

# Leonard Express



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2015-2016

## School Calendar of Events

### Fri., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>

- Pride! Assembly
- 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

### Tue., Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>

- PRIDE! Assembly - Kickoff for March is Reading Month!

### Wed., Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>

- End of Trimester – Early Release at 12:15 p.m.

### Thur., Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>

- Bedtime Story Hour – 6:30 -7:30 p.m.

## Morning and Afternoon Bell

We ask that all parents remain behind the blue double doors just past the office prior to the first bell ringing in the morning and in the afternoon. Our teachers utilize each moment of their work day for planning out the students schedule, finishing up the last bit of the days' work and/or getting the students ready to head home. If you need to speak with your student's teacher you may email or call them anytime to arrange a time. We appreciate your cooperation.

## Earn your School Money while Shopping

Our school has earned almost \$500.00 because you have signed up for various programs such as Target, Meijer, and Kroger. A new one for most is Schoola, where you send in gently used clothing in a bag provided by Schoola. You can get more information at Schoola.com. There is also a program that earns money for our PTO when shopping on Amazon. Simply go to smile.amazon.com and select Leonard Elementary School PTO charity. Our PTO will earn .5% of eligible purchases.

## March is Reading Month

I cannot wait to see the opening ceremony for March is Reading Month, held on Tuesday, March, 1st, at the PRIDE Assembly! Students will be coming home with lots of excitement – ready to read, read and READ some more during the month of March.

## Safety Patrol Project Linus

The Leonard Safety Patrol is looking for donations of fleece material. It needs to have two pieces and can be up to 50-60 inches. The No-Sew Blanket Kits are great. They will be putting together the blankets during their recess time and will donate them to Project Linus in the spring. Project Linus donates blankets to hospitals and shelters for kids who need something warm to hold. Thank you for any help you can give. [www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org)

## Safety Patrol Caring Kids Cards

The Leonard Safety Patrol is collecting greeting cards. They will be writing notes and letters of happiness to the military, fire/police, hospitals, and senior centers. The organization Caring Kids Cards will be collecting them and mailing them out. Thank you for any help you can give. <http://www.facebook.com/caringkidscards>

## 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance

Attention all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students. It's time to get ready to dance the night away at a Dance Party just for you! Friday, Feb., 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., you are invited to learn some new moves, listen to great music, and enjoy a fun evening out with your friends.

## Mill Fund

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are still raising money to support the restoration of the Leonard Mill. If you would like to help please send in bottle return slips, or cash received from recycling. To learn more about saving the Leonard Mill, visit [www.leonardmill.com](http://www.leonardmill.com)

## Charity Poker

CHARITY POKER TIME! The PTO has signed up to host another Charity Poker Event, which will take place from Sunday, March 20th - Wednesday, March 23rd. Set aside some time from March 20th – March 23rd to volunteer and earn our school's PTO some extra dollars. The daily shifts will be from 3:45 p.m. through 2:00 a.m. The more volunteers we have, the fewer amount of hours you will have to put in. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Houck or Traci Parsons. THREE volunteers per shift are required. We will serve as cashiers only. The time passes by very fast! Our school has participated in 4 separate events bringing a total of \$20,000! Let's make this one GREAT! You can sign up for two shifts (10 hours) in a row! It's been done!

Mr. B's Pub  
215 S. Main Street  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4aa5aa2cab9-charity>

## Girl Scouts

It's not too late to start a Girl Scout troop. For more information please contact Linnea Bassin at 810-720-9021 or [lbassin@gssem.org](mailto:lbassin@gssem.org). Come learn more about all of the exciting activities enjoyed by those girls participating in Girl Scouts. Program materials and activity recommendations will be given for a limited time.

## Student Messages

If you need to get a message to your student for changes to the end of the day release, please contact Mrs. Turek in the office **PRIOR to 3:30 p.m.** You may call 248-969-5300 or send an email to [Stephanie.Turek@oxfordschools.org](mailto:Stephanie.Turek@oxfordschools.org). Attendance line is 248-969-5350.

## 2015-2016 Yearbook Sales

Attached you will find a flyer detailing how to go about ordering your child a 2015-2016 Leonard Elementary Yearbook. It is easy to place your order online at [www.leonard.picaboo.com](http://www.leonard.picaboo.com). There are many exciting features so that you can customize each yearbook for each child. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

## Super Singers at the Palace

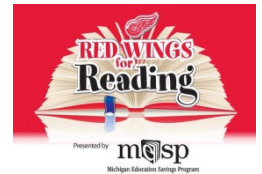
Come and enjoy a special performance by the Oxford Super Singers Sunday, February 21, 2016 at the Palace. Our Super Singers have a great opportunity to entertain the fans prior to the Pistons vs Pelicans game. Specially discounted tickets are offered now through Friday, February 19, 2016. Please contact Nicole Laidlaw at 248-375-4065 or [nlaidlaw@palacenet.com](mailto:nlaidlaw@palacenet.com)

## Kindergarten Enrollment

February is Kindergarten Enrollment Month for the Oxford School District. You may begin the enrollment process by going online at [www.oxfordschools.org](http://www.oxfordschools.org) or calling 248-969-5019 to do the Pre-Enrollment portion. Look for more information to come about our Kindergarten Open House May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

## Red Wings for Reading

Here is another reading opportunity for your kids to learn how to read effectively in a short amount of time. Red Wings for Reading encourages all Kindergarten through fifth grade students to enter this fun contest by reading books selected by Justin Abdelkader. The program offers fun prizes and discounted ticket offers. Please see the attached flyer for more information. We will fax all forms brought into the office. Our library currently has all the books listed.



## Jump Rope for Heart

Please continue collecting and returning donations to school as soon as possible. Leonard has raised over \$3,700.00 in online donations alone. We can't wait to count the envelopes we have already collected at school. What will our grand total be?

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Luba at [brian.luba@oxfordschools.org](mailto:brian.luba@oxfordschools.org)

## Pride! Assembly

If you were unable to make the Pride! Assembly today please check out this link. [http://mediacast.oxfordschools.org/tight\\_url.cfm/URLID/100794](http://mediacast.oxfordschools.org/tight_url.cfm/URLID/100794)

Last week this little picture did not make it in – Mrs. Bensman’s Class celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school.

