


# TROPICAL TIMES

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## MARCH 2021

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 1st SAF Virtual Meeting - 2:45 pm, (see link  
SAC Virtual Meeting - 3:00 pm, below)
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary Reading Test, grades 1 and 2
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> Primary Reading Test, grades 1 and 2
- March 8<sup>th</sup> CoGAT Testing, grade 2
- March 9<sup>th</sup> CoGAT Testing, grade 2
- March 10<sup>th</sup> CoGAT Testing, grade 2
- March 17<sup>th</sup> St. Patricks' Day 
- March 18<sup>th</sup> Early Release Day - 12:25 dismissal
- March 19<sup>th</sup> No school for students, Employee Planning
- MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> - 26<sup>TH</sup> - SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL



### Important Covid Information For Parents

Reminder that face coverings, covering and snug on the mouth and nose must be worn by all staff, students and visitors to our school. Note that there are some types that are not in compliance such as face masks that are made of vinyl or other fabric that makes it hard to breathe, masks that have inhale/exhalation valves or vents or gaiters. Further information can be found on our website.



### TITLE ONE INFORMATION

A very special thank you to the families that joined our virtual author family night with author and illustrator Andrew Toffoli. A reminder to all that ordered his books, they will be shipped directly to your home, not the school as in the past years. Thank you for supporting our Title One parent nights.

Janet Chrystie, Reading Coach

### 2021 YEARBOOKS

Please see the flyers attached regarding this years' yearbook. Exciting news, we are accepting student artwork to be in the yearbook too.



### SAF/SAC MEETING

March 1<sup>st</sup> and April 5 at 2:45 pm for SAF and 3:00 pm for SAC. Meetings will be held virtually, Recurring meeting link: <https://tinyurl.com/32f6656m> (PASTE IN BROWSER)  
 Los padres son bienvenidos a unirse a nuestra reunión de TEAMS virtuales, el 1 de Marzo y 5 a Abril a las 2:45 y 3:00 p.m. Las reuniones se realizarán virtualmente. Enlace de reunión recurrente: Paran yo akeyi yo rantre nan reyinyon ekip vityèl nou an, 1 Mars y 5 Avril a 2:45 ak 3:00 p.m. Reyinyon yo ap fèt nòmalmàn. reyinyon lyen:

### ATTENDANCE

**Very important**, students are required to use their camera for attendance and instruction. **Failure to do so will result in an absence for the day.**

Students with five unexcused absences in any marking period are to be referred by the principal/designee to the school Social Worker for intervention and possible referral to the agency designated in state law for further action. That action may include but is not limited to, referral for court action due to truancy.

Tardies are disruptive to the classroom and, also have an adverse effect on a child's educational progress. Any student not in class by 8:25am will be marked as tardy for the day.

Parents: Reporting an excused absence (*select one only please*)

1. **Online Absence Reporting Form** on your child's school website, **under Contact in the main menu, select "Report an Absence."** Parents will receive an emailed copy of the submitted form. The submitted form will be reviewed by the attendance manager.
2. Email: [tropicalattendance@browardschools.com](mailto:tropicalattendance@browardschools.com)
3. Fax: (754) 323-7790

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to the following teachers and staff members who are celebrating their birthdays in

#### MARCH

- March. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr. Garcia
- March 4<sup>th</sup> Ms. Tighe
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Ms. Schwartz
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Ms. Assad
- March 11<sup>th</sup> Ms. Hodges
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> Ms. Villasis
- March 26<sup>th</sup> Ms. Velasco
- March 29<sup>th</sup> Ms. Crosta
- March 31<sup>st</sup> Mr. Kuhn



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW NURSING STAFF

Tropical is so pleased to welcome to our campus and school family two new nursing staff members. Ms. Tina Clark, MSN, RN joins us from a nursing career that spans over 20 years in hospitals and the Broward Schools nursing group. Ms. Chantall, is a newly graduated nursing assistant. We are so very lucky to have them at our school looking after our students' medical needs.



