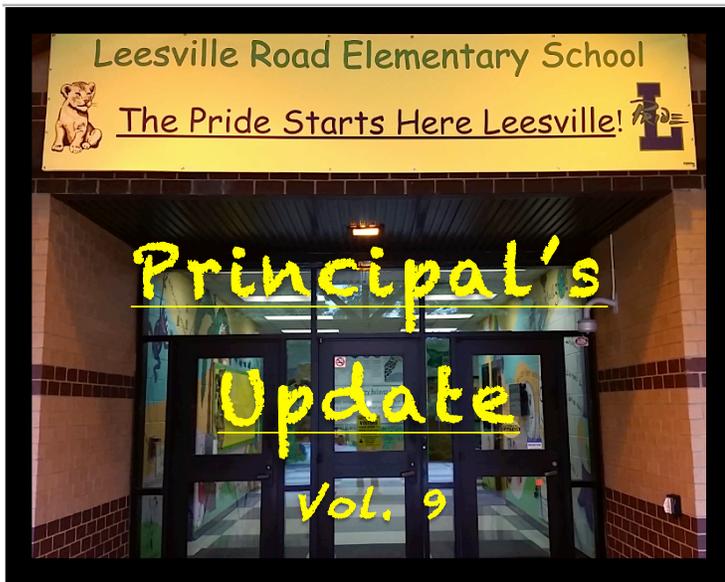


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Dates to Remember... at a glance

Mon., October 26:	Teacher Workday, No school for Students
Sat., October 31:	Daylight Savings - Turn clocks back an hour
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

Our Pride's Greatness Reaches New levels

Last year, we celebrated here at Leesville Elementary School when it was announced that Ms. Sarah Hamel, our School Psychologist, was named as the Wake County Schools School Psychologist of the Year. This is a terrific honor for any educator and there are none more deserving than Ms. Hamel.

Our feelings about this were validated earlier this past week when Ms. Hamel was given the great and absolutely well deserved honor of being dubbed as the State of North Carolina School Psychologist of the Year. This is an amazing recognition and one that we could not feel greater pride in enjoying along with Ms. Hamel.



Ms. Sarah Hamel is the perfect combination of patience, compassion, and an outstanding depth of knowledge in the field of School Psychology. We could not be more excited to have such an honor bestowed upon one of our Leesville Pride.

Keeping Our Pride Safe

The safety, security, and well-being of the students and the school community is our paramount interest here at Leesville. However, in this day and age, there is simply no way to predict what situations may be thrown our direction. It is for this reason that we engage in a series of practice drills and processes so that our students may be prepared.

As communicated through the phone messaging system, this past Monday, the three Leesville campuses participated in a Lockdown Drill. This involved an announcement leading to a full scan of the Leesville campus from Wake Security and Raleigh PD to check that all of our staff and students were fully informed of how to react to a person wishing to do harm to our community.

While this drill was the first for this year and was announced to our teachers to make sure that they were able to suitably prepare the student, I am happy to report that the whole school earned top marks in the debrief session to reflect on the response and follow through within the school. We will continue to promote these drills and as we progress into the year, we will make them more random and unannounced to allow us to show our strengths and areas to address in the event of an unmentionable experience.

3rd Annual Leesville Literacy Celebration Event



As always, our friends at Chick-Fil-A at Townridge Square were so generous toward our families needing something to eat while at the event.

With each participating classroom featuring a different country, the students had a great time traveling around the world.



Ms. Reed's activity had the children and students running all around the building looking for letters and clues for her literacy based activity.

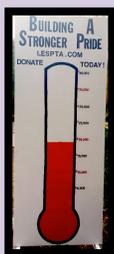


It was great to see the parents, students, and teachers from all different grades and levels just enjoying the event together last night.



Some More Great Things Happening Around Leesville...

Our Giving Campaign is working overtime and pulling out all the stops to reach our \$35,000 goal. We are almost there everyone!



We are doing great with over \$20,000 raised so far. We are so close to the goal everyone... let's make this happen so the next update will include pictures of Mr. Cohen swimming in the dunk tank.



Reaching our 1st goal at \$10,000 led to a very fun and relaxed pajama day at LES this past Friday.



The Leesville Faculty and Staff had a great time out at Washington Terrace, meeting with parents and playing some great board games. Special thanks goes out to...

Gigi's Cupcakes in Brier Creek and **Which 'Wich? in Brier Creek**

for their generous contribution of sandwiches and cupcakes to all participants and joiners. We are so fortunate to have community partnerships like these to support our programs and events at LES!