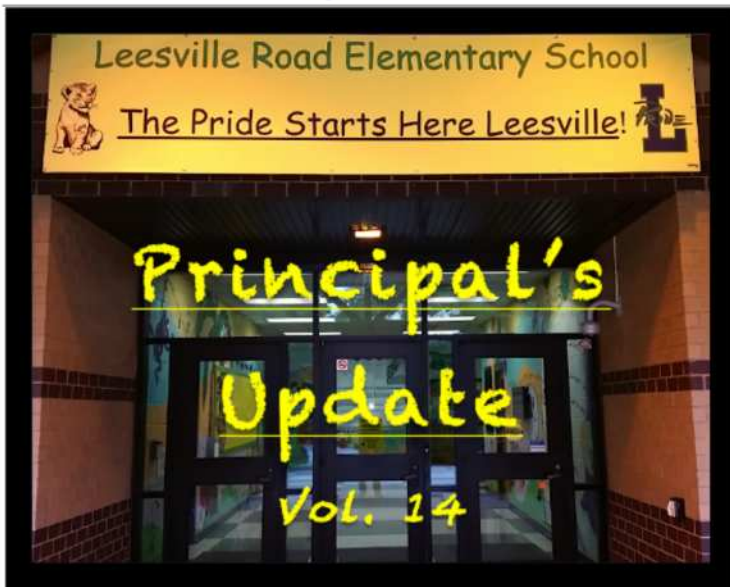


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Dates to Remember... at a glance

Friday, 12/18	Early Release Day, Students Dismiss @ 1:15
Monday, 12/21	Teacher Workday
12/21/15 to 1/1/16	Winter Vacation
Monday, 1/4	Students/Staff return to Leesville
Tuesday, 1/12	Parent Academy @ 6 pm
Tuesday, 1/12	Rising Kindergarten Tour @ 9:30 am
Wednesday, 1/13	Rising Kindergarten Tour @ 9:30 am

**We have Spirit,
Yes We Do!**

If you came into the school last week, you could not have helped but to smile and recognize special the LES community can be. I am not sure if the students or members of the faculty and staff enjoyed Spirit Week more.



Wacky Hair Day



Team Spirit Day



Animal Day



Tropical Paradise Day



Principal for the Day

This past Monday, we welcomed a long overdue opportunity to one of our Leesville Cubs when we had our Principal for the Day to lead the school. Leesville Elementary students enjoyed a real treat as this visiting school leader definitely made the most of his temporary role and status within the school.



Our day started with welcoming the students as they arrived, but quickly became more busy as we appeared on the morning news, visited EVERY classroom, facilitated a fire drill, and held a meeting with the student council, granting them permission to promote and publicize the New and Gently Used Toy Drive.

However, the real thrill came from his one rule for the day, which stated that there was to be no homework that night so all LES students may spend more time outside, getting exercise and playing with friends. I think that this rule tipped the popularity heavily in his favor.

Farewell and Best of Luck to a Long-Time Member of the LES Community

Please join us as we wish the best of luck to our colleague and friend, Angela Davis-Williams. She has accepted a new & exciting professional opportunity immediately after the Winter Vacation.



If you have been impacted by Angela through her many years of service to the Leesville Elementary School community, please make sure that you come by the school and share how much she has meant to you and your family.

Best of luck Angela, to you and your family, on this, your next adventure.

Coding Fun for LES Students

This week LES 3rd & 5th grade students participated in the Hour of Code. The Hour of Code is a nationwide effort to introduce programming to students across the country. The goal was to get 1 million students coding last week. The lessons at our school were led by Mrs. Levy, our Technology Facilitator. We were also fortunate to have 3 programmers from SAS come to speak with some of our 5th grade students and guide them in some coding lessons as well. Mrs. Levy will continue the lessons this coming week with students. We would like to encourage the students to continue practicing writing code at home by using the resources that were shown them. We will expand our coding lessons with additional grade levels after the winter break.



We Are So Proud of Our Girls on the Run

This past Saturday, December 12, I had the pleasure to share in the excitement of the Reindeer Romp 5K event for our Leesville Elementary School Girls on the Run participants.

Under the leadership of Ms. Malcolm, Ms. LaBella, and Ms. Kennedy, 12 of our Leesville Elementary Cubs committed to 2 practices per week for a 12-week session. These young ladies were totally faithful to the healthy life choices curriculum promoted through this exercise-based program.



If you have a daughter in the 3rd through 5th Grade here at Leesville Elementary School, I highly encourage you to look into this impactful program that focuses on encouraging confidence, self-esteem, and self-awareness.

Congratulations once again to our Girls on the Run for another successful season.



Leesville Elementary School and NCSU - A Great Partnership!

This past Wednesday, I had the pleasure of attending the final class session for an NCSU Landscape Design Class. Normally, I would not take the time from the school for such an experience; however, this was different.



The entire focus of this class through the semester was based on the development and renovation... no, the complete overhaul of the Leesville Elementary School recess grounds. These highly gifted and talented student landscape architects have balanced their attention to the quality of the educationally progressive, outdoor, collaborative, recreational, learning spaces and the logistical needs and realities of the grounds themselves.

Furthermore, as if this attention to our school was not enough, we are now engaging in conversations to determine how these creative shifts from the commonly accepted paradigms of how schools use their space to the new, innovative ideas about how to make the most of every physical opportunity for our students. This is an incredible opportunity and partnership for Leesville Elementary School and I look forward to sharing more with you as we continue to discuss the topic with WCPSS and community organizations.

Another Demonstration of Leesville Generosity

We could not be more proud of our Leesville Elementary School Student Council. Under the selfless leadership of Faculty Sponsors, Ms. Leshner and Ms. Wainscott, our Cubs have led and promoted a new and gently used toy drive for children being provided for through the Helping Hands Mission.

Thank you to our student leaders and to all of you who have contributed toys and stuffed animals to this wonderful cause.

