

Mrs. Chapman's Weekly Newsletter  
October 9, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well, the flu bug has bitten! Our absences were higher this week with many children getting sick in school. We are doing all that is expected by sanitizing; however, sometimes the small children often forget to cover their sneezes. We continue to wash our hands, cover our mouths and use alcohol-free sanitizers. If your child does become ill, please do not send him/her back to school until they have been fever free for 24 hours or more. I understand that the relapses are even worse.

Our PLT's continue to work hard. Agendas are shared with the school through email as well as minutes. Third grade PLT is monitored by our half time Assistant Principal, Tracie Sauers. She reports that the team shared best practices to help several students who are struggling in different subject areas. They are starting to give in to their frustrations. The strategies that were shared were of high quality and will be used as interventions. If these interventions do not work, it is time to refer the child to SST. Through our PLT's we are able to identify students in need within a quicker time frame. This is important because the sooner strategies are used, the better success for the child before he/she gets too far behind.

The cafeteria is experiencing more students who are forgetting their lunch money. Our PTA tried a lunch fund; however, it was depleted very quickly. Students who forget their lunch money are allowed vegetables, fruits and water from the fountain. To help to avoid these times, our cafeteria staff places a sticker on your child as a reminder to bring their lunch money. Please help your child remember.

Our staff enjoyed a painting party Wednesday evening. Our school is becoming brighter, more child-friendly and welcoming with the bright colors of blue, green and yellow. The front lobby will be painted with children's books outlining a line or two from each. This will accent the safari scene nicely. We are hoping to have the safari scene completed as well since it has been 3 years in the making. It is true that teachers are what make the schools effective; however, if the learning environment is inviting and safe we are ensured that our children at Leesville are getting the best education possible. Thank you, Teri Exel, Rhonda Curtright and Tricia Seymour for spear heading this beautification project for our school.

Our Counseling Program will be recognizing **Red Ribbon Week** in October. We will celebrate this for two weeks so that all tracks will have the opportunity to participate. Red Ribbon Week serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention. It provides an education that develops into a personal commitment to live drug free lives. The ultimate goal is a drug-free America. Our theme this year is: "Leesville Students will be PAWS-ITIVELY Drug Free." **The dates for Track 3 are October 12-16 and Tracks 1, 2, and 4 are October 19-23.** We will celebrate each day a different way!

The activities will be as followed:

**Monday:** Students will wear **red** PAWS. (PAWS will be provided)

**Tuesday:** Students will "sock it to drugs"-Wear crazy socks

**Wednesday:** "Don't let friends do drugs"-Twin Day

**Thursday:**"Turn your back on drugs"-Wear clothes backwards

**Friday:** Students will wear **red**

"**Learning at Lunch Workshops**" will begin at our school. We hope you can join us.  
Parent Workshop #1 "Light the Motivational Fire" - Explore the varying degrees of structure in the motivational process, with the goal of creating independent learners.

When: October 20, 2009 at 12:00-1:00 pm  
Where: Media Center  
Speaker: Representative from Sylvan Learning Center

#### **PTA News:**

#### **Out-to-Eat Night, Mon., Oct. 12**

Join us for Out-To-Eat Night on Mon., Oct. 12, at Milton's Pizza at Six Forks Road, from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. The class with the highest percentage of participation will win a pizza party and 2nd place will win a popsicle party. One lucky student from a non-winning class will be drawn and will be able to eat lunch with a staff member of their choice.

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#### **The rhythm is gonna get you!**

Dance Fest will take place during school hours in the afternoons of Fri., Oct. 16 (Tracks 1 & 3), and Fri., Oct. 30 (Tracks 2 & 4). By now the schedule has been set, so be on the lookout for info from your child's teacher and/or room parent informing you of when your child's class will be dancing so you can come join in the fun. Packets are due back today (Friday, October 9th) for Tracks 1 and 3, so please return them as soon as possible if you still have them. Packets will be coming home Mon., Oct. 19 for Tracks 2 and 4. Be sure to fill out as many forms as you can and return them to school, as the classes with the highest percentage of forms returned will earn a Pizza Party! Forms for Tracks 2 and 4 are due Fri., Oct. 23. Extra forms are online at <http://www.lrespridepta.org/blog1/fundraising/dance-fest/>.

Help is needed for this labor-intensive event! We have two Fold N Mail sessions running at North Regional Public Library, 7009 Harps Mill Road (near Ravenscroft): Sun., Oct. 11, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and Sat. Oct. 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For each event on the 16th and on the 30th, we need volunteers as follows for five shifts:

11- 12:30 Set Up  
12:30 - 1:30 Runners, Popsicle/Water duty  
1:30 - 2:30 Runners, Popsicle/Water duty  
2:30 - 3:30 Runners, Popsicle/Water duty  
3:30 - 4:15 Clean Up

Additionally, we will need help counting donations. Please email [lisakrise@hotmail.com](mailto:lisakrise@hotmail.com) if you are able to help in anyway, or if you have any questions about Dance Fest.

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#### **Reflections 2009-10 Theme: "Beauty is . . ."**

Reflections is a PTA program that encourages artistic expression. It gives children the chance to submit entries in areas including literature, dance choreography, visual arts, film production and photography for fun and recognition. Participation is voluntary. There will be an information session for parents on **Tues., Oct. 13**, at 6:30 p.m. in the LRES Media Center. If you have questions about Reflections, please contact Kelly Starling Lyons at [kelstar71@aol.com](mailto:kelstar71@aol.com) or Rhonda Curtright at 919-696-3360. You can pick up copies of the Reflections entry form and category checklists in the LRES main office. Please turn in Reflections entries to the office staff. The deadline for submissions has been extended to **Mon., Oct. 26**. All entries must be received at LRES by that date to be eligible.

Have a wonderful weekend –  
Cecelia Chapman, Principal