

Mrs. Chapman's Weekly Newsletter
October 30, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Can you believe this is the end of October? Each track has completed more than one quarter of this school year. In fact, you may receive interim reports to let you know that your child is not mastering all of the standards of his/her grade level at this time. If you do not receive them today, they will definitely be sent home next week. On the flip side, if your child is doing well, you will not receive an interim report.

We have a problem with people parking in the handicapped area who are not handicapped. Please follow the law because we do have students whose parents need to use those parking spaces due to their children being handicapped. Remember it is not about you or me; however, it is about all of our children. Let's make sure they remain safe and get the accommodations they deserve.

This Wednesday we experienced another vertical PLT (Professional Learning Team) with the 3rd and 4th grades meeting on how to best instruct the students in writing. Teams used this time to share the strengths of their programs and the areas that need to be tweaked. Together they came to consensus to choose the program that provides the best success for all their students. In the fifth grade PLT (Professional Learning Team) the focus was developing behavior strategies to motivate students to do their best. They also celebrated their success with their differentiated guide reading program, the new math program, Math Expressions, and the integration of Science into their reading lessons. All of our staff members are planning and designing lessons that are aligned with the North Carolina Standard Course of Study that meet the diverse needs of all of our students.

The data has been compiled, the grades are in and the 2009 North Carolina School Report Cards are now online at www.ncreportcards.org. This Web site features the state's largest collection of information about student performance and attendance, class size, school safety, teacher quality and classroom technology at the state, district and school levels. Visit the website and view our school's grades. We are proud of our accomplishments.

PTA News:

A Big Dance Fest "Thank You"!

By now all tracks have danced their hearts out! Thanks so much to the kids, volunteers, teachers, staff, and of course, donors who made this all such a fun and worthwhile event! Thanks also to Food Lion and Harris Teeter for donating gift certificates for cups and popsicles. Special recognition goes out to Jason Campbell with IKON Office Solutions who took on the task of copying the letters, and to Amy Campbell for putting together the packets, thereby making the Dance Fest Team's job much easier. Thank you all!

It's still not too late to return your packets! Please turn them into your child's teacher as soon as possible if you still have them.

Congratulations! The class winners for the most amounts of letters returned per track are:

Track 1 Chern
Track 2 Thorb
Track 3 Moody
Track 4 Velasquez

Pumpkin Shoot: Sat., Oct. 31

Carolina Outdoor Sportsman will host its fourth annual Kids Archery Pumpkin Shoot on **Sat., Oct. 31**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., at 9650 Strickland Road (unit 149) in the Harvest Oaks Plaza. Kids ages five to 14 are eligible to participate. The cost is \$5 for six arrows. LRES will receive half of all pumpkin shoot sales purchased by LRES families. Special prizes will be awarded to the top scorers in each division, and EVERYONE who participates will receive a goody bag of treats. For further information, please call 919-676-6799.

Book Fair Update

Book donations are still needed for the upcoming Book Fair. 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 that you no longer use to LRES. 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!!

The Book Fair will be at LRES from Mon., Nov. 2, to 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. The YMCA afterschool staff will be providing fun activities for the kids from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on both nights -- free of charge. Kids can play while parents can shop!

Come out and play Bingo for Books! **LRES Bingo Night** will take place in the cafeteria on **Thurs., Nov. 10, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** Prizes will include gift certificates to the Book Fair and other items!

Also during the Family Night on Thurs., Nov. 10, "**Meet the Author!**" LRES's own **Kelly Starling Lyons**, author of *One Million Men and Me*, will be reading and signing books at 6:00 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Book Fair, please contact Amy Campbell at acampbell58@nc.rr.com.

Magnet Schools Fair Sat., Nov. 7

The Wake County Schools' annual Magnet Schools Fair will take place on Sat., Nov. 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Southeast Raleigh High School. Please visit the PTA website for further details: <http://www.lrespridepta.org/blog1/2009/10/26/magnet-schools-fair-sat-nov-7/>.

Wake PAGE's Super Saturday: Nov. 7

Wake PAGE (Partners for the Advancement of Gifted Education) will host its fall Super Saturday event on Sat., Nov. 7, at NC State. There are two sessions: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Please visit the PTA website for further details: <http://www.lrespridepta.org/blog1/2009/10/16/wake-pages-super-saturday-nov-7/>.

PTA website

Reminder: For all the latest news and events sponsored by your PTA, please visit our website: <http://www.lrespridepta.org/blog1/>.

Trick or treat! Enjoy your children.

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