

THE TRADEWINDS EAGLE

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For your child's safety, ALL visitors MUST check in and receive a visitor's pass.

From the Principal's Desk:

Congratulations to Eloisa Valadao Xavier (Mrs. Brodwolf's class) and Camila Espinal (Ms. Livingston's class) who were honored last Thursday evening at the City of Coconut Creek's Do The Right Thing Ceremony before the City Commission and Coconut Creek Police Department. Each were recognized by their teacher for demonstrating great character and making a difference within our community.

From Pre-K through Fifth Grade, there are many activities throughout campus to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Students heard read-alouds, wrote about his life and dreams, their own dreams, created posters, foldables, wrote essays about MLK's many beautiful and inspirational ideas and researched famous Americans. Black History Month will continue through February. In STEM, students are learning about and creating electric circuits and recognizing Garrett Augustus Morgan who invented the modern-day traffic light.

Tradewinds Elementary is celebrating Literacy Week! This year's theme is "Book Your Trip: Adventure Awaits" and we have an exciting evening planned for Thursday. If unable to attend, we also have a multitude of activity throughout the week including an opportunity for students to dress like their favorite book character on Thursday (no masks are permitted). Our PTA is also planning a spectacular Spring Book Fair during the week of March 9th. Please remember to keep track of all books read using Beanstack at https://www.clever.com. by Wednesday, April 1st, for Reading Across Broward awards at the end of the year.

By this time, all K-5 students have completed their I-Ready diagnostic assessments in Reading and Mathematics and should be working on their specific learning paths. Each student's learning path is differentiated to meet their academic needs and aligned to the standards. Please inform your child(ren)'s teacher(s) if you need any assistance.

The Broward Standards Assessment (BSA) is the benchmark to spring's Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). The remaining schedule is Grades 3, 4 and 5 – BSA Mathematics tomorrow and Wednesday. It's essential that students are well rested, well fed and encouraged to do their very best. These results will assist our team in targeting instruction for every child.

There are two parent learning opportunities this week: Grade 3 FSA Night on Wednesday, January 29th at 6:30 p.m. presented by a few of our third grade teachers and Coffee and Comprehension on Friday, January 31st at 8:30 a.m. presented by our literacy coach and focused on understanding the Grade 4 and 5 FSA Writing Assessment. The Coffee and Comprehension parent workshop will include translation for Portuguese and Spanish speaking parents.

The second quarter's report cards will be issued this Wednesday and students will be recognized via our school-wide network for achieving Honor Roll and/or for being a "High Flying Eagle." Interim reports for the third nine weeks will be issued on Tuesday, February 11th.

Calendar of Events:

Jan. 27 – 21 Literacy Week
Jan. 28 100th Day of School

Jan. 28 & 29 BSA Mathematics Grades 3 – 5

Jan. 29 Issue Report Cards

10 am Tornado Drill

6:30 pm FSA Grade 3 Parent Night

Jan. 31 8:30 am Coffee and Comprehension

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 3 FTE Week

Birthday Table

Feb. 10 6 pm SAF/PTA General Meeting

Feb. 11 Issue Interim Reports

Feb. 12 Class Picture Day

Feb. 14 12 noon Early Release (new date)

Feb. 17 No School

Character Education * R E S P E C T

It's important to respect yourself by taking pride in the way you look and act. Here are a few more ideas:

- keep face and hands clean, brush teeth twice a day, and comb or brush hair

- ★ take a few minutes of quiet time for yourself with no TV, music, phone or friends
- meet homework and project deadlines
- set goals and work hard to achieve them

Attendance: A Key to Students' Success

Schools are responsible for teaching, but difficult to do if students are absent. Learning builds day by day. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning. Being late hurts a child's learning, too. Students can copy notes or make up assignments, but they can never get back what's most important: the discussions. the auestions, the explanations by the teacher and the thinking that makes learning come alive. Please help us by sending your children to school every day. We want them to be successful and achieve academically.

Add Keep Up-To-Date Calendars

Keeping track of family activities is not easy. It helps to have one large family calendar, plus individual calendars for family members. Check them daily. Read some suggestions:

- ✓ Make sure your large calendar has plenty of space for writing. Mark key dates such as doctor visits and after school activities.
- ✓ Have family members check it often and update it weekly, perhaps on Sunday night. This is a good time to add family information to personal calendars, too.
- ✓ Use individual calendars for detailed scheduling. For example, your child's calendar should include long-term plans, such as how he will prepare for a test.
- ✓ Check calendars before making new plans. Record new commitments right away.

Severe Weather Awareness Week

Weather awareness and safety measures are always good to have in mind and put into practice. We practice a variety of drills so that we are comfortable with procedures, including tornado drills. Students learn what to do in case of a tornado watch and warning. Things you can do to be prepared:

- ✓ Find "safe areas" in your home.
- ✓ Stock emergency supplies.
- ✓ Take Red Cross First Aid, CPR, and disaster preparedness classes.
- ✓ Monitor your Weather Radio. This is a good time to check the batteries.
- ✓ Surf the web for up-to-date weather reports (<u>www.weather.gov</u>).
- ✓ Get informed at: https://www.weather.gov/safety/

Free Tutoring Available

Broward County Library offers free on-line homework help everyday from 2 to 10 p.m. Visit www.broward.org/library and click on the Broward etutor logo. Students must have a Broward County Library card.

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