

Mrs. Chapman's Weekly Newsletter
October 23, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Students and staff work hard daily. The amount of learning and teaching that each child receives is unbelievable. We have noted that many kindergarten students are reading books. As a result of this, guided reading groups occur every day in all classes. Our staff recognizes the need to teach students in small groups rather than whole groups. Each child's needs are met as instruction is tailored for them.

During our Early Release, we learned more about effective learning strategies during our book talk on **Marzano's Classroom Instruction that Works**. Krista Chern, one of our kindergarten teachers, led us through the use of reinforcing effort and providing recognition. Minda Batten, a 5th grade teacher, presented us with the importance of an effective guided reading lesson while accenting the extension piece to those students who have mastered the lesson. Lastly, our PBS team facilitated a lesson on using SWIS data to see where the behaviors occur, when the behaviors occur, and what type of behaviors occur by self – generating questions to lead to solutions. Our wonderful PBS team members are Lorrie Sardiello, Maggie Carlisi, Theresa Miller, Lisa Baker, Suzanne Averett, Cecelia Chapman, Danielle Perry, Krista Chern, and Gail Penwell. This group of ladies organized all the activities, lesson plans, and monitoring of the ROAR program. We see tremendous growth with our students making good decisions. A parent shared that her child is so excited about the program and loves to receive Cub Coupons for getting caught for doing the right thing at the right time. What a positive culture we have at Leesville!

PTA News:

Free Flu Shots

WCPSS is offering free seasonal flu shots for all K-12 students after school at various locations around the county. One of the clinics will take place at LRHS on Tues., Oct. 27, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Parental consent is required. For more information, please visit:
http://www.wcpss.net/news/2009_oct08_flu_wakegov/.

And the Beat Goes On...

Tracks 1 and 3 danced the afternoon away this past Friday, and now it's time for Tracks 2 and 4 on **Fri., Oct. 30**. Please 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!

Please be sure to return your packets as soon as possible. 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! Extra forms can be found on the new LRES PTA website:
<http://www.lrespridepta.org/blog1/fundraising/dance-fest/>.

We still have some volunteer opportunities available, including one more Fold N Mail session taking place at North Regional Public Library, 7009 Harps Mill Road (near Ravenscroft), on Sat., Oct. 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

For the Tracks 2 and 4 event on Oct. 30, 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 if you are able to help in anyway, or if you have any questions about Dance Fest.

PTA website

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

Thanks for the Specials' Supplies!

Thank you to the parents who contributed to the PTA supply drive for our specials and special education teachers. Thanks also to Dodie York for coordinating this effort and ensuring that each teacher received tissues, hand sanitizer, and antibacterial wipes. The teachers were very appreciative of the supplies.

Thanks for supporting our staff and our students!

Thanks for the Trailer Signs

Special thanks to Amy Campbell, Mrs. Thomas, and Mr. Wilson for painting new name signs and for hanging them on the trailers. Thanks, also, to the PTA for purchasing the supplies for this project. Each teacher now has a name sign to mark his/her classroom. This will make it easier for students to find their classroom when they track in.

Enjoy this beautiful weather with your family.

Cecelia Chapman, Principal