



# The Leopard Link



## President's Perspective

No matter what you believe or how you celebrate, everyone looks forward to this time of year. The winter break gives us all a much needed pause and time to slow down a bit. As most people do, I try to take time to reflect on the gifts I have in my life. The gifts that mean the most to me aren't the ones that come packaged in sparkles and shiny bows. They are gifts that cost absolutely nothing but mean more than words can say, and many of them are right here at Lead Mine. Gifts of precious time, heartfelt caring, and generosity beyond measure are real and present here. One thing I am most thankful for is a staff that is incredibly invested in what they do. That passion is a priceless gift for my child...our children...to unwrap day after day. We are fortunate, too, to have such gracious, involved families that contribute time and treasure to help make this school the best place for our kids to learn and grow. These blessings can't be counted or measured, but they are abundant. Thank you to all of our wonderful staff, to the fantastic parents, and to the precious kids who make our school the great place it is.

This Friday, our teachers and staff will be treated to an hour-long, off-campus Holiday Luncheon! This "gift" is such a delight for us all to deliver! As you probably know, many of the staff at our school spend their lunchtime doing just about everything besides eating lunch. Those thirty minutes are precious, and they provide time for our teachers, administrators, and specialists to return e-mails, make phone calls to parents, enter grades, plan with colleagues, and create lessons. Friday's festive luncheon will be a well-deserved treat for our staff. It takes lots of people to pull off an event like this, and the generous gifts of time and food help to make it all come together.

We do still have a few openings for volunteers to help with classroom coverage, and it is especially important to try to fill those in grades K-2. So, if you can find the time to help, please sign up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B48ABA923A13-class/750627](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B48ABA923A13-class/750627). Being able to deliver an uninterrupted, work-free meal for our staff is the perfect gift for our talented, hard-working staff. From donations of food to classroom volunteers to shuttle drivers, I thank each of you for helping to make it possible!

That's all for this week! I hope this winter break brings you the gift of time with those you love, and may there be much joy in your heart.

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

## Pajama Day is FRIDAY

Friday is Pajama Day!  
Students and staff can show their school spirit by wearing their pajamas to school!

## Calendar

### December

**12/13**  
Pajama Day  
Holiday Luncheon for Staff

**12/23 – 1/1/2014**  
Winter Break – No School

### January

**1/2**  
School Resumes

**1/10**  
Crazy Hair Spirit Day  
FNO "Media by Moonlight" event @ Lead Mine

**1/14**  
General Membership PTA Meeting 7-8PM

**1/17**  
End of 2nd Quarter  
Early Release – 12:30PM

**1/20**  
Holiday – No School

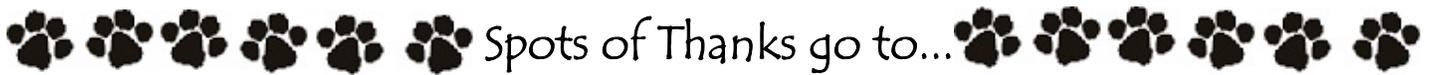
**1/21**  
Teacher Workday – No School

**1/23**  
Skate Party @ United Skates  
5:30-8:00PM

**1/28**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter report cards

**1/31**  
Pawsitive Assemblies

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Spots of Thanks go to...

...**Lorri Heilig** and **Leisa Glantz-Davis** who organized yesterday's Cultural Arts performance by Bright Star Children's Theater.

...all of the **high school volunteers, staff members, and families** who took helped or took part in last Friday's Holiday Childcare Fundraiser to benefit the ID Severe Playground Project. It was a really fun night for the kids and a great cause to support!

...**Carolyn Manuel** for inspiring the Health and Wellness Committee by choosing the transportation mode of running to our Friday morning meeting. She may help launch a Walk to School movement for Lead Mine!



## Help Needed for Lead Mine Staff Holiday Luncheon

Friday, December 13

11:00-2:00 PM

Greystone Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

We are really looking forward to treating our awesome staff to a yummy holiday luncheon next Friday. Although many parents have already signed up to assist with classroom coverage, a few classrooms still need help. Please check the sign up link below to see if your child's classroom has volunteers. If you have a flexible schedule or can get away over your lunch hour, PLEASE consider helping out in this capacity by signing up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B48ABA923A13-class/750627>

### BOOK DRIVE

Please donate any used books to the media center and Lead Mine classrooms. They can be placed on the book shelf in the school lobby or dropped off in the office.

