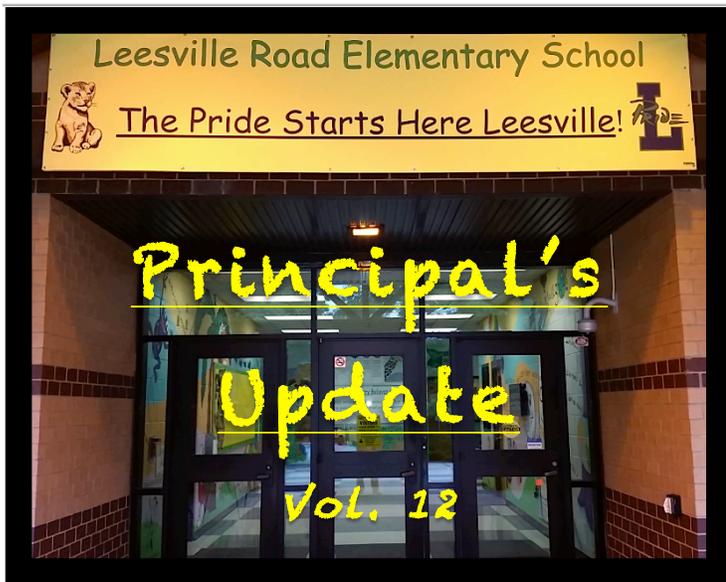


November 15, 2015



Dates to Remember... at a glance

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 Changing of the Guard

Leesville Elementary School was very proud to recently announce this year's Teacher of the Year and Instructional Assistant of the Year.

Congratulations to Ms. Beth Childress, who teaches in the Kindergarten through 2nd Grade Autism Classroom, and to Ms. Gail Penwell, who serves the LES community as a 1st Grade Instructional Assistant. Both of these remarkable educators demonstrate outstanding service and selflessness throughout Leesville Elementary School.

Both of these teachers exemplify the wonderful programs and optimistic attitudes we work so hard to develop throughout the school and for our students.



A HUGE LES congrats to our Teacher of the Year, Beth Childress, and our Instructional Assistant of the Year, Gail Penwell.

**The War is Over...
The Victor, Everyone!**

While the picture below may look like we have moved the garbage cans to the front lobby, the reality is that our Leesville Elementary School community has demonstrated such outstanding generosity, that we have surpassed the drive last year and have filled every grade level bin MORE THAN twice. Judging by the picture, I estimate that we have raised about 750 gallons of canned and non-perishable food.

So why does the title of this segment say that everyone has won? Well, aside from the obvious reality that all of the grades have equally filled one another's bins, these contributions will successfully feed a huge number of our Leesville community families. That being said, I also know that all of our students were looking forward to winning a week's worth of Morning News Shout-Outs. Like I said, everyone wins, so every class in the school will be given a day of exclusive shout-outs. This will be worked out with all of the classroom teachers



These bins have been filled twice, in addition to all of the spillover shown above. Thank you to all of you who contributed so generously.

Turn Technology Off Week

Monday, Nov. 16th – Friday, Nov. 20th
Celebrate Turn Technology Off Week
 I, _____, PROMISE to turn off the TV, tablet, computer and video games (except for homework).
 I will GET ACTIVE AND EAT HEALTHY for the entire week.
 I will also encourage my family to participate with me.
 Student Signature: _____
 Parents – Please sign below ONLY if your child has upheld his/her promise.
 Parent Signature: _____

~ Return signed contract on 11/23 or 11/24 to receive a Prize! ~

FLIN Family Activities for the Week (optional)

Mon 11/16	Tues 11/17	Wed 11/18	Thurs 11/19	Fri 11/20
				
Make a Painting or Drawing	Twenty Minutes Talk-Time	Walk Around the Block with an Adult	Bookworm Pajama Party & PTA General Mtg @ 6pm	Family Game Night

Contract

It's Time to Turn That Technology Off!

I remember a time not so long ago when communication utilized these archaic methods... writing letters with pen and paper and sending them through this thing called the US Mail, and actually talking to one another over something called a telephone. Education was delivered via teacher-led instruction rather than being served on a technology platter. Leesville Elementary School is encouraging a trip down memory lane this week as we ask you all to Turn Technology Off and rediscover those more personal and traditional ways to connect. I hope that we will see you all at the Bookworm Pajama Party on Thursday as we have something for everyone, from read alouds to good old-fashioned board games... we promise an engaging time for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you there.



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



Teachers Are Students Too

Every month, the entire Leesville Elementary School Faculty and Staff meet together. Sometimes, these meetings are more informative, making sure that the whole staff is on the same page and aligned in our processes and procedures.

Right now, however, we are excitedly learning about a process that will encourage a more collaborative environment. The process is referred to as

Instructional Learning Rounds. Very soon, small teams of Leesville educators will be visiting one another's classrooms to observe different teaching styles and instructional strategies geared toward increasing student engagement and deeper investigation into the curriculum and content.

We are looking forward to this process and will continue to keep you all informed of our progress as we continue to reflect and review critically about our efforts here at Leesville.



Coming Soon...

Leesville Elementary School is always looking for that unique idea; that something which allows us to engage our students differently than we have before. An example of this was the introduction of the hands-free gaming systems attached to the Health and Fitness class.

I am excited to introduce you to our newest idea that you will hear your children talking about (if you have not already). Starting next week, we will include the Critical Thinking Games Cart into the Specials rotation. We believe that these games will further teach our students to approach thinking and learning more strategically and with a greater sense of purpose. Tune in next week to learn more... 😊