

Mrs. Chapman's Newsletter
July 17, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

After the second week of school, classes are settling in nicely. Our enrollment is fluctuating a little; however, it still appears to be about 1,070.

Your children are working hard getting used to new schedules, new curriculum, and new friends. The PBS program has had a tremendous positive affect. The bullying issues we experienced toward the end of last year are gone. This is another example of positive growth when the family and school work closely together. Thank you for your support.

We do have some safety concerns. The lower parking lot where the buses arrive and depart needs to remain empty. Some students have been walking between buses. Several parents are walking with their children as buses are pulling into the parking lot. This is not a safe practice. Now that the children are in the routine of entering and exiting the building, I suggest that you park in our parking lot to the left of the school. The parking lot never gets full unless it is the first week of school or a special occasion. We do make exceptions for those times. Another great idea is to come through the carpool lane. We have 5 staff members on duty and the line moves swiftly. Let's keep everyone safe by practicing this. Thank you for your support.

We are so proud of our kindergarten students who are walking to their classrooms alone. Of course, we have Beth Obenschain, our media coordinator, monitoring to ensure that they get there without any trouble. She reports that very few of the students need reassurance as they head to the right classroom. She shares that they walk with pride, heads up and chests forward. Wow! Showing responsibility so soon in the year is wonderful. Thank you, again, for raising such independent and respectful children.

Noteworthy News:

1. Open House

LRES will host Open Houses on Tues., July 21, at 6:30 p.m. for Tracks 1, 2 and 3, and Tues., Aug. 11, at 6:30 p.m. for Track 4. **A general PTA meeting will take place immediately before the July 21st Open House from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.** Please join us to participate in this important meeting about the 2009-2010 PTA budget.

During the Open Houses, you will meet the 2009-10 PTA Board and visit your child's classroom. You can also tour Leesville's new garden to see "the fruits" of our students' hard work and learn how you can help as the garden continues to flourish.

PTA membership and LRES promotional items will be available, so bring your checkbook! Don't miss this opportunity to start the school year off right by joining the PTA and getting involved. We look forward to seeing you there! **AG Parents can meet with Mrs. Dishman in the media center from 5:30 – 6:00 for an informative meeting.**

2. Picnic

Grab a blanket or the folding chairs and join us for LRES's "Back to School" picnic on Sat., July 25, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Whether you bring your own food or purchase Schiano's pizza or Chik-Fil-A for dinner, this is a great opportunity to catch up with friends – old and new -- during an evening of fun and music.

3. CitiPass Coupon Book Fundraiser

Is your Citipass Coupon Book just about empty of coupons? Have most of your coupons expired? Well, you're in luck! The LRES PTA is officially kicking off its annual CitiPass Coupon Book Fundraiser. Watch your child's folder for an envelope with a CitiPass Coupon Book in it. Tracks 1 & 2 will receive their books on Thursday, July 30th, and Tracks 3 & 4 on Tuesday, Aug. 18th. As always, you have the opportunity to preview the book before you purchase. If you decide to keep it, just fill out the envelope and return it with your check payable to **LRES PTA**. It's that easy! Order as many as you like. They are great gifts for friends and family. Not interested? Please return the Citipass Book to your child's teacher via of your child.

4. 2009-2010 Yearbook

Are you planning to attend your child's field trips or a special classroom event? If so, please bring your camera and be sure to send us your best pictures. The Yearbook Committee is accepting pictures from parents/teachers up until November 20, 2009. You can email your pictures to rcox2@nc.rr.com PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE the event and teacher's class. Thanks for your support.

Enjoy your weekend!

Cecelia Chapman, Principal