



The Leopard Link



Congratulations go
out to
Jenna Gray,
Lead Mine's
2014-2015
Teacher of the Year!

It's the season of thanksgiving! Thanks for your support of Lead Mine and for being so generous and kind to all of our staff and students. If you plan to travel during the holiday break, please travel safely and enjoy the time with your family and friends.

Our **Math Night** was a huge success! We received positive feedback through our surveys and through the comments about the evening. Parents received

examples of common core objectives for math and practical math activities to help their child at home. The event ended with a prize raffle and dinner that included fried chicken, green beans, cole slaw, macaroni and cheese, and rolls. Students also participated in a Trailmix activity to share all of the things that they are thankful for. Unfortunately, about 200 people sent us a RSVP and about 80 attended. We were delighted to share the evening with the families that attended. We hope that all who RSVP will be able to make it to our next family night out. Our PBIS night will be held on January 15, 2015.

Hats off to our Lead Mine staff recognized as **one of the top 20 Best Public Elementary Schools in North Carolina**. We appreciate our hard working and dedicated staff for the work that they do every day! Thank you for trusting us to teach your child. See the school's Facebook page for more information.

Our school is partnering with **Project Tomorrow Speak Up**, an online survey for teachers, parents, students, and community supporters to provide input around learning, and specifically **the use of technology** in our school. We want to hear from you so we can provide our students with the best instruction possible. Please take a few minutes to go to our school's website and click on the link to complete the survey. Students taking the survey will need a password, which is **wake2014**.

Our staff is looking forward to the annual luncheon on December 12. **Thank you** in advance for volunteering to cover classes so that they may enjoy this time with colleagues. Thank you also for purchasing your state fair tickets in support of Lead Mine. We earned \$118. This is enough to provide substitutes for the teachers of our Intellectually Disabled Severe classrooms to also enjoy the holiday luncheon.

Last, but not least, Ms. Caswell, our assistant principal and I would like to remind all parents **to make right turns only when leaving and arriving to our campus**. We have had concerned reports about cars parking across the street on Old Lead Mine and parents crossing to pick up their child before returning to their car. Please know that cars parked in that area are subject to a ticket by Raleigh police. That section is either no parking or part of a turn lane where parking is not permitted. Thank you for your attention to this matter! We are hoping to have a much smoother and safer experience for our students and parents.

Thank you for your attention to these notes. May you find all of the additional information in this Leopard Link helpful as we work to provide as much communication as possible.

April Hill, Principal

Calendar of Events

12/2

2nd Quarter Interim Reports

12/3

Yearbook Club - 7:45 AM
Parent Chat: Conflict Resolution
and Bullying Prevention in
Room 301- 8:30-9:15 AM

***Last Day to register for
Holiday Babysitting Fundraiser:
See last page of LL for form***

12/6

Lead Mine Writing Showcase @
Triangle Town Barnes & Noble
4-6PM

FNO at California Pizza Kitchen at
Triangle Town Mall

12/8-12/11

Children's Holiday Gift Shop

12/11

Media by Moonlight
6-8PM

12/12

Wacky Tacky Spirit Day
Holiday Luncheon for Staff
2nd Annual Holiday Babysitting
Fundraiser 5:30-8:30PM

12/19

Last Day of School before
Winter Break begins

12/22/2014 - 1/2/2015

NO SCHOOL
Winter Break

1/5/2015

School Resumes

1/9/2015

School Spirit Day

1/13/2015

Class, Groups and Clubs
Picture Day

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... Ms. Sullivan would like to offer a special thanks to all students and staff who donated to our Math Night! Your contributions helped make the night a success! We would also like to thank all who participated. We hope you had fun learning through our math presentations and activities. Any feedback would be appreciated. Please remember to send back the math night survey! Thanks!

<p style="text-align: center;">Literacy Corner Ideas to Help Your Kids Love Reading</p> <p style="text-align: center;">How Do I Help My Child Become a Better Reader?</p> <p>If they are reading a Non-Fiction book ask them...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think you will learn from this book? • What do you already know about this topic? • What questions do you have as you are reading? • What is the main idea of the text? • What is the author's purpose? Persuade, Inform or Entertain? • What text features were used in this text? How did they help your understanding? • What did you learn from this text? • Do you have any questions after reading this? • Were there any unknown words in this text? How did you find out their meaning? • Where could you find more information on this topic? • Write a summary of this text- remember to include the main idea and supporting details. <p style="text-align: right;">  Stacey Daniels, M.Ed K-5 Literacy Coach/Tier II Literacy Teacher/mCLASS Leader Lead Mine Elementary School 919-870-4120 </p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Math at Home 5th Grade</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice math facts in the car. Talk about number families. Ex: 3+4=7, 4+3=7, 7-4=3, 7-3=4 • Let your child measure ingredients when you cook. Figure out how much of each ingredient is needed if you cut a recipe in half, double it, or triple it. * • Collect grocery slips. Have your child categorize items into meat, produce, dairy, etc... Add up amount spent in each category. Make a graph to determine which costs the most. • Give your child a catalog and a specific amount of money to spend (e.g. \$100.00). Have him/her make imaginary purchases and find the total cost. Include shipping and handling charges. • Read schedules for information (TV Guide, bus, train). Watch a 30 minute TV show. Time the commercials. Figure out time of actual show to the nearest minute. <p>Source: http://www.gardnerk12.org/Title/Math_home_activities.htm</p>
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Promise It Class Needs

Students need to bring a composition book to PROMISE IT class. Please send the smaller kind that is **not bound by a spiral wire**. (See picture below) They are compact, easier to store, cheaper, and the wires don't get tangled. Some students have already brought one in and they don't need to bring another.

Also, if anyone has any Large or Extra Large, long-sleeve, white, button, dress shirts that you want to get rid of, I need about 30 to use a lab coats.

