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Greetings Fox Trail Family,

Welcome back to the 2016-2017 school year! We hope each and every one of you had a relaxing and enjoyable 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 children at Fox Trail over the summer! We are thrilled to have you here with us!

Our theme this year is “Learn Today ~ Lead Tomorrow”. We are very excited about our theme for many reasons. As our world evolves, it is our duty as educators to teach our students not only academics but to also teach them to be successful and to enter the world fully prepared for what’s ahead of them. The jobs we are trying to prepare our students for in the future don’t even exist yet. Therefore, teaching them the critical thinking and leadership skills they need to reach their goals is a critical part of our job. We are in the process of becoming a Leader in Me School where we will be integrating The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People into our day-to-day learning. We are excited to begin this journey with all of you. The leadership necessary to move our school doesn’t need to come from the top, but rather from all of us within the school, especially the children themselves.

We look forward to working with you, learning from you, and leading together this year. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions or concerns. Our doors are always open!

Your Lead Learners,

Ms. Lynn O. Burgess, Principal
Mrs. Suzanne Nelson and Mrs. Jennifer McGreevy,
Assistant Principals

Hello Parents and Students,

This year we will have a new special called Synergy that is sure to engage and excite all Fox Trailers. In this class, learners will participate in team building challenges by using cooperative strategies and exploratory skills. Children will also gain an understanding of how they can use their individual strengths to synergize and discover creative solutions to problem-based scenarios. From the Tower of Index Cards Challenge, to creating a creepy crawly village, synergy has something for everyone.

We look forward to having a terrific year together with all of Fox Trail’s synergists! Sincerely, Mr. Cruz and Mrs. Chase

I’m **Mrs. Howard** and I’m going to be your child’s art teacher this year!

I am so excited about this school year and can’t wait to get to know the children and tap into their creativity. My philosophy is to develop an atmosphere that encourages self-expression and imagination through a creative, hands-on art experience.

This year, I will be focusing on different themes for each grade level. **Kindergarten** will focus on “The Recipe to Great Art” (*i.e. The ingredients include the “Elements of Art” and the “Principles of Design”*), **1st grade** will focus on “Exploring Art Media”, **2nd grade** will focus on “Art Around the World”, **3rd grade** will focus on “Famous Artists”, and **4th and 5th grade** will focus on “Styles of Art”.

Hello, my name is Mr. Malagon and I have the privilege of being your child’s music teacher. I am very excited about this year and the many things we will be learning in music class! My overall goal is for each child to develop the concepts, skills, and attitudes for a lifetime enjoyment and appreciation of music. This is accomplished through a variety of experiences, such as singing, playing instruments, listening, moving, improvising, creating, expressing, and performing.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns. I look forward to an exciting year and thank you for the honor that is teaching your child!

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

We are thrilled to have you as a member of our Fox Trail school family. As you may already know, it is a very large family, consisting of over 1200 children, the majority of whom are car riders rather than bus riders or pedestrians. That means that between the hours of 7:30 to 7:50am and 2:00 to 2:30pm, hundreds of children are being moved from school into their respective cars or vice versa. We here at Fox Trail take immense pride in making sure each child goes home safely and receives the most personalized attention possible at these two very exciting times of the day. In order to help us accomplish this, we ask for your help in remembering the following:

1. The school has two distinct parking areas, one for students who ride the bus and one for students who are car riders. Car riders cannot be picked up or dropped off at the bus entrances. They must be picked up or dropped off and enter or exit the school from the car parking lot at the east side of the school.
2. In the car riders' parking lot, there is one long lane that separates into two car lanes towards the end of the lot. The right car lane is intended for the pick up or drop off of car riders. Parents are to remain in their driver's seat at all times. We ask that you place your child's name and grade on your dashboard to assist us in locating your child.
3. The best time to arrive at school is between 7:30-7:45am as to not be tardy. Students will be marked tardy if they are not in their classroom by 8:00am.
4. When walking through the parking lot, please use the marked crossings and follow staff instructions.
5. Please do not park on the grassy areas around the school.
6. **Emergency early dismissals for students will be before 1:30pm only.**

I am so grateful for the fabulous staff and parent volunteers that helped to make the beginning of the school year run so smoothly. We have such a dedicated and supportive staff. If you would like to give input into an instructional or administrative evaluation please write me prior to May 5th, 2017. Thank you! Mrs. Burgess

Transportation Wrist Bands!!!

