



The Leopard Link



President's Perspective

I don't really feel like I am finished with October yet, but November has arrived. This weekend, my third grader made it official and flipped the page on our kitchen calendar from September...right to November. I guess I forgot all about October. Thank goodness I have a 9-year old to keep me straight on which month it is.

No, it's not a mirage and your eyes aren't playing tricks on you. If you haven't been into the Media Center in the last few days, the **Scholastic Book Fair** has magically appeared! We have our very own **Reading Oasis** filled with racks and racks of great reads. Your child will have a chance to visit the Book Fair with his or her class this week at school. If you would like to accompany your child, you may do so when your child's class visits the Book Fair (check with classroom teacher for date and time), any morning from 8-8:30AM, during your child's lunch time (you don't have to be a "dad" to come to "Dining with Dads"), or after school until 3:15PM. On Thursday, Nov. 7, from 6-8PM, we are hosting a shopping event of delectable proportions: **Dessert Night** at the Book Fair! Come look at all the great books and enjoy a sweet treat in the cafeteria afterwards. What could be better? Books and treats are a scrumptious combination! Please remember that Dessert Night is intended to be a family event, so please remain with your child for the evening.

Last week, we wrapped up our **Leopard's Pride fundraiser**. 100% of all donations made go right back to the school and the generosity of Lead Mine families and friends has helped to raise over \$5,500! While still short of our goal, we are really thankful for your participation! As a PTA, we have committed to helping our teachers secure document camera technology for their classrooms, and raising these funds allows us to make good on our promise to help fund them. They will enhance the learning experience for every child who walks through the doors of Lead Mine. We thank you for helping us raise money to give back to our school, our staff, and, most importantly, our students. Because we have not yet reached our goal, we encourage you to make a donation if you haven't already. It's not too late. Simply send your contribution to school with your child in an envelope marked "Leopard's Pride".

I would like to invite you all to attend our **PTA meeting** on Tuesday evening, November 19, from 7-8PM in the Media Center. Mrs. Crosson, Lead Mine's Teacher-Librarian, will be joining us for a short presentation. Did you know FREE encyclopedias, magazines, and eBooks are available online for our students to use with homework? Mrs. Crosson will take us on a brief tour of the NCWiseOwl program which our tax dollars support. These resources can help give our kids an extra boost in their learning. Passwords will be shared with everyone who attends, so don't miss this informational session with Mrs. Crosson – because inquiring minds want to know!

This **Friday is an Early Release Day**, and there is **no school on Monday** in celebration of Veteran's Day. If you're out and about with your child on Monday, come join us for a **Family Day Out at Six Forks Cinema**. The feature presentation is the newly released "Free Birds". This cute kid flick is sure to be a fun way to wrap up a nice, long weekend! Since our school receives a percentage from each ticket purchased, don't forget to let the box office attendant you're with Lead Mine. Also, since this is not a "drop off" event, please plan to stay with your child to enjoy the movie.

Have a great week, Lead Mine families!

Sarah Nguyen, PTA President the4nguyens@gmail.com or 845-8535

REMINDERS

Friday is an Early Release Day. Students will be dismissed at 12:30PM. Monday is Veteran's Day, and there is no school.

Calendar

November

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

11/12

1st Quarter report cards

11/19

PTA Meeting – 7-8PM
Everyone Welcome!

11/27-11/29

Thanksgiving Break –
No School

December

12/3

2nd Quarter Interim Reports

12/9

Cultural Arts assembly –
Bright Star Children's Theater
"Gift of the Magi"

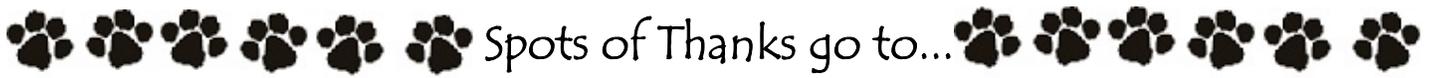
12/13

Crazy Sock Spirit Day
Holiday Luncheon for Staff

12/23 – 1/1/2014

Winter Break – No School

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



... our parent volunteers who assisted with Picture Re-Takes last Wednesday. Thanks for giving your time to help out!

