

Mrs. Chapman's Weekly Newsletter

August 14, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back, Track 3. Track 2 will be on their vacation until September 8th. We wish you a great and fun time.

It was wonderful to see how large the turnout for the Track 4 Open House was. This just reaffirms the commitment of you, the families, wanting to work together with us as an effective learning community. We really appreciate you.

Our Early Release Day's staff development was divided into three parts. Jeff Maynard, 4th grade teacher, led the staff in the book talk using Classroom Instruction that Works by Robert Marzano; Minda Batten, 5th grade teacher, facilitated Guided Reading; and PBS updates and reflections were shared by the PBS team. They created the ROAR AWARD for classrooms to recognize each other in a positive way for being part of the LES family. All of this staff development is focused on developing strategies for increasing student achievement. With PBS, our learning climate is becoming more positive as students take ownership of their behaviors.

We have been informed that we can increase our staff by hiring 2 more teachers. Instead of realigning classes, the Leadership team voted to have 2 resource teachers to work with students at risk, AG students and students who need slight interventions. Presently, we are interviewing for 2 reading teachers who can meet these students' needs. This will help with our classes that are a bit larger and provide another resource for our staff. We will let you know when they are hired.

Noteworthy News:

1. Thank You, Lowe's Home Improvement Store!

LRES and the PTA would like to extend a special THANK YOU to Lowe's Home Improvement -- and its employees, Freddie Jones and Kara Heige -- for their help and donation of paint to LRES. Look for the paint to be put to practical use soon in LRES's main office.

2. Have you joined the PTA yet? For only \$6 per person you can choose to support LRES throughout the year. Your membership not only gives you a vote in PTA matters, but also provides support to projects that directly benefit your child's education. In addition, the first 350 parents who join the LRES PTA will receive a coupon for a free loaf of bread from Great Harvest Bread Co. (one coupon per family). Join LRES PTA and help us reach our goal of 400 members! For further information, please contact Tricia Seymour at tseymour@wcpss.net.

3. Help LRES Win \$\$

There are currently two contests underway for schools to win Bonus Box Tops and school supplies. LRES parents can help the school increase its chance to be a winner by entering each of these drawings, once per day.

Big Clip

Enter the Big Clip for a chance to win Bonus Box Tops for LRES. The grand prize is 500,000 Bonus Box Tops (a \$50,000 value!). Two first prizes will also be awarded for 250,000 Bonus Box Tops (a \$25,000 value). To enter daily, go to: www.thebigclip.com. Offer ends Oct. 31, 2009. And remember to continue clipping Bonus Box Tops from specially-marked grocery items and send them into school with your child.

Campbell's Labels for Education Bus Load of School Supplies Contest

Enter daily at <http://campbellsoup.promotionexpert.com/busloadofgear/index.html> to help LRES win \$25,000 worth of arts, athletics and academics. Offer ends Oct. 31, 2009.

4. The first Out-To-Eat Night of the new school year will take place on Thurs., Aug. 20, at Back Yard Burger and Goodberry's from 5:00-8:00. The class with the highest percentage of participation will win a mini-concrete party from Goodberry's and a hot dog party from Back Yard Burger. There will also be a drawing for students of the non-winning classes for one lucky student to win the opportunity to eat lunch with a staff member of their choice. For further information, please contact Kim Latta, kdanlatta@nc.rr.com or klatta@wcpss.net.

Sincerely,

Cecelia Chapman, Principal