



# The Leopard Link



## President's Perspective

The answer to this math equation isn't a complicated one. What do you get when you add together fun games, delicious food, a rousing game of kickball, and an awesome display of leopard talent? An awesome Spring Carnival, that's what!

I would like to thank all of the families and students who came out to join us for our Spring Carnival and Health Fair last Saturday. Our weather could have been a little more spring-like, but a little chill didn't stop us from having a super fun day! Our awesome Carnival Committee has been busy for months putting together a top-notch event for us, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all of their hard work. **Rachel Bass, Beth Dunn, Lacy Drummond, Lorri Heilig, and Victoria Bass** were awesome planners! From the games and prizes to the silent auction and raffle to the yummy food and bake sale, it was all part of a big vision that couldn't have come together more beautifully. Of course, we owe a big thanks to so many other people like the fantastic volunteers who took tickets, helped with meals, and supervised games. **Coach C.** and the talented **Jump Rope Team** entertained us with their awesome moves, while **Christina Thompson** and the **Lead Mine Band** showed an amazing display of musical talent. We hosted our first-ever Staff vs. Student kickball game, and it is sure to become an annual tradition – congratulations, Staff, on your 5-4 win! Last but not least, **Mr. Baird** and **Kendra Gray** blocked out most of Saturday to help the big day run smoothly. Fun, family-friendly events like this don't happen by chance. As you can see, it takes a lot of people working together to pull them off. Thanks, Lead Mine!

Although it's hard to think beyond our upcoming school break, we do have a couple of really awesome events "springing" up in April and May. April 22-26 is **Scholastic Book Fair** week, which is set up in our school's Media Center. Students will have a chance to browse with their classes during the week, and parents will have a chance as well at the **Literacy Night and Book Fair Dinner**. From 6-7:30PM on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, come take part in some fun literacy games created by our staff, enjoy a slice of pizza, and stop by the Book Fair to see all of the awesome books it has to offer! Our **2<sup>nd</sup> annual Golf Tournament** is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> at Wildwood Green. It's a great opportunity for golf enthusiasts, and even this tennis-loving girl had a good time last year. Look for more information on the Book Fair, Literacy Night & Dinner, and Golf Tournament in your child's Tuesday folder after Spring Break.

Have a fantastic "short" week and a relaxing Spring Break!  
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**REMINDER**  
There is **NO SCHOOL** March 28-April 5.  
School resumes on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Also, there will be no *Leopard Link* distributed on April 9<sup>th</sup> so our editors can enjoy a relaxing vacation, too!  
Look for the next issue on April 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Have a **FANTASTIC** Spring Break!

## Calendar

### March

3/27

End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

3/28

NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workday

3/29- 4/5

NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

### April

4/8

School Resumes

4/9

PTA Meeting – 7PM  
All Welcome!

\*Note date change\*

4/11

Kindergarten Orientation  
(for rising Kindergarteners)

4/11-12

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Overnight Field Trip to Outer Banks

4/12

Crazy Hair Spirit Day

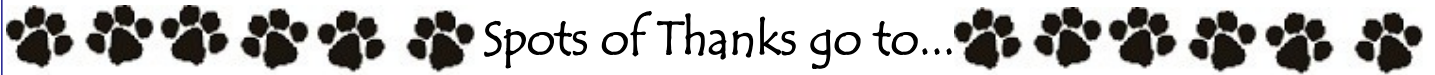
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3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter report cards go home

4/17

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...a bazillion Spots of Thanks to **Mr. Mike** for donating his grilling services and much of the food for our Spring Carnival! His generosity is so very appreciated and we can't thank him enough!

...**Rachel Bass, Beth Dunn, Lorri Heilig, Victoria Bass, Lacy Drummond, and Michelle Lanzieri** for all of their hard work on planning and running our Spring Carnival!

