



The Leopard Link

Happy Halloween!

NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, October 31st is a
Teacher Workday.

Principal's Corner,



Believe it or not the first quarter of school ends today. In many ways this is the most challenging quarter of the year because teachers are establishing new routines for the students, completing initial assessments to guide their instruction, and teaching to the new Common Core Standards curriculum.

It is also the quarter with the fewest breaks. They have worked hard establishing the routines that will serve the students well for the remainder of the year. We send the report cards home in the Tuesday folders so look for them Tuesday the 13th, after Election Day Tuesday. If you have not arranged for a conference with your child's teacher yet, please do so. It is very important that the teacher, parents and students are all working together to insure the success of each child. When working as a team all things are possible.

The state of North Carolina issues school report cards, which you will find in the Tuesday folder today. Each school has their data compared to the state and district data so we can see how we stack up against other schools. I've made you familiar with most of this data already, so you know we stack up extremely well against other schools in math and reading. We had a glitch last year in science, which I'm certain has been rectified and will be significantly better this year. The school report card will show how each subgroup performed on the EOG. I'm very proud to say that our subgroups averaged about 11 percentage points above the district average and about 16 percentage points above the state average. At Lead Mine **all** students are learning. The school report card you receive today is the short version. The expanded version is available at <http://www.ncreportcards.org>. The expanded version will give you additional information. For instance, our school Media Center has more books per student than the state and district, but the average age of the collection is older than both. That is one of the reasons we held the Media Center fundraiser. \$4,000 of that money is going to purchase new books to help update our collection.

It's great that we did so well last year, but that is history. We are fully engaged in making this year even more successful. Thanks to your generosity with the fundraiser we are in the planning stages of our Media Center upgrade. Hopefully, we will be able to have our "makeover reveal" by early December. Thanks again for all of your support in making Lead Mine a special place for children to learn. *Gary Baird, Principal*



Volunteer Registration

Wednesday is the LAST day for volunteer registration. Hurry in if you are planning to volunteer this year at Lead Mine!

Calendar

10/30

End of first Quarter!

10/31

NO SCHOOL Teacher workday

11/3

WCPSS Magnet Schools Fair,
9AM-noon at Southeast Raleigh
Magnet High School

11/4

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Fall Back!

11/5

"Kids Vote" at Lead Mine
Sally Foster/No Fuss Sales End

11/6

Teacher Workday – NO SCHOOL

11/7

Fall Picture Make-up Day

11/8

Pawsitive Assembly
Math Night 6-7:30pm

11/9

Patriotic Spirit Day

11/12

Veteran's Day—NO SCHOOL

Family Day Out at Six Forks
Cinema—"Wreck-It-Ralph"

11/13

1st Quarter Report Cards go home

11/16

PTA Board Meeting 8:30AM

All Welcome!

11/18

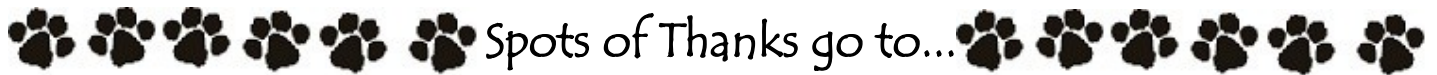
Wake County PTA Healthy

Lifestyles 5K

11/21-11/23

No School- Thanksgiving Break

Editor's Note: *The Leopard Link* is published weekly by the Lead Mine PTA. The purpose of this newsletter is to communicate pertinent school, PTA, and education-related information to the Lead Mine community. Advertisements and solicitations from local and corporate businesses will not be accepted. The deadline for each issue is Thursday at 3:30 p.m. If you'd like to place an article, please email your submission to theleopardlink@gmail.com. Thank you!! Leopard Link Editors: Ashley Murr and Jessica Brueggeman



- ...Thank you to Beth Dunn and her crew of volunteers for preparing materials last week for our Sally Foster/ No Fuss fundraiser.
- ...Many thanks to Traci Tucker-Cortez for arranging an amazing Cultural Arts performance last Thursday. The kids LOVED "Transit"!
- ...*Muchas Gracias* to our team of volunteers who are helping with the Spanish translation of our *Leopard Link* each week: Lynn Mack, Katy Kupatadze, Rod Castellanos, and Jacob Newbauer. This is a HUGE time commitment and an amazing help! Thank you!

