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## FOX TRAIL ELEMENTARY

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[www.foxtrailelementaryschool.my-pta.org](http://www.foxtrailelementaryschool.my-pta.org).

Greetings Fox Trail Friends and Family,

It's hard to believe that the holiday season is already among us! We hope all of our families had a joyous and restful Thanksgiving break! We had great success with our Harvest Drive this November and want to thank all of those families who helped contribute to our collection. Together, with the Western School Zone, we fed over 400 families in our area. Broward County Schools fed over 2,400 families district wide!

During our Employee Planning day in November, our staff participated in another session of our Leader in Me training. We gained even more ideas and strategies to bring to the classroom and school to help our students become leaders of their learning. Our November Habit of the Month was Putting First Things First. Some key points the children and staff learned about this habit were to:

- \* Focus on the highest priorities
- \* Eliminate the unimportant
- \* Plan every week
- \* Stay true in the moment of choice

For the months of December and January we will be focusing on Habit 4: Think Win-Win. Think Win-Win is the belief that everyone can win. It's not me or you—it is both of us. It is a belief that there are enough good things for everyone; it is an abundant way of thinking. Think Win-Win is being happy for others when good things happen to them. An idea you can do with your child(ren) at home is to play a game that has a definite winner. Explain how competition is okay when you play a game, but it is not okay in relationships. Discuss how tense it would be in your home if every situation had to have a winner. A better way to think is win-win. This means we think of solutions that we can all feel good about when there is a problem.

As the winter holidays approach we have a lot happening at Fox Trail during the month of December. Interim reports go home on December 1st. We have our Hour of Code Week happening during the week of December 5th. Students will be practicing their coding skills in every classroom! Have them show you the website at home and teach you how to code. We will also be celebrating Inclusive Schools Week, which is an annual international event celebrated the first week in December. It's a time designated to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of teachers, administrators, students, and parents in making their schools more inclusive, thereby, significantly contributing to the development of a more inclusive society. On December 9th, PTSA will be hosting a Movie Night starting at 6:30 PM. We will be having our annual Winter Concert on December 21st at 7:00 PM. The chorus will also be performing at the Fort Lauderdale Airport on December 16th from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM. Mr. Malagon is very excited to showcase our music program. We hope you can attend all of these special events!

We wish you and your families a peaceful and jolly Winter Break. Schools will be closed from December 24th - January 8th. As always, our doors are open and we welcome your feedback. Please let any of us know if you need anything or how we can make our school even better. We are continuously learning along with your children. Learn Today ~ Lead Tomorrow.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year,  
Ms. Burgess- Principal  
Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. McGreevy- Assistant Principals

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.

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

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



## Looking ahead

### DECEMBER

Fri., 9	PTSA Movie Night
Mon., 12	SAC Mtg.-2:15pm
Tues., 13	PTSA Family Dinner-5-8:00pm
Wed., 14	Picture Retake Day
Wed., 21	Winter Concert-7:00pm
Mon., 26- Jan., 6	Winter Break

### JANUARY

Mon., 9	Classes Resume
Wed., 11	Copper's Cove Ori. 8:30am
Thurs., 12	Early Release-12:00pm
	PTSA Mtg.-6:30pm
Fri., 13	No School-Employee Planning
Mon., 16	No School-Holiday
Wed., 18	Book Fair Begins
Mon., 23	SAC Mtg.-2:15pm
Tues., 31	Book Fair Ends

### 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. [Visit 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.

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