



The Leopard Link

Principal's Corner

As much as everyone is excited about the start of summer, this time of year is also a little sad. Each classroom is its own little microcosm made up of students and a teacher who will never be together again in the same way. It is always interesting for me to see how classes evolve over the course of the year with things being a little tentative at the start then becoming the well oiled machines they are now. Every elementary school counts on their fifth graders to be the leaders in the school and this year's fifth graders did a terrific job. They served the school on Safety Patrol, Leopard Live, Helping Hands, Math Olympiad, in addition to key positions in the band, First in Fitness, and the jump rope team. They were a bright, hard working, group of nice kids who set a good example for the rest of the Lead Mine students. We will miss them and wish them well in middle school.

Looking back, this has been a year of fairly large changes. The year got off to an interesting start with the firing of Mr. Tata as superintendent. When he left a lot of the central office personnel followed him, which means there have been lots of new faces this year. I will say that I have been very impressed with all of the new people, including Dr. Gainey, who did a great job as interim superintendent. The student assignment plan has changed again, and I've lost track of how many times. As long as I continue to be assigned to Lead Mine I'm a happy guy. The introduction of the Common Core Standards was another big change that was a challenge to teachers and students alike. Like all new things it will become easier with time as we learn and adjust. Something else different is that we don't have our end of year test results yet. Those won't be coming until the fall so we will all have to be patient. One of the many things I love about Lead Mine is that no matter how many changes there are, both large and small, there are always going to be constants. I know that we will be constantly moving forward with teachers that work ridiculously hard, and who care about their kids. We will constantly have students who come through the doors smiling, who will show a lot of growth academically and socially every year. I know that we will always be able to count on the support of our parents working with their children at home and with our outstanding PTA. I know next year will be filled with many more changes, but all of the things that make Lead Mine a great school aren't going anywhere.

So it is time for everyone to take a deep breath. Get out with your families and enjoy the beautiful weather before it gets too hot. Check out the local pool, go visit relatives, take a vacation, stay up late, cook out, but in the middle of all that fun, don't forget to keep the summer reading going with your children. Keep your local library busy this summer. It is the best thing you can do for your kids so their skills don't deteriorate over the summer. We just saw at our packed Accelerated Reader assemblies how many students met their reading goals for the school year. Set new goals for your students this summer to read a certain number of minutes a week. I've already started my summer novel and it is a real treat for me to get back to a little fiction...besides some of the resumes I get to read. Thanks again for all of your support this year. Enjoy your families. May your summer be filled with lots of fun, laughter and hugs.

Principal Baird

Calendar

6/6

Pawsitive Assemblies
8:45 K-1st grades
9:45 2nd-3rd grades
10:45 4th-5th grades

6/7

5th Grade DARE
Graduation-
9AM

6/10

5th Grade Graduation -
10AM
LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL!



IT'S YOUR LAST CHANCE to order Lead Mine a yearbook! Yearbooks are on sale for \$18 and can be purchased on Tuesday and Friday mornings in the school store.

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Spots of Thanks go to...

...**Mr. Lee** for videotaping all six of our Healthy Snack Recipe contest winners and airing them on Leopard Live!
...**Tracy Roy** and all of the volunteers for organizing our AR Breakfast of Champions last Thursday!

PTA Help Needed for 2013-2014 School Year

There are a few PTA positions open for the new school year. Please take a look and see if you might be interested in giving your time in any of these ways:

Membership – promotes membership in Lead Mine PTA in August/September and January membership drives; maintains database of members with the NCPTA. Majority of work is data entry and communicating with president/treasurer regarding membership. Time: 4-5 hours in August/September and 2 hours in January.

Original Works of Art – works with Art teacher to select grade level themes and secures supplies for Original Works of Art program. Communicates deadlines, gathers student artwork to send home, and runs the OWA fundraiser in the late winter. Time: 6-8 hours, mostly from home, in late January/February/March.

Staff Appreciation Events Committee – work with a committee to plan luncheons in August, December, March and June. Plan and help execute Staff Appreciation Week events. Aid in gathering donations and/or purchasing items for luncheons and SA Week. Time: 20-30 hours for the entire school year.

