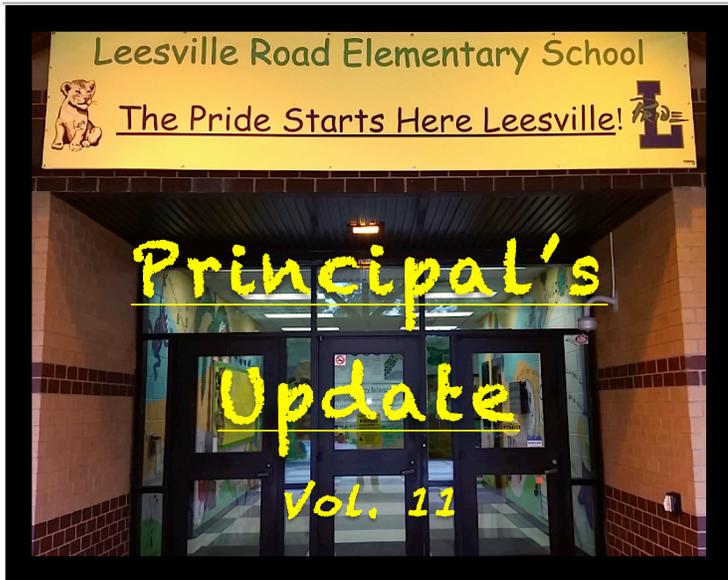


November 8, 2015



A Promise is a Promise

The deal was extended at the very beginning of the Building a Stronger Pride Giving Campaign. If we reached the \$10,000 mark, we would earn a school-wide pajama day... check! If we reached the \$20,000 mark, all students would earn a Leesville Pride Cinch-Sack and a flexible Frisbee.

The stakes got higher if we reached the \$35,000 mark. For this accomplishment, the entire student body as well as the whole faculty and staff would have the chance to knock me, Principal Cohen, into a dunking booth. While I know that this was all in good fun for the students, for the faculty and staff, an incentive like this made the successful fundraising efforts more a priority mission than a basic call for contributions. Needless to say, we were successful with almost \$40,000 raised to support the Library renovations and other PTA programs.

We were happy to keep Friday as a huge success as the whole school community was able to enjoy a festive atmosphere and a sense of well-earned accomplishment.

Dates to Remember... at a glance

- November 2 to 13: Leesville Elementary Canned Food Drive War
- Wed., November 11: Veterans Day - No School for Staff/Students
- Thurs., November 12: ESL Parent Academy
- November 16 to 20: Turn Technology Off Week
- Thurs., November 19: Bookworm PJ Party Story time
- November 25 to 27: Thanksgiving Vacation
- Mon., November 30: Return to School ☺

Read on for details on some of the wonderful events listed above.

A Great New Partnership

Leesville Elementary School is also excited to announce a great new partnership forged through the Giving Campaign Incentives. In addition to the dunking booth opportunity, every member of the school community was able to enjoy a delicious slice of generously and entirely donated pizza, compliments of Marcos Pizza, located in the Leesville Rd. Food Lion Shopping Center.



All of the students and staff kept a great attitude whether they were able to dunk Mr. Cohen or just support their friends who hit the mark.



Even through the long lines and wait time, spirits were high as students took aim at their Principal. 900 students and 85 staff... how many times do you think Mr. Cohen took the plunge?

We all need to show our gratitude with a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the members of the PTA, who organized and facilitated the *Building a Stronger Pride Giving Campaign*, and also to those volunteers, who helped to keep the line moving and the balls flying.

Using Momentum for Another Great Academy

You are invited to Parent Academy!

Please join us on

November 12th from 6:30-8:00pm

for a presentation on:

Parent Advocacy and Involvement in Your Child's Education

There is so much that is involved in each child's success in school, but few things are more crucial and instrumental as the proper involvement and advocacy. Our second Parent Academy will provide advice and guidance on how to partner with the school so that your child may be successful and achieve to their best ability.

We had wonderful attendance and meaningful feedback from the previous Parent Academy, so we really hope that you will join us for this one as well. Be on the lookout for further details.

Leesville Teachers Learn from the Best

Successful Teachers must also be Life-Long Learners is not just rhetoric at Leesville Elementary School. In fact, this past week, the faculty and staff at LES were fortunate to have a guest lecturer; Dr. Valerie Faulkner, NCSU School of Education Professor and Nationally Renowned Architect of Common Core Math Curriculum, spoke to us about the most current practices in building Mathleticism among our students in Kindergarten through 5th Grade.

As our teachers were so engaged and participative in the presentation, Dr. Faulkner has extended the generous offer to come to school almost monthly to help us to develop our math instruction,, this will be a tremendous boost to what we are able to provide to our students so that they may also see themselves as mathematically inclined and talented.

The hour-long presentation flew by as the teachers absorbed every valuable word from Dr. Faulkner.



A Very Close Contest

The Food Drive War is halfway through its term this year and off to an amazing start. At the start of the day this past Friday, it looked as if Kindergarten was on top with all other bins already overflowing. However, by the end of the day, the war once again became anyone's contest to win as all grade level bins were completely filled and equally above the top rim.

In addition to having to empty all of the bins for an equal start to the final week of the war, We are pleased to report that at this time, our amazing Leesville Elementary School community has generously contributed more than 180 gallons of canned and non-perishable foods. These donations will effectively feed many families within the LES community. *One more week to go Leesville... who will win the 2015-16 Food Drive War?*



The Food War Bins sit emptied, and ready for week #2

Just a Little Reminder... November 19 @ 5:30

	Coming Soon!	<p>Bookworm Pajama Party</p> <p>~ Wear your PJs and enjoy an evening for the whole family ~</p> <p><i>more information to come!</i></p>	<p>sponsored by the LES PTA</p>
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Don't forget that Thursday, November 19th at 5:30 pm is the Bookworm Pajama Party. This event promises meaningful information for the parents, story read aloud opportunities for the Kindergarten to 2nd grade students, and old fashioned board gaming for the 3rd through 5th graders. There is literally something for everyone!

Amazing Craftsmanship



Leesville Elementary School continues to be the very fortunate benefactors of our former students, who, as young men, are fulfilling

their obligations to earn their stripes as Eagle Scouts. These new benches, which show similar artistry to the beautiful planter boxes at the front of the school, are the most recent contribution to LES from these talented and conscientious craftsmen.