



The Leopard Link

**EVERY Friday is
Lead Mine Spirit Day—
wear a Lead Mine t-shirt
or school colors!
(blue and yellow)**



This Thursday, September 13th,
is **Open House Night** at Lead
Mine. See page 2 for
additional details.

Calendar

- 9/11**
Citipass book sales begin
- 9/13**
Open House &
PTA meeting 6-8 p.m.
- 9/14**
Summer Memories T-Shirt
Spirit Day
- 9/18**
Family Night Out (FNO)-
Milton's Pizza
- 9/19**
Class Parenting 101 8:30 a.m.
- 9/21**
PTA Board Meeting 8:30 a.m.
ALL are welcome!
Early Release 12:30 p.m.
- 9/21**
Citipass book sales end
- 9/26**
NO SCHOOL -
Vacation
- 10/3**
Fall Picture Day
- 10/12**
Bookin' It Run/Walk-a-Thon
– Volunteers Needed!
- 10/12**
Lead Mine School T-shirt
Spirit Day
- 10/16**
FNO (to be determined)
- 10/19**
Early Release 12:30 p.m.



President's Perspective

Wow! We're off to a running start! As a parent, it was a welcome sight to see my children settle back into their school routine so easily. I sure wish I could say the same for myself. This time of year always leaves me feeling like I'm chasing my tail!

Walking through the halls at Lead Mine last week, so many great things jumped out at me. For starters, those sweet Kindergarteners were already walking in their lines so quietly, even after three short days, showing their SPOTS like grown up leopards! Our older students served as great role models and were so eager to show the little ones how it's supposed to be done. The lunchroom was full of lots of noise-joy, and the lunch line process seemed pretty uneventful. While the carpool line was a little long, it kept moving right along. I know these things don't happen by chance. It takes a lot of people working together to make things happen at Lead Mine. Teachers, parents, students, our wonderful administrators....it takes all of us working as a team to make this school the best place for our children.

I hope you were all able to read through the "Rainbow Packet" of information that your child brought home last week. In it, you will find lots of information about the coming school year. It is not too late to complete the school directory registration, dive into the volunteer pool, register for e-Link reminders, or join the Lead Mine PTA. Remember, joining the PTA by September 30 automatically enters your name into a raffle to win dinner for your family at Milton's Pizza and Pasta! If you have misplaced yours, all of these forms can also be found on the Lead Mine website. Simply click the "PTA" link and you will find them under the "Forms" tab to print from home or work. Please return any completed forms to your child's teachers. If you have any questions about our PTA or would just like a little more information about how to get involved, please don't hesitate to contact me. I encourage you to stay informed and to get involved at this great school!

Our annual **Citipass Book Sales** begin today and will continue through September 21st. Information about this fundraiser is included in your child's Tuesday folder today. Please know that the PTA is *not* all about fundraising, but it is necessary in order to raise the needed monies to support all of the programs and services we sponsor here at Lead Mine. Some of our major expenditures include Teacher Funds and Mini-Grants, which are used to enrich the learning experiences our students have in the classroom. Citipass is one of three fundraisers we will be launching this fall. We hope that you will choose to participate in one of them.

Have a great week!

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Open House is Thursday!

Thursday, September 13 is **Open House Night** at Lead Mine! This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers, learn about the curriculum for each grade level, and understand the teacher's expectations. We will also be holding the first PTA General membership meeting. At this short but very important meeting, we will vote to approve the 2012-2013 PTA budget as well as share some pertinent information about our school and our PTA. **EVERYONE** is invited!



The schedule of events for Open House Night is as follows:

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| 6-6:45 p.m. | K-2 nd grade Open House in classrooms |
| 6:45-7:15 | General Membership PTA meeting in the multi-purpose room |
| 7:15-8:00 | 3 rd -5 th grade Open House in classrooms |

Carpool Safety

Our primary focus during carpool is the safety of our students. In order to keep every child safe, we ask you to abide by the following procedures.



Morning Carpool

Please drive your child along the sidewalk directly in front of the school. Safety patrol students and adult staff members are on hand to help children out of cars. Parents are also welcome to park in the parking lot and walk their children into school. However, please **DO NOT** drop your child off in the parking lot to walk into school alone. Carpool begins at 8:00 a.m.

Afternoon Carpool

- After 2:45p.m., you may not make a left turn into the school parking lot from Lead Mine Road.
- Parents should line their cars up in two lines beginning at the head of the first parking row.
- Please do not try to avoid the carpool line by parking in the parking lot and taking your child to your car. This creates a danger for you, your child, and other drivers who are trying to negotiate the carpool pick-up lines.
- Cell phone usage is not permitted while the carpool line is moving.
- Please display your bright pink Lead Mine carpool tag. With it, Lead Mine staff can easily identify you and the children you will be picking up. If you do not have a carpool card, please stop by the front office for one.
- Daycare vehicles are allowed to cut through the carpool line because they have multiple schools to serve.
- Parking in the lot near the end of the school day may result in your vehicle becoming blocked by cars lining up for carpool. If you need to park during this time, please park in a space in the last row or on the curve just past the "No Parking" signs.
- Residents of the Allyson's Landing townhouse development across from the school have asked that parents refrain from making U-turns in the entrance to their street.
- Please refrain from parking on Old Lead Mine Road and walking to get your child. Drivers leaving the parking lot cannot see around those cars.

