



# 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:**

It was a pleasure to see so many parents/guardians at our first Coffee and Comprehension/Café y Comprensión of the school year. Our Literacy Coaches and ESOL Liaison shared The Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) and how these results are used to differentiate instruction for every child. Our next learning opportunity will take place on Tuesday, October 23rd and will focus on ways to assist your child with math concepts and problem-solving.

This past Friday, students enjoyed our science rotations! The lessons were filled with vocabulary, concepts and were aligned to the standards, however the focus was on the scientific process. When children learn this process to solve scientific inquiries, then they can apply it to any content. The next Science Day is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7th.

Last Monday marked the mid-point to the first quarter of the school year and Interim Reports may have been issued to your child for a multitude of reasons. Please review, sign and return these progress reports to your child(ren)'s teacher(s). Our teachers, leadership staff and administration are available to discuss your child(ren)'s academic and behavioral progress. As we begin the seventh week of school, it's a great time to ask your children questions about what they are learning daily and have them verbally explain it.

This week is "Start With Hello Week", PTA's Fall Book Fair Week, School-wide Writing Assessment Day (Wednesday) and our first grade level themed show of the school year (Grade 3). This year's Book Fair theme is The Enchanted Forest and information is noted on Page 2. Students will have the opportunity to browse and/or purchase new titles, series, genres and select from a variety of award-winning books.

Other events include: 10/3 - Individual Picture Day, 10/11 - School Advisory Committee (SAC), 10/15 - School Advisory Forum (SAF) and PTA Meeting, 10/17 - STEM K-2 Night, 10/18 - Early Release Day and End of Quarter 1, 10/19 - Employee Planning Day, 10/22 - Red Ribbon Week and Quarter 2, 10/23 - Coffee and Comprehension/Café y Comprensión, 10/24 - PTA's Boo Bingo Event, 10/29 - Writing Assessment Day (all grades), 10/30 and 10/31 - Grade 5 Shows

Save The Dates: Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) Schedule:

- April 2nd - English and Language Arts (FSA ELA Writing Component) - Grades 4-5
- April 2nd and 3rd - English and Language Arts (FSA ELA Reading) - Grade 3
- May 1st and 2nd - English and Language Arts (FSA ELA Reading) - Grades 4-5
- May 3rd and 6th - Statewide Science - Grades 5
- May 7th and 8th - Mathematics (FSA Math) - Grades 3-5
- May 6th-17th (Window) - Primary Reading End-of-Year Assessment - Grades 1-2


Please join me in welcoming Officer Ed Devivo as our School's Resource Officer. Together with the City of Coconut Creek and the Coconut Creek Police Department, we will honor a special student during Thursday evening's Do The Right Thing Ceremony. We look forward to sharing how Caleb Jean-Baptiste is making a difference in his community.

If you need assistance reading or understanding this newsletter, please call the school.

### Calendar of Events:

Sept. 24 Start With Hello and  
8:30 am PTA Book Fair Week  
Sept. 26 Dads Take Your Child to School  
3 - 7 pm PTA's Family Night  
Sept. 27 9 am Grade 3 Show A  
Sept. 28 9 am Grade 3 Show B

### Upcoming Events:

Oct. 1 Swimming Session 2 Begins – K  
Oct. 3 Picture Day  
Oct. 4 KidSafe Program – Grade 2  
Oct. 5  Birthday Table  
Oct. 8 – 12 Fire Prevention Week  
Oct. 11 2:20 pm SAC

### Picture Day is Coming



Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The photographer will collect orders for pictures on the same day. Just complete the envelope (going home soon) with your child's name and teacher's name. Mark the package you want, include cash (exact amount), money order, or check made payable to Strawbridge Studios Inc.

### Start With Hello Week

1. See someone alone
2. Reach out and help
3. Start With Hello

### PTA's Enchanted Book Fair is Here

You are invited to shop Tuesday and Thursday until 3 p.m., Wednesday's Family Night until 7 p.m., and Friday until 12 p.m. Sign up for the eWallet feature allowing you to pay and print a receipt online. Payment for purchases can also be made by cash, credit or checks made payable to Tradewinds PTA. Explore the fair at <http://scholastic.com/bf/tradewindselementaryschool>. If sending money with students, please include the 6% sales tax. Thanks for your support!

### Environmental and Math Club

Students interested in joining the Environmental or Math Club, please see your class teacher. The Environmental Club will meet every other Tuesday starting October 2, from 2-3 p.m. and the Math Team will meet every Thursday from 2-3 p.m. Once you receive a permission form, please return it to the Club Sponsor, Mrs. Matiuk.

### Parent Power

There are many ways you can support your child's learning and school. Here are a few ideas:

- Spend a few minutes every evening looking over handouts your youngster brings home. Fill out forms to return the next day.
- Encourage your youngster to treat studying as a daily assignment - not just something that is done before a test. For example, study 15 minutes every night for a spelling test on Friday or after homework is finished, study every night by reviewing notes and handouts.
- To help tackle a chapter from a textbook, have your youngster preview it first by glancing over headings, graphics, and photos. Go to the glossary to look up boldfaced words.
- Tell your child's teachers if you can help them out at school or home.
- Make sure teachers know you appreciate their efforts. From time to time, send a thank you note.
- Contact your child's teacher immediately if you see a problem. Working together will help your youngster succeed.
- Attend conferences, parent meetings, and school events regularly.

### Attendance: A Key to Your Student's Success

Schools are responsible for teaching, but schools cannot do their job 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. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year. Students can copy notes or make up an assignment, but they can never get back what's most important: the discussions, the questions, 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.

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