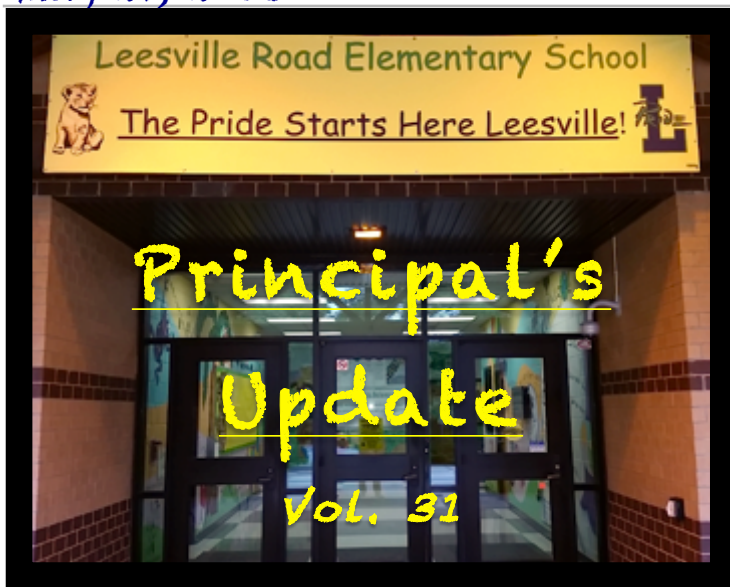


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## Principal for the Day... A Day in the Life

Every year, at the Leesville Elementary School PTA Silent Auction event, one of the raffled items includes the opportunity to lead this wonderful community as a Principal for the Day. This year's winner was one of our 1<sup>st</sup> grade cubs, who did such an amazing job and won the hearts and minds of the students so successfully, that I had real concerns that it would be a huge disappointment when I returned to my leadership role the following day. The pictures below should help to demonstrate some of the important tasks undertaken throughout the day.

Our day started with greeting the Leesville community while they entered for their day, and then moved forward to co-anchor our daily WLES news broadcast.

We continued our day making rounds to all of the classrooms, where our Principal for the Day was fondly received and celebrated for her declaration that as Principal for the Day, her one rule for the school community was that **NO HOMEWORK** may be assigned to the students for that evening. To further ensure that the parents would feel well informed of this administrative decision, the Principal for the Day sent out one of our robo-calls to the parents... we didn't want for any of the parents to feel that their child was misinforming them.

Following this, we got down to the real work... we facilitated our May fire drill and answered a few important emails. Before we knew it, our time was up and it was time for our Principal for the Day to go back to her class and rejoin her very excited peers and Teacher.

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

June 1 – June 2

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade EOG Reading and Math Testing

Monday, June 6

5<sup>th</sup> Grade EOG Science Testing

Wednesday, June 8

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony

Thursday, June 9

FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS ☺/☹

June 10 and June 13

Teacher Protected Workdays

Friday, August 26

2016-2017 Leesville ES Meet the Teacher (10 to 12)

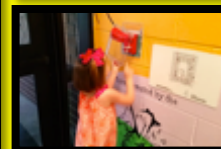
### The Bar Has Been Set High

This past Thursday and Friday, our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Leesville Cubs took their EOG reading and math assessments. While these tests have the potential to shake the unshakeable pinch our last good nerves, we could not have been more impressed by the outstanding effort and determination demonstrated by our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students.



We have emphasized that these tests are nothing to fear... they are the opportunity for our students to show what they know and to demonstrate all of the wonderful learning that has taken place in their classrooms with their ever so dedicated faculty and staff. I am pleased to report that all of the teachers reported that the students took their time, used their critical thinking skills and strategies to do their best on the test.

If our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders follow the 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders lead, Leesville will see unprecedented results on these end of the year assessments.



## **A Pep Rally Like No Other...** **Inspiring Excitement to Show What We Know**

**This past Wednesday, we decided to celebrate the start of the End of Grade tests with our third, fourth, and fifth grade students. The Leesville Elementary School Cubs welcomed our Leesville High School Pride Drum Line, as well as the Members of the North Carolina State University Cheerleading Wolf Pack, fresh off their own victory as the NCA Champion Cheerleading Squad. Our soon to be test taking Cubs were cheered and revered, high-fived and revived as they made their way to the school gym.**

**Once in the gym, the students were reminded that these tests do not determine their worth as people; they do not show that these students are gifted athletes, performers, singers, or artists; they do not show that these students are kind, or that they are loving brothers, sisters, sons, or daughters. Our Cubs have come to recognize that these tests do not define them and they are an occasion to be welcomed as they show what they know and all that they have learned. The pictures below provide a small image of our celebration to kick off the EOGs and Leesville's embrace of this opportunity and challenge.**



**There are so many who helped us to celebrate the hard work of our 3rd through 5th Grade Cubs, but special thanks to Ms. Butler and Ms. Trammel for organizing a really fantastic Pep Rally event.**

