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# 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 our third, fourth and fifth grade students, teachers, staff and families as this year's FSA Reading (Grade 3) and FSA English and language Arts Writing Component (Grades 4 and 5) is now complete. With more than 200 third grade students alone, we had 100% attendance and only a few makeups with writing. Great teamwork and commitment! As we look towards the remainder of the schedule, let's continue the stellar attendance where children test with their classmates, teacher and in a familiar environment. We also want to applaud and thank our volunteer proctors for the time and interest in assisting our school.



The third quarter report cards will be issued on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Please take a few minutes to review and reflect on the academic and behavioral areas of these progress reports and continue to communicate with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and any member of the support and leadership team as it relates to academic gains and behaviors/social and emotional. On April 17<sup>th</sup>, we will recognize Honor Roll and "High Flying Eagles" over our school-wide network WTNN. Congratulations in advance to those students who earned the awards and keep up the great work. Next week's Eagle will highlight the end-of-year recognition events and an updated calendar that culminates with Grade 5's annual "Moving Up Ceremony."

On Friday of this week, we will open our doors to so many new families for Kindergarten Round Up and to welcome the Class of 2032. Our student government and leaders provided phenomenal assistance making the program quite successful.

Welcome to Autism Awareness Month at Tradewinds! Each year, we celebrate this month with unique fundraising and awareness events. Students learn interesting facts about autism and participate in lessons through storybooks, videos and arts and crafts. We also invite students and staff to Dress Up for Autism (Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>) by donating \$1.00 to wear jeans with red, aqua, yellow or navy shirts (the colors of the autism ribbon). Additional activities include a T-shirt design art contest, Special Olympics with our "Awesome Buddies", and "Autism in Flight" where students and families experience an international airport, TSA security and the boarding of a JetBlue aircraft. The visit is designed to familiarize students with routines involved in airline travel. For any questions regarding Autism Awareness Month at TWE, please contact our Autism Coach Mrs. Valbuena at [erika.valbuena@browardschools.com](mailto:erika.valbuena@browardschools.com) or call our school's main number.

It's time to begin the process for the \$100,000 School Enhancement Program at Tradewinds. The SMART Program, under the direction of The School Board of Broward County and Superintendent Robert W. Runcie has allocated \$100,000 towards capital-related projects at each school intended to improve the condition of instructional spaces and/or the educational environment. Decisions will be made as a collaborative effort from the School Advisory Council (SAC), school staff and the school community through a voting process. Information will be presented at April 11<sup>th</sup>'s School Advisory meeting and all interested TWE families may attend.

### Calendar of Events:

Apr. 11	2:20 pm	SAC
Apr. 12		Kindergarten Roundup Birthday Table
		
<b>Upcoming Events:</b>		
Apr. 15	6 pm	Advisory Forum/PTA
Apr. 16	8:30 am	Coffee Comprehension Issue Report Cards
Apr. 19		No School
Apr. 26		Dress Up for Autism 
May 1 & 2		Reading Grades 4 & 5
May 3 & 6		Science Grade 5
May 7 & 8		Mathematics Grades 3 – 5
May 14 & 15		Reading Grades 1 & 2

### April is Autism Awareness Month

What better way to bring that awareness to our community than by participating in Autism Awareness activities throughout April. With figures growing to as many as 1 in 59 children affected by autism, there is a need to bring awareness. Here are some Autism Facts:

- Boys are 5 times more likely than girls to have autism.
- There is no medical detection or cure.
- Autism usually begins before age 3 and is a life-long disability.
- Autism occurs in all countries and within all socioeconomic classes.
- Autism is a collection of disorders of brain development called "autism spectrum disorders" or ASD.

### Character Education • Tolerance

Some example of tolerance:

- 🍏 Accepting others unconditionally, unless their actions, behaviors or words are intended to harm me.
- 🍏 Acknowledging that there is more than one way to complete a task or accomplish a goal. It's through patience and cooperation that I exhibit my acceptance of others.
- 🍏 Understanding that it's our differences that create a diverse world.

### Kindergarten Round up for 2019 – 2020

**Friday, April 12, 9 – 10:30 a.m.**



Our Kindergarten Round Up is this Friday, **April 12**. Please share this date with any of your neighbors. New registering students must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2019.

### Dress Up for Autism • April 26

On Friday, April 26, staff and students are invited to participate in Dress Up for Autism to raise awareness by sending a donation to wear jeans with red, aqua, yellow or dark blue t-shirt (autism ribbon colors) to school. Donations will go towards the Awesome Buddies peer program and Sensory Integration for Tradewinds Elementary. Donations will be collected on April 11<sup>th</sup>, April 18<sup>th</sup>, and April 26<sup>th</sup> in the Commons Area between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. The top three classes will win ice pops and a chance to Soak & Wet Coach House! Last year, we raised over \$2300 for the program and our new Gross Motor room. Let's make it another great year.

### Celebrate Earth Day Every Day

- ✓ Never litter. Recycle plastic, cardboard, aluminum, and glass.
- ✓ Keep the faucet off while you brush your teeth.
- ✓ Turn off the lights, TVs, computers, and radios when they're not in use.
- ✓ Bring your lunch in a reusable lunchbox or bag with a thermos.
- ✓ When going short distances, walk or ride your bike.
- ✓ Use tote bags to carry groceries home.

### Fourth Quarter Reminders

Are you signing the planner each day? Is time made to read each night? Are school clothes in school colors of green, yellow, khaki and white ready to put on each morning? If not, take a little time to get organized so you can make the most of the last quarter!