Reading Motivation

If students could leave Lead Mine with just one attribute, you could make a strong case for that attribute being a love of reading. We do a number of things to promote recreational reading and we have more events planned for the future. This month we are starting a new way for kids to become more involved with reading for pleasure. We are introducing Reading Bingo where kids will read books from different genres. When they finish reading a book, they can cross out the square from that genre on their Reading Bingo card and record information about the book on the back of their card. Every two weeks we will hold a drawing on Leopard Live in the morning and pull a genre card. If, for instance, I pull a card that says "biography," then every child in the school who has a biography checked off on their bingo card and the information filled out about their biography on the back, can come to the office and claim their Leopard Reader button to wear. Students who read a book from every genre on their card (a blackout) in one quarter will receive additional recognition at assemblies. The Reading Bingo cards are differentiated by grade level. The first graders are not expected to read as much as fifth graders.



We are also running Accelerated Reader (AR) again this year. I know many of you love it, but it has become quite a drain on our resources. It now costs over \$3,000 a year to purchase AR, which is taken from PTA and Lead Mine accounts to fund. That is a lot of money that could be going into other resources in the Media Center, like purchasing new books to upgrade our collection. It was also a little late getting started this year because it took Ms. Crosson about 36 hours of her time to input all of the student data required to run the program. We will be running AR and Reading Bingo concurrently this year so your child is welcome to participate in one or both of these programs that encourage students to read independently. Happy reading and thanks again for all of your support at home.

Principal Baird

Quick Clarification—Report Cards

On October 30th the district had us send home a letter that had contradictory information in it. The bottom line: due to multiple glitches in the new Home Base computer program, report cards will go home on November 12th instead of November 5th.

-Principal Baird

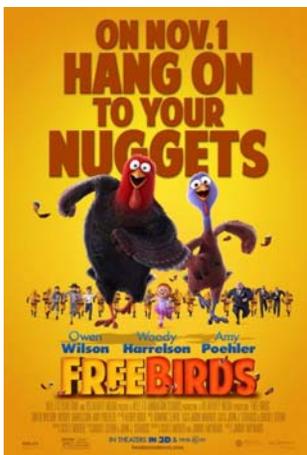
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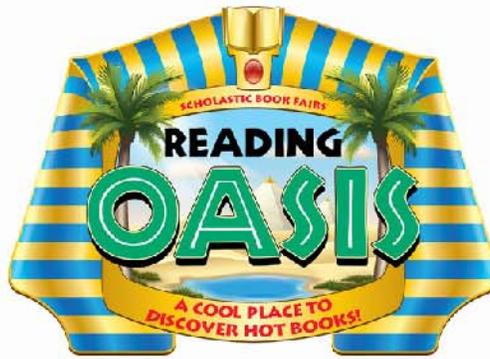
Please join us for Lead Mine Elementary Family Day Out at the Movies!

**“Free Birds”
November 11, 2013**

Six Forks Cinema, 9500 Forum Drive

Mention Lead Mine at the ticket counter for any movie all day for a portion of the proceeds to be donated to the Lead Mine PTA!





The book fair began last week. Don't forget that **books make great gifts!** Fill your holiday shopping lists while giving back to school. In addition to hundreds of fantastic kid's titles, there will also be great books for adults including cookbooks & adult novels.

The book fair continues to be open each school day, **until Friday, November 8th**, from **8:00am until 3:15pm (Friday is an early release)**. Students can shop during any of these times, *as long as* they bring a parent, or have permission from their teacher *and* money.

***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. Please plan to attend with your child, and do not drop him or her off to attend unsupervised. This is a PTA sponsored event, and school personnel, other parents, and volunteers will not be responsible for, or guarantee your child's safety.

***Dining with Dad** will take place **until 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. Enjoy your lunch in a special area in the media center, which will be set-aside just for you!