Books for students grade K-5 are welcome, including board books for our ID severe classrooms.



Contact Lacy Drummond with any questions:  
[lacydrummond8@yahoo.com](mailto:lacydrummond8@yahoo.com)

### FOOD DRIVE

We are having a food drive to support families in need. We will have Rubbermaid bins outside the office where you can put your donations. Items needed include:

- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Canned meats or meat stews
- Packaged noodles
- 100% juice boxes
- Box shelf stable milk
- Healthy snacks
- Breakfast items

No glass or perishables!!!



## SAVE THE DATE!

### Media by Moonlight

Friday, January 10

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for an evening complete with stories, crafts, cocoa and cookies on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Crosson and the Family Night Out committee are busy planning and lining up storytellers for this FREE family event at Lead Mine.

It's a crowd-pleaser every year, so don't miss it!

Stay tuned for more information in the January 7th Leopard Link.



## Angel Tree

### Lead Mine Elementary's Holiday Help will begin December 6



This year, we have 25 students who need assistance. If you are able to sponsor a Lead Mine Elementary student who is in need, we would very much appreciate your help! We ask that every sponsor provide a minimum of one outfit and one toy (under \$20) per child. Some students are also in need of a winter coat. You are welcome to co-sponsor a child with another family if you so choose. The process is simple: Choose an Angel from our board in the office. There will be an Angel Tree book in the office where you will sign in and receive instructions and information about your Angel. Wrapped gifts should be brought to the office no later than **Wednesday, December 18**.

If you have any questions, please contact Robin Phillips, School Counselor, at 919-870-4124 or [rlphillips@wcpss.net](mailto:rlphillips@wcpss.net). Thanks so much for your kindness.



## 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

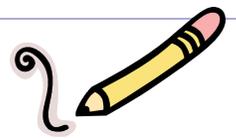
Do you want to be a Scientist? Or maybe . . . an Inventor? Start thinking about a possible project! Forms for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are in today's Tuesday folder. You may turn in this registration form to your teacher anytime before **January 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).



# Literacy Corner



## "World Of Words"

You and your child can do this simple activity on a daily or weekly basis. It helps to increase your child's vocabulary and enrich him with diverse cultures. Have your child choose a photo of a landscape, market, village, city or other scene from a newspaper or magazine. Cut out the picture and write three or four words that describe the picture and explain to your child what they mean. Then have him rewrite the words on separate pieces of paper or directly on the picture to label it. A desert scene might have words such as "camel," "caravan," and "nomad." Hang the labeled picture on a bulletin board or on the fridge so your child can review it with you later that day or week.

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## Math At Home

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### What to do

1. A gallon of gas costs \$1.24 a gallon. What does it cost for 5 gallons? 10 gallons? 15 gallons? 20 gallons? What is an easy way to figure this out? How can you estimate the cost by rounding the cost per gallon?
1. The speed limit is 55 miles per hour. How far will you go in 1 hour? Two hours? Three hours? How long will it take to go 500 miles?

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

## REMINDER

### ***Chess Club Meeting Dates***



Please take notice of the dates - with the holidays approaching there isn't a meeting on December 19th or January 2nd.

Meetings are held on Thursdays in room 300 from 3:15-4:15.

- December 5 and 12
- January 9, 16, 23, 30
- February 6, 13, 20, 27
- March 6, 13, 20, 27

The last meeting date is Thursday, March 27th at 3:15 until 4:15.

If you have any questions, please email Anna Brozell at [abrozell@wcpss.net](mailto:abrozell@wcpss.net).

Prior to attending the meetings, participants should see Mrs. Brozell to get a permission form and return the signed form to Mrs. Brozell.

## WE NEED YOU!

Can you spare an hour (at your convenience) to help our school grounds?

We still have a pile of mulch that was donated to the school. We have lots of places in dire need of this mulch so we are looking for volunteers with a wheel barrow, a shovel, a rake and a willingness to help. Any amount of time you can give us is greatly appreciated! This work can be done at your convenience.

***It is important to note that if you come during school hours you must be a registered volunteer and sign in at the front office.*** If you are able to help us out with this very important task please contact: Krista Brinckek [rosequartz66@hotmail.com](mailto:rosequartz66@hotmail.com).



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