



The Leopard Link

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President's Perspective:

Ah November! Cool days, cooler nights, and the beginning of a flurry of activity! If you are like me, you are fresh off raiding your child's Halloween candy and gearing up for the Holiday Season. Even while finishing up our costume shopping, I was already finding lots of Christmas and holiday decorations prominently displayed in stores.



Is the thought of the pending crush of holiday shopping, cooking, parties and other activities starting to get to you already? Maybe you are looking for some new strategies in getting through this stressful time of year? If so, please join us on **November 19** for our next PTA meeting. As a part of our meeting, we will host guest speaker discussing stress management. There will be lots of helpful information and **DOOR PRIZES**. We will need an idea of the number of attendees so please look for the response form in your child's Tuesday folder.

We have our **Family Day Out** next Wednesday, November 11, at Six Forks Cinema. If you are looking for something to do on this day off from school, please come and see a movie. A portion of all tickets sold will be donated to Lead Mine.

Friday, November 13th, brings lots of fun to Lead Mine, including our **Hat Day Spirit Day** and our **Fall Festival**. This evening festival offers lots of fun for students, as well as many ways to volunteer outside of normal school hours. There are many ways to help from donating a batch of cookies, helping with set-up or clean-up or even working a game booth. If you can help, please talk to your student's Class Parent, or contact me directly. We will definitely appreciate any contribution you can provide to make this a fun and yummy evening! You will find a dinner and game ticket order form in your student's Tuesday folder.

It's not too late to donate to our **No-Fuss Fundraiser**. We are still working on achieving our goal for the year. Our fundraising provides dollars that go directly to providing programs that touch each and every child at Lead Mine so please consider donating if you haven't done so already.

Thank you for being a part of Team Lead Mine!

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November



- 11/03 Reflections
- Entrees Due
- 11/07 Magnet Fair– South East Raleigh HS. 10-1pm
- 11/11 Veteran's Day
- Movie Day at Six Forks Cinema
- 11/13 Hat Day
- Fall Festival
- 11/19 PTA Board Meeting
- ALL Welcome!

Special Presentation: Stress Management



Respect S.P.O.T.S
Week of 10-26-09

Kindergarten:

Emma Carpenter,
Nikyla King

First Grade:

Sarabeth Peachey,
Parker Shoun

Second Grade:

Brian Cromartie

Third Grade:

Katie Davidson

Fifth Grade:

Knowledge Dowd,
Krissia Cabrero-Gonzalez



News from the ID Severe Classrooms

Tuesday October 27th, intellectually disabled children from all over Wake County gathered in the community center at Millbrook Exchange Park for the Special Olympics soccer skills competition. The kids put their best leg forward with dribbling, kicking a ball in a goal, and kicking a ball to cones. Some kids knew what they were supposed to do, most kids didn't. It didn't matter. The kids from Lead Mine got a lot of help from their classroom staff. In groups of 2 or 3, the kids competed against one another, so they all won a ribbon and got to stand on the podium. It was great to see so many intellectually disabled children together. They were the norm, and because of that, they were all normal for a day. The Lead Mine kids and staff had a great time. In the pictures you can see Oz and A.J. on the podium, and Oz kicking the ball with help from Debra.

By: Carla Laffra.



FUNDRAISING

It's not too late! If you haven't yet had a chance to send in your No-Fuss Fundraiser, please take a minute to send it in. Remember, for a \$20 donation, you will receive a Lead Mine water bottle. Donations may be sent to the attention of Karen Melling or Amy Young.

Thank you for helping the PTA to continue to provide educational support and fun activities to ALL Lead Mine students!!!!

By: Amanda Cross

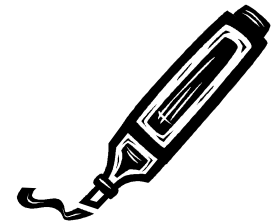


Lost and Found Suggestion:

Winter is fast approaching. **Please place your child's name inside their jacket or sweat-shirt** so that if the items get misplaced, the item can find their way back to your child.

Thanks!

By: Fran Ranieri



Donations of Old Sheets Needed for Fall Festival

Has your child has every visited the M*A*S*H Tent at the Fall Festival/Carnival and come away with a "wound"? The bandages used are cut up sheets! If you have old white or solid light color sheet and would like to donate them to this very worthy cause, please contact Ginger Robbins hal-syd@yahoo.com 676-2823. Please label sheets "for PTA" and drop off in the front office PTA box. Thank you for helping make the Fall Festival a fun time for our kids!

By: Ginger Robbins



Reflections Due Date is Today!!

If your student hasn't had a chance to put on the last finishing touches, don't worry. Bring your student's entries in tomorrow morning. We'll still accept last minute entries on **Wednesday only**. Any questions? Please don't hesitate to contact me at 325-2563, 622-8832 or lanette@nc.rr.com.

Thank you!

By: Lanette DeRose