

# Leopard Inc.

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## Building Bridges, Not Walls

As we move into our second month of school, it's a good time to pause and remember that the journey of growth begins with the inner work we do within ourselves. When challenges arise, it can be easy to see one another as the problem. In truth, it is never us against us. It's us together against the issue.

Finding common ground doesn't mean we all have to agree on everything. It means we choose to listen, to extend grace, and to look for solutions that lift our children and community higher.

Just as our students are learning each day, so too are we, as parents, educators, and partners in this shared work space.

Let's keep building a culture of hope, collaboration, and compassion. When we stand side by side, focusing on what unites us, we not only solve problems more effectively, but also model for our children what it means to lead with love and strength.

Let's keep Rising With The BEST!

*Lashon Team!*

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Our recent Book Fair was a true success, made possible by the time and effort of our PTO parents and the steady support of our families. Your commitment helped us not only reach, but exceed expectations:

Sales Summary – 09/09/25

Total Sales: \$7,019.48 (tax included) | \$6,395.93 (tax excluded)

Total Cash Sales: \$4,025.08

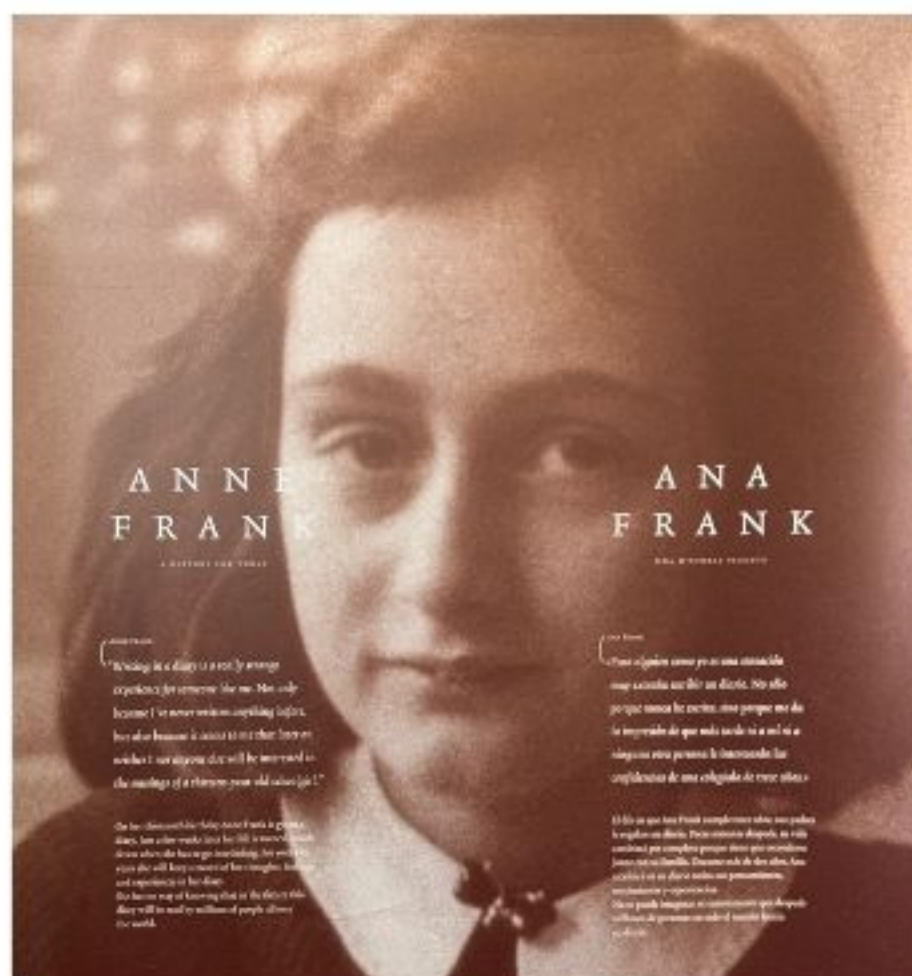
Cash on Hand: \$4,027.42

While these numbers reflect strong community participation, the real impact is seen in our students.

