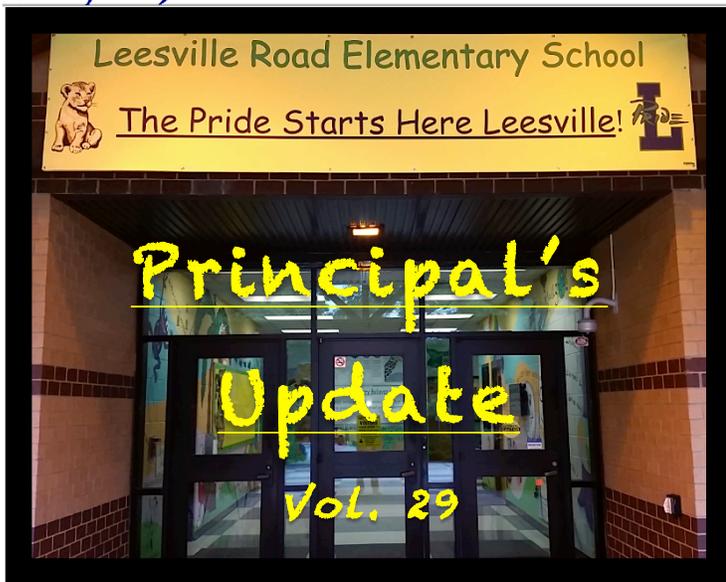


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## WE NEED YOU!

### A Call for Volunteers for EOG Proctors



We need volunteers for our End - Of - Grade testing! With parent volunteers as proctors, we are able to leave our Instructional Assistants in the K-2 classrooms, thereby not interrupting the school day for our K-2 students. Willing volunteers should contact Mary Millan ([mmillan@wcpss.net](mailto:mmillan@wcpss.net) or 919-870-4199) with the following information:

**EOG date/dates you're sure you can volunteer, EOG training day/time you're prefer, Email for contact purposes**

#### EOG Dates

May 26, 9:15-1:00,  
May 27, 9:15-1:00,  
June 1, 9:15-1:00,  
June 2, 9:15-1:00,  
June 6, 9:15-1:00

#### Parent Trainings - choose one

Days: May 16, 18, or 20  
Times: 8:00am, 12:00pm, or 4:00pm

### Dates to Remember... at a glance

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| Monday, May 16    | Leesville Elementary School Field Day              |
| Wednesday, May 18 | Leesville Elementary Volunteer Thank You Tea       |
| Thursday, May 19  | WCPSS Night of Star Volunteers Celebration         |
| May 19 - May 20   | Leesville Elementary Presentation, Aristocats      |
| May 26 - May 27   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade EOG Reading and Math Testing |
| Monday, May 30    | Memorial Day... No school for Students or Staff    |

### Coming Soon... the Leesville Elementary School Class of 2022



One of my favorite events every year is the Rising Kindergarten Orientation night. This is when we invite our new Kindergarteners and their families to learn a bit about Kindergarten and what it means to

become members of this wonderful and close-knit community.

There are a few things that make this event so enjoyable for me. The first is because of the atmosphere that this evening promotes. While our parents and soon to be youngest group of Cubs feel a certain nervousness, it is a hopeful anxiety, and one that is optimistically open to becoming a part of this amazing and selfless support network of parents, educators and students.

Another aspect that I thoroughly enjoy is watching the postures, and specifically the shoulders, of our new Leesville Elementary parents (and to a degree our repeating/returning parents as well). Again, there is a certain nervousness at the beginning of the event, but as the session continues and the parents become reassured that we are actually pretty good at this whole school thing, we see the shoulders drop a bit and an expression of relaxed confidence come over their faces. We get to watch as our soon to be Kindergarten parents begin to recognize themselves as soon to be Leesville Elementary School parents.

Finally, the greatest enjoyment comes from watching the children, who will become our Leesville Class 2022 (the year they will complete 5<sup>th</sup> Grade), get excited as they meet and spend time with their future classmates and loving Kindergarten Teachers.



### WCPSS Student Spotlight Shines on One of Leesville's Finest



Every year, WCPSS gives every school in the district an

opportunity to recognize and celebrate one student. These students are brought before an audience of the districts top leadership and the Wake County School Board as they are presented with a beautiful plaque and certificate directly from our own Superintendent, Dr. James Merrill, accompanied by a round of applause in a standing room only board room, filled with an audience whose sole reason for being there is to celebrate these amazing and distinguished Wake County students.



Congratulations to this year's Leesville Elementary School Spotlight Student, Mikiya Hedgepeth... a wonderful affirmation that The Pride Starts Here Leesville!

### Celebrating with the Best of the Best

One could walk down the halls of Leesville Elementary School on any given day and at any given time and come across any number of the best educators in all of Wake County Schools, and I would dare say, North Carolina. So when one of these very special and dedicated educators is identified by her peers within the school as worthy of the title, Leesville Elementary School Teacher of the Year, you can imagine the significant recognition this symbolizes.

It was a sincere honor for Ms. Lay and me to attend the Wake County School District Teacher of the Year celebration banquet with our own Teacher of the Year, the very worthy Beth Childress. On a daily basis, Beth demonstrates commitment, love, and sincere passion for her students that melt the hearts of the most hardened and impress even the most doubting skeptics.



### Nobody Parties Like the Start of the Pride!

Well Ladies and Gentlemen, I think it is safe to say that our Leesville Elementary School Library Reveal and End of the Year Picnic was a tremendous success and an event for the books. The spirits were sky high, the weather was perfect, the food was delicious, the music was rockin', and the company, well the company just doesn't get any better than our Leesville Elementary Pride. Thank you to all of the members of the PTA and Leesville Faculty who worked so hard to make this evening such a HUGE triumph.



If you were not able to make it out to the unveiling of our Library and the new furniture, I hope that you will find some time to take a peak before the summer. Also, thank you to all of you, who made contributions to the Giving Campaign last fall that led to such colorful and exciting fixtures to enhance the appeal of our school's centerpiece.