...**all of the amazing volunteers** who helped run games, serve food, set up, clean up and sell tickets at our Carnival! This event could not have happened without **YOU!**

## Attention 5th Graders

### West Millbrook Middle School

Rising 6th Grade Student Orientation is on  
THURSDAY, APRIL 18 from 9:45-11:15AM.  
&

Open House on  
THURSDAY, APRIL 18th from 6-7:15PM.

\*If parents choose to take their child to the Orientation, it is considered an EXCUSED absence.

## Public Input Needed On the Next WCPSS Superintendent

Wake County residents are invited to help determine leadership characteristics of the leader to serve as the next superintendent of WCPSS. Search firm McPherson and Jacobson will facilitate three full days and evenings of public input sessions on Monday, March 25, through Wednesday, March 27, as part of the school board's nationwide search for a new superintendent.

For more information about these sessions, please visit:

<http://www.wcpss.net/superintendent-search/public-input.html>

## Middle School Open House Dates

Carroll Middle	April 16 6:30pm Rising 6 <sup>th</sup> graders	Wakefield Middle	April 25 6:30-8:00pm
Durant Road Middle	April 12 Tracks 1 & 3 @ 9:30-11:00am	Wake-Forest/Rolesville Middle	April 23 6-7:30pm
	April 26 Tracks 2 & 4 @9:30-11:00am	West Cary Middle	April 18 6:00pm
East Cary Middle	May 28 5:30-7:30pm		
East Millbrook Middle	May 16 8:00pm		
Holly Ridge Middle	April 11 7:00pm		
Salem Middle	April 9 for tracks 1 and 2 @6:00pm		
	April 16 for tracks 3 and 4 @6:00pm		



*Please note those that are not posted have already had their open houses.*

If you need additional information please contact Whitney Bennett at [wbennett1@wcpss.net](mailto:wbennett1@wcpss.net)

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# Congratulations to the 2013 First In Fitness Team



This year's First In Fitness Team did a fantastic job on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at South East Raleigh High School. Lead Mine competed with 26 other northern area Wake County Elementary Schools and finished in 14<sup>th</sup> place overall! Way to go Lead Mine Leopards!

This year's team was composed of 50 students, in second through fifth grade. The children competed in the following events:

Mile Run: Elliot Miketa - 4<sup>th</sup> place, Ben Vitale, Adam Tiller, Nathaniel Brinkman, Amie Jammeh, Breanna O'Neill, Emma Carpenter, Lucy Harris – participant ribbons.

Standing Long Jump: Blake McCain, Daniel Colleran, Jack Dorta, Sawyer Manuel, Mackenzie Merritt, Justine Hooker, Naomi Poaty, Reychel Douglas - participant ribbons

Shuttle Run: Ariel Brayboy – 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Carson Cryer, Jalen McDonald, Omar Kah, Jay Msomi, Ann Tropnas, Amiyah Richardson, Emerald Medley – participant ribbons

100 yard Dash: Monise Stark – 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Nick Rosso, Josh Boone, Walid Mayour, Josh Prince, Fednise Stark, Maya Hester, Rose Sciaudone - participant ribbons

Pull Ups: Sean McSoley – 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Nick Foscatto, Tommy Coppedge, Mason Roy, Rachel Webster, Camryn Mena - participant ribbons

Speed Rope: Anna Jorgensen – 1<sup>st</sup> place, Mary Eleanor Jorgensen – 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Cole Gordon – 5<sup>th</sup> place, Martin McSoley, Paul Mitchell, Jacob Thomas, Jordan Saunders, Sainabou Jammeh - participant ribbons

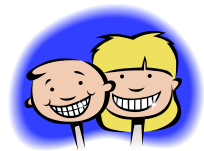
Triathlon: Jackie Taylor, Calvin Raiford Prince - participant ribbon

Coach C. would like to congratulate the team for their hard work and wonderful sportsmanship and team work. Many thanks to all of the parent volunteers who helped out during the event!

