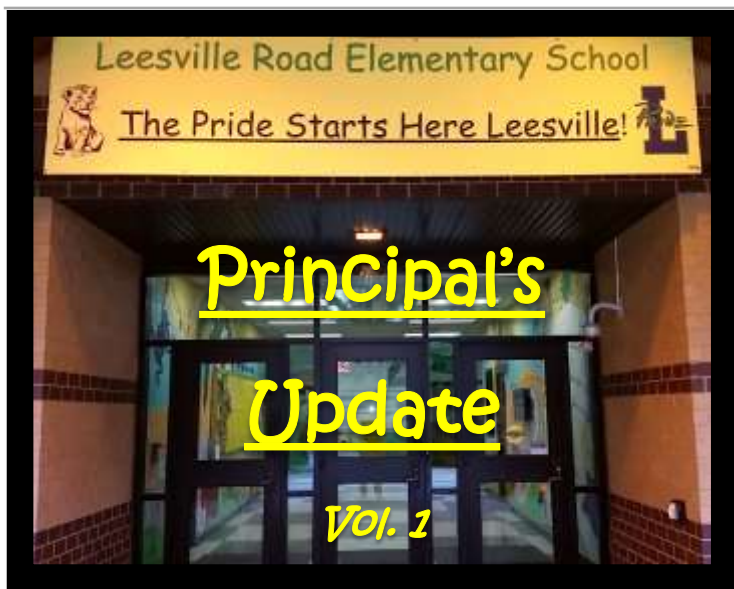


August 30, 2015



Dates to Remember... at a glance

- Monday, August 31: 1st Full Day for Kindergarten Students.
- Friday, September 4: Early Release Day: Students dismiss @ 1:15
- Monday, September 7: Labor Day – No school for staff/students
- Wed., September 8: * **BOG** Assessments - 3rd Grade
- Wed., September 9: * **BAC** Meeting – 6:00 pm @ York Elem
- Thursday, September 10: Back to School Night – 5:30 to 7:30 pm
- Wed., September 23: Teacher Workday – No School for Students

* **BOG** – Beginning of Grade
* **BAC** – Board Advisory Council

Welcome Back Everyone

We are so happy to have all of our students and families back at Leesville and hope that you all noticed the updates and efforts taken to get the school prepared for a great year.

To kick us off in the right direction, we enjoyed a very successful 1st through 5th Grade Meet the Teacher Event right before school started and then, just this past Friday, a wonderfully attended Kindergarten Meet the Teacher as well. These two events are always eagerly anticipated and thoroughly appreciated by the whole school community as our students and parents are introduced to their new Classroom and teacher for the year.

Perhaps the only day at this time of year that is even more relished is the first day of school, when the hopeful expressions on the students' faces are outdone only by the delight on the faces of their parents, who could not be more pleased to have their children back on a schedule and in the school routine.

Throughout this year, we want you all to



feel like partners in your child's educational process and development and encourage you to stay informed of what's happening in your child's

Classroom and throughout the school. I encourage you to check the school website (<http://www.wcpss.net/leesvilleroades>) on a weekly basis as this will be updated as your main source for school and Classroom news.

We had a great first week and look forward to an even better one once our youngest Cubs join us for their first week of Kindergarten. It is going to be an amazing year Leesville, so hold on and enjoy the experience ☺.

Leesville Elementary School Flag Patrol... Teaching Responsibility.

We are very excited to announce the first Flag Patrol here at Leesville Elementary School. For at least the past two years, we have neglected to care for our flags, and therefore, consistently found ourselves having to replace them. This year, with two members of our faculty currently serving in the US Armed Forces, 1LT Mary-Lynn Kebker, North Carolina Army National Guard, and Staff Sergeant Jaclyn Perricone, United States Army Reserves (better known as 4th Grade Teacher, Ms. Kebker and Health and Fitness Teacher, Ms. Perricone), it just seemed appropriate to have this program facilitated by the experts.

Since the first day of this opportunity, our 4th grade Flag Patrol has embraced this important role and demonstrated total regard for many considerations when putting up and taking down the flag each day. We further look forward to the opportunity for this program to be extended to more of our oldest Cubs, and to become a rite of passage tradition here at Leesville Elementary School.



In addition to the proper way to fold them, our Flag Patrol learned that the flags must never touch the ground, should never be raised in the rain or hung upside down, and should not be left up at the top of the pole in darkness through the night. We could not be more proud of these students and their respect for this very important responsibility.

Patience is a Virtue

We have worked very hard at Leesville to create consistent and highly functional processes and procedures at Leesville. However, one thing that we must remind ourselves about is that we must practice and reinforce the processes at the beginning of each and every year.

Let's all remember that we must demonstrate patience for the arrival and dismissal procedures as we get ourselves back into the cooperative habit of following a smooth flow of traffic, waiting our turn as we merge our various traffic patterns together. I assure you that if we are all working together to ease this process forward, we will all benefit from and enjoy safe and efficient processes.

Along these same lines, we ask that you take some time to read and review the school and district handbooks on our school website, as these will help you to familiarize yourself with our policies and procedures that allow us to maximize the safety of the educational environment and protect the instructional opportunities for our students.

Open House,

Thursday, 10 September from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

We are very excited to invite you all to our Open House event on Thursday, 10 September from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. While this event will certainly provide terrific information about your child's classroom and instructional program this year, it will also inform you of the exciting and new directions being taken by a very dynamic and innovative PTA Executive Board. We hope that you will attend the event so that you may foster a significant partnership in your child's education.

Please note the following agenda for the event, designed to allot time for you to engage the PTA and to visit your child's classrooms:

5:30 pm – PTA General Assembly Meeting

6:05 pm – Classroom Visitation Session 1

6:50 pm - Classroom Visitation Session 2

7:30 pm – Open House Concludes

** Chick-Fil-A and Which Wich? will sell dinner for those in attendance.*