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School of Distinction

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The Leopard Link

Save the Date!!!!

Our next **Family Night Out** will be on **Thursday, October 9th** from **5:00-8:00 pm.**

Please join us for a delicious meal at **Zaxby's**. Afterwards, follow it up with some yummy frozen custard right around the corner at **Goodberry's Frozen Custard**.

Both restaurants generously donate proceeds back to Lead Mine, so come have a great meal and help support our school!

Zaxby's: Located at 8812 Harvest Oaks Dr.
Goodberry's Frozen Custard: Located at 9700 Strickland Rd

Class Parenting 101

September 19th at 8:30 a.m.
in the 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 informational session. Class parents are a great resource for teachers and the job can be shared by more than one parent from a class. Here are a few examples of class parent responsibilities :

Support teachers during class events and learning experiences, help teachers coordinate class volunteers based on teacher requests, assist in gathering donations for PTA events, and aiding in accumulating photos for the Yearbook.

Please contact Tara Pleasant (tarapleasant@yahoo.com for more information!

Wednesday, September 24th is:

FALL PICTURE DAY!

Get your smiles ready!

Remember to register or re-register to be a volunteer if you have not yet done so. Even if you just want to chaperone a field-trip, you must be an approved volunteer first. **Thanks!**

Calendar of Events

9/19
Class Parenting 101 - 8:30 AM
Go-Play-Save Ends

9/23
1st Quarter interim reports

9/24
Fall Picture Day

9/25
NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workday

9/30
Cultural Arts Performance

10/6
Leopard's Pride Fundraiser begins

10/9
FNO @ Zaxby's & Goodberry's

10/10
PTA meeting-8:30 A.M.
Walk to School Day
Crazy Hair School Spirit Day

10/17
Early Release - 12:30 PM
Family Day Out (FDO) @ Coconut Charlie's Bump n' Bounce - 12:30-7:00 PM

10/22
Fall Picture re-takes

10/25
Grounds Day

10/27
Backpack Buddies Food Drive

10/28
End of 1st Quarter

10/29
Teacher Workday-
NO SCHOOL

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Spots of Thanks go to...

...Krista Brinchek for all the awesome improvements to our Outdoor Classroom! Check out the website for pictures and more information….or better yet, go explore this amazing space with your children!

….Jonathan Blaes for keeping our Lead Mine website up to date!

Happy Birthday to the following wonderful staff!

August birthdays: Ms. Vivian Evans (4th), Ms. Huff (17th), Ms. Jean-Sephestine (10th), Ms. Shumate (26th), Ms. Stephens (13th), and Ms. Sullivan (22nd)
(Happy Belated!)

September birthdays: Ms. Brown (19th), Ms. Burtis (2nd), Ms. Byers (12th), Ms. Jennings (7th), Ms. Mears (16th), Ms. Norment (9th), Mr. Otichoa (17th), and Ms. Pellas (9th).

While certainly not necessary, if you would like to send in a little something for your teacher, feel free to look at the staff member's Staff Favorites folder located in our Media Center, or contact Tara Pleasant for a copy of your teacher's favorites, (tarapleasant@yahoo.com).

If you are able to assist with soliciting for donations for our Silent Auction, please contact Lacy Drummond (lacydrummond8@yahoo.com).

We are looking for chair persons for the Community Participation as well as the Original Works of Art programs. Contact Lacy Drummond (lacydrummond 8@yahoo.com) or BJ Cady (bjcady2@gmail.com) for more information. Thanks!

We are also in need of donations for new or gently used small toys and stuffed animals to be used for prizes at our upcoming Fall Carnival. They may be dropped off with your teacher or at the front office at any time. Please label the bag with "PTA".

THANK YOU for ALL YOUR HELP!!

"The World Would Be A Better Place If..."

Reflections Art Program 2014-15

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 World Would Be A Better Place If…" Submissions will be due in October. 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. More information will be coming home to families next week! Watch for it in your child's Tuesday folder. *Questions? Contact Ashley Murr at ashleymurr2000@yahoo.com.*