



The Leopard Link

This Thursday's ~~Media by Moonlight~~ has been canceled.
The rescheduled date will be announced soon.

Lead Mine Children's Holiday Shoppe



The Lead Mine PTA is hosting a Children's Holiday Shoppe this week, December 8-11. Children will have the opportunity to "go shopping" during their regularly scheduled class Media Center time at school this week. Students can also shop from 8-8:30 am during class time if permitted by their teacher. There are still a few volunteers slots available where help is needed, so if you can give an hour or two of time to help, please sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f44aaa829a02-volunteers2>. There will be a wide variety of small trinkets and gifts for our little shoppers priced from 25 cents and up, and there is free gift wrapping! Remind your little gift-givers to bring their pennies and nickels. It's a great opportunity for our kids to enjoy the gift of giving to others.

Annual Holiday Luncheon for Staff is this Friday!

This Friday, our teachers and staff will be treated a scrumptious Holiday Luncheon! This "gift" is delivered annually by the PTA at Lead Mine. Since many of the staff at our school spend their lunchtime doing just about everything besides eating lunch, Friday's festive luncheon is a well-deserved treat for them all. This event requires a lot of volunteers, and we are still in need of some help with classroom coverage to make it all come together. It is especially important to fill the slots so ALL staff can enjoy the event knowing their duties are covered. If you can give an hour of time to help, it would be most appreciated! If you can't give time, consider donating a luncheon item instead. Please see the sign-ups for volunteers and food below. Questions? Contact Leslie Blackwood at lesieblkw@gmail.com or Tara Pleasant at tarapleasant@yahoo.com. Thank you for helping to make this "gift" possible for our wonderful Lead Mine staff!



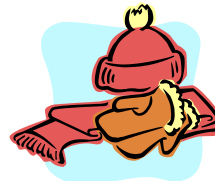
Volunteer Sign-up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b48aba923a13-class2>

Luncheon Item Sign-Up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b48aea728a20-donations>

DO YOU NEED SOME HOLIDAY HELP?

Families in need of clothing, household items, and gifts are invited to visit the **Pride for Parents Christmas Store** at one of two different Raleigh locations: Brooks Avenue Church of Christ, 700 Brooks Avenue, or First Presbyterian Church, 120 W. Hargett Street. Pride for Parents Christmas Store will be open will be open December 8-20.

The **Salvation Army Coats for the Children** program offers winter items for kids and youth. It will be open from 10AM-12 noon on Sat., November 8 and Sat., December 13, at 1863 Capital Blvd.



Calendar of Events

12/8-12/11

Children's Holiday Gift Shoppe

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

School Colors Spirit Day

1/13

Parent Chat in Cafeteria - 8:30AM
Topic: Social Skills
Picture Day for
Classes, Groups & Clubs

1/15

PTA Board Meeting - 8:30AM
Parent PBIS Meeting - 6-7:30PM

1/16

End of 2nd Quarter

1/19

NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

1/20

NO SCHOOL
Teacher Workday

1/27

Report Cards

2/4

Pawsitive Assemblies
note date change

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Spots of Thanks go to...

... **Cami Stephens** and all the of the **volunteers** who organized, judged entries for, set up for, and helped with the Lead Mine Writing Showcase on Saturday afternoon.

...**all of the student authors** who entered the writing contest. We congratulate these students for participating in the contest and taking the time to write such fantastic stories!

...**Mrs. Byers** and the **Lead Mine Chorus** for providing the awesome music at the Showcase on Saturday!

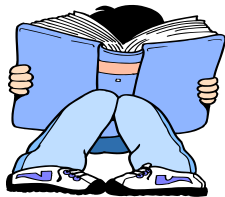
...all of the **families** who participated in our Family Night Out at California Pizza Kitchen on Saturday!

Literacy Corner

Ideas to Help Your Kids Love Reading

How do I help my child become a better reader? If he is reading a fiction book, ask him:

- Who are the main characters and what traits can you infer about them?
- How have the characters changed during the book?
- What questions do you have as you are reading?
- Is the story written in first or third person point of view?
- What is the author's purpose? Persuade, Inform or Entertain?
- What is the problem in the story? How do you think it will be solved?
- What do you predict will happen next?
- Could the story happen in real life?
- How are you similar to the characters? How are you different?
- What is the theme of the book? What lesson did the characters learn?
- Write a summary of the story using *Somebody, Wanted, But, So, Then...*
- What was your favorite part and why?
- Did you like the ending? If not, how would you change it?



Math at Home

Addition & Subtraction Strategies

Video Support for Parents and Students

- Place Value Addition without Regrouping (three digit numbers) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7HZ51hftlqc&list=PLNDkuWRw1gGRpuFSgmHjf07KamFjq8Gz&feature=share&index=61>
- Place Value Addition with Regrouping (two digit numbers) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oH947N1GlsG&feature=youtu.be>
- Place Value Addition with Regrouping (three digit numbers) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HoCzRjpQtZQ&feature=youtu.be>
- Addition on the Number Line <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7HZ51hftlqc&list=PLNDkuWRw1gGRpuFSgmHjf07KamFjq8Gz&feature=share&index=61>
- Subtraction without Ungrouping <http://youtu.be/oH947N1GlsG>
- Subtraction with Ungrouping <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HoCzRjpQtZQ&feature=youtu.be>
- Expanded Form Subtraction <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Zwwfb1m1tI&feature=youtu.be>
- Subtraction on a Number Line <https://learnzillion.com/lessons/1583-solve-subtraction-problems-using-a-number-line>
- Addition Using Partial Sums <https://learnzillion.com/lessons/1584-solve-addition-problems-using-the-partial-sums-method>

Video support can be found at: <https://learnzillion.com/>

When you have a moment, try some of these activities with your child to improve his or her math skills.

Artist in Residence Program

During the week of December 15th, locally renowned artist **Leni Newell** will be joining our 5th grade students to work on some beautiful, take-home batik projects. This is a unique PTA sponsored Cultural Arts event that occurs yearly and is a favorite among students. Volunteers will be needed to assist Ms. Newell while she is here and it's a great way to both support our students and learn a beautiful new form of art! The projects created last year were simply stunning. An example can be found in the front office. If you can volunteer an hour of time to help, the link is provided below. We hope you can join us!

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



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