Severe Program Proposed Playground
- Kona Ice
- And MUCH MORE!

Woot Woot! Pop in and see students performing in the Lead Mine Band (1-1:45) and Jump Rope Team (3:00-3:30), and consider taking part in the Tech Run out on the track to help raise money technology in the Media Center (2:00-3:00). Avoid the lines by sending in your pre-order form for food and game tickets/unlimited play wristbands along with your payment. There is something for everyone at the Spring Carnival, so don't miss it! We'll see you there!

We are still in dire need of volunteers (high school volunteers welcome!) to help with our games so PLEASE consider giving an hour of your time to help out. This is an important event for our kids, and one that so many look forward to each year. We would love YOUR help to pull off a successful carnival. We are also in need of bottled water and caffeine-free drinks as well as baked goods. To sign up for either one, visit:

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

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

Silent Auction Some of the items up for bid include:

- One night premier king room at the Umstead with breakfast for two at Herons
- Four one day passes to Tweetsie
- Biltmore passes
- Kanki gift card
- Zero Rez carpet cleaning certificates
- 518 west gift card
- Lake park swim membership discount
- North raleigh gymnastics birthday party
- Mud cats tickets
- NC symphony tickets
- Right Track Academy one week camp



- Brunch at Irregardless Cafe
- YMCA one week of camp
- Artistic abandon camp
- The Oxford gift card
- CC and Company one week summer camp
- NC state football tickets
- Gym Carolina birthday party

Plus many more items!

If you have any questions please contact Lacy Drummond - lacydrummond8@yahoo.com





PTA Nominating Spotlight

The nominating committee has been working hard to secure volunteers willing to serve in the Executive Board positions for the 2014-2015 school year. The committee presented the 2014-15 slate of officers at last Thursday's PTA meeting, and a vote of the general membership will take place at the Volunteer Tea in May.

President: B.J. Cady **Treasurer:** April Walker **Secretary:** Leslie Blackwood **VP Communications:** Leisa Glantz-Davis **VP Programs:** Holly Lotterhos **VP Fundraising:** Lacy Drummond **VP Services:** Jennifer Heard **Advocacy:** Medina Skinner **Audit Committee:** Lisa Freeman, Meredith Ellison, Kim Blaes

We appreciate the willingness of these parents to serve in these volunteer capacities to coordinate PTA efforts to make Lead Mine the best it can be. It's not too late to join a committee for next year! If you are interested in helping with PTA programs and activities next year, please contact Nominating Chair Beth Sciaudone esciaudone@nc.rr.com. Thank you!

Come Hear the Lead Mine Band's Spring Performances!

Want to hear your Lead Mine Band in action? Join us for one of our exciting spring performances! The first performance will be part of the Spring Carnival--on **Saturday, April 26th** at 1pm. Our second performance will be held on **Tuesday, April 29th at 6:30pm**, and we'll be joined by the fabulous Lead Mine Chorus. Both concerts will take place on the stage in the gym.

As a reminder, registration for the 2014-2015 Lead Mine Band is open to all rising 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. For more information or to register for next year's band, please visit our website at <http://www.leadmineband.com> or contact our director, Christina Thompson, at christina@summerglen-music.com.

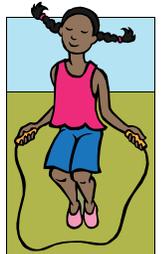


Jump Rope Assembly

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: _____