Left, Ms. Tina Clark, MSN, RN,, right, Ms. Chantall, assistant.

### HEY TOUCANS!

Show your Tropical spirit by wearing your **Tropical t-shirts** every Friday! Tropical T-shirt order forms are on the PTA website.

There are a variety of colors and styles to choose from. Prices range from \$10.00 to \$15.00.



### MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Broward County Schools is celebrating the rich history and impact of women on our world and society. Lessons on influential women in history will be presented in all grade levels.



### VOLUNTEERS

A BCPS volunteer is an individual with a sincere interest to contribute to the education of BCPS students. Volunteers actively serve during regular hours at one or more schools, several hours at a special one-time activity or event, or work on school projects at home.

Two **virtual volunteer** opportunities are available:

- 1) Volunteers will use the Microsoft Teams platform to participate in live volunteer sessions.
- 2) Volunteers may serve as pen pals, emailing inspirational messages for school personnel to share with students

You must reapply every year to become a school volunteer.



<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/32043>

We ♥  
Volunteers

### TCC NEWS

TCC is pleased to announce that there will be a summer camp at Tropical this year. There will be more information coming soon.



### GRAB AND GO BREAKFAST AND LUNCH (location AND time changes)

Parents, don't forget about our nutritious and delicious grab and go breakfast and lunch meals available at **SEMINOLE MIDDLE AND S. PLANTATION HIGH SCHOOLS**. You will be given more than one meal so you don't need to come back. Pick up times are on **Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at SEMINOLE MIDDLE and from 11:45 to 12:45 at SOUTH PLANTATION HIGH SCHOOL**.



### MARCH CHARACTER TRAIT- SELF-CONTROL

During the month of **MARCH**, we will be emphasizing the Character Education trait of **self-control**.

Students will be recognized for March Kids of Character Trait- self-control, on the morning - announcements and will receive their certificate through their inbox on canvas.

**Self-control** is the ability to regulate one's emotions, thoughts, and behavior in the face of temptations and impulses.

# PTA INFORMATION AND NEWS

- Join the PTA! It's only \$5 per parent to join and it is a way to show your support to our school and be a part of the Team. Please join us in the General Meetings to learn all about the many ways the PTA supports our children. Membership keeps you in the loop, gives you voting powers at all General Meetings, allows you to chair a Committee and be elected to the Executive Committee. PTA will utilize MemberHub this year to communicate with parents for special events, fundraisers, and PTA meeting information. Please visit <https://tropical.new.memberhub.store/store> to sign up today.
- Get involved in the PTA by being a member of the PTA Executive Board. The following positions will be open starting July 1, 2021:
  - **President**
  - **Vice President of Fundraising**
  - **Vice President of Volunteers**
  - **Recording Secretary**
  - **Treasurer**
  - **Corresponding Secretary**
- We also have many other opportunities and positions available. These include:
  - **Room parent Coordinator**
  - **Membership Chair**
  - **Hospitality Chair**
  - **Batty Bingo Committee**
- Please contact Jami Bossé @ 954-551-1814 with any questions about these positions or if you are interested in holding one of these positions.
- The **next PTA meeting will be Tuesday March 9, 2021 at 10:00 AM.**
- Please check the PTA web site for the link to sign in.



## A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to our PTA volunteers who came in to help with our individual picture day last Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>. It was so good to see you all, I know that the children enjoyed seeing you almost as much as we all did!