Congratulations to our Two Healthy Snack Recipe Winners! After a school-wide vote, the winners are:

Grades K-2: Healthy Strawberry Shortcake, by Nadira Skinner in Ms. Queen's class

Grades 3-5: Multi Fruit Smoothie, by Millie Kembe in Ms. Arbuckle's class

And for those of you who want to try these at home, here are their recipes:

Healthy Strawberry Shortcake

- 1 tub of strawberries
- 1 package of dessert shells
- 1 can of lowfat whipped cream
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup water

Slice strawberries and combine them with water and sugar. Let sit overnight in the fridge. Spoon strawberries into a shell and add low fat whipped cream and enjoy!



Multi Fruit Smoothie

- ice
- 1 mango (chopped and peeled)
- 2 bananas (peeled and sliced)
- 2 oranges (peeled and sliced)
- 2 peaches (peeled and sliced)
- 2 apples (peeled and sliced)
- 12 grapes (washed)
- 2 strawberries (washed)
- 1/2 cup apple juice



Put 5 blocks of ice and all of the fruits into a blender (adding the grapes and strawberries last). Pour the juices into the blender, add the top on tight and blend for 2-5 minutes. Shake the smoothie and drink!

- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 cup pineapple juice

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4th Quarter Academic Excellence

Kindergarten: Ausley-Lindsay Kinlaw Coster-Ja'Corey Nelson Milstead-Jack Thompson Rivera-Ashleigh Whitaker-Yutzy -Eve Carpenter **1st:** Miller –Macon Blackwood- Moseley-Merna Jafaari Umelo-Holden Stephens Wilson-Ethan Schwab **2nd:** Gray-Michael Patterson Gunther-Charlie Lane Perkinson-Payton Baxter Queen-Sean McSoley Norment-Ishank Shekhar **3rd:** Arbuckle-Emma Carpenter Descisciolo-Samantha Lemmon Ryan-Harrison Bradburn Sullivan-Archie Meskhidze **4th:** Archer-Millie Vazquez-Pacheco Brozell-Kate Scicluna Wackerly-Jada Harris **5th:** Campbell-William Pizzo Carroll-Brett Bowling Uehlin-Emily Bryan Slivka-James McKnight

4th Quarter Most Improved

Kindergarten: Ausley-David Gonzalez-Montoya Coster-J.T. Hedgepeth Milstead-Victoria Hyde Rivera-Anan Nasser Yutzy-Josiah Davis **1st:** Miller-Taniah Bryant Moseley-Muftada Mohamad Umelo-TJ Round Wilson-Elodie Tropnas **2nd:** Gray-Paige Curtiss Gunther-Catherine Martinez-Luna Perkinson-Eric Brewer Queen-Yordi Florez-Martinez Norment -Anna Kish **3rd:** Arbuckle-Radin Pouya Descisciolo-Kierra Miller Ryan-Caitlyn Tyson Sullivan-Pauline Conyers **4th:** Archer-Landon Livingston Brozell-Dashiell Scott-Jeter Wackerly-Aji Jobe **5th:** Campbell-Monise Stark Carroll-Jon Burkhart Uehlin-Bobby Fields Slivka-Jayson Holbron

Character Excellence Perseverance

Kindergarten: Ausley-David Gonzalez-Montoya & RaeShawn Malloy Coster-Maria Kembe & Samuel Mills Milstead-Jack Thompson & Leilani Sanchez Rivera-Perla Dedho-Abonza & Ashleigh Whitaker Yutzy-Brielle Carter & Erick Guerrero-Villegas **1st:** Miller -Holden Manual & Taniah Bryant Moseley-Eduardo Balderas & Muftada Mohamad Umelo-Forrest Boyles & Kylee Campbell Wilson-Nathan Dempsey & Jackson Woodhouse **2nd :** Gray-Chad Chasten & Israel Dowd Gunther-Mac Culligan & Alexa Hadley Perkinson-Quinn Ficker & Sean Michael Ewing Queen-Nathaniel Davis & Kori Bryce Norment-Anna Kish & Karson Roberts **3rd:** Arbuckle -Malcolm Chance & Kacey Campbell Descisciolo/Bredenber-Tyler Ballard & Walid Mayour Ryan-Hope Weaver & Devin Davidson Sullivan-Gilberto Perez **4th:** Archer-Jason Le & Noah Lynch Brozell-Aiden Burgess & Waled Jafaari Wackerly-Kristen Weller & Jewell Lyons **5th:** Campbell-Jackie Taylor & Omar Kah Carroll-Denise Garcia-Mora & Reid Melling Uehlin-Jack Ellison & Jennifer Le Slivka-Caeden Clifton & Hans Carlson

