

LEOPARD LINK

October 2016



Principal's Message:

Dear Parents and Students-

We had a great month in September. We would like to say a BIG THANKS to our PTA who put on an awesome carnival. It was so fun eating, playing games, and bouncing around with students, teachers, and parents. We appreciate all of the efforts and hard work of the PTA and the many others who volunteered their time and helped to make this event a big success.

We also want to send a HUGE thank you out to those who have participated in past fundraisers, as well as partnering with Maceys. We have been able to recently purchase a new digital marquee for Larsen Elementary. Be watching for the new addition to our school. We are very excited to have another means of sharing information with our families.

Our first round of school pictures were completed in September. If you would like your students to participate in retakes, they will be held on October 27th. This is the same day as our first SEP Conferences. Hopefully with these two big events taking place on the same day, it will be easier for parents to remember.

SEP Conferences will be scheduled this year on Sign up Genius. The links found on our school website, as well as the following link will connect you to the sign up location. Kinder-2nd Grade: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F044EA9A92CAAFF2-parent; 3rd-6th Grade: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F044EA9A92CAAFF2-parent1; Special Education: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F044EA9A92CAAFF2-parent2. If you have any problems accessing this, please come into the front office, or give us a call, and we will be happy to help you sign up for a time. The link is currently available, and will be accessible until October 25, 2016. The sooner you are able to sign up, the easier it will be to get multiple conferences scheduled around the same time.

We wanted to make sure that parents are aware that Sixth Grade students have the opportunity to participate in Orchestra. This takes place on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings beginning at 7:30am-8:15am. We are excited that our students are afforded this great opportunity. It is not too late to join. Please contact the office with any questions regarding Orchestra and we will be happy to assist you.

-Mrs. Thomas

PTA NEWS

We are excited for a new school year. A BIG thank you to Bobbie Murphy and Tiffany Hawkins for heading up the school carnival. It was a fun night to be a Larsen leopard!

upcoming activities and dates:

The next PTA meeting is Tuesday, October 4th at 9:30am.

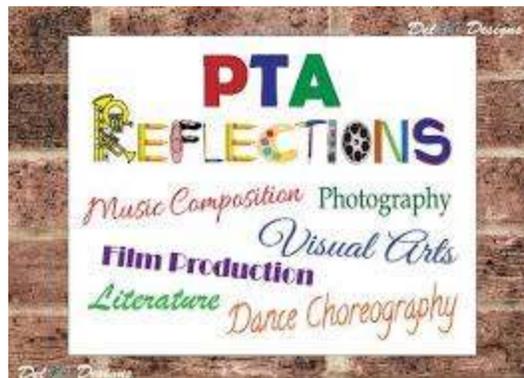
Box Top Drive- October 10-15th. Send your boxtops to school, and the class with the most will win a prize!

Ahoy mateys! We're excited about our Scholastic Bookaneer Book Fair coming up October 25-27. Your purchases help provide more books for our kids, our classrooms, and our library. Let's help our kids read!

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Reflections Theme this year is "What is Your Story?" More information to come home soon.

PTA is always looking for more volunteers. We would love any and all ideas to help Larsen be a great place for our children and teachers to thrive. Please contact PTA President Holly Frasche (801) 691-8087 if you are interested in helping.



STUDENT "SPOT" LIGHTS

our Class Goals and Winners for September are listed below:



Mr. Platzek's Class had the highest average for attendance at 100%.



Mrs. Goodman's Class had the best behavior in Art Specialty Class this month.



Mrs. Shepherd's Class has the best lunchroom manners this month.



Leopard Leaders :



Legends of the Leap

Congratulations to September's Winners. Everyone, keep up the great work! Class goals for October are Cleanest Classroom, Highest Average of Homework turned in, and Best Behavior in Computer Specialty Class.



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

We are looking forward to some exciting activities this month. School wide we will be participating in the annual Halloween Parade. We plan to hold this event around the outside of our school. Parents are invited to attend as students parade around in their costumes. No weapons, real or pretend, will be allowed at school. We want to uphold our safe school policy. Masks and face paint will be allowed during the parade. Costumes need to be appropriate for school. We still have learning that takes place, and while we love celebrating a variety of holidays and activities, we make the learning and safety of our students, our first priority. If you are not sure whether your child's costume will be appropriate for school, come in and talk with Mrs. Thomas.

SEP CONFERENCES and Picture Retakes will be on October 27th. If you need help, or have any questions regarding either of these events, contact the front office.



* JUST A REMINDER *

Please try and make after school arrangements, before dropping your child off at school for the day. We understand that plans can change, but if this occurs, give the school a call by 1:30pm on Mondays, and 2:00pm on other days, so that the office staff has time to get the information to your children. Thanks for your help with this.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

One of the best ways to build connection with your student is through meaningful communication. Sometimes we use what I call "marshmallow questions" because they are easy and come naturally. They are intended to be sweet, but really don't offer much substance. These tend to be questions that are often answered with one word and the conversation doesn't really go anywhere from there. For example "How was your day" or "Did you have a good day" don't really have substance to build connection. Try asking your student these open-ended questions instead:

What was your favorite part of your day?

How were you a helper today?

Who did you notice that needed a friend?

What were you most proud of today?

What was the hardest thing you had to do today?

For more ideas, go to: <http://www.positiveparentingconnection.net/40-questions-that-get-kids-talking/>
or <http://momastery.com/blog/2015/04/24/key-jar/>