CALLING all Families!

Have your family spend a few hours of your Sunday afternoon with your friends from Lead Mine while you exercise AND socialize! There will be families that walk, families that run, and families that do both!

The **Wake County PTA 5K** is 3.1 miles, and can be completed in less than an hour. On the beautiful Wake Med Soccer Park campus in Cary, it truly is "like a walk in the park"!

If exercise doesn't excite you, then please consider volunteering. *All volunteers affiliated with Lead Mine count towards the total number of participants.* If we can be one of the top 3 schools in terms of registered racers/volunteers, we can earn a Wake County grant! We won \$500 last year with Honorable Mention recognition.



Please go to www.pta5K.com to register. The "Early Bird Registration" Deadline is **Monday, November 5th**. The event is Sunday, November 18th at 3:30pm.

Questions? Please contact Lisa Freeman at LisaFreeman@nc.rr.com



Sales are underway for Sally Foster gifts & wrapping paper plus Classic Recipes cookie dough!



Like what you see in the catalogue but are looking for more? Don't forget to visit their website for additional items for sale www.sallyfoster.com. If wrapping paper and cookie dough aren't your thing, consider a "No-Fuss" donation. Either return the form that was sent home in the envelope last Tuesday, or visit the Lead Mine website and use the "Google pay" button. As always, thank you for the generous support you give to make Lead Mine such a wonderful place to learn!

Questions? Please contact Beth Dunn at bethldunn@gmail.com

Prize Donations for Math Night!

Math Night is planned for **Thursday, Nov. 8**, from 6-7:30PM at Lead Mine, and we are in need of some carnival-type prize donations. If you can donate any, please drop them off in the front office on or before Wednesday, Nov. 7. Since the theme for Math Night is "**Get Moving with Math!**", we are looking for small, inexpensive prizes with a game or sport theme from place like Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Target, the Dollar Store, or even Party City. Some ideas might include:

- small squishy footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, etc.
- mini pinball or maze sports games
- bracelets with balls or sports theme
- erasers, pencils or pens with balls on them
- any small sports-related trinket



Thanks for your help, parents!

New!

The new Health and Wellness Committee has decided to publish an educational article once/week in the Leopard Link. We would like one week to focus on Nutrition, one week on exercise and one week on mind wellness.

Angel Tree Time!

Lead Mine Elementary's Angel Tree will be up and running in mid-November. We will have around 50 angels on our board. 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 \$25) per child. 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 Ms. Bennett's office (rm #129) no later than Friday, December 14th. The presents will be picked up the following week.

If you have any questions, please contact Whitney Bennett, School Counselor, at 919-676-5017 or wbennett1@wcpss.net. Thanks so much for your kindness.



The Tiller Family will be heading to THE GREAT WOLF LODGE to celebrate their hard work in selling the most GoPlaySave books! Congratulations and Have Fun!



Congratulations! Mrs. Carroll's 5th Grade Class sold the most GoPlaySave books and enjoyed a fun ice cream party! Great job!



Please join us for Lead Mine Elementary

Family Day Out at the Movies!

“Wreck-It-Ralph”

November 12, 2012

Six Forks Cinema, 9500 Forum Drive

Please mention Lead Mine at the ticket counter. A portion of the proceeds of all admissions (any showing on November 12) that mention Lead Mine will be donated to the Lead Mine PTA!



Cultural Arts Review: ‘transit’

Has your child been trying to make drum or trumpet sounds with his/her voice lately? Has he/she tried to explain to you what “a cappella” is? Well, that would be because this past Thursday, the PTA Cultural Arts committee headed by Traci Tucker-Cortez

brought the vocal band, *transit*, to Lead Mine to perform for the kids. They perform a cappella, which is when only voices are used to make music that sounds like instruments, including drum beats! Through their assembly performance, *transit* offered Lead Mine students a novel perspective on art and music by demonstrating their craft and teaching about its history. *transit* shared their passion in the hope that it will inspire a new generation to engage in the arts and to develop a life-long appreciation for music. The kids certainly seemed inspired as shown by their clapping and singing! Thank you Traci Tucker-Cortez and the PTA for introducing Lead Mine to this fun way of singing!

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