



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:

I was so proud of how our students, parents and staff arrived to school last Thursday and Friday ready to learn! Both days were beautiful and productive ones at Tradewinds. Not only did we have fantastic attendance on the one-year anniversary of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas tragedy, but everyone dedicated the days to service and love through our "writing from the heart" activity to our educators, first responders, armed forces and hospitals. Students participated and enjoyed quality character lessons, community service project ideas and our traditional Valentine's day sharing activities and centers.

Safety and security continues to be our number one priority and sometimes comes with an inconvenience. Please review these immediate changes to begin tomorrow (Wednesday, February 20th): all parents and visitors to our school are to report to our new single-point of entry (located just north of the main parking lot) and through our courtyard. All walkers, car riders and bicycle riders are to enter through the courtyard as well through the supervised double doors (changed from the current K/1 hallway doors). For your convenience, we have staff accepting students on the car line beginning at 7:15 a.m. (earlier arrivals are unsupervised and may be unsafe). It's urgent that my staff has available on-campus parking and I encourage all visitors to utilize the parking that is south of our three-story building or the city lot just west of our school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Congratulations to all of our student attendees and teachers who are now a few weeks into our Language Enrichment Camp. We all look forward to the academic gains. As with all programs, consistency and attentive attendance of all students is required. Our FSA Morning Academy will also begin in March and be instructed by our teachers. Invited students will receive more information as we prepare for Spring's FSA.

Mark your calendars: February 20th - Class Pictures and PTA Family Night (Magic Show), February 21st - Early Release Day, February 28th - School Advisory Committee (SAC), March 11th - Advisory and PTA General Meeting, March 12th - Coffee and Comprehension and PTA's Spring Book Fair and Spring Night, March 19th - Monarch Zone Event at Tradewinds (Test-Taking Strategies), March 20th and 21st - Grade 1's Show and Early Release Day and March 22nd - Planning Day. Three notable April events: April 1st - Reading Across Broward Logs due, April 6th - Earth Day at Monarch Hill and April 12th - Kindergarten Roundup.

Our Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) season will officially begin on Tuesday, April 2nd. All testing this year will be paper-based. Please add these important dates to your calendar as they are updated from earlier in the school year: April 2nd - Grades 4 and 5 English and Language Arts Writing Component, April 2nd and 3rd - Grade 3 Reading, May 1st and 2nd - Grades 4 and 5 Reading, May 3rd and 6th - Grade 5 Science, May 7th and 8th - Grades 3,4 and 5 Mathematics, May 14th - Grades 1 and 2 Primary Reading Assessment

Please join me in celebrating two special TWE Eagles. On Thursday evening, Mrs. Karen Matiuk (Teacher of the Year) and Mr. Kevin Muller (Employee of The Year) will be honored at the District's Caliber Awards. Way to Go!

Calendar of Events:



Feb. 20 Class Pictures (\$12)
 6:30 pm PTA Family Night
 Feb. 21 **12 pm** Early Release
 Feb. 28 2:20 pm SAC Meeting



Upcoming Events:

Mar. 1 Birthday Table
 Mar. 6 6:30 pm Young Author's Night
 Mar. 11 6 pm SAF/PTA General Meeting
 Mar. 12 8:30 am Coffee/Café Comprehension

Family Connections

Communicate more. Refrigerator magnets, a corkboard in the kitchen, a whiteboard in the front hall ... use whatever works for you. Create a place where family members can share thoughts from the day, post messages, or display school papers and artwork.

Make an appointment for enjoyment. Busy parents may sometimes feel they are losing touch. Make a date for a picnic, a bike ride, attend a ballgame or simply take a walk in your neighborhood to reconnect and spend some quality time together.

Character Education • Honesty

Great reasons why you should be honest:

- Telling the truth protects innocent people from being blamed or punished.
- Allows everyone to know and learn from what really happened.
- Telling the truth helps you feel secure and peaceful inside.
- You gain a reputation for being honest – a trait that most people value.

5th Grade Parents • Lyons Creek Middle School Matriculation Information

If your fifth grader will be attending Lyons Creek Middle School for the 2019-2020 school year, you are invited to their Matriculation Meeting during one of their Saturday sessions on **February 23, March 16** or **April 13** from 8:30-9:30 a.m. or 10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. You will have the opportunity to learn about the school, tour the campus, make course selections, and submit registration paperwork (registration and two proofs of address). Course selection cards and registration paperwork will be posted on the Lyons Creek Middle School website for your review.

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)

The VPK program available to children that will be 4-years old by September 1, 2019 and are residents of the State of Florida.

- Parents must obtain a VPK Certificate of Eligibility. In order to do this, a valid email address is required.
- Applications for the VPK Certificate of Eligibility are submitted online through the State's Single Point of Entry (SPE) system: <https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com>
- Proof of residence and proof of age must be uploaded into the SPE system.
- A VPK Certificate of Eligibility will be emailed to the applicant.

For more information, please contact the Head Start/Early Intervention Department, VPK Office at 754-321-1954.

Child Find – FDLRS

If you know a preschool aged child who needs a helping hand, call Child Find - FDLRS (Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System) at 754-321-7200. The goal of Child Find is to assure that all children who need special education and related services receive a free appropriate education.

Child Find offers information and **FREE** screening for children (birth - 5 years) who may have difficulty: learning, speaking, playing, seeing, walking or hearing. In this way, problems may be detected early and a plan can be provided. With proper evaluation and treatment, the impact of the problems can be minimized or eliminated. Child Find assists in placing children with special needs in appropriate exceptional education programs. There's never a charge for any of the services.

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