I also want to send a huge thank you to **General Shale Brick** for donating bricks to my class for a project. Thank you, General Shale, for supporting Lead Mine students. Last but not least, thank you to all of the staff, students and parents for making me feel so welcome here.

Pam Lawson
PROMISE IT teacher




Media by Moonlight!
Thursday, December 11 from 6-8pm

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for an evening complete with stories, crafts, cocoa and cookies on Thursday Dec. 11th. 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 upcoming Leopard Link and Tuesday folders! Please contact Ashley Murr for questions: ashleymurr2000@yahoo.com



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Barnes and Noble Day at Triangle Town Center
Saturday, December 6, 4 PM-6 PM



Come hear the Writing Contest Winners read their stories and listen to the Lead Mine Chorus perform festive holiday songs! The children's entries, as well as some of their artwork, will be on display at the store for all of Raleigh to see!

Barnes and Noble is being extremely generous to us this year! They are opening the store at 9am (an hour early!) on Dec 6th to allow us to set up. There will be a FREE breakfast for any volunteers who come to the store that morning to help set up!

The store will be passing out LME stickers at Welcome Tables located at each entrance. The stickers will help identify us as Lead Mine Leopards to everyone in the store, as well as the cashiers. A percentage of our purchases from Dec 6th – Dec 13th will be donated back to the school!

After the Showcase, please join us at California Pizza Kitchen for a Family Night Out! Those stickers will also help there because the restaurant has agreed to donate a percentage to Lead Mine as well! Be on the lookout for flyers coming home in your Tuesday folders.

This night is about the children though, and how wonderfully creative they are. Please join us Saturday, Dec 6th to show them how proud of them we are!



For any questions, please contact Cami Stephens at cstephens2@wcpss.net

Artist in Residence Program



During the week of December 15th, artist **Leni Newell** will be joining our 5th grade students to work on beautiful, take-home batik projects. This is a unique Cultural Arts-PTA sponsored event that occurs yearly and is a favorite among all the students. Volunteers will be needed to assist Ms. Newell while she is here and is a great way to both support our students and learn a beautiful new form of art! The projects that were created last year were simply stunning. We hope you can join us!

Volunteer Link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AAA829A02-volunteers1>



Parenting Quick Tips

Provided by the Lead Mine Positive Behavior Interventions Support (PBIS) Team

When Should Kids Tell? Some kids tattle on each other about everything while other kids think that if they tell it is being a snitch. How can parents help their child to know when it is a time to tell a trusted adult?

Explain the difference between tattling and telling. Tattling is done just to get someone in trouble. Telling is done to protect someone from an unsafe, hurtful or scary situation.

Give some examples for your child to consider. For each one, have your child ask "Is it safe?" If it is safe, then it may be tattling to go to an adult. If it is not safe, then it NEEDS to be told to an adult.

Tattling is normal for children especially from ages 5-8. It may be done to get attention, to be right, to avert attention from something they did wrong or as revenge. It is not a behavior that is attracting to others and needs to be minimized.

Help to identify trusted adults who can be told at home, at school and in community activities. Let kids know that if they do not feel they have been heard by the adult, they may report to another adult. When a situation has been reported, assure your child that he did the right thing.

Sources: *Practical Parenting Education and Steps to Respect*



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December Birthdays

Let's wish these staff members a very happy birthday!

Ms. Alexander (12/12), Ms. Emory (12/1), and Ms. Huffines (12/14)



Need some help for the holidays? Families in need are invited to visit the **Pride for Parents Christmas Store** will be open December 8-20 at two different Raleigh locations: Brooks Avenue Church of Christ, 700 Brooks Avenue, or First Presbyterian Church, 120 W. Hargett Street. The **Salvation Army Coats for the Children** offers winter items for kids and will be open from 10AM-12 noon on Sat., November 8 and Sat., December 13, at 1863 Capital Blvd.

Lead Mine's **Children's Holiday Shoppe** begins next week!

The Lead Mine PTA will be hosting a Children's Holiday Shoppe next week, **Dec. 8-11**. There will be a wide variety of small trinkets and gifts priced just right to fit any child's pocket-book, and there is free gift wrapping! Let your little gift-givers know so they can start saving their pennies and nickels. It's a great opportunity for our kids to enjoy the gift of giving to others.



Last Chance!! 2nd Annual Holiday Babysitting Fundraiser Registrations **Due Dec. 3rd**

Drop off the kids and head out for 3 hours of holiday shopping or even dinner and a movie! You won't even have to worry about feeding the kids! All proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the **Always Dream Universal Outdoor Learning Environment**.

Date: Friday, December 12, 2014
Cost: \$15 per child plus \$10 for each additional child (\$25 for kids children, \$35 for three kids, etc.)
Time & Place: 5:30pm-8:30pm @ Lead Mine Elementary
Babysitters: Lead Mine Staff, PTA, and High School Volunteers
Children ages 3 and older ONLY

Dinner is included for each child and will include chicken tenders from PDQ (cooked in soybean oil), fresh cut apples, a bag of chips (cooked in peanut oil), and a drink. The registration deadline is December 3rd. **Sorry, but walk-in registrations *cannot* be accepted.**

Please detach and return with payment to your child's teacher.

Holiday Childcare Fundraiser RSVP

Name of Parent: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Parent E-mail: _____

Child _____ Age _____ Teacher _____

Child _____ Age _____ Teacher _____

Child _____ Age _____ Teacher _____

Total # of Children _____

Total amount paid: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to **Lead Mine PTA**. There will be a \$25 charge for all returned checks.

I am aware of the drop off/pick up times. **I will pick up my child by 8:30 PM.** I understand that if I am late, I will be responsible for paying late fees of up to \$1 for every minute late.



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