



The Leopard Link

Please note! An error was made on the **Math Night** flyer. The correct date is **November 13th, from 6-8 pm.**



Parent Chat:
Chat with the Principal
November 4th, 8:30-9:10 AM
Room 301

Calendar of Events

- 10/27**
Backpack Buddies Food Drive
- 10/28**
End of 1st Quarter
- 10/29**
NO SCHOOL
Teacher Workday
- 11/1**
Lead Mine Fall Carnival
12:00-4:00PM
(Backpack Buddies and No Fuss Fundraiser END)
- 11/4**
Parent Chat — 8:30AM
1st Quarter Report Cards
- 11/5**
Yearbook Club meeting-7:45 AM
- 11/6**
Pawsitive Assemblies-
8:45-9:30 (K-1)
9:45-10:30 (2nd-3rd)
10:45-11:30 (4th-5th)
- 11/7**
Early Release — 12:30PM
- 11/11**
NO SCHOOL
Veterans Day
Family Day Out at United Skate-
11 AM-3 PM
- 11/13**
Lead Mine Math Night
6-8PM
- 11/14**
Sports Spirit Day
- 11/18**
PTA Meeting — 6:30 PM
- 11/19**
Yearbook Club Meeting-7:45 AM

Update on **Leopard's Pride No Fuss Fundraiser:**

Thanks to all for sending in contributions! This is the **last week** of the fundraiser. If you haven't contributed yet, please consider doing so. Remember, just \$10 makes a huge difference to our school! Any amount will help!!!! THANKS in advance!

Extra forms are available in the front office or at:

<http://leadminepta.weebly.com/forms.html>.

If you would like to make an online donation, you may use the link:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=DA5UFETELXTC8



It's Finally Here! It's Carnival Time!

When: This Saturday, November 1st. 12:00-4:00 PM.

Where: At Lead Mine Elementary

Lots of games, activities, inflatables, tattoos, fire truck & police car,
yummy bake sale, silent auction, raffles, prizes and fun, fun, fun!!

Food trucks from Fancy Dog Concessions, Only Burgers, and Kona Ice!

Unlimited play wristbands are only \$8!!!!

Remember to bring non-perishable food items to support our Backpack Buddies food drive!

NOTICE: There will be a general Membership PTA meeting on **Nov 18th** from **6:30-7:30 PM**. During the meeting we will report the results of our fall fundraising efforts, have a general discussion about where the money will be spent and vote on some expense lines to be added to the budget. If you wish to vote, please be sure that your PTA membership is current.

A brief performance of the **Lead Mine Chorus** will take place immediately following the meeting.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Register/re-register to be a volunteer. Daily registration in the Media Center ends **Oct. 31!**
- Thank you for registering for PTOffice. We are excited to use this software for our student directory information for years to come. If you haven't logged in yet and set up your account, please do so! The online student directory is only as good as the data in it. Register today! http://ptoffice.mjsoftware.com/MyWebsite?Lead_Mine_Elementary_PTA_NC

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...Katherine Todd for organizing Grounds Day and to everyone who came out to help last Saturday!

Literacy Corner

Parents and Caregivers Build Strong Minds and Strong Relationships



Stimulating Brain Development

Reading with your child at home from birth literally wires brain cells together in networks that later facilitate independent reading. Brain research shows that those linked brain cells enable a child to:

- detect the different sounds in words (phonemic awareness)
- recognize letters and develop strategies to figure out new words (decoding)
- develop real-world understanding of what the words refer to (create contexts for understanding meaning)
- build an oral and listening vocabulary (approximately 5,000 words by kindergarten).

Reading With Your Child Helps Bonding with Books

Reading with your child every day builds strong minds and strong relationships. Your child, snuggling in your lap and enjoying your attention and laughter, is learning to love reading. As long as it is a happy experience, there is no wrong way to read together. Reading aloud is practically free, you can do it anywhere, and children often beg for "just one more" story. Even parents who are not fluent readers can provide a good experience for their children by telling stories from their lives, from their imaginations, or from pictures in wordless books. It is best to read to your child early and often, but it is never too late to start opening the reading door for your child.

The Value of Literacy

Children who read succeed in school and in life. The simple act of enjoying books together every day from birth through elementary school establishes essential reading skills while building warm relationships. Your love and time are priceless. The reading skills you nurture are worth a quarter of a million dollars. For every year you read with your child, average lifetime earnings increase by \$50,000. You make a \$250,000 gift to your child by reading aloud just 20 minutes a day!

1. Lynn Fielding, Nancy Kerr, and Paul Rosier, The 90% Reading Goal (Kennewick, WA: The New Foundation Press, 1998), page 68.

Thanks!!

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Math at Home: First grade

1. Play the number game. "Guess my number between 20 and 30. Use the words more or less as clue words.
2. Make cleaning up fun! Estimate how many toys, books, stuffed animals, etc. are on the floor. Count each item as it is put away to see how close the estimate is to the actual number of items.
3. Play addition war. Remove all face cards from a deck of playing cards and divide the remaining cards between two players. Each player puts 2 cards down and the person with the highest sum wins all four cards.
4. Let your child pay at the store. Save the change and have your child identify the coins and the value of the change returned.
5. Practice telling time to the hour and half hour using a digital and an analog clock.

When you have a moment, try some of these activities with your child to improve their math skills.

Website Source: http://www.gardnerk12.org/TitleI/Math_home_activities.htm

BACKPACK BUDDIES FOOD DRIVE OCTOBER 27th – NOVEMBER 1st



BackPack Buddies provides children from food-insecure homes with healthy weekend meals during the school year right here in at Lead Mine Elementary and throughout Wake County. 1,850 children were served 68,450 backpacks at 55 sites in 7 counties during the 2013-14 school year! Please bring healthy items to school the week of October 27th. We will wrap up the food drive on Saturday, November 1st at the Carnival.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Heard at jmcheard@gmail.com.



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