



# The Leopard Link



## President's Perspective

I just planned my Thanksgiving menu –  
Black Friday has nothin' on that mental workout!

After much deliberation, I decided that simple is good. I love to cook, and I really love to cook for others. There are few things I enjoy more in life than a table filled with people I love, sharing stories over a meal. But the real point of Thanksgiving isn't the stuffing and pumpkin pie. The little details don't really matter much, but the main idea does. Life is filled with blessings that are often clouded by all of the craziness - and sharing those gifts with others is the whole point of the story. I hope this Thanksgiving finds you building memories with those who mean the most to you.

If you are thinking of doing a little holiday shopping (or, hey, be honest....maybe a date night?!) and would like to do it without your "little elves", consider taking part in the **Holiday Childcare Fundraiser** on Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. The Lead Mine ID Severe Staff, the PTA, many staff members, and some really seasoned babysitters from Sanderson High School will be hosting an evening of babysitting that includes dinner, a movie, crafts, and lots of fun activities. Proceeds raised through this event will help to fund our school's ID Severe Playground Project, which is a project that has been in the works for over a year now. If you have employed a babysitter recently, you know what a fabulous deal this is (cost is \$15 per child and \$10 for each additional child – including dinner!), and the funds couldn't go to a more worthwhile cause. RSVP forms and payment are due by Wednesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Extra forms can be downloaded from our website.

Are you a hockey fan or do you know someone who is? Then be sure to take advantage of the specially priced **Hurricanes hockey ticket deal!** Hockey tickets make great holiday gifts, and up to \$10 of every ticket purchased will be donated to our school. Information was included in last week's Tuesday folder, but extra forms can be found in the front office if you need one. If you want to take advantage of the great ticket prices, orders are due by this Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to Catherine Foscatto for making this opportunity available to all of us and for heading up the program.

Plans are underway for the annual **Staff Holiday Luncheon** on Friday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the day being declared School Wide Pajama Day, each and every staff member will be treated to a scrumptious catered luncheon off campus at Greystone Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. This event takes a lot of planning and coordination on the part of the Staff Appreciation Committee, the administration, our on-duty "taxi drivers" who shuttle the staff to the luncheon, and the amazing parent volunteers who provide classroom coverage while teachers are away.

It's a well-deserved treat for our staff who routinely spend their lunchtime eating with students, grading papers, returning e-mails, and planning with colleagues. I can think of nothing better to give our staff than the gift of time to enjoy an uninterrupted meal with friends. We are still in need of parent volunteers to help with classroom coverage, so if you have a flexible schedule or can get away over your lunch hour to help, please visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B48ABA923A13-class/750627> to sign up to help. We need to work together to "wrap" this gift up!

**Tonight** is our monthly **PTA meeting** from **7-8PM** in the Media Center. If you're looking for a great way to stay connected, this is it! I invite each of you attend and find out what's happening at Lead Mine. At our brief meeting, Mrs. Crosson will be taking us on a short "field trip" into the world of *NCWiseOwl*. This program is filled with resources that can make a big impact on our kids and how they learn, so don't miss it! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

-Sarah Nguyen, PTA President [the4nguyens@gmail.com](mailto:the4nguyens@gmail.com) or 845-8535

There will be **NO Leopard Link** next week due to the short school week. You will receive the next issue on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Calendar

### November

**11/12**

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter report cards

**11/19**

PTA Meeting – 7-8PM  
Everyone Welcome!

**11/22**

Carolina Hurricanes ticket orders due

**11/27-11/29**

Thanksgiving Break – No School

### December

**12/3**

2nd Quarter Interim Reports

**12/6**

Deadline to turn in Holiday Childcare Fundraiser forms

**12/9**

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

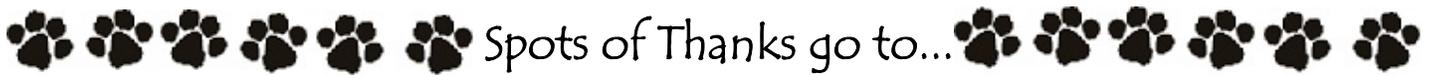
**12/13**

Crazy Sock Spirit Day  
Holiday Luncheon for Staff

**12/23 – 1/1/2014**

Winter Break – No School

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...Jonathan and Kim Blaes for entering family data and creating our school directory! A lot of behind-the-scenes work went into this project, and we thank them for all those long hours. Thanks also to B.J. Cady and Beth Dunn for delivering and counting out directories for each class.



## Lead Mine Staff Holiday Luncheon

Friday, December 13

11:00-2:00 PM

Greystone Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Plans are underway for the annual Staff Holiday Luncheon. Each year, it is tradition for our PTA to host a delicious and relaxing holiday luncheon for the wonderful Lead Mine Staff. This event is a real treat for them since they get to travel off-campus to enjoy an hour-long lunch with their colleagues! It also requires a lot of teamwork to pull off, so be on the lookout for communication from your class parents in regards to how you can help. Parent volunteers are needed to assist with classroom coverage, so if you have a flexible work schedule or can get away over your lunch hour, please consider helping out in this capacity. Most of the food for the luncheon is catered, but donations for paper products and desserts will be needed.

