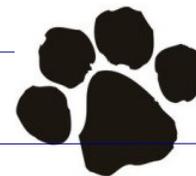




The Leopard Link



Assistant Principal's Corner

Greetings Leopard Families and welcome to May! There is so much happening right now it is tough to know where to begin! Of course, as you all know, our fearless leader Gary Baird is retiring as of July 1st. Mr. Baird has been such a wonderful Principal for all of the Lead Mine community. Students adore him, parents trust him, and teachers respect him. For me, Mr. Baird is my mentor - he taught me that a school is a family that needs to be cherished. By all of us working together for our students, we've created a uniquely positive and fun learning environment where all stakeholders are able to support ongoing success. Like you, I will miss Mr. Baird and have made him promise to never be more than a phone call away! Happy Retirement Mr. Baird - We'll see you at the beach!

The "Merry Merry Month of May," also brings summer thoughts into focus. End of year assessments will be starting soon as well as the final activities and celebrations being planned school-wide. All of this is important (and fun!) but as we see the proverbial "light at the end of the tunnel," I enjoy reminiscing about the beginning of the year. I see our fifth graders so much more *grown* than they were a short 9 months ago...so much more *Middle School*. Every K-5 student has grown - physically and academically. From the number of shoes parents have purchased this year to the number of reading levels teachers have guided students to attain, every child has made growth and I am so proud!

I am sure there are a variety of summer plans being made throughout our community. Remember to do some reading and math-fact review as a family. Parents - make it a game or a contest to see who can multiply the fastest or answer the most questions about a text after reading together. To that end, our **Summer Sizzlin' Fun Reading and Math Send-off** is coming up **Wednesday May 14th**! Look for the invitation in your child's Tuesday folder and send back the RSVP. Our fabulous math and literacy interventionists would love to have you join us, talk about summer learning, and enjoy some hot dogs together!

This has been a phenomenal year and while there are changes coming to Lead Mine, like any family we will work through them together and find the best ways to support our most important gifts: The learning of our children! Thank you for all of your support and best wishes for a fantastic end to the 2013-14 school year. Cheers! Teresa Caswell, AP.

EOG Schedule and Helpful Hints!



Friday, May 30 - 3rd Grade Reading
Monday, June 2 - 3rd Grade Math
Tuesday, June 3 - 5th Grade Science & 3rd Grade make-ups
Wednesday, June 4 - no testing
Thursday, June 5 - 4th & 5th Grade Reading
Friday, June 6 - 4th & 5th Grade Math
Monday, June 9 - 3rd Grade Read to Achieve (re-test if needed)

Students who miss any part of EOG will be retested as soon as they return to school.

Please make every effort to have your child at school **ON TIME** each day of testing. Check family calendars for appointments that may need to be changed. Testing will begin by **8:30am** and, in most cases, will be completed by 12:00.

Encourage your child to go to bed **early** and eat a **good** breakfast.

Please send a sweater or jacket so students can be comfortable while testing.

Students are **NOT** allowed to have cell phones or other devices during testing. A device that "goes off" or rings during testing could cause the entire class to have a re-test. Please check your child's backpacks and remove all electronic devices.

Please encourage your student to do well on the test but try not to make them overly nervous or anxious.

We want students to do their very best and take testing seriously. A child who hears too much about testing might become anxious and not do well. [Gwen Webster](#)

Calendar

May

5/5-5/9

5th Grade Flower Sale

5/6

4th Quarter Interim reports

5/8

FNO "Double Header" @ Zaxby's & Goodberry's

5/9

Crazy Hair Spirit Day

5/14

Summer Sizzlin' Fun Reading & Math Send-off

5/23

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

5/26

Memorial Day - No School

5/30-6/9

EOG Week for 3rd-5th Grade

5/31

Lead Mine Showcase @ Barnes & Noble (Triangle Town Center)
2pm

June

6/10

Super Kids Day

6/11

Rain Date for Super Kids Day

6/12

5th Grade Graduation
Last Day of School!

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Spots of Thanks go to...



.Mrs. Byers, Mrs. Thompson, the Lead Mine Chorus, and the Lead Mine Band for their awesome musical performances last Tuesday. It was an amazing display of Lead Mine talent. Thanks to Mrs. Byers and the chorus for all of their hard work and dedication!

Mother's Day Flower Pot Fundraiser May 5th- 9th

The 5th graders will be conducting a flower pot sale during morning drop-off the week of May 5th-9th for Mother's Day. Everyone in the school is encouraged to purchase a \$5 flower pot for their Mom, Grandma or anyone special for Mother's Day. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the 5th grade class gift to the school. This year's gift will be updated chairs for the lobby and front office! Thanks for your support!



A Doubleheader Family Night Out! at Zaxby's and Goodberry's

Located at Harvest Oaks Drive off of Strickland Road

Thursday May 8th, 4pm to 9pm

Sponsored by Lead Mine Elementary PTA
A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the
Lead Mine Elementary PTA



CHICKEN FINGERS & BUFFALO WINGS



SCIENCE FUN CAMP

COMING TO LEAD MINE ELEMENTARY THIS SUMMER!

The same Science Fun scientists that deliver fun, hands-on "in school" field trips to your students are coming for a full week of summer camp!

The theme for this camp is:
High Tech Inventors & Blast from the Past!

- Dates: 8/11 - 8/15
- Full-Day and Half-Day options available
- Register online at www.ScienceFun.org

Limited Space!

Congrats to LEAD MINE ELEMENTARY!!

2014 Brains and Bodies Award Winners:

Bronze:

- Brentwood Elementary
- Lead Mine Elementary
- Martin Middle School
- Oak Grove Elementary

Brains and Bodies Award Highlights

AHA created the Brains and Bodies Award program four years ago to celebrate and recognize schools making an effort to incorporate wellness into the culture of the school day. The application process is also intended to be educational, providing schools with information and a wide array of resources and best practices to model. One of the student wellness criteria is that schools provide opportunities for students to participate in daily physical activity during the school day, excluding recess and physical education. Lead Mine Elementary, for example, includes physical activity in its morning announcements. The 5th grade Leopard Live crew leads fellow students in a few minutes of fun physical activity.

Source: <http://www.advocatesforhealthinaction.org/fuel-your-school/brains-bodies/>



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