

Mrs. Chapman's Weekly Newsletter
October 16, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Students learn in many different ways. Are you aware that our fifth grade staff utilizes wireless keyboards, wireless "mice", laptops, digital projectors, scanners, speakers, and Interwrite Pads?. Through the use of this technology, learning becomes more interactive. Students are engaged in ways that will permit them to become better problem solvers, team players, and critical thinkers. All of this technology helps to prepare our children for their future. We are a very fortunate school to have availability to these instructional tools.

Our Wednesday PLT's were working on aligning their common assessments with their SMART goals. Vertical PLT's were formed to share best practices between different grade levels. 4th and 5th grade staff members shared technological resources, such as those listed above. Lessons were developed aligned with the Standard Course of Study. Pros and cons were also shared to keep it real. Inspirational stories were also shared about the differences these tools make with students. It was highly productive.

Please remember that Wednesday, October 21st is an Early Release Day. Dismissal is 1:15pm.

Mr. Dixon, one of our custodial staff members, is being honored by the Board of Education for the Employee Excellence Award. We are proud of Mr. Dixon. We also congratulate Pam Currie, our ESL teacher, for receiving the Hispanic Outstanding Program Award. At Leesville, all of our staff members are winners for their commitment and dedication to ensuring that all of our students are learning and growing.

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! **If you do not want your child to participate, please send a note to your child's teacher.**

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:

Get ready to DANCE!!

L R E S P T A is proud to announce Dance Fest! Tracks 1 and 3 are dancing today, **Oct. 16** . Tracks 2 and 4 will participate in t his fundraising dance on **Fri., Oct. 30** . By now the schedule has been set (<http://www.lrespridepta.org/blog1/2009/10/12/dance-fest-schedule-tracks-1-3/>), 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 . On Dance Fest day, students will dance in our Multipurpose Room for 20 minutes to a host of age-appropriate dances led by a professional DJ. Dance Fest emphasizes physical fitness, school spirit and, of course, fun!

Tracks 1 and 3, please return your packets as soon as possible . Packets will be coming home by **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 per track will earn a Pizza Party! Forms will be due back for Tracks 2 and 4 on **Fri., Oct. 23** . Extra forms can be found on the new LRES PTA website under Dance Fest (<http://www.lrespridepta.org/blog1/fundraising/dance-fest/>) .

We can, of course, use some help with this very labor-intensive event! We have one more Fold N Mail session running at North Regional Public Library, 7009 Harps Mill Road (near Ravenscroft): **Sat., Oct. 24** , from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

For Tracks 2 and 4's event on **Fri., Oct. 30** , we need volunteers as follows for five shifts:

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

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

Needed: Gently Used Books

If you are looking to clean off your bookshelves, the **PTA is looking for some gently used books** ! Please consider donating any **elementary age-appropriate** books to LRES that you no longer use. These books will be reserved for students who are unable to purchase books at the Book Fair. Books can be dropped off in the Media Center. Thank you!

LRES Book Fair

"Fall" into reading at the Bedford Falls Book Fair! The Fair will be at our school from **Mon., Nov. 2, through Fri., Nov. 13** . Mark your calendars for the two family nights on **Thurs., Nov. 5**, and **Tues., Nov. 10**. from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. At the family nights, we plan to have activities for the kids while parents shop at the Fair. (Books make great holiday gifts!!) If you are interested in volunteering at the Fair, please contact Amy Campbell at acampbell58@nc.rr.com.

PTA website

For all the latest news from LRES's PTA, please visit our new website: <http://www.lrespridepta.org/blog1/>

Next BAC Meeting

The next Board Advisory Council (District 7) meeting will take place on **Mon., Oct. 19**, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., at Cedar Fork Elementary School. All are welcome to attend. For further information, please contact Rhonda Curtright, rkcurty@yahoo.com .

Notice to General PTA Membership: there will be a Budget Amendment Vote on November 17, 2009 6:30pm at the PTA Meeting.

I wish each of you a great family weekend.
Cecelia Chapman, Principal