Summer Memories Spirit Day

Did you take a fun family trip, go to camp, or play a sport this summer? Wear a t-shirt from your favorite summer memory this Friday, September 14th. There will be a winning class from each grade level that gets to keep Leo the Spirit Leopard in the classroom for the month. So... show your school spirit and keep those summer memories alive!



*Summer went by oh so fast.
We know you all had a blast!
Camps, summer sports, family vacations too-
There was so little time and so much to do.
Don't let those memories fade away.
Please participate in this month's Spirit Day*

Bookin' It Run-a-Thon Coming Soon

As part of our commitment to encouraging Healthy Habits, we will be conducting a new fundraiser this fall called Bookin' It! This Run/Walk-a-Thon will take place during the school day in October. Students will be asked to get pledges from family and friends to support their run/walk. All proceeds will go directly to the upgrading of the media center. Look for more information to come soon.



LEAD MINE ELEMENTARY

Interested in volunteering to help?

Contact: Sandy O'Neill sloneill41@gmail.com



4th Graders - It's time to purchase your Recorder and Book for Music Class!

The school store has recorders on sale for \$5 and *Record Time* books for \$5. Both of these are required for this year's 4th grade students! Recorders will be used in music class very soon, so get yours now. The school store is open on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8 - 8:30 a.m. for all of your school supply needs!

Remember to Register or Re-Register to Volunteer

If you have never registered to volunteer, please consider it this year! You can register ANY DAY of the week at ANY WCPSS site from 8-4 p.m. After Oct. 31st, volunteer registration will only be offered on Mondays from 8-4 p.m. Volunteers must re-register EVERY YEAR in the WCPSS volunteer system. Volunteers who registered last year but have not registered this year (after July 1, 2012) will be DROPPED from the cleared volunteer list after October 31st!

Reminder: Volunteer clearance can take up to 3 weeks, so it often cannot happen last minute (i.e., before a field trip). The school has NO control over volunteer clearance, so we are unable to "rush" a clearance.

Whitney Bennett, Counselor

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Class Parenting 101!

Thursday, September 19th, 8:30 a.m.

Lead Mine Cafeteria

If you have already volunteered to be a class parent for your child's teacher, or if you are interested in helping out in this capacity, please plan to attend this short information session. Class parents are a great resource for teachers and the job can often be shared by more than one parent from a class. Examples of class parent responsibilities include:

- Support teachers in organizing class events or learning experiences
- Help coordinate classroom volunteers
- Assist in gathering donations for PTA events such as the Bookin' It Run-a-Thon, Staff Appreciation Week or the Spring Carnival
- Aid in accumulating and submitting photos of class events to the Yearbook Club

For more information, please contact Tara Pleasant at tarapleasant@yahoo.com

PTA Volunteer Needs

Do you have a little extra time in the morning once or twice a week? If so, please consider volunteering to help with our Sally Foster wrapping paper fundraiser!

This event begins in mid-October and finishes up on November 5. Help is needed to collect and process student orders.

If you have an hour once or twice a week during this timeframe and would like to help, please contact Beth Dunn at bethldunn@gmail.com or Kristin Chestnut at khchestnut@nc.rr.com.



Sally Foster

Spots of Thanks go to...

...Lacy Drummond, Darlene Bowling, Catherine Foscatto, and Beth Dunn for helping to assemble and distribute 500 Rainbow Packets in time for last week's Tuesday folders.

...Matt O'Neill and all of the volunteers who turned out last Saturday for Lead Mine's first Grounds Day. Thanks for helping us keep Lead Mine beautiful!

CITIPASS BOOKS are here!

Starting September 11th, Lead Mine Elementary will be selling Citipass Books as a fundraiser.



There are Prizes!

The class with the most books sold will have an Ice Cream Party. A Great Wolf Lodge gift card to the family with the most books sold. And more.

So spread the word!

Books and order forms will come home in your students Tuesday folder

Questions? Contact Catherine Foscatto cfoscatto@nc.rr.com



Get 20 Bonus Box Tops plus be automatically entered for a chance to win 500,000 Bonus Box Tops when you buy ANY 6 participating General Mills products using your MVP card between 8/29/12 and 9/18/12.

Lead Mine's First Family Day Out of the 2012-13 School Year!

Join us for a delicious dinner at



8853 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC 27615

Tuesday, September 18, 5-10 pm

Milton's will donate a percentage of the profits to our PTA!



Reflections Art Program 2012-2013 Theme will be "Magic of a Moment..."

Reflections is a cultural arts program designed to encourage the artistic expression of students in preschool through grade 12. It is a national program sponsored annually by the National PTA. Last year, thousands of students throughout North Carolina participated, including many students from Lead Mine.

Students may submit one or more pieces of art in any of the 6 areas: Literature, Film/Video Production, Musical Composition, Dance Choreography, Photography, and Visual Arts. The theme this year is, "The Magic of a Moment...". Submissions will be due in early November. All participants will be invited to a reception at Lead Mine, where winners will also be announced. Some art pieces may also be selected for competitions at the county, district, state, and national levels.

Questions? Contact Amie Lennox at amiel@me.com