



The Leopard Link

President's Perspective



As I have said before, it's never hard to find wonderful things about our school, and you never have to look too far to find them. There many genuine people here who care about kids and want to see them succeed. Behind all of those amazing staff members who work with our kids every day are many other people who make decisions that impact learning and determine the direction our school moves in. One of them is **Teresa Caswell**, and she was honored last week as Wake County's Assistant Principal of the Year. Mrs. Caswell is a champion for all kids, and we have known for some time what a truly gifted educator she is. Now, everyone else knows, too! The honor she received at last Thursday's AP of the Year banquet was hard-earned and well-deserved. Congratulations, Mrs. Caswell!

I am completely amazed and absolutely grateful to all of you for the generosity you have shown in supporting our **Leopard's Pride** fundraiser! As of Friday, donations totaled \$3200! What an **AWESOME** start to the Leopard's Pride! The purpose of any fundraising we do is to provide for the students and staff at our school, and we are excited to be able to use these earnings to purchase document camera technology and other instructional materials for each grade level. Our teachers will tell you that document cameras are an indispensable instructional tool, helping to enhance lessons and multimedia presentations on everything from book studies to writing samples to science lessons. Please continue to send in any contributions you would like to make -- every dollar of every donation helps us reach our goal of \$10,000! Ultimately, your giving touches *every child* at Lead Mine, and that is a contribution that lasts a lifetime.

It's hard to believe that the 1st Quarter of school is almost finished and that November is just around the corner. That means it's time to start thinking about our annual **Scholastic Book Fair**. You could sail the seven seas, tour ancient cities and historic ruins, or even visit the Seven Wonders of the World. But right here at Lead Mine, you have a free ticket to visit our **Reading Oasis**! During the Book Fair (Nov. 1-8), students will have the opportunity to look through the vast selection of materials when they visit the Reading Oasis with their classes. If you would like to visit the Book Fair with your child, you may do so any morning from 8-8:30AM, during your child's lunch time, or after school until 3:15PM. Also, on Thursday, Nov. 7, from 6-8PM we will hold the ever-popular Book Fair & Dessert Night! You're invited to come peruse the books with your child and enjoy a sweet treat in the cafeteria. With selections for grown-ups, preschoolers, and middle/high schoolers, there are plenty of great reads for the whole family. If you and your child plan to attend that evening, please note that you must remain *with your child*. Our Book Fair chairs are planning an exotic time for us, so I hope you can drop by and join in the fun. It's going to be a pretty cool place to find some hot books!

Don't forget that Monday, Oct. 28th is a Teacher Workday and there is no school for students. Have a fantastic long weekend!

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Calendar

October

10/25

End of 1st Quarter
Leopard's Pride Fundraiser
Ends

10/28

Teacher Workday
NO SCHOOL

10/30

Fall Picture Retakes
Reflections Submissions Due

November

11/1

Hawaiian Spirit Day
Staff Appreciation Committee
Meeting – 8:30AM
Scholastic Book Fair Begins

11/5

1st Quarter report cards

11/7

Pawsitive Assemblies
Book Fair Dessert Night
6-8PM

11/8

Book Fair Ends
Early Release 12:30PM

11/11

No School - Veteran's Day
Family Day Out @ Six Forks
Cinema

11/19

PTA Meeting – 7-8PM
Everyone Welcome!

11/27-11/29

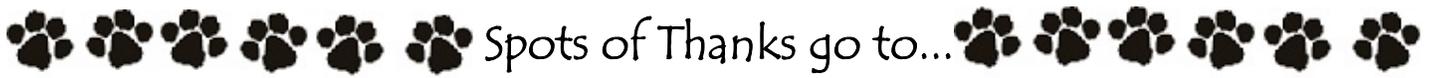
Thanksgiving Break – No
School

December

12/3

2nd Quarter Interim Reports

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



...everyone who attended our PTA Meeting on Friday morning. Your involvement matters, and we encourage you to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19, from 7-8PM.

Carnival Committee Help Needed

Our PTA is still looking for individuals interested in serving on our Carnival committee. The Spring Carnival is planned for Saturday, April 26th. In addition to a Carnival committee chair, we need help planning and organizing prizes, tickets, food, games, and volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Lacy Drummond at lacydrummond8@yahoo.com or Sarah Nguyen at the4nguyens@gmail.com. It's a great way to help our school and meet other parents!