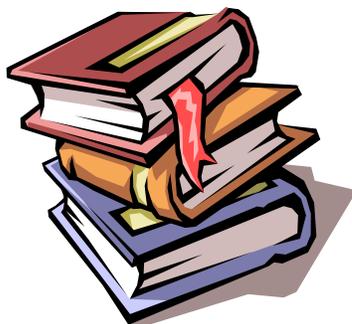
Character Excellence ALL AROUND

Kindergarten: Ausley-Rylee Castellanos & Jared Dansky Coster-Shamiyah Boone & Ellie Portnoy Milstead-Jacob Gilber & Lorelei Edwards Rivera-Aaron Davidson & Liam Benz Yutzy-Wynn Plentl & Alex Chapman **1st:** Miller -Ky Foscatto & Riley GeithMoseley-James Lotterhos & Charlotte Tolbert Umelo-Mia Shoun & Campbell Darer Wilson Abby Drummond & Brandon Warren **2nd:** Gray-Abigail Kinlaw & Rose Sciaudone Gunther-Charlie Lane & Joshua Prince Perkinson-Reychel Douglas & Sawyer Manuel Queen-Rebecca Cobb & Zachary Dentin Norment- Lucy Harris & Jackson Pratto **3rd:** Arbuckle-Millie Kembe & Ashton Lawley Descisciolo/Bredenber-Kierra Miller & Reagan Seeley Ryan-Daniel Gonzalez-Montoya & Jenna LaPine Sullivan-Abbey Wallace & Andres Lima-Montoya **4th:** Archer-Tommy Coppedge & Kelsie Johnson Brozell-Grace Johnson & Ariel Brayboy Wackerly-Emma Jacobs & Joo Joo Rahim **5th:** Campbell-Jesse Crossland & Omar Kah Carroll-Alex Pichardo & Carleigh Botts Uehlin-Ellen Warrillow & Jaylen English Shorts-Mahmoud Mohamed Slivka-Austin Howard & Stacey Whitfield

CONGRATS Accelerated Reader Winners!

The results are in, and the end of year celebration was fantastic. We set a Lead Mine record with 255 students being recognized at the AR Breakfast of Champions! Please keep reading all summer long, and enjoy variety in your reading selections.

Accelerated Reader Results 2013 School Year



	<u>No Quiz Taken</u>	<u>Met Year End Goal</u>	<u>>80% Comprehension</u>
Kindergarten	Not measured	43	7
1st	2	68	6
2nd	1	50	24
3rd	0	24	38
4th	0	42	18
5th	3	28	18
TOTAL	6	255	111

Stay healthy and safe this summer :

It's summer, and for kids that means it's time for sports, swimming, biking and picnics. And while active outdoor time is healthy and fun, experts say it's crucial for parents and kids to brush up on some seasonal safety tips.

According to the experts at the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the summer poses its own set of risks. In order to help parents keep kids happy, healthy and safe all summer long, they are offering these timely tips:

Sun Safety

Sunburns are not only unpleasant, they are damaging to skin health. Minimize your family's exposure to harmful ultraviolet radiation by dressing your children (and yourself for that matter) in cotton clothing with a tight weave, sunglasses and hats with a brim or bill.

Stay in the shade whenever possible and use a sunscreen with an SPF 15 or greater, even on cloudy days, and reapply it every two hours, or after swimming or sweating.

Always keep plenty of water on hand when you're playing or exercising outside. Unless kids are exercising vigorously for extended periods, plain water - not sports drinks - is the best way to rehydrate.



Water Safety

Drowning is a leading cause of death among children, including infants and toddlers, but parents can make swimming safer for kids with the right safety equipment, instruction and supervision.

"While swimming lessons are helpful, they are not a foolproof plan. Parents should never - even for a moment - leave children alone near open bodies of water," says Dr. Thomas K. McInerney, the 2013 president of the AAP.

Home swimming pools should be surrounded by a 4-foot-high, non-climbable, 4-sided fence with a self-closing, self-latching gate. Parents, caregivers and pool owners should learn CPR and keep equipment such as life preservers and life jackets at poolside.



Bike Safety

Children should wear a helmet on every bike ride. Accidents can happen anywhere, anytime. Get your child a helmet specific for biking. Football helmets, for example, are made to protect the head from other types of injuries.

Teach your children traffic and bike safety before allowing them to bike in the street. For example, they should always ride with traffic and use hand signals. If your child doesn't have the skills necessary to use hand signals without swerving, he or she shouldn't be riding in the street.



For more tips, visit the AAP's website, www.HealthyChildren.org.

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