A dismissal identification band has been placed on your child's backpack. **Please leave this dismissal identification band on the backpack for the entire year.** If your child gets a different backpack or you change your child's dismissal routine, please let the teacher know so we can update the backpack with the proper band. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this request.

Parent/Student Handbook in Agenda

In the front of your child's agenda book is the Parent/Student Handbook. The handbook was prepared to answer questions that parents and students might have regarding the school's operations. It explains policies, guidelines, and safety procedures which are in place at the school. For quick reference, each category has been arranged in alphabetical order.

South Florida Gifted and Talented Symposium

The South Florida Gifted and Talented Symposium: *Super Powered, Changing the World One Gift at a Time* has been scheduled for September 23, 2016, from 7:30am to 3:00pm at Pompano Beach High School. To register, please visit <http://sfgsymposium.com>. Registration is now open and an early registration fee of \$35.00 is available until September 16, 2016. On September 17, 2016, registration will increase to \$45.00. Registration will close on September 21, 2016.

Parent and Student

The **2016-2017 Code of Student Conduct Handbook** will be posted on Broward Schools' website at www.browardschools.com. Parents and students may also access the Code of Student Conduct Handbook through the BEEP Portal or use their smartphones to scan the Quick Response code Book posters displayed throughout the school's campus.

FOX CARE Aftercare

Fox Trail will be providing our own aftercare this school year. Activities include: Homework help by teachers, snacks, computers, dance, sports, Spanish, academic clubs, and much more!

Registration information:

*\$185.00 each 20 day period, 2-6pm
*One time registration fee per family, \$25.00

You're Invited!!

We would like you to join Fox Trail Communication 2016-17! This year we will be using the Remind app as one way to communicate with our families. Remind is a free, safe, and simple messaging tool that helps educators share important updates and reminders with students and parents. You can subscribe by text, email, or by using the Remind app. All personal information is kept private. Teachers will never see your phone number, nor will you see theirs. We have set up a school-wide communication group to use this year to send out reminders and important information about our school. Follow the steps below to sign up to receive notifications:

* To receive messages via text, text @foxtra to 81010. You can optout of messages at any time by replying 'unsubscribe @foxtra'.

* Trouble using 81010? Try texting @foxtra to (941)840-5447 instead.

* To receive messages via email, send an email to foxtra@mail.remind.com. You can leave the subject and body blank. To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line at any time.

* Download the app in Google Play or Apple Store and follow @foxtra.

* Visit this link <https://remind.com/join/foxtra>.



Looking ahead

AUGUST

Wed., 31 Open House-K & 1st 6:00pm
Mon., 29- Uniform Drop off
Tues., Sept., 6

SEPTEMBER

Mon., 5 No School-Holiday
Wed., 7 Uniform Exchange-7:30-8:00am;
1:30-6:00pm
Open House-2nd, 5th and ASD-6:00pm
PTSA Mtg.-6:30pm
Volunteer Breakfast-8:30am
Open House-3rd & 4th-6:00pm
Thurs., 8 Early Release-12:00pm
Wed., 14 Meet the Masters Orientation
8:30am
Thurs., 15 Interim Reports Issued
Thurs., 22 Book drop off
Tues., 27 & 28 Room Parent Orientation-8:30am
Wed., 28 Book Exchange
Thurs., 29

Morning Breakfast

Breakfast is available to all students, free of charge. Because of the large number of students having breakfast, parents are not invited to eat with their child.

Prices for breakfast and lunch are as follows:

Breakfast: Free Universal Breakfast, Lunch: \$2.00, Reduced: \$.40, Adults: \$2.75. ApplyforLunch.com is an easy and convenient way for parents and guardians to submit applications online. There is no fee for using the ApplyforLunch website to submit your application for benefits and the service is provided free of charge by your District. Remember that you have to reapply annually for Free and Reduced Lunch rates. [Click Here to go to the website](http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/foodservice/freereduced.htm)
(<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/foodservice/freereduced.htm>).
Parents may join their child occasionally during lunch on *Tuesdays only*. In order to promote wellness, fast food is discouraged during lunch.