## How You Can Keep Your Teeth Healthy

Kids can take charge of their teeth by taking these steps:

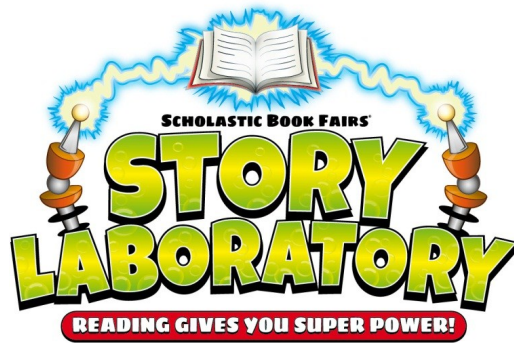
- **Brush at least twice a day** — after breakfast and before bedtime. If you can, brush after lunch or after sweet snacks. Brushing properly breaks down plaque.
- Brush all of your teeth, not just the front ones. Spend some time on the teeth along the sides and in the back. Have your dentist show you the best way to brush to get your teeth clean without damaging your gums.
- Take your time while brushing. Spend at least 2 or 3 minutes each time you brush. If you have trouble keeping track of the time, use a timer or play a recording of a song you like to help pass the time.
- Be sure your toothbrush has **soft bristles** (the package will tell you if they're soft). Ask your parent to help you get a new toothbrush every 3 months. Some toothbrushes come with bristles that change color when it's time to change them.
- Ask your dentist if an antibacterial mouth rinse is right for you.
- Learn how to floss your teeth, which is a very important way to keep them healthy. It feels weird the first few times you do it, but pretty soon you'll be a pro. Slip the dental floss between each tooth and along the gum line gently once a day. The floss gets rid of food that's hidden where your toothbrush can't get it, no matter how well you brush.
- You can also brush your tongue to help keep your breath fresh!



It's also important to visit the [dentist](#) twice a year. Besides checking for signs of cavities or gum disease, the dentist will help keep your teeth extra clean and can help you learn the best way to brush and floss.

It's not just brushing and flossing that keep your teeth healthy — you also need to be careful about what you eat and drink. Remember, the plaque on your teeth is just waiting for that sugar to arrive. Eat lots of fruits and vegetables and drink water instead of soda. And don't forget to smile!

Reviewed by: [Kenneth H. Hirsch, DDS](#) Source: [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org)



## Come to Story Laboratory – It will give you super power !

Here is what you need to know about Lead Mine's Scholastic Book Fair on to be held **Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**.

We will be open **each day** during school hours, and have additional shopping times ½ hour before school and 15 minutes after school. Students can shop during any of these times as long as they have permission from their teacher and money, or bring a parent.

### Family Event

Mark your calendars for the **Lead Mine Pizza and Literacy Night** scheduled for **Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 6:00 - 8:00pm. We will have fun literacy activities and stories in addition to the Book Fair. The PTA will pre-sell Pizza dinners. Watch for order forms to come home in Tuesday folders. Join us for yummy pizza, books, activities and lots of fun!

### Dining with Dad

This is a chance for Dad (Granddad, uncle, older brother, etc.) to make a special date with your student. Any day between the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, dads can join their students during their lunch time to have special access to the Book Fair. Just bring your lunch or purchase it in the cafeteria, and come eat in a special area in the media center set aside just for you!

### A Surprise Gift from someone who's "GRAND"

Once again we are offering grandparents, and others who are special in your student's life, the chance to send a gift certificate to your student to redeem at this year's Scholastic book fair. Watch for more information to come home by email, or look on the Lead Mine website for the gift certificate form and instructions. Be sure to forward this information to whomever you think would like to give this gift.

### Volunteers

If you are interested in working at the book fair this year please email Lacy Drummond (lacydrummond8@yahoo.com).

### On the Web-

Check out Lead Mine's own Scholastic Book Fair Webpage !! Here's just of few of the things you can do:

- 1) This is a great way for you and your student to see featured books in detail, including special author video clips.
- 2) Make a student wish list online and bring it to the Book Fair.
- 3) Volunteer to help out at our Book Fair. It's simple and lots of fun too!

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/leadmineelemsch>

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