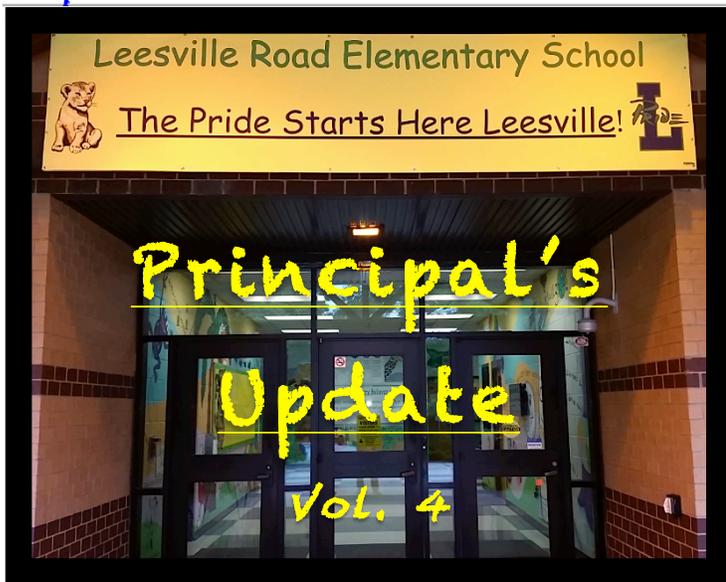


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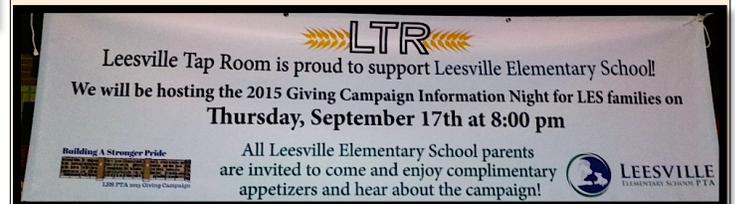
**Dates to Remember... at a glance**

- Wed., September 23: Teacher Workday - No School for Students
- Fri., September 25: LES Family Picnic on the school playground
- Thurs., October 1: ESL Parent Academy @ 6:00 pm
- Sat., October 3: City Serve Beautification Day from 9 am to 12:30
- Thurs., October 9: PTA Giving Campaign Kickoff Assembly
- Fri., October 16: Early Release Day, Students dismiss @ 1:15 pm
- Thurs., October 22: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual LES Literacy Celebration Event
- Mon., October 26: Teacher Workday, No School for Students
- Sat., October 31: Daylight Savings - Turn clocks back an hour

**Awe Inspiring Commitment**

I have been finding myself in awe and genuinely inspired by the Leesville community lately. The selflessness and commitment displayed on so many fronts has only added to my feelings of good fortune to be in my position.

This past Thursday evening, Leesville Elementary School packed the Leesville Tap Room to kick off our PTA Giving Campaign, Building a Stronger Pride. There was no call for money at this event, but rather just a call to come out, learn about the grand plans of the PTA and Leesville Elementary School, and an invite to simply enjoy the community in a very light and casual environment.



**The banner hanging outside of the Leesville Tap Room said it all. We are so appreciative to have such a generous partner in the community. I think that many of us have also found a new favorite place to get together, relax, and enjoy one another's company ☺**

For those of you who are not already familiar with our giving campaign this year, Building a stronger Pride is a "no fuss" fundraiser that will raise money to contribute to the renewal, refresh, and refurbishing of our school center piece, the Library. As we put our plans into place and speak with the Central Office personnel in charge of Libraries and Media Centers, our excitement for this transformation continues to grow.

Be on the lookout for more information and news about this wonderful endeavor to create more inspiring and collaborative learning and meeting spaces in the best school in Wake County... Leesville Elementary School.



**The buffet spread of chicken fingers, sliders, fries and fried pickles generously donated by the Leesville Tap Room was only outshined by the numbers that turned out to learn more about how they may support Leesville ES.**

## A Couple More Ways That We Are Building A Stronger Pride At Leesville

### Leesville Elementary School Family and School Connections

Let's work together to help our students!

**Who:** Parents and LES school staff

**What:** A brainstorming session to create home and school connections

**When:** September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00am

**Where:** Powell Elementary School, Library



**Free Chick-fil-a Lunch!**

Children are welcome!



As we reflect on the programs and educational opportunities we are offering our students and families, we found that there is more that we as a school may do to promote the learning partnerships between the school and home.

We are so excited to bring a team of the faculty and staff from LES to a meeting place that is closer and more accessible for members of our school community to come together and collaborate.

Another great event coming up is our

Leesville Parent Academy focusing on Common Core Math and how to help your children in the classroom and at home. This event will provide childcare, dinner, and a great opportunity to learn more about how to help you child to be more successful.

### You are invited to Parent Academy!

Please join us on October 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm for a presentation on:

#### **N<sup>ew</sup> Math (K-5): "I didn't learn like that!"**

This workshop will be conducted by presenters from the department of Family and Community Engagement. The workshop will be offered in English, Spanish and Korean.

Please indicate below if you are able to attend and how many people will be attending, so we may plan accordingly for dinner (to be provided at no cost for all attendees) and to arrange the appropriate number of childcare providers for the evening.

Please detach this portion and return to your child's teacher by Friday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>

Yes, I will be attending.

How many adults attending? \_\_\_\_\_

How many children will need childcare? \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of the children attending (if applicable):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Names of attending adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of attending children: \_\_\_\_\_

### In the Presence of Greatness

I had the great privilege to join Ms. Danielle Perry and her husband as Ms. Perry was honored for her commitment and dedication to the children and the families, whom she serves at Leesville Elementary.

At the beginning of this past summer, Ms. Perry was persistent in helping members of our ESL student community enroll in summer camps and to arrange reliable transportation to assist them in their participation. This recognition of her devotion is overdue and certainly well-deserved; as I told her the evening of the award ceremony, I could not be more proud of her and the energy and effort she assigns to her role at Leesville Elementary.

**As Ms. Perry accepted the recognition, she also accepted the opportunity to share her thoughts on the importance of well-funded and full service, summer programming for the English Language learning community of Raleigh.**



### Farewell to a Wonderful Educator, Leader, and Friend

Every educator has goals for their own personal and professional growth. For all, it is to see the educational progress and success of their students. For some, there is an ambition to reach supervisory levels in our given educational fields. We could not be more sad for us and happy for our former school



Counselor, Ms. Gwen McLean, who has earned a position with the Student Services division of the Central Administration.

The cake pretty much says it all... we are proud of you and will miss seeing you in our halls.