Staff Appreciation Committee

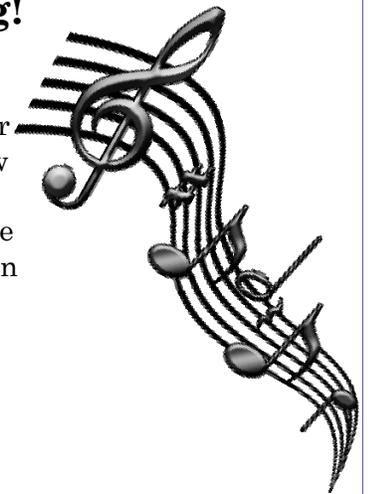
The Staff Appreciation Committee at Lead Mine will be holding a brief planning meeting on Friday, Nov. 1st, at 8:30AM. This committee organizes hospitality events, the annual Staff Holiday Luncheon, and Staff Appreciation Week festivities in March. It's not hard to honor our awesome Lead Mine staff! We welcome your involvement, so please join us if you would like to.

For more information, please contact Sarah Nguyen at the4nguyens@gmail.com.

Spring Semester Beginning Band Now Forming!

Did you miss your chance to register for Lead Mine's After-School Band? If your child is interested in learning to play a musical instrument, we're offering a new Beginning Band class starting on January 7th! The band will meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4-5pm in the gym, and all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students are welcome to join. Check your child's Tuesday folder for a registration form, or you can sign up online at www.leadmineband.com.

If you have any questions about band, please contact our director, Christina Thompson, at (919) 395-7605 or christina@summerglen-music.com.



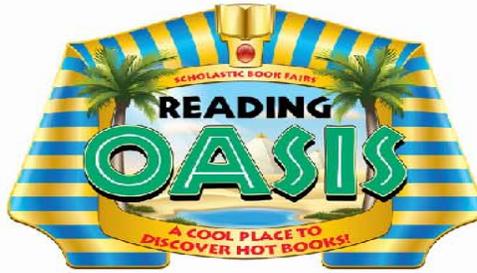
Re-register to Volunteer by Oct. 31st

If you registered during the last school year to volunteer in WCPSS but have not reviewed your information this year, Oct. 31 is the deadline to reapply. Re-applying after this date will require you to start the process from the beginning, and it will take longer to approve your application. If you need to register for the first time, please plan to do so by Oct. 31st as well since registrations submitted after that date will take a much longer time to approve. The Media Center is open from 8AM-3:30PM weekdays for parents to complete the necessary steps to apply or re-apply. Thanks!

Last Call for Box Tops!

This Friday is the last day to submit Box Tops for this collection period. Clipping Box Tops is a great way to help our school earn some extra money, and it's so easy to do! Our Box Tops collection bin is located in the front lobby, so please have your child drop off any you may have collected by Friday afternoon so our coordinator, Laura McSoley, can mail them off next week. Thanks, Lead Mine families!





Get ready for the Lead Mine Scholastic book fair!

Friday, November 1st – Friday, November 8th

The fair will be open each school day from 8:00am until 3:15pm. Students can shop during any of these times, as long as they bring a parent, or have permission from their teacher *and* money.

Family Events

***Lead Mine Books & Dessert Night** is scheduled for **Thursday, November 7th, 6:00 - 8:00pm**. The PTA will hold a bake sale in conjunction with the book fair. Bring the whole family for great sweets and books.

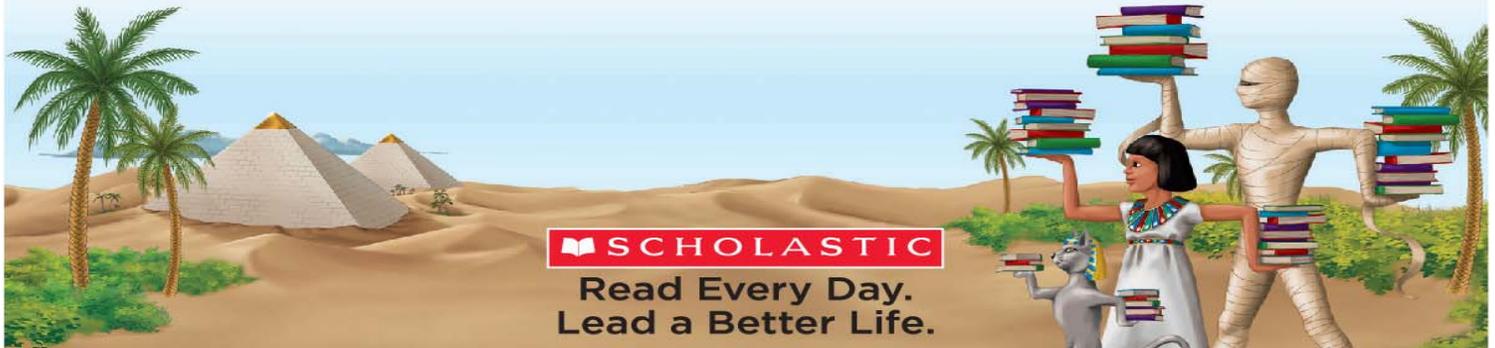
Note: Parent supervision is required if your child is planning to participate in the Book Fair Dessert Night. This is a PTA sponsored event, and school personnel, other parents, and volunteers cannot be responsible for or guarantee your child's safety. Please plan to attend with your child and do not drop him or her off to attend unsupervised.