## SAVE THE DATE—December 6th!

### Holiday Shopping Childcare Night

To benefit the ID Severe Playground Project at Lead Mine



Let us help you cross off some gifts on your holiday shopping list! The Lead Mine Elementary ID Severe Team, Mr. Baird & other staff members, and the PTA are hosting an evening of babysitting on Friday, December 6, from 6-9PM. The evening will include dinner & a movie, crafts, and fun activities, and Sanderson High School volunteers will be on hand to lend some extra hands. All proceeds raised through this event will go towards funding our school's ID Severe Playground Project. **Cost is \$15 per child (\$10 extra for each additional child), and includes pizza, fruit cup, drink and a cookie for dinner.** Children ages 3 and older are welcome. A registration form should have come home in your child's Tuesday folder last week. Extras can be printed from our website at <http://leadminepta.weebly.com>.

*The registration deadline is December 4<sup>th</sup>. Walk-in registrations cannot be accepted.*



## Lead Mine Elementary School Chorus - Grades 4 and 5



Attention 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students only! Chorus begins rehearsals on Mondays starting **November 18, 2013 at 7:30am**. Students were required to sing in small groups during class, if interested in joining. They were also asked to return their parental permission forms for Chorus. Students will not be allowed to attend without this permission form from parents. Students should report to the Multi-Purpose Room for this **first** practice on November 18. Chorus will sing at the January 14, 2014 PTA meeting. I look forward to working with your children this year!!

Amy Byers  
Music Specialist  
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# Reflections Art Show

## "Believe, Dream, Inspire" 2013-2014

A big thank you to all participants in the Reflections Art Program! Please come see the children's artwork displayed in the Media Center. The showing will be until next Wednesday. Then, winning entries will advance to the district round of the contest. Artists will be invited to a reception at Lead Mine in February where participants will be awarded prizes and winners will be announced. Thanks again for exploring the arts and creating some masterpieces in this year's Reflections!

CAROLINA HURRICANES & HARRIS TEETER  
*present*  
2013-14 TOGETHER IN EDUCATION NIGHTS  
*with*  
**Lead Mine Elementary**

TICKETS GO ON SALE THIS WEEK!  
You should have received information in last week's Tuesday Folder!



## Save the Date—Lead Mine Science Fair 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades February 6, 2014— 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Do you want to be a Scientist? Or maybe . . . an Inventor? Start thinking about a possible project! Registration forms will be coming home the week after Thanksgiving. You may turn in this registration form to your teacher anytime before **January 17**, and then we will send home the Science Fair Display Tri-fold and the information packet. There is no cost to participate in the Fair this year. Questions? – Contact Science Fair Coordinators:  
Krista Brincheck [rosequartz66@hotmail.com](mailto:rosequartz66@hotmail.com) or Beth Sciaudone [esciaudone@nc.rr.com](mailto:esciaudone@nc.rr.com).

## Health and Wellness: Washing Hands Correctly

Here's how to scrub those germs away. Demonstrate this routine to your kids — or better yet, wash your hands together often so they learn how important this good habit is:

1. Wash your hands in warm water. Make sure the water isn't too hot for little hands.
2. Use soap and lather up for about 20 seconds (antibacterial soap isn't necessary — any soap will do). Make sure you get in between the fingers and under the nails where uninvited germs like to hang out. And don't forget the wrists!
3. Rinse and dry well with a clean towel.

To minimize the germs passed around your family, make frequent hand washing a rule for everyone, especially:

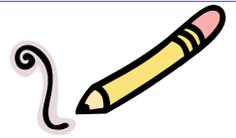
- before eating and cooking
- after using the bathroom
- after cleaning around the house
- after touching animals, including family pets
- before and after visiting or taking care of any sick friends or relatives
- after blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing
- after being outside (playing, gardening, walking the dog, etc.)



Don't underestimate the power of hand washing! The few seconds you spend at the sink could save you trips to the doctor's office.



# Literacy Corner



## Stories with a Twist

Encourage your youngster to stretch her writing muscles by giving stories a new twist.

### *Ingredients:*

*favorite story, paper, pencil*

Together, read one of your child's favorite stories, such as "Goldilocks and the Three Bears." When you finish, work together to rewrite the story with a different setting. Perhaps it could take place in another country or in the middle of a big city. Ask your youngster to think about how the setting will change the story.

### *Example:*

If the three bears live in an apartment, how will Goldilocks get inside? Invite your child to share her new story with the rest of the family at dinnertime.

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

Ask your youngster to look up your state flower in an encyclopedia. Let him draw the flower on paper and cut it out. Tape on a drinking straw "stem." He can make a bouquet by adding flowers from states he would like to visit.

## **SCIENCE**

Have your child pretend she is a magnet. Can she find three things she would stick to?

*Examples:* soup can, paper clip. Can she think of three things she wouldn't stick to (crayon, comb)? Let her use a refrigerator magnet to check her answers.

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## Math At Home

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### Find a Total

#### What you'll need

License plates, paper, pencil, and calculator

#### What to do

1. As you are traveling in your car, or on a bus, each person takes turns calling out a license plate number.
2. All players try to add the numbers in their heads. Talk about what strategies were used in the mental math addition. Were the numbers added by 10's like 2+8? Were doubles like 6+6 added?
3. Try different problems using the numbers in a license plate. For example, if you use the plate number 663M218, ask "Using the numbers on the plate, can you make 5?"
  - 5 using two numbers? "Yes, 3+2 = 5"
  - 5 using three numbers? "Yes, (3+2) x 1 = 5"
  - 5 using four numbers? "Yes, (6+3+1) ÷ 2 = 5"
  - 5 using five numbers? "Yes, (6+6+3) - (8+2) = 5"
  - 5 using six numbers? "Yes, (6+6) + (3x1) - (8+2) = 5"

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

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