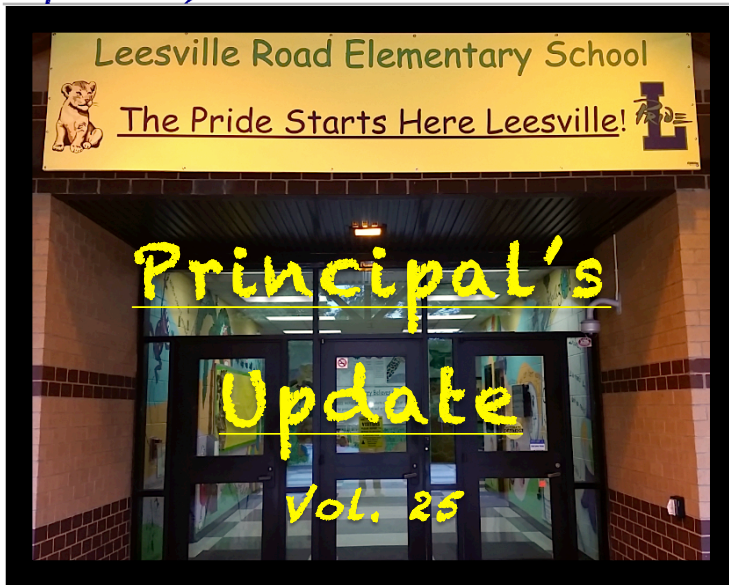


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### Dates to Remember... at a glance

**Tuesday, April 12**

**5<sup>th</sup> grade Science Case 21 assessment**

**April 16 to 28**

**LES/PTA Monster Book Fair**

**Saturday, April 16**

**Science Olympiad Competition, hosted @ LES**

**Saturday, April 16**

**Girls on the Run 5K @ DPAC**

**Wednesday, April 20**

**Board Advisory Committee Mtg. @ 12:00**

**Thursday, April 21**

**Bookworm Pajama Party @ LES (Book Fair will be open)**

## The Book Fair is Back!

We are so excited to announce that the Leesville Elementary/PTA Book Fair is coming soon. This year's Book Fair, themed as the Monster Book Fair, will run from April 16 to 28. Don't worry if you are not that into monster books... this book fair will have something for **EVERYONE**. Whatever your interests, whatever books or authors spark your fancy... this book fair will have it.

We are also happy to inform you all of a couple of special opportunities, outside of the regular school hours, when you and your children will be able to enjoy the book fair. LES is hosting the Regional Science Olympiad next weekend and a Bookworm Pajama Party the evening of April 21<sup>st</sup>. Both of these events will welcome guests to peruse and shop at the Monster Book Fair.



## Safety First!

**Convenience or Student Safety...  
What's more important to you?**



The other day, one of our students had a health issue that did require us to contact the paramedics. Don't worry, the child is fine and was back at school two days later.

I am telling you this because we had to ask a few cars to move out of the fire lane in the car circle so that the ambulance would be able to get as close to the front of the school as possible. The fire lane is a no parking zone for this very reason. We must ask that all families respect this lane in the same way that you would when out and about, in an area that would be patrolled by a police officer with the promise of a parking ticket.

Now that I have your attention and while on the subject, I would once again like to share my concern about all those cars that park on the alternate side of Country Trail. During the dismissal process, this is a **VERY** high traffic area and poses dangerous street crossing with low visibility. Our afternoon walker and carpool dismissal process is designed to maximize safety for your children, while successfully moving over 250 car-riders to their cars in less than 20 minutes.

Please help us to set a positive example and make this a safe process for your children by either parking in designated spaces in the parking lot, or following the carpool flow when picking up your children.

### Leesville Elementary School Contributes to the Educational Opportunities for Children in Belize

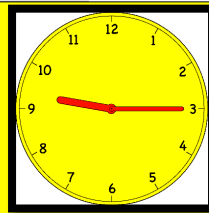


The following is a message from Ms. Madtes and the other volunteers who traveled to Belize to work in one of their schools over Spring Vacation...

Thank you for all of your contributions to Belize! You are making a huge impact in this community! Each backpack was filled with the school supplies given by you and weighed over 200 pounds! Thank you for making a difference!

The amount of school supplies and resources donated by the Leesville Elementary School community made a tremendous impact on education of the children in Belize.

Thank you to everyone who contributed so selflessly and a huge thank you to our own Ms. Paige Madtes for providing our community with the opportunity to make an impact on the lives of those so much less fortunate (but in no way less deserving) than all of us. The faces pictured here are more than enough to validate the bestowment of supplies.



### Another important Point about Punctuality

Everyday, Monday through Friday, with very little exception, we maintain the same hours of instructional operation. Our school day begins at 9:15 am and ends at 3:45 pm.

We have consistently addressed the importance of allowing our students to remain at school the entire instructional day, but I would like to address the importance of getting your child to school no later than, and actually earlier than, 9:15 am. When a child arrives late, there is a bit of a domino impact. For other children, who arrive by the expected time of 9:15, a student who arrives late interrupts the flow to the beginning of their day. The teacher must stop what they are doing with the students in order to address tardy student. For your children, when they arrive late, their day is simply started wrong! They are immediately stared at by the other children, singled out by the teacher to rush into through a morning routine in order to catch up to where the rest of the class... the students who got to school on time... has accomplished academically.

**However, if your children must be late, our policy has been communicated that parents or guardians MUST come in with their children to properly sign them in. DO NOT send your children in without an adult to accompany them.**

**Coming Soon...** Next Saturday, Leesville Elementary School is excited to host a Regional NC Science Olympiad with two of our own teams competing.

The students competing in the NCOS test their science wits against other students from all over the state in topics from STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mechanics) Design, Rocket Construction, Environmental Conservation problems, to many other science related fields.

To make this event even more appealing for spectators, The Monster Book Fair will be open for anyone wishing to visit and even purchase some great titles for their children. Come on out and support our future Scientists and young enthusiasts.



### Also Coming Soon...

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**Bookworm Pajama Party**

~Wear your PJs and enjoy an evening for the whole family~

sponsored by the LES PTA

more information to come!

To further encourage and support our young readers and inspire our families to participate in all the Monster Book Fair has to offer, the PTA and the Faculty and Staff of Leesville Elementary School will host our second Bookworm Pajama Party of the school year.

Come out in your most comfy pj's, on Thursday night, April 21<sup>st</sup>, and listen to some of the great selections from the Book Fair read by our own celebrity readers (a.k.a. the LES faculty and staff).