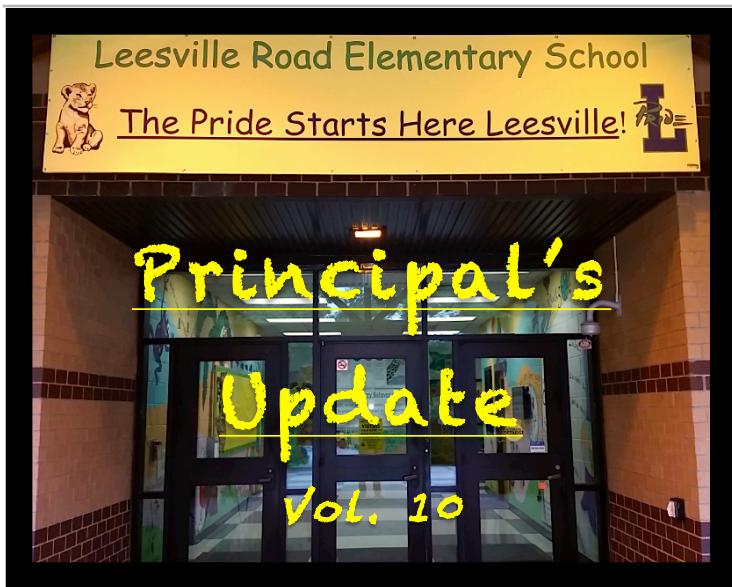


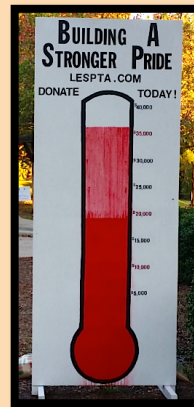
November 1, 2015



Absolutely Amazing!!!

I am truly floored by the generosity shown throughout the school community. Our Leesville Elementary School PTA sponsored Building a Stronger Pride Giving Campaign successfully raised over \$35,000, which means that they will be able to continue their support of so many worthwhile programs that provide great opportunities to our students. Opportunities including (but not limited to) the Cultural Arts programs, the PTA Teacher Mini-Grants, Teacher Appreciation Week, as well as the PTA sponsored community events to promote the unity and sense of belonging that is so rare and exclusive to a school like Leesville Elementary.

Reaching our goal also means that we will be able to move forward with the order and purchase of the new Leesville Elementary School Library furniture. This has been discussed for a long time and will now become a reality for all of our students to enjoy and appreciate as we continue to promote our Library as the centerpiece of our educational table.



This picture, taken Friday afternoon, does not reflect the final total that is closer to \$40,000 raised. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to organized and contributed to this effort to help us reach our goal.

Dates to Remember... at a glance

- November 2 to 13: Leesville Elementary Canned Food Drive War
- Thurs., November 5: Mad Science Assemblies for all grade levels
- Thurs., November 5: Internet Safety Presentation @ 6:00 pm
- 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

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

Keeping Life at Leesville Elementary School Great for Our Cubs



Every week, our students listen for the winners of the Golden Trays. Congratulations to our 1st Quarter winners: Kerr and Simpson (K), McCarty (1st), Avent and Allen (2nd), Eller (3rd), Dickson, Draganchuk, Kebker, and Mandel (4th), and Lloyd (5th).



Coffee? Tea? Biscuits? The Leesville faculty and staff so enjoyed a Wednesday morning treat when our PTA treated us to a good old-fashioned workplace coffee cart.



Coming Soon!

Bookworm Pajama Party

~ Wear your PJs and enjoy an evening for the whole family ~

more information to come!

sponsored by
The LES PTA



This event on Thursday, November 19th, promises to have great information for parents, great read alouds for K-2nd grade students, and fun game opportunities for 3rd through 5th grade students. Come on out... we have something for everyone ☺

The War Returns This Week at LES

The Pride Pack program provides bags of canned and non-perishable foods to families on a weekly basis. This year, under the leadership of our PTA, Leesville Elementary School is providing full bags for over 60 families every week.

This is a remarkable service and one that requires significant grass root efforts to collect supplies. To help this along, we are bringing back the Food Drive Wars. The goal is to fill the other grade levels' Food Drive Bins more than your own. Each day, you will be encouraged to fill the other bins an effort to fill yours the least.

Last year, the students really enjoyed this competition and, through the two week war, managed to collect OVER 600 GALLONS OF CANNED AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD! I see no reason that we cannot beat this amount this time. Let's keep the trend going Leesville, and fill those bins.

A Safe Dismissal

Leesville has about 900 students this year. Along with making sure that each one of them grows and develops successfully in their educational progress, we also place a great priority on their safety. Now, through most of the day, this is simple for us as we maintain a structure o our school environment.

Dismissal is a bit more of a challenge. Come 3:45 pm, we are moving our students to the carpool room, to the walker exit, to the buses, and to the afterschool program. We feel great about our process to get our students to their buses and to LAFS, but we need your help with walkers and carpool. While this is a timely process and one that is not always convenient to after school schedules, we need for our parents and guardians to please wait for their walkers at the side exit and for all of you to please follow and respect our traffic patterns. We highly discourage parking along Country Trail or trying to make turns in a direction that goes against the grain of other drivers.

Thank you for your cooperation through dismissal.

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.

Friday Will Be a Day To Remember

The statement is truer for some that for others. Because we have reached and exceeded our \$35,000 goal, this Friday, November 6 will allow all of the students, faculty, and staff to enjoy a DJ hosted Pizza Party recess.

We're talking great pizza provided by Marco's on Leesville, while listening to some good tunes, on what promises (as reports currently show on local weather station websites), and oh yeah, all faculty and staff have two chances to send me to the dunking booth... I can only hope that everyone's aim is a bit off that day, but the likelihood is that I will be spending some time falling, swimming, climbing out, only to repeat over and over again.

Hopefully, the amazing generosity of pizza from our partners at Marco's Pizza on Leesville Rd. will lead to slippery hands and poor aim this Friday.

