

Mrs. Chapman's Weekly Newsletter
September 18, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope your week was as productive as ours. We are busy learning and teaching. In Spanish, the kindergarten students are identifying different animals and learning how to say the names of those animals in Spanish. They sang a cute song about a cat that ate potato chips in English as well as in Spanish. In third grade Spanish, the students learned to name the different school supplies and use them correctly in sentences. A quick assessment was given after the lesson and the students did exceedingly well.

Our Leesville Family is growing. Please join us with a hearty Pride welcome to Mrs. Katie Wright, 3 – 5 additional teacher; Mrs. Lori Guettler, 2nd grade additional teacher; Mrs. Sharon Pyper, K-2 additional teacher and Mrs. Debbie Haskins, additional instructional teaching assistant in Kindergarten. With our classes being large, these wonderful professionals are serving as extra resources for the classroom teachers. This allows for all children to be taught according to their needs.

Our PLC's for this week worked hard in their continuation of developing common assessments for a variety of objectives to be taught at team time. I was with the first grade PLC and was so impressed with the many research – based strategies they are implementing to ensure that their students' needs are met. It is wonderful to see a group of teachers share ideas to help each other and to gather input on what might work well for some students at risk. Commitment and passion was evident throughout this PLC meeting. I am proud of our staff and hope that you share this same feeling.

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 midnight on 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!

District 7 debate:

The candidates for District 7's Board of Education seat -- Deborah Prickett (www.deborahprickett.com) and Karen Simon (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 .

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. Come dressed in your PJs, ready to listen to teachers and staff read their favorite bedtime stories. 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.

LRES Chess Club:

Thanks to a tremendous response this year, the Chess Club is full and no longer accepting new members. This year's Club is large enough to split the group by Tracks. Current members on Tracks 1 and 3 will meet on Fri., Sept. 25; Oct. 9; and Dec. 11, from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Ms. Annette Green will be supervising Tracks 1 and 3. Current members on Tracks 2 and 4 will meet on Fri., Sept. 18; Nov. 20, and Dec. 4, from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Tracks 2 and 4 will be supervised by Ms. Astrid Flores. We hope this new structure can better benefit our students. If you have any questions or would like to submit any information to the club, please contact Astrid Flores, (919) 341-0971 or afloresda@gmail.com.

CORRECTION: The Anti-bullying program sponsored by the PTA's Cultural Arts Committee, "The Lady of Bullyburg" by Bright Star Children's Theatre, will take place on Thurs., Oct. 1, only . Not Fri., Oct. 2. Performances will occur at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose room.

Logo Sales and Fall Logo Order:

Track 4 Fall Logo Order forms were sent home on Friday, Sept. 11. Please turn these forms in to your teacher, along with your payment, before track-out if you would like to place an order. Order forms for Tracks 1, 2 and 3 will be sent home no later than Oct. 2 and are due back by Oct. 16. Questions about orders can be sent to Lisa England at lengland@nc.rr.com . Spirit Night is Friday, Oct. 2! Buy your LRES shirts after school on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 1 and 2, and again in the cafeteria during the pep rally.

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, rkcerty@yahoo.com.

International Walk to School Day: Wed., Oct. 7

Join children and adults around the world in celebrating International Walk to School Day, Wed., Oct. 7. Walking or biking to school is a great way to be a part of a global event and to promote health, identify safer routes for walking, and to improve air quality. The LRES community will celebrate International Walk to School Day for the first time on Wed., Oct. 7. Further information to be announced. In the meantime if you are interested in organizing a neighborhood group to walk together or in helping to plan LRES's participation this year, please contact Marguerite LeBlanc at mal99@mindspring.com.

Name the mascot

LRES has a new mascot -- a lion -- but it's a mascot without a name! Please encourage your children to submit their ideas for a name for LRES's new mascot. Suggested names can be dropped in the ballot box outside the Media Center by Fri., Oct . 9. The top three choices will be put to a school-wide vote on Fri., Oct. 16 (Tracks 1, 2 & 3), and Mon., Oct. 19 (Track 4). Thanks for your help in naming the LRES mascot!

I wish each of you tons of fun as you spend time with your families this weekend.

Cecelia Chapman, Principal