

# TRAILBLAZER

## Fox Trail Elementary Newsletter

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## Lead Learners' Message

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*Mrs. Suzanne Nelson & Mrs. Jennifer McGreevy,  
Assistant Principals*

Greetings Fox Trail Family,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! We hope you all had a restful and fun-filled summer vacation! We would like to welcome back our returning staff and extend a warm welcome to our new team members. We would also like to welcome all the new families that have registered their child(ren) at Fox Trail over the summer! We are thrilled to have you here with us!

### New Staff Members of the Fox Trail Team:

- Sara Krin - Guidance Counselor
- Stacey Rasner - ESE Specialist
- Robyn Nadler- Speech Therapist
- Elian Lopez- Paraprofessional
- Emily Kasmer- Paraprofessional
- Kimberly Ceballos- Secretary
- TBA- Campus Monitor(s)



We are continuing with our theme of **"Learn Today ~ Lead Tomorrow"**. As you know, we are a Leader in Me School. Our big focus this year with The Leader in Me is to implement Leadership Notebooks for our students. Students will be setting academic and personal goals alongside their teachers and school staff. These **Wildly Important Goals** (WIGs) will be infused throughout all of Fox Trail. This year we look forward to leaderizing our school environment, creating more opportunities for student leadership, and setting goals school-wide to improve teaching and learning!

We look forward to working with you, learning from you, and leading together this year. Please refer to our school website for continuous updates and important dates. Feel free to contact any of us with questions or concerns. Our doors are always open!



Visit our school website:  
<https://www.browardschools1.com/foxtrail>

Like us on Facebook at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/foxtrailelementary/>

Visit our PTSA page at:  
[www.foxtrailelementaryschool.my-pta.org](http://www.foxtrailelementaryschool.my-pta.org)

Contact us at: 754-323-5800

## Safety and Security Updates

### Parent and Visitor Access to the School

Maintaining a safe campus is our number one priority. New guidelines and policies are being implemented district-wide to better secure our campuses. Once the school day begins, all perimeter gates will be locked or supervised.

Our main entrance gate will be open for arrival for students from 7:15-8:00 AM.

Help build your child's independence by ensuring they come to school prepared with their homework, lunch, materials, etc. If you find it necessary to bring the items they forgot at home, the campus gates will be re-opened from 10:30-11:30 AM. Please utilize these times should you need to come to school to drop off items.

**Just to reiterate, the main entrance gate will be locked from 8:30-10:30 and 11:30-1:30.** In case of an emergency and you need to access the campus, you will need to call the school at 754-323-5800. We will then send someone to open the gate. Please understand that this may take some time so please plan accordingly.

The main entrance gate will be reopened, and entry will be monitored beginning at 1:30 for dismissal. Fox Care staff will continue to monitor the gate until 6:00 PM.

Please have your ID and reason for visiting available at the gate.

The gate to State Rd. 84 will no longer be open during arrival and dismissal. For those that used this gate to enter and exit campus, you will have to take an alternative route.

We recommend you schedule any appointments for your child(ren) after school hours when possible.

**We recognize that these safety procedures may be inconvenient. At times, due to inclement weather or staff availability, there may be longer than usual wait times. We kindly appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work together to keep our children safe.**

# Safety and Security Updates Continued...

- Welcome back Officer Snyder! He will be our School Resource Officer (SRO) again this year!
- In an effort to increase safety and security, we will no longer be allowing parents and visitors in the cafeteria during breakfast and lunch hours.
- Teaching children what to do in the event of different types of emergencies has always been embedded in your child's instruction. We conduct fire drills monthly and tornado drills twice a year. This year the district has mandated that "code red" lock down drills be practiced every month as well. In the event of an actual emergency, Fox Trail will communicate with the school community as soon as feasibly possible using our Parent Link system. To ensure that you can receive this timely communication, be sure that you keep your contact information up to date with the front office of the school.
- All volunteers must complete the online application for the 2018/19 school year. For those that wish to become or continue being a Fox Trail volunteer for the 2018-19 school year please visit the link below. All volunteers, including field trip chaperones, must check in and out of our STAR system when visiting campus. Volunteer badges will be left with the front office staff when leaving.  
<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/32043>
- All students will be given an ID badge at the beginning of the year that will be kept in school. This ID badge is to be worn everyday while they are at school. When you are shopping for school supplies, consider purchasing a breakaway lanyard for your child. All staff are also required to wear ID badges as well.

## Unified Dress Code

Fox Trail is a uniform school. Bottoms can include shorts (not gym-type shorts), slacks (not leggings), skirts or skorts and should be solid navy-blue, black, or khaki and may be worn with white, gold, royal blue, or navy-blue polo shirts. Additionally, Fox Trail t-shirts are included in the uniform code. Fox Trail Spirit shirts can be worn on Fridays only. Students' adherence to our dress code is important in helping us identify intruders on campus. If your child has outgrown their uniform clothes and you would like to donate them, we would love to have them!

### BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS- ONLINE

Parents and students: The Code of Student Conduct Handbook Goes **Green!** Parents are invited to review the Code of Student Conduct Handbook and complete all required back to school forms by accessing the Back to School Forms link found on the Broward School's webpage at: <https://www.browardschools.com/backtoschool-onlineforms>

## Late Arrival and Early Dismissal...Remember - If it's 8:00, you're late!

-Students who arrive to school after 8:00 AM, must be escorted into the school and signed in by a parent.

- A parent must sign out their child who requires an early dismissal BEFORE 1:30 PM (11:30 AM on Early Release Days).

\*Per school board policy, all early dismissals must be done more than 30 minutes before Fox Trail's regular dismissal time.

### Prices for breakfast and lunch are as follows:

Breakfast: Free Universal Breakfast, Lunch: 2.00, Reduced: \$.40, [myschoolapps.com](http://myschoolapps.com) is an easy and convenient way for parents and guardians to submit applications online.

### Stay Connected:

Parent Link: Every Friday you will receive our Parent Link phone calls, emails, and/or texts. These links will give you information for the upcoming week. At various times throughout the year, you will receive other parent links from Broward Schools and Fox Trail Elementary with any necessary information. If you are not receiving these messages, be sure to contact our front office.

# Mark your calendars...

## August 14<sup>th</sup>: Meet and Greet

8:30-9:00 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades  
9:15-9:45 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades  
10:00-10:30 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and ASD  
10:45-11:15 Pre-K and KG

**MEET & GREET**



## August 15<sup>th</sup> First Day of School

8:15 Boo-hoo Breakfast- Cafeteria

## August 27<sup>th</sup> SAC/SAF Meetings

2:15 Media Center

## September 3<sup>rd</sup>- No School

## September 10<sup>th</sup>- No School

## September 12<sup>th</sup>- Volunteer Breakfast

8:30 AM- Cafeteria

## September 13<sup>th</sup> PTSA General Meeting

6:30 PM- Media Center

## September 18<sup>th</sup>- Meet the Masters

8:30 AM- Cafeteria

## September 19<sup>th</sup>- No School

## September 21<sup>st</sup>- Western Innovation Zone Mtg

10:00 AM at Western High School

## September 26<sup>th</sup> - Room Parent Orientation

8:30 AM- Cafeteria

## Open House 6:00 PM

**August 29<sup>th</sup>  
Pre-K, KG, 4<sup>th</sup>, ASD**

**September 5<sup>th</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

**September 12<sup>th</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**2018-19 Evaluations:** Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of Fox Trail Elementary School instructional and/or administrative employee evaluations may contact our office at 754-323-5800 by April 12, 2019

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