

Leesville Elementary Weekly Newsletter
September 4, 2008

Dear Leesville Parent, Guardians, and Partners,

We've had a great week at Leesville Elementary School. We're very excited to report that the playground shade structure is nearing completion and again, we thank our hard working PTA for pursuing this project and securing the resources and manpower to make it happen.

As you will read more about below, we have some hard working moms and dads who are exercising their muscles to spruce up our building. Please visit and check out the new paint on the walls, the mural that continues to develop, and if you can help out with the projects listed below, please do so!

Safety

We continue to ask for your support and help when attempting to make a left hand turn from Country Trail onto School Road during arrival and dismissal. If you enter from this direction, please drive down Country Trail, make a safe U-turn, and join the carpool lane. Attempts to turn left into the carpool lane can present a safety issue during these two busy times of day. It also blocks the through traffic attempting to exit the campus. Thank you again for your understanding and your help with this matter.

TA of the Year

Please join our Leesville family as we congratulate Tricia Seymour, who was selected by her peers as the Leesville Road Year Round Elementary School Teacher Assistant of the Year! Many of you know Mrs. Seymour as a hard-working parent and volunteer with our PTA, but we also know her as a hard-working and dedicated teacher assistant here at Leesville and we are delighted to honor her in this way. Do offer her your congratulations when you see her!

PLT Updates

Our staff worked hard this week during our professional development sessions on our early release day. The staff was presented with a resource binder for assisting them with planning screenings, lessons, and interventions to use with students. Together we explored ways to dig deeper into assessments and discover more about how children learn. We examined test cases to assist each other with identifying needs, appropriate strategies to meet those needs, and progress monitoring tools to help gather information about how well interventions are working. Our time together was productive and instructive. We hope your children enjoyed a break and, if possible, that you enjoyed some extra time with them!

Have a safe and restful weekend with your family – and Here's to the Start of the Pride!

Lisa Brown, Assistant Principal

PTA NEWS:

Last Call for CitiPass

LRES PTA's CitiPass fundraiser is officially over. If you have not returned your unsold CitiPass coupon book or orders, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and support. If you have any further questions about CitiPass, please contact Pam Hixson pchixson@bellsouth.net.

School lobby: woMEN AT WORK

You may have noticed that the walls at LRES are getting a facelift, compliments of the PTA. In addition to painting the school's hallway, we'd also like to paint good, inspiring messages from children's books that, we hope, will encourage students to read.

If your family has a favorite book or two that we should consider for this purpose, please let us know. So far we have: *The Giving Tree*, *Narnia*, *How to look for a Rock*, and *The Three Questions*. We will be asking local high school and college art departments for a few students willing to put in some community service hours to add the book quotes artistically to the lobby walls. However, if you have artistic painting abilities and have some time in the evenings to help, please join us! Together we will transform our lobby into a welcoming entrance for our children as they begin their day! For further information, contact Rhonda Curtright, rkcurty@yahoo.com, Terri Exel, texel3@gmail.com or Vicki Kells, vtk@att.net.

Out to Eat Night, Sept. 17 at Chick-fil-A

LRES's PTA invites you to our second Out-To-Eat Night on Thurs., Sept. 17, at Chick-fil-A. The class with the highest percentage of participation will win a chicken nugget tray. One lucky student from a non-winning class will be drawn from a raffle, and will get to eat lunch with a staff member of their choice. There will also be a spinning wheel where everyone is a winner for just a \$1.00. 100% of spinning wheel profits go to LRES.

Lunch Room volunteers needed

Thank you for your quick response to the Lunch Duty volunteer request! Several people have signed up for a shift, and some are on the sub list. However, we still have many more slots to fill, since we'd like to have two people from different tracks for each shift.

The shifts are as follows:

10:45 – 11:30 First Grade Serving Line
11:15 – 12:00 First Grade Clean Up
11:45 – 12:30 Second Grade Serving Line
12:15 – 1:00 Second Grade Clean Up
12:15 – 1:00 Kindergarten Serving Line
12:45 – 1:30 Kindergarten Clean Up

The duties are simple. We're supplementing the staff on lunch duty, but we'd like to have volunteers commit to covering a shift one day per week while you're tracked in. If you can help in this capacity, please contact Sonia Mehta at smehta002@nc.rr.com with your **name, track, shift preference, and day of week**. If you can't commit to every week but want to help, please contact Sonia, because we can use people every other week, or on a sub list, etc.

Also, all lunch volunteers need to have clearance with WCPSS. If you haven't signed in on the Volunteer Database yet this year, please come to the school to do so, and mark "cafeteria, hall, or grounds volunteer." It only takes a few minutes, but must be done every school year.

Cubs Closet: Sneakers

The Cubs Closet provides donated items (clothing, school supplies, etc.) to LRES students who need them. At this time, our greatest need is for larger-size sneakers. If you are able to donate to the Cubs Closet, a donation box can be found beside the PTA table near the Media Center. If you have any questions, contact Julie Bowyer at thebowyers@earthlink.net. We appreciate all of the help to stock the Cubs Closet! You're making a difference!

New PTA Bookkeeper

The LRES PTA board welcomes Marguerite LeBlanc as its new bookkeeper. Marguerite is an active volunteer at LRES and served on the board as the Track 2 Vice President last year.

PTA Communication Survey

LRES PTA needs your input about communication and how it can be improved at LRES. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey (http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=CqVFCnUo3O_2fVhcl16VIC2Q_3d_3d) by Fri., Sept. 18. All completed surveys will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Milton's Pizza gift card! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Maria Mauriello at markrijorob@nc.rr.com. Thank you for your time and assistance in improving communication at LRES!