***Dining with Dad** will take place **November 4th – November 8th**. Invite your dad, granddad, uncle, brother or other special person to have a lunch date with you at the book fair. Dads should arrive during their student's lunch time. After eating, enjoy special access to the book fair. Bring your lunch or purchase it in the cafeteria. Take it to the special area in the media center, which will be set-aside just for you!

***Grandbuddies:** Grandparents, and others who are special in your student's life, will have the opportunity to send a gift certificate to your student to redeem at this year's Scholastic book fair. Watch for more information to come home by email, or look on the Lead Mine website for the gift certificate instructions. Be sure to forward this information to whomever you think would like to give this gift.

Online Book Fair: You will have an opportunity to view and purchase books online at Lead Mine's special Scholastic book fair website. Look for more details to follow.

Volunteers: If you are interested in working at the book fair this year please email Lacy Drummond at lacydrummond8@yahoo.com



Bake Sale Donations Needed

We need bake sale donations for book fair night on November 7th. We need 2 dozen, individually wrapped desserts, from each class. Some ideas might include cookies, brownies, bars, mini-cheesecakes, cake/pie slices on small plates (cover with plastic), etc. The baked goods need to be delivered on Thursday morning, Nov. 7th. If you can help, please contact your child's class parent or you can email Lorri Heilig at heilgirl@bellsouth.net.



Health and Wellness Article

Good Sports Are Winners

Ask first- or second-graders who won a game and they may answer, "I think it was a tie." It's likely the question isn't of any real interest at that age. Kids may be more eager to talk about the hits they got or the catches they almost made.

But as they move into older and more competitive leagues, kids become more focused on winning. They often forget to have fun. Without constant reminders and good examples, they may also forget what behavior is appropriate before, during, and after a sporting event.

Kids who have coaches who care only about being in first place and say that anything goes as long as they win, pick up the message that it's OK to be ruthless on the field. If parents constantly pressure them to play better or second-guess their every move, kids get the message that they're only as good as their last good play — and they'll try anything to make one.

Adults who emphasize good sportsmanship, however, see winning as just one of several goals they'd like their kids to achieve.

They help young athletes take pride in their accomplishments and in their improving skills, so that the kids see themselves as winners, even if the scoreboard doesn't show the numbers going in their favor.

The best coaches — and parents — encourage their kids to play fair, to have fun, and to concentrate on helping the team while polishing their own skills.



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Cultural Arts Assembly

Lead Mine held our first Cultural Arts event the week of October 17th. The performances were from the Bright Star Touring Theatre from Asheville, NC. Grades K-2 performance was *Bella Under the Bullying Big Top*. Grades 3-5 performance was *Professor Parsnips Lab of Healthy Choices*. Both performances stressed themes like perseverance, courage, kindness and respect! We hope your children enjoyed it!

Take "Pride" in Lead Mine and Support the Leopard's Pride Fundraiser!

It's not too late to make a donation to The Leopard's Pride fundraiser. 100% of each donation is tax-deductible and will help our PTA to purchase document cameras and instructional materials to enhance instruction for our students. This is the only big fundraiser our PTA is operating this school year, with nothing to sell or deliver. Every dollar of every contribution goes right back to our school, and every donation helps to support our students and staff.

If you would like to participate, complete the form below and return it to school with your donation.

Questions? Please contact Lacy Drummond at lacydrummond8@yahoo.com.

Donor Name _____

Student(s) _____

Grade _____ Teacher _____ Donation Amount \$ _____

Donations of \$35 or more will receive a *Lead Mine Leopards* double-walled acrylic tumbler (limit 1 per student).

Please make checks payable to the *Lead Mine PTA*. A \$25 fee for returned checks will apply.

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