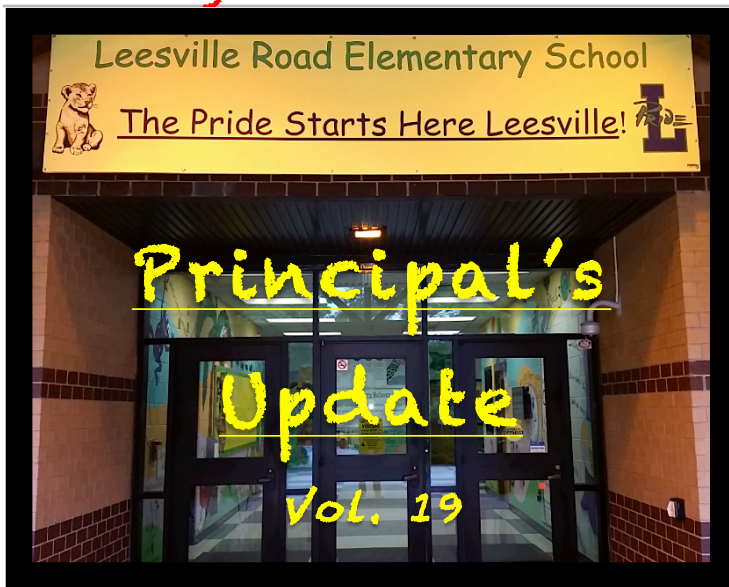


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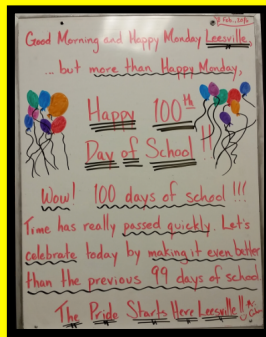


Dates to Remember... at a glance

Sunday, 2/7	Superbowl Sunday – GO PANTHERS!!!
Monday, 2/8	100th Day of School
Friday, 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

100 Days of Leesville Elementary School

Normally, I would not share the Morning Message before the morning that it is placed out for the school, but Leesville Elementary School is mere hours from a very exciting, annual milestone.



This Monday, February 8 is our official 100th Day of School for the 2015-2016 school year.

We are all so excited to celebrate this special day and know that our entire school community will be in a very festive mood. Let's all show that the Pride starts at Leesville Elementary School by making February 8 the best day yet.

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:

- 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.*
- Request to be assigned to your base school for the 2016-17 school year.*
- Request to remain at your current school after a Board of Education approved change in assignment, or "grandfather."*
- 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.*
- Request from full time employees for their students to attend the same school/campus where the parent is employed.*

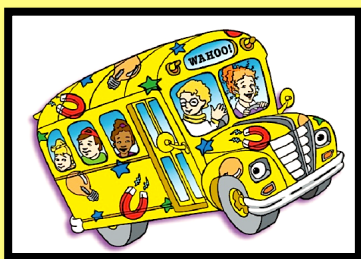
In order to be fully informed about the Transfer process for the 2016-2017 school year, please make sure that you visit the WCPSS Website at the following address:

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

Love the Bus

Week, 2/8 – 2/12

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.

Calling all Cubs to Show Panthers Pride

Any Championship Game is exciting, even without the added enthusiasm of home team participation. The fact that this evening's 50th Super Bowl includes a first time appearance by our own Carolina Panthers makes it all that much more invigorating.

As this afternoon's phone message shared, I know that many of us are excited to support our own Carolina Panthers in tonight's Super Bowl. If you and your family are cheering on the panthers (or the broncos, if you are so inclined) I would like to invite you to take a picture of your family enjoying this event with your Full team spirit and email it to me, Mr. Cohen. I would love to have a slideshow in the front lobby with the Cubs of LES supporting the our ow Carolina Panthers.. Oh yeah, and that other team in the game as well 😊.



It Is Time for Ignite 2020

This past Wednesday, the Faculty and Staff at Leesville Elementary School had their first introduction to the inspirational and inspired initiative developed and designed by our Superintendent, Dr. James Merrill, the WCPSS Senior Leadership team, and the WCPSS School Board.

Ignite 2020 is the kick off of the WCPSS Strategic Plan, which outlines the ambitious, desired direction and outcome for the Wake County School System by the conclusion of the 2019 - 2020 school year. I strongly encourage you to visit the Wake County Schools Website to learn more about the plan and about Ignite 2020,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tMmIQvdq3o&feature=youtu.be>

We will be speaking more about the WCPSS Strategic Vision and Plan as the year progresses, and we, the faculty and staff at Leesville Elementary School, look forward to continuing "the work" to facilitate academic growth and a bright future beyond these pivotal elementary years.



Left: To meet the needs of all our LES students, we believe that it is not enough to think inside OR outside of the box.

Below: We were inspired by the Superintendent's message about the Strategic Vision and the 4 Cs... **Communication, Collaboration, Creativity, and Critical Thinking.**

