

Mrs. Chapman's Weekly Newsletter  
September 11, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Are you smarter than a fifth grader? I am sure you can respond in the affirmative; however, I must share the most wonderful moment of my life regarding the topic of fifth grade. Recently while visiting the children, one adorable little boy in kindergarten looked up at me and asked, "Are you in the fifth grade?" Needless to say, someone of my age just jumped for joy. Now, anytime something happens that is not so positive, I just visit my friend in kindergarten and feel like a brand new person. Out of the mouths of babes...

Your children are working hard learning about potential and kinetic energy, writing personal narratives, and adding dots to arrive at sums. It is so refreshing to see students love to learn in ways that are fun and meaningful.

Recently I asked the teachers for names of students who would be responsible, innovative and motivated to work with me as a Principal Pal. Congratulations to all the children chosen. These students will act as ambassadors to our school as well as work on a community project under my leadership. Our first meeting will be September 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:15PM. It will take the format of a town meeting divided into two groups. One group will include K-2 and the other group will include grades 3 – 5. Our community project will be to adopt a nursing home. Bringing students together with the elderly is so important in developing all of our character traits. We will make books on tape, write poems, write letters, and give mini presentations to them by having them come to us or us going to them. As a culminating activity, we will bring our own grandparents to school for a "Grandparent Tea." We will have lots of work to do and will have many ideas from which to choose. I will be sending home a permission letter if your child is one of the Principal's Pals.

This Wednesday during PLC's most grade levels worked on dividing their students into the proper group for team time. Strategies were discussed to help students in need. Extension activities were shared to ensure that students are being challenged. There was some need to tweak several activities after the PLT learned that it was not working for their students. Staff was given a binder that contained the universal screenings and examples of strategies they could use to help the students. Many of these strategies were aligned with the students' needs.

**PTA News:**

**PTA Communication Survey**

The LRES PTA wants to hear from you! Please take a few minutes to complete this communication survey ( <http://tiny.cc/NSjif> ). All responses received by Fri., Sept. 18, will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Milton's Pizza gift card! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Maria Mauriello at markrijorob@nc.rr.com. Thank you for your time and assistance in improving communication at LRES!

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**Out to Eat Night, Sept. 17 at Chick-fil-A**

LRES's PTA invites you to our second Out-To-Eat Night on Thurs., Sept. 17, at Chick-fil-A. The class with the highest percentage of participation will win a chicken nugget tray. One lucky student from a non-winning class will be drawn from a raffle, and will get to eat lunch with a staff member of their choice. There will also be a spinning wheel where everyone is a winner for just a \$1.00. 100% of spinning wheel profits go to LRES.

**Thank you, CitiPass volunteers**

The PTA thanks ALL the volunteers who made this year's Citipass fundraiser possible. We couldn't have done it without your help!

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**School board candidates' forum**

Candidates vying for the four open seats on Wake County 's Board of Education will participate in a forum on Wed., Sept. 16, at 7:00 p.m. The forum will take place at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church , 2723 Clark Avenue in Raleigh . Candidates will respond to a series of questions from a moderator, and written questions from the audience will be addressed, time permitting. Do not miss this opportunity to learn where the candidates stand on important issues facing our school district. And remember to vote on Tues., Oct. 6!

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**District 7 debate**

The candidates for District 7's Board of Education seat -- Deborah Prickett ( [www.deborahprickett.com](http://www.deborahprickett.com) ) and Karen Simon ( [www.karendsimon.com](http://www.karendsimon.com) ) -- will participate in a debate on Tues., Sept. 22, at 8:00 a.m. at the Morrisville Chamber of Commerce, 260 Town Hall Drive , in Morrisville. Wake Education Partnership is sponsoring the debate, along with local Chambers of Commerce. Further information may be obtained by contacting Tim Simmons, VP of Communications at Wake Education Partnership, at 821.7609 or [tsimmons@wakeedpartnership.org](mailto:tsimmons@wakeedpartnership.org) .

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**TV Turnoff Week**

The LRES PTA will be sponsoring several events during the national observance of TV Turnoff Week, from Sun., Sept. 20, through Sat., Sept. 26. Families are encouraged to turn off the television and enjoy alternative activities together during the week. In addition, the PTA will host the immensely popular **Story Fest Night** on **Wed., Sept. 23** , from 7 until 8:15 p.m. Then, on **Fri., Sept. 25** , we'll celebrate **Favorite Character Day** when students can come to school dressed as their favorite character from a book. So, please plan to turn off the TV Sept. 20-26, and join us for these fun, family-centered events.

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**Kids Voting**

Students at LRES will be participating in Kids Voting on Election Day: Tues., Oct. 6. The precinct will be open from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m., and from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m. Parents are encouraged to vote and bring their children to the precinct with them. This is a great opportunity to model social responsibility by participating in the election process. For further information about Kids Voting, please contact Rhonda Curtright, [rkcurty@yahoo.com](mailto:rkcurty@yahoo.com) .

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**Lunch Room volunteers needed**

Thank you for your response to the Lunch Duty volunteer request! There are still shifts available; ideally, we'd like to have two people from different tracks for each shift. Volunteers will supplement the staff on lunch duty. We'd like to have people commit to covering a shift one day per week while you're tracked in.

The shifts are as follows:

- 10:45 – 11:30 First Grade Serving Line
- 11:15 – 12:00 First Grade Clean Up
- 11:45 – 12:30 Second Grade Serving Line
- 12:15 – 1:00 Second Grade Clean Up
- 12:15 – 1:00 Kindergarten Serving Line
- 12:45 – 1:30 Kindergarten Clean Up

If you can help, please contact Sonia Mehta at [smehta002@nc.rr.com](mailto:smehta002@nc.rr.com) with your **name, track, shift preference, and day of week** . If you can't commit to every week but want to help, please contact Sonia, because we can use people every other week, or on a sub list, etc. Note: all lunch volunteers need to be registered in the WCPSS Volunteer Database as a "cafeteria, hall, or grounds volunteer." The school staff and the PTA appreciate your help!

**Cubs Closet: Sneakers**

The Cubs Closet provides donated items (clothing, school supplies, etc.) to LRES students who need them. At this time, our greatest need is for larger-size sneakers. Donations can be placed in the donation box beside the PTA table near the Media Center. If you have any questions, contact Julie Bowyer at [thebowyers@earthlink.net](mailto:thebowyers@earthlink.net) .We appreciate all of the help to stock the Cubs Closet! You're making a difference!

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**Thanks to Harris Teeter**

The PTA would like to thank Harris Teeter on Leesville Road and its manager, James Johnson, for donating \$60 worth of gift certificates to LRES to purchase freeze pops. The frozen treats will be consumed during Dance-a-thon on Fri., Oct. 16 (Tracks 1 & 3), and Fri., Oct. 30 (Tracks 2 & 4).

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**Supply Drive for Specials, Special Ed**

The PTA is sponsoring a supply drive for Special Education and Specials (Music, Art, etc.) teachers from Mon., Sept. 21, through Fri., Sept. 25. If you are able to donate boxes of tissues, hand sanitizer and/or sanitary wipes, please drop them off in the donation box outside the Media Center during the week of Sept. 21. Thank you for your generosity.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Cecelia Chapman, Principal