

# 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:

Welcome Back to school! All of our teachers and the staff have been eagerly awaiting the start of the new year and another "season" of what promises to be a successful second semester. I hope that this message finds all of our TWE families and their loved ones well and that the winter break was good. If you are wondering why students were off yesterday, it's because of a teacher planning day that is standard with the end of a quarter. Report cards will be issued on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Just prior to the break, many of our pre-school parents and families attended Dr. Susan Berlinger's (Speech Language Pathologist) introductory workshop called Helping Your Child Develop Speech and Language Skills. It was a pleasure to see so many parents attend this learning opportunity and we look forward to January 15th's Coffee/Café and/y Comprehension (Topic: Writing throughout the Content Areas).

Many students took advantage of our new iReady Mathematics and Reading program over this winter break. Teachers and staff will continue to receive training on iReady's reports and how to differentiate instruction based on each student's data. Students will continue being assessed through the program...which will itemize a differentiated learning path in both subject areas. Students will learn today about our January through April's Principal's i-Ready challenge.

The Broward Standards Assessment (BSA) is a benchmark to springs' Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) and is scheduled for the upcoming weeks. Progress monitoring is essential as it lets us know what our third, fourth and fifth graders students can do, but most importantly the differentiated instruction necessary as we make changes to the instructional focus. The BSA is an indicator of how children may perform on the FSA. Please see schedule below and plan accordingly. The BSA will be computer-based in order for us to retrieve the data quickly. However, spring's FSA will be 100% paper-based for all grades.

January will be a busy month at Tradewinds. Save The Dates: <u>January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup></u> - Grade 3 Broward Standards Assessment (BSA) English and Language Arts (ELA), <u>January 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup></u> - Grades 4 and 5 BSA ELA, <u>January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup></u> - Grade 3 BSA Mathematics, <u>January 17<sup>th</sup></u> - School Advisory Council Meeting, <u>January 18<sup>th</sup></u> - Science Rotation Day (all grades), <u>January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup></u> - Grades 4 and 5 BSA Mathematics, <u>January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup></u> - Grade 5 Science, <u>January 31<sup>st</sup></u> - Junior Achievement Biz Town (Grade 5) and <u>February 1<sup>st</sup></u> - Writing Assessment Day (all grades).

We have printed new signs for the car loop to replace lost or faded ones. Please use these signs when you pick up your children. We call the names of students and have them ready as you move forward in the loop. Keep the sign visible until your children are loaded in your vehicle. To make our area as safe as possible, please do not use cell phones in the car loop.

#### Calendar of Events:

Jan. 8		Start 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter (51 Days)
Jan. 10		BSA Grade 3 ELA Session 1
Jan. 11		BSA Grade 3 ELA Session 2
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Jan. 14	BSA Grades 4 & 5 ELA Session 1	
6pm	SAF & PTA Meeting	
Jan. 15	BSA Grades 4 & 5 ELA Session 2	
8:30 am	Coffee/Café Comprehension	
Jan. 16	BSA Grade 3 Math Session 1	
Jan. 17	BSA Grade 3 Math Session 2	
2:20 pm	School Advisory Council (SAC)	
Jan. 23	BSA Grades 4 & 5 Math Session 1	
Jan. 24	BSA Grades 4 & 5 Math Session 2	
Jan. 28	BSA Grade 5 Science Session 1	
Jan. 29	BSA Grade 5 Science Session 2	

#### Ease Back into School Routines

Getting back on track after a long winter break is difficult. Some children may not want to come back to school and are having a hard time leaving toys or games at home, especially if they just received them. You can:

- Give your child extra time in the morning to say goodbye to their favorite things and get to school on time.
- Reassure them that they still have plenty of time to play at the end of the school day and schedule an exciting afterschool event they can look forward to.

### Help Your Child Set and Achieve Goals

- ☐ At the beginning of the week, help your child identify one goal. For example, receiving 90% correct on the spelling test, turning in a book report, or completing a process for the science project.
- ☐ Have your child <u>write the goal</u> on a piece of paper. Post it on the refrigerator.
- Discuss how to accomplish the goal. Help your child break the goal down into smaller steps. For example: read two chapters every day, spend a day writing the report, and another day revising it.
- ☐ As the week progresses, <u>ask how things are</u> <u>going</u>. Talk about possible solutions if problems come up.
- □ At the end of the week, help your child evaluate how well he did. Did your child achieve the goal? Most important, praise your child for trying. Then set a new goal for next week.

#### **Character Education**

**R E S P E C T:** Showing consideration, understanding and regard for people, places and things. Help your child learn to show respect for him/herself and others. Here are a few simple ways:

- pay attention to the person who is speaking.
- wait my turn to speak.
- raise my hand and wait my turn to speak.

#### Reminders to Parents

- ✓ Supervision in the car loop begins at 7:15. The free breakfast program begins at 7:30. The first bell rings at 7:55 and all students are expected to be seated and ready to learn at the 8:00 bell and to be present in school.
- ✓ Tradewinds has a unified dress code and all students are expected to wear the school's colors and/or Tradewinds official school clothing (sold by our PTA) each day. Students are also expected to adhere to the district's appropriate dress code.
- ✓ Please update all emergency dismissal information. New cell, home and work telephone numbers are needed in order to contact you in case of an emergency.
- ✓ Students will be released only to parents or other authorized adults who must be prepared to show photo ID. Students must be signed out through the front office before leaving campus.
- ✓ Students will not be released for early dismissal after 1:30 p.m., because it disrupts the routine dismissal of the school. We recommend that all appointments be made late enough to allow your child to remain in school until 2 p.m.
- ✓ Be sure to call the school if your child is absent.
- ✓ Please do not park in the bus loop. This area is designated for school buses and emergency vehicles only. Parking is available in the west side parking lot.
- ✓ Do not park at The Emmanuel Baptist Church or neighboring businesses.

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