Ms. Jami Bosse  
Ms. Melanie Wever  
Ms. Lauren Thomas

Ms. Jennifer Dittoe  
Ms. Erin Thomas  
Ms. Monique Brown

Ms. Lisa Khan  
Ms. Janet McGough





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### See your Name in Lights on your Birthday with the **Tropical Elementary Marquee!!**

A donation of \$20 allows you to highlight a special birthday for 7 days.  
Requests should be made at least **TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE BIRTHDAY.**

Make payment via Zelle – Name: TROPICAL ELEMENTARY PTA  
email: [trOpicalpta2018@gmail.com](mailto:trOpicalpta2018@gmail.com), add memo: Birthday Marquee

Or by

Credit Card: **PAY HERE**

Email completed form to: [trOpicalpta2018@gmail.com](mailto:trOpicalpta2018@gmail.com)

Parent Name:  Parent Phone:

Student Name (exactly how it should appear):

Date of Birth:  Grade Level:  Teacher:





## Tropical Trek Dance Party!

Save-the-Date  
April 22-23, 2021

- WHAT?** We are so excited to be sponsoring our Eleventh Annual **TROPICAL TREK**, but this year instead of a walkathon, we are hosting a dance party! Due to COVID-19, PTA has been limited to the fundraising events we can host due to multiple restrictions. These fundraisers are so important to supporting the bonus programs and materials that benefit our students. This is our only fundraising event of the school year, so we are urging everyone to join the movement and raise funds for our school community. Donation money and business sponsors raised by students will contribute to the success of this fundraiser and there are prize opportunities for the students, too!
- WHO?** Every student in our school will have the opportunity to dance during designated times of the school day. Virtual students will also have the opportunity to participate via remote feed into the dance party.
- WHEN?** Each student will be assigned to a morning time dance session on either Thursday, April 22 or Friday, April 23rd, 2021. Virtual students will also have a time and date to log into the virtual dance feed. All donations and business sponsors will be **due** no later than **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**.
- WHERE?** The DJ will be live in the Tropical Elementary Cafeteria with a secure virtual camera feed accessible only to those virtual students scheduled for the dance party. Students participating in person will be in the cafeteria in accordance with the COVID-19 safety protocol in place.
- WHY?** Our goal this year is to raise as much as possible with this hassle-free fundraiser. If EVERY student participates through donations, we can meet our goals! The money raised will be used to enhance the educational programs for all the students at Tropical Elementary. These funds help pay for our PTA-sponsored programs such as Mini Grants, Grade-Level Grants, Tropical Reading Challenge, technology upgrades, school supplies, and many more classroom tools, supplies and enrichment!
- HOW?** In a few weeks, envelopes will be sent home with each student. Students will complete the collection envelopes and ask friends and family to sponsor him or her by making a monetary donation. Completed forms must be signed by parents and returned with collected funds no later than March 31, 2021. Our goal is 100% student sponsorship participation, but every student will dance with his or her class on the day of the party regardless of their fundraising. If you have a business or a connection to a business, please consider being a business sponsor to promote your business and benefit your student at Tropical Elementary. Business Sponsorship Forms are available on both the Tropical PTA Website and the school website. You can always email us at [tropicaltrek@yahoo.com](mailto:tropicaltrek@yahoo.com)

**Thank you for supporting Tropical Elementary School!**

Questions? Please contact Kelly Brandenburg or Jami Bosse at [TropicalTrek@yahoo.com](mailto:TropicalTrek@yahoo.com)

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**\$20.00 until  
March 1, 2021**

**\$25.00 after  
March 1, 2021**

## **ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS!!**

It's time to purchase the  
2020-2021 Yearbook!

Our **FULL COLOR/HARD COVER**  
Yearbook Pre-Sale is going on now!

Log onto **BALFOUR.COM**  
to reserve your copy today!

# YEARBOOK ADS

## Ad sizes and prices

Business card → \$10.00

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Two convenient ways to  
submit your ad!

1. Ads can be created and purchased at  
**Balfour.com**

2. Completed ads may be emailed to:  
[michelle.jindracek@browardschools.com](mailto:michelle.jindracek@browardschools.com)  
(emailed ads MUST be submitted as a jpeg)

**AD DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 2021**

\*All business card size and ½ page ads must  
be submitted in a horizontal format.

\*All ¼ page ads must be submitted in a  
vertical format.