The Leopard's Tale

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What a wonderful opening we have had at LKMS this week! It was so nice to see our students return to school on Tuesday looking happy, refreshed and eager to learn. We certainly did miss having them here ©

To quote our Interim Superintendent, Dr. Martirano, "to teach a child well, you must know a child well." To that end, our staff have spent this past week engaged in community-building activities with all classes. As I visited classes, it was great to see connections being formed and relationships being established within each classroom community. As I walk through the halls and visit classes, I can sense an overall positive tone that is pervasive through our school. It is a wonderful place to be!

I hope you will come and see for yourself next Thursday, September 14, 2017 when we will have our annual "Back-to-School Night." We will begin at 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria with a presentation from our PTA, then parents and guardians will report to homeroom and "walk a day in their shoes" as you follow your students' "A Day" schedule of classes. (Be sure to ask your student who their homeroom teacher is!)

School safety is our number one priority. Implementing effective emergency procedures requires that we practice many drills throughout the year. Yesterday, students and staff successfully participated in our first *Building Evacuation* ("fire") drill. Today, students and staff practiced a *Reverse Evacuation* in which students were directed to return to the building (used in case of emergencies outside) and then transitioned in to a *Modified*

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENT HAS TISSUES WITH HIM/HER. Send in a box for the class! *Lockdown* drill where they remained in their locked classrooms for a brief period. Students did a great job of taking these drills seriously and all went well.

May your weekend be filled with the people and things that bring you peace and happiness!

Mrs. Lucy Lublin, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 14	Back to School Night, 6:00 pm (PTA) 6:30 pm (BTSN)
September 18	PICTURE DAY
September 18	GOTTA EAT NIGHT, Chick fil a
September 21	Schools and offices closed
September 22	Professional Learning Day. Schools closed for students.
September 27	6 th Grade PTA Ice Breaker – more info to come!
September 27	Flu Clinic

THANK YOU to our community partner *Scoop and Paddle* for providing an ice cream treat for our staff last Friday. It was a great way to end the week! Also, **THANK YOU** to *Lifetouch Photography* for sponsoring a continental breakfast for our staff on their first day back!

<u>FAMILY FILE</u> - Currently 511 of 736 (69%) LKMS families have completed this task. This information is very important and must be updated each year. Please take time to do this as soon as you can. If you need directions on how to access HCPSS Connect and/or Family File, please see the attached documents on HCPSS Connect and HCPSS Family File.

<u>LOST AND FOUND</u> - Believe it or not we already have several lunch boxes in our Lost and Found. If your student has misplaced his/her lunch box, please have them check in the Cafeteria. There is a rack in the back of the cafeteria that houses all of the Lost and Found items. Please make sure your students' name is on their lunch box and agenda book.