## Readers Rise Together

From a child development perspective, access to books and opportunities to read at home and school play a vital role in building language skills, strengthening comprehension, and fostering curiosity. Reading also supports emotional growth, helping children understand themselves and others. Thank you to every family who contributed. Your support ensures that our students continue to benefit from resources that shape their academic and personal growth.

## Anne Frank



Our 6th graders took the lead in hosting a truly meaningful event, guiding guests through a thoughtful and well-prepared tour that reflected the life, courage, and enduring legacy of Anne Frank.

Their leadership and dedication made the experience both powerful and memorable, reminding us of the importance of resilience, hope, and the voices of young people who inspire change.

This event was more than just a tour. It was a moment to pause and honor heroes, both past and present, who continue to inspire us to stand for justice, compassion, and unity.

We are deeply thankful for the support of our families and communities, whose encouragement makes it possible to create experiences that teach, inspire, and bring us together.



## Hispanic Heritage Festival

Our very first Hispanic Heritage Festival was a huge success! The event was full of vibrant culture, music, dance, and community spirit. Thanks to the incredible support of 53 volunteers and 22 dedicated staff members, the festival ran smoothly and welcomed a fantastic turnout.

The atmosphere was festive, lively, and deeply cultural, with families and community members coming together to celebrate Hispanic heritage.

From food to performances, every moment highlighted the richness of tradition and unity. We are proud to share that the event raised a total of \$3,359.90 in earnings—an amazing accomplishment that reflects the hard work and enthusiasm of everyone involved.

As our very first festival, this milestone set the tone for something truly special. We look forward to building on this success and celebrating together for many years to come!

## Strong Starts, Smart Hearts: Rise With the Best



Helping children build the habit of arriving promptly to school each morning begins with a consistent family routine. Preparing backpacks and lunches the night before, setting a steady bedtime, and leaving a few minutes of buffer time before departure can make mornings less stressful and more reliable.

### Benefits of Prompt Arrival Include:

- Better learning time, as students gain more instructional minutes and avoid missing key content (Attendance Works, 2022).
- Stronger routines and self-regulation, with steady habits linked to improved behavior and focus (Fiese, Tomcho, Douglas, Josephs, Poltrock, & Baker, 2002).
- A greater sense of belonging and stronger relationships with peers and teachers (Balfanz & Byrnes, 2012).
- More teaching and less catching up, since punctuality reduces classroom interruptions (Gottfried, 2014).
- Lower morning stress for both students and parents, with calmer transitions into the school day (Mindell, Meltzer, Carskadon, & Chervin, 2009).



### Common Challenges to Keep in Mind:

- Earlier schedules that cut into a child's sleep, which is essential for health and learning (Wheaton, Ferro, & Croft, 2016).
- Added family stress if routines are too rigid and lack flexibility (Mindell et al., 2009).
- Transportation or scheduling barriers that can make on-time arrival difficult (Attendance Works, 2022).
- The risk of children attending school when sick if the focus on attendance is too strict (American Academy of Pediatrics, 2019).
- Ignoring sleep debt, especially for adolescents who need more rest to perform well (Beattie, Kyle, Espie, & Biello, 2015).



### The Bigger Picture

Research shows that even small amounts of missed instructional time add up, and chronic tardiness or absences can significantly impact achievement (Gottfried, 2014). At the same time, family routines and adequate sleep are strongly connected to improved academic performance, well-being, and social adjustment (Fiese et al., 2002; Mindell et al., 2009). By combining preparation with realistic expectations, families can help children start each day ready to learn while keeping mornings positive and balanced.



*Up Coming Dates:*

NO SCHOOL	TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY OCT. 7 <sup>TH</sup> AND 8 <sup>TH</sup>
PICTURE DAY	THURSDAY OCT. 16 <sup>TH</sup>
PAINT NIGHT	TUESDAY OCT. 21 <sup>ST</sup>
EARLY DISMISSAL	WEDNESDAYS OCT. 15 <sup>TH</sup> , 22 <sup>ND</sup> , 29 <sup>TH</sup>