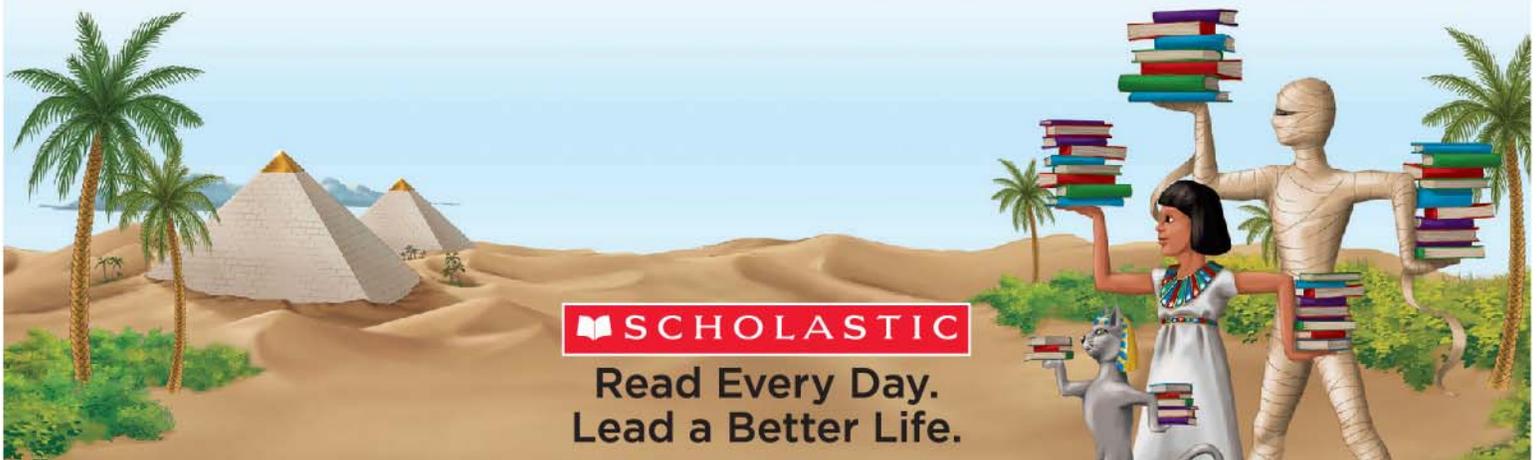
Purchase books online at Lead Mine's special Scholastic book fair website. Lead Mine gets credit for online purchases made through our link. The online site will be available until a week after the book fair.

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/leadmineelementaryschool>

A Note from Ms. Crosson, Teacher-Librarian

What better place to chill out with a great book than the Reading Oasis at Lead Mine's Book Fair! Think "holiday gifts" that actually benefit your children & provide great family sharing activities! Reading together after a hectic day creates much needed time to relax while sharing stories with your children! The book fair will offer all kinds of reading materials for all kinds of readers. Proceeds help us buy more books for the school library so your child has updated materials to use for projects as well as fun, new books to read!

And a little sweet treat goes well with the enticing smell of new books! So, please join us for dessert and book fun Thursday evening from 6-8PM. I will be happy to help parents and grandparents select books! I look forward to seeing you as we Read Up a Desert Storm from November 1- 8 at our Scholastic Book Fair!



Carnival Committee Help Needed

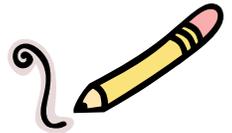
The Carnival Committee needs your talent! Our annual carnival is planned for Saturday, April 26th. In addition to a Carnival Committee chair, we need help planning and organizing prizes, tickets, food, games, and volunteers. It is a great way to get involved, especially if you are new to Lead Mine. If you are interested, please contact Lacy Drummond at lacydrummond8@yahoo.com.

Special Sale!

There will be a special sale day for all Lead Mine branded items on Thursday, November 7th. Beginning with Pawsitive Assembly in the morning and continuing throughout the Book Fair Dessert night. You'll get to see the newest Lead Mine magnet and you will want to check out the low prices for all vintage t-shirts. Be sure to stop by and see all the awesome items to support our school. Don't miss out!



Literacy Corner



Journal Writing

Keeping a daily journal is a good way for your school-age child to express himself, discuss issues and discover the world around him. JournalBuddy.com recommends giving your child writing prompts to help him get started. Give your child a journal or notebook and begin daily or weekly journal entries at home. Motivate him to be creative by encouraging him to write or draw about an imaginary character or event that he wished he had come across that day. At other times ask your child to write or draw about something good that happened to him that day or someone interesting he interacted with that week. Have fun!

Website source: <http://everydaylife.globalpost.com/reading-writing-activities-parents-home-child-10342.html>

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Math At Home

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What to do:

1. After getting home from grocery shopping, find one characteristic that is the same for some of the products. For example, some are boxes and some are cans. Put together all the items that have the same characteristic.
2. Find another way to group these items.
3. Continue sorting, finding as many different ways to group the items as you can.
4. Play "Guess My Rule." In this game, you sort the items and ask your child to guess your rule for sorting them. Then, reverse roles and let your child sort the items so that you can guess their rule.
5. Using paper, pencil, ruler, and computer, make a chart of how many items are in each category

Source: <http://www2.ed.gov/pubs/parents/Math/mathhome.html>

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