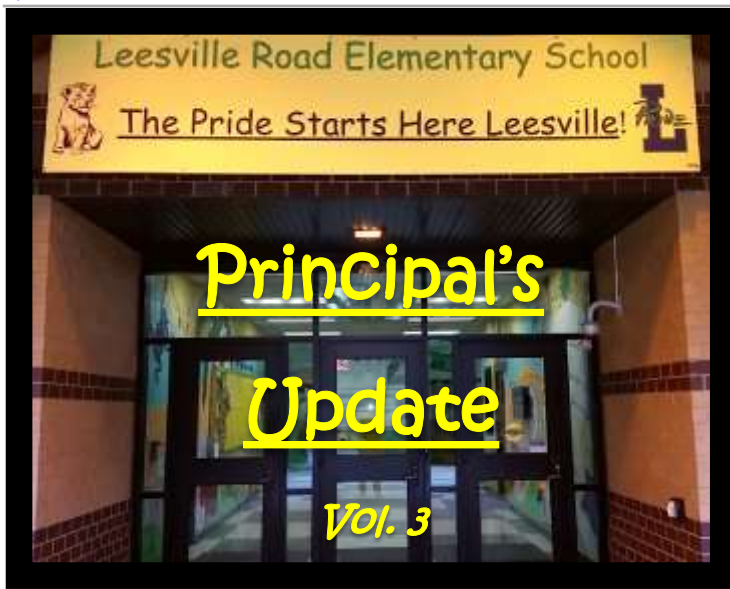


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**Dates to Remember... at a glance**

Wed., September 23: Teacher Workday – No School for Students

Thurs., October 1: ESL Parent Academy @ 6:00 pm

Sat., October 3: City Serve Beautification Day from 9 am to 12:30

Thurs., October 9: PTA Giving Campaign Kickoff Assembly

Fri., October 16: Early Release Day, Students dismiss @ 1:15 pm

Thurs., October 22: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual LES Literacy Celebration Event

Mon., October 26: Teacher Workday, No School for Students

Sat., October 31: Daylight Savings – Turn clocks back an hour

**A Show of Solidarity**

This past Wednesday evening, the District 7 Board Advisory Council (BAC) meeting encouraged a large attendance from our Leesville Elementary School community. While generally these meetings are calm, Wednesday's focus on the reassignment plans surrounding the future opening of Pleasant Grove Elementary School had the potential to inspire emotional responses.

However, the parent representation from Leesville Elementary School managed to remain level, absorb the information, and pose thoughtful questions to advocate for the anticipated impact on the Leesville community. What was learned at this event is that the



**The BAC Meeting last Wednesday evening welcomed a sea of Leesville green seeking greater clarity with the process and timeline for the Pleasant Grove reassignment plan for the 2016-17 school year.**

planning for this school is still in the early stages and that the Wake County School District has every interest in receiving and reflecting on the feedback from those with an invested opinion.

Any members of the community that are interested in providing feedback or input into the collective conversation should visit the designated website,

<https://wcpss.granicusideas.com/discussions/2016-17-enrollment-plan-draft-1/topics/feedback-about-pleasant->

[grove-elementary,](#)

to rationally express their thoughts on the matter. We have been informed that in order to be as clear as possible, you will want to specifically reference Leesville Elementary School. This site will also inform you of any public forums and updates in the decision making process

A Great showing at the Leesville elementary School Back to School Night

This past Thursday evening, September 10, received a wonderful showing at our Back to School, Open House event. We love to see so many families come out for these occasions, showing their sense of community and involvement.

The event started with our PTA General Assembly Meeting... actually the most well attended PTA meeting that I have ever seen at Leesville. Our PTA Executive Board kept the meeting moving along as they informed the community of plans for the year, budgets for our programs, and the variety of



ways that our families are able to enjoy a partnership and participation with the school and their child's education.



*All the rooms were packed... standing room only, at last week's Back to School Open House night. A great time was had by all participants.*

Following the meeting, we invited all families to proceed to session 1 of the evening to learn more about their child's classroom routines, procedures, and expectations, and more than that, what they could do to partner with and support their children's growth and success.

If Back to School night is any indication of the support we may anticipate, than it really is going to be an amazing year.

A Special Thank You for the Continued Support

Clearly Leesville Elementary School enjoys a wonderful level of support from our Parents. However, like last year, we also benefit terrifically from the support and generosity demonstrated by some of the local businesses as well.

We want to send out a special note of gratitude to Chick-fil-a in Townridge Square and Which Wich? in Brier Creek both of whom demonstrated that they understand how important it is to support local schools.



*Chick-fil-a in Townridge Square generously contributed chicken sandwiches to any of our families who were able to accept our downtown bus,*

*making it even easier to participate in the Back to School Night event.*

*Which Wich?, who served as one of our food vendors for the Back to School event, also contributed over 60 sandwiches for the faculty and staff to enjoy for lunch the following day. This was a most welcome and appreciated treat for the hardest working, most dedicated staff in Wake County.*



On the Horizon

There a few dates and projects that you will be hearing a great deal more about over the next few weeks.

Leesville Elementary PTA Giving Campaign Information Night

All Leesville Elementary parents are invited to the Giving Campaign Information Night at the Leesville Tap Room on **Thursday, September 17th, 8:00 pm.** (LTR is located at 13200 Strickland Road, just down the street from LES.)

Teacher Workday

No School for Students

To give the Faculty and Staff an opportunity to meet and collaborate, there is a Teacher Workday on **Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Please make sure that you have made arrangements for your children on this day.

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Family Picnic

Come join the Leesville community for a Casual and relaxed get together on the back playground on **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm.** Pack a picnic or enjoy one of the food truck vendors for dinner.