



The Leopard Link



President's Perspective

Although we have just 18 short days of school left after today, these last few weeks are really important for our students and staff! End of Grade Testing (EOG) begins next week for our 3rd-5th grade students, and they will be demonstrating their vast knowledge in the areas of Math, Reading, and, for some, Science. The staff would love your help in showing a "colorful" display of support for students during next week's EOG Spirit Week! By wearing these colors May 20th-24th, you can let those students taking EOG's know they are going to ROCK IT with flying colors!

Mon., May 20th RED Wear red, because we are RED-Y for the End of Grade tests!

Tues., May 21st ORANGE Wear orange, because "ORANGE you so glad the EOG's will be so easy?!"

Wed., May 22nd YELLOW Wear yellow because we want to "YELL-OH! We're so smart and can do this!"

Thurs., May 23rd GREEN Wear green for good luck, although we know you won't need it!

Fri., May 24th BLUE Wear blue because "Don't be BLUE because the EOG's are through!"

If you have a student taking EOG's, there are lots of ways you can help him or her to do her best. Try the following:

- ✓ Be extra POSITIVE and encouraging
- ✓ Talk to your child about any concerns he or she may have
- ✓ Make sure your student has some "downtime" in the evening and gets plenty of rest
- ✓ Ensure a great start to the day by making sure he or she eats a good breakfast. Remember, if you don't have time to flip pancakes at home, breakfast can be purchased in our school's cafeteria.

Curious about what kinds of questions are on an EOG? Try visiting this website to view sample questions for each grade level and test:

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/testing/eog/>

Although they may not teach in a 3rd-5th grade class, ALL of our wonderful staff help with EOG testing in some fashion. They encourage our students all year round, but during this week it's even more impressive to watch our school come together. Because staff members are committed to helping students during test times in the mornings, parents have already volunteered their time to help with proctoring, hallway, and front office coverage. If you have an hour or two this week to help, it would sure be appreciated.

Please visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AAA829A02-eogtesting> or contact Whitney Bennett at wbennett1@wcpss.net.

Looking ahead to the calendar, there is one very important date change I would like to let you know about. If you have volunteered in any capacity this year in your child's classroom or around the school, you won't want to miss the annual **Volunteer Breakfast**. It's a scrumptious year-end event that our staff puts on for anyone who has volunteered time. It was originally scheduled for Friday, May 24th at 8:30AM, but due to scheduling conflicts it has been pushed back a week to **Friday, May 31st at 8:30AM** in the cafeteria. We are fortunate at Lead Mine to have so many wonderful volunteers who give their time to our school, and every one of you play a part in strengthening it. So please make sure to change the date on your calendar and stop by for a delicious bite before work or school that morning. Our **General Membership PTA Meeting** will also move to **Friday, May 31st**, and it should begin around **9AM** after the breakfast concludes. We hope to see you there! Have a fantastic week!

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Calendar

5/17

Accelerated Reader point cut-off

5/21-23

EOG Testing for 3rd, 4th & 5th

5/27

NO SCHOOL

5/30

AR Breakfast of Champions

5/31

DATE CHANGE Volunteer Breakfast (8:30AM) & General PTA meeting (9AM)

6/2

Retirement Reception for Mrs. Gunther 2-4PM at Lead Mine

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Super Kids Day

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Super Kids Day (Rain Date)

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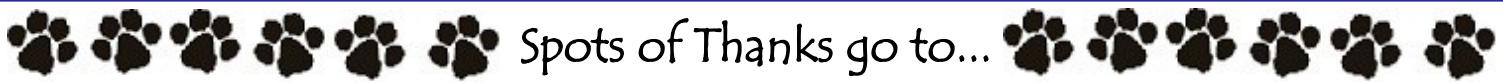
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6/10

5th Grade Graduation & LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

DATE CHANGE

Please note the date change for the Volunteer Breakfast & General PTA Meeting. It was originally scheduled for 5/24 but has been moved to **Friday, May 31** due to a scheduling conflict.



Spots of Thanks go to...

...all of the families who came out to our last Family Night Out of the school year last Thursday at FNO Zaxby's & Goodberry's! Whether you attended one or both, we thank you for supporting Lead Mine! It was double the yummy fun and a great way to end the school year.

...Traci Tucker-Cortez for organizing all of the fabulous Cultural Arts programs this year!

...Sue Rufa for keeping us up-to-date on events by changing the carpool information sign. Thanks, Sue!

Accelerated Reader Reminder

This Friday, May 17, is the last day to take quizzes for Accelerated Reader! Outside of class, students may take quizzes M-F mornings from 8-8:25 after first checking in with their teachers or after school if accompanied by a parent.

Save the Date: Retirement Reception Honoring Eileen Gunther

Sunday, June 2nd from 2-4PM

Please join the Lead Mine Staff and PTA in honoring Mrs. Gunther! In her 38 years as an educator, she has spent 16 of them teaching at Lead Mine, and she has touched so many lives in that time. Please RSVP at:

[http://www.evite.com/
event/00DCAARBSZI3CI3YCEPCWJOBMKCL5Y/
gid=00DCAASZBIY47ICHKEPCXGSJKPR34A](http://www.evite.com/event/00DCAARBSZI3CI3YCEPCWJOBMKCL5Y/gid=00DCAASZBIY47ICHKEPCXGSJKPR34A)

"Message from the building and ground's committee..."

Thank you to all the families who came out and helped on Ground's Day, May 4th. Thanks to the members of Greystone Baptist Church that came out and helped us spread mulch and beautify the campus. It was great to have the community rally with support! We would also like to thank Trees of the Carolinas for donating all the mulch. We really appreciate it!"

Super Kids Day



June 3 is set for Lead Mine's super Kids Day event. Your child should have brought home a volunteer form in their Tuesday folder. Please consider volunteering for this fun event! We need lots of help for the day to run smoothly and for the children to have a great time!

We are also asking for donations of ice for the snow cone machine. We usually go through close to two hundred pounds of ice for all the children to have a snow cone each. Coach C. would like the donations (no larger than 10-20 lb. bags) to be in the cafeteria freezer by Wednesday, May 29th.

If you are able to donate a bag or two of ice, please email Coach C. and wait for an email back to confirm. Thanks so much!
scruickshanks1@wcpss.net

Healthy Sleep for Kids: *Tips to improve your child's sleep habits*

Children's health and behavior take a nose dive when their sleep habits are out of whack. Adequate sleep will boost your child's energy and enthusiasm. Good-quality sleep also can help your child learn more easily and reduce many behavioral problems.

How Much Is Enough?

Generally, between the ages of 6 and 9, most children need about 10 hours of sleep a night, while preteens need a little more than 9 hours. Your child may require more sleep if he or she:

Has a short attention span, or is irritable or restless
Has unusually low energy low energy and activity levels
Is more tearful, anxious, defensive, or impatient than usual

Sleep Tips for Your Children

Set a regular time for bed each night and stick to it
Avoid feeding children big meals close to bedtime
Avoid giving anything with caffeine less than six hours before bedtime
Make after-dinner playtime a relaxing time
Establish a calming bedtime routine

Note: Each child is different and has his or her own way of approaching sleep. Some take extra time to fall asleep, while others wake more often during the night. You know your child's personal habits best, so with a little trial and error, you should succeed in finding a routine that suits your family.

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