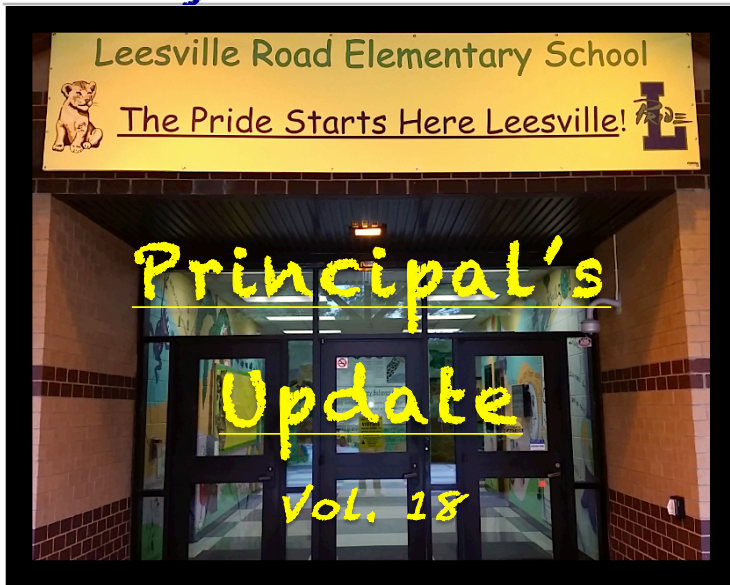


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Navigating the WCPSS Transfer Application Process

One of the wonderful aspects of the Wake County School System is the opportunity to select and apply for the school structure and program that most closely matches your priorities for your child's educational environment. Please note the following dates and timelines for each of the various transfer application periods...

1. If you are applying for your 2016-17 calendar option (for example, to apply from a traditional calendar to a year-round calendar or vice versa), you will need to apply online within the dates from Monday, February 15 to Monday, February 22, 2016.

2. The same dates will apply for those students seeking an early transfer for the 2016-17 school year. The district will only consider an early transfer for the following reasons:

- a. Request for an entering grade student to be assigned to a school where a sibling attends and will continue to attend the school for the 2016-17 school year.
- b. Request to be assigned to your base school for the 2016-17 school year.
- c. Request to remain at your current school after a Board of Education approved change in assignment, or "grandfather."
- d. Request for a sibling to be assigned to a school where an older sibling is grandfathered as a result of a Board of Education approved assignment change.
- e. Request from full time employees for their students to attend the same school/campus where the parent is employed.

In order to be fully informed about the Transfer process for the 2016-2017 school year, please make sure that you visit the WCPSS Website at the following address:

<http://www.wcpss.net/Page/276>

Dates to Remember... at a glance

Wednesday, 2/3	Board Advisory Council Meeting @ 6 pm @ Lead Mine Elementary School
Monday, 2/12	Early Release Day, Students dismiss at 1:15
Monday, 2/15	Snow Make Up Day for Students and Staff
February 15 to 22	WCPSS Transfer Application window for 2016-17 school year.
Friday, 2/19	Winter Carnival/Silent Auction Family Event

The Golden Trays

Each day, the classes are scored on their conduct in the cafeteria. Actually, they get 2 daily scores, one for their behavior while seated at their table and one for their behavior while waiting in line for their teachers.

Each week, the class with the highest average score earns the honor of their class name on their grade level's Golden Tray.

Then, at the end of the quarter, the class on each grade level with their name represented on the tray the most actually gets to keep the tray as a trophy. Congratulations to the second quarter Golden Tray champions: Ms. Kerr's class, Ms. McCarty's class, Ms. Avent's class, Ms. Hernandez's class, Ms. Kebker's class, and Ms. Lloyd's class.

The big question is who will win them next?

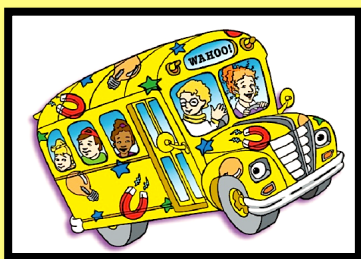


Coming Soon...

Love the Bus Week

At Leesville Elementary School, we try to emphasize the important impact that we all have on our students and how their day proceeds. For many of our students, their first introduction to their day is bus ride from home to school. A positive bus ride allows them to start their day off optimistically. Most of our bus drivers embrace this concept and do what they can to first get their students to school safely and also to get them to school happily. Often, when the responsibilities attached to this highly important post are considered, it is forgotten or overlooked about how much of a challenge this may be.

For this reason, we are asking for our bus riding families to think about how they may express their appreciation and regard for our drivers and the importance of their role in starting our students' days off positively, so they may focus on being successful in school.



An Awesome Display

After a few delays and postponements, we were so excited to finally hold our Leesville Elementary School Spelling Bee finals. As we started the competition, it was difficult to determine if there was more nervous energy among the students on the stage or among the parents in the audience.



I have taken many selfies, but this one was certainly one of the most fun for me and seemed to ease some of the anxiety felt by our super spellers

As we progressed from word to word and student to student, I was amazed at the students and their

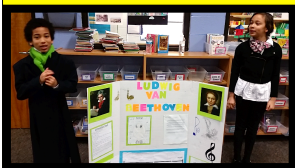
ability to spell words that posed a challenge for me to even pronounce. Needless to say, all of us, faculty and parents alike, could not have been more proud of our students... their courage, their grit, and their wonderful sportsmanship through their friends' triumphs or their own defeat. The grace displayed among our scholarly Cubs filled me with a tremendous sense of pride and awe.

By the end of the competition, over 275 words into the list, we emerged with our winners. Tied for



When Learning and History Come to Life... Literally!

For a couple of months now, our entire 4th grade has been working on wax museum projects. The beauty of this type of assignment is that it allows the students to learn all about a significant historical figure so thoroughly that they actually become those figures and teach others about their lives and accomplishments. Among many others, our 4th Grade Wax Museums included such famous historical figures as Albert Einstein, Coretta Scott King, and Benjamin Franklin. This was also another opportunity to engage our parents to come and share our pride in their children's accomplishments and hard work.



Left: Even Beethoven was present for the Wax Museum.

Below: This panoramic really shows the excitement of the events.



Above: I love to see the parents beam with pride at their children's accomplishments. I think that they may have enjoyed the event as much as I did.

Left: Congratulations to our three champions for the 15-16 LES Spelling Bee Final.

second were Wyatt Cannon (4th Grade) and Adam Piao (2nd Grade). Winning the whole contest, our 2015-2016 Leesville Elementary School Spelling Bee Champion, 5th Grader, Yeram Hahn.

