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<http://foxtrail.browardschools.com>

Visit our PTSA on-line at

www.foxtrailelementaryschool.my-pta.org.

Dear Parents,

We are “On the Trail to Success” as we begin 2016 and the third quarter. The teachers are teaching the Florida Standards, completing midyear assessments, and celebrating students personal goals and gains. The planning, structure, and creativity that the staff is putting into lessons are impressive. I also love the hard work and effort that I am seeing in the students. I think the depth of knowledge, rigor and effort will pay off as they continue on their “Trail to Success.” I’ve challenged the children to set goals, both in school and at home. Check with your child to see if they feel that they are working towards a goal and/or feel they are meeting it.

February is the month when we celebrate those we LOVE and honor. I’m so proud of our staff for the loving job they do on a daily basis to educate your child. The Character Trait is HONESTY. Our fabulous guidance counselors, Ms. Molinelli and Ms. Szima have shared many character lessons and encourage our children to be the best they can be every day. We honor them this month during our National School Counselors Week.

We hope your child enjoyed the college and career activities here at the school during Career Day. They enjoyed the many presenters including the K-9 Officer, ASM Music School, (which gave 1st grade students recorders), an Aerospace Propulsion Jet Engineer, a representative from the US Coast Guard and Military Intelligence, and a Wildlife Biologist. The highlight was a visit from Homeland Security which was followed by a question and answer session. How exciting to have a helicopter land on our playground! Thank you Mrs. Dunlap for coordinating all of our presenters.

Safety is always a priority at our school. During the last planning day we had a lockdown drill on campus. Drills such as these are important so plans and procedures are in place in the event of an emergency. I appreciate the Davie Police and their coordinated effort with other local communities in our training.

February is heart healthy month. We encourage your child to get a good night’s sleep, eat nutritious meals and snacks, and exercise. Remember breakfast is free at school and the students get to select from different options each day. Many grades have their Field Days during this month to enjoy competing in class physical fitness activities. Just a reminder, when the weather is chilly, BELOW 50, we encourage your child to dress warmly. They may be out of uniform and wear jeans or heavier pants. Check the lost and found for missing items. I highly encourage you to place your child’s last name in the label for us to help in the return.

Lastly, I LOVE our VOLUNTEERS! We are so fortunate to have such supportive parents. Our schools’ curriculum and activities have benefitted from our wonderful volunteer program. As always, we thank you and LOVE your partnership in the education process.

Educationally Yours,
Lynn O. Burgess



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Health, Education & Attendance For Life

When students miss too many days of school, they fall behind and struggle to keep up with their classmates. Whether the days missed are due to illness, truancy or for any other reason, the end result for the student is the same — learning time is lost. Children and adolescents will get sick at times and may need to stay at home, but we want to work with you to help minimize the number of days your student misses school.

Missed Days Add Up Quickly!

Just a few missed days a month adds up to several school weeks missed in a year.

Both excused and unexcused absences can make it more difficult for your child to keep up with other students, especially in math and reading.

Kindergarten and first grade are critical for your child. Missing school during these early years makes it more difficult for children to learn in later years and they often have trouble reading by the end of third grade.

Work with Your Child and Your School

As the parent, be strong with your child and don't let your child stay home when it is not necessary. This will help your child succeed.

If your child has a chronic disease, make sure that the school staff is aware of the disease so the staff can assist your child if he or she becomes ill. Information about your child's chronic disease should be noted on the school emergency or health information card.

For students with asthma: if your child has asthma, the school needs an Asthma Action Plan completed by his or her doctor that includes permission to carry an inhaler at school. Make sure that all supplies (inhaler, spacer, etc.) needed to manage your child's asthma are at the school.

For students with diabetes: if your child has diabetes, the school needs a Diabetes Management Plan completed by his or her doctor. Make sure that all supplies (insulin, blood sugar meter, test strips) needed to manage your child's diabetes are at the school.

Keep an open line of communication with school staff and teachers. The more the school knows about your child's health, the better prepared everyone will be to work together for your child.

Helpful Ideas:

Make appointments with the doctor or dentist in the late afternoon so your child misses as little school as possible.

If your child must miss school, make sure you get his or her homework assignments and follow up to see if the work is completed and turned in.

Call the school as soon as you know your child will be absent and tell school staff why your child will be out and for how long.

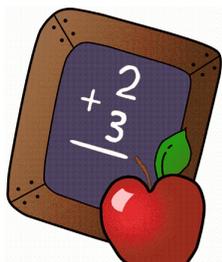
Be prepared to get a doctor's note when requested by school personnel.

If you need medical advice after business hours, most doctors' offices have answering services 24 hours a day to assist you.

If your child has an emergency, call 911.

Early Sign Out

Parents refrain from picking up your student early from school unless it is an emergency. Teachers teach until 2:00 and it disrupts the flow in the classroom with the other students. Your child is losing valuable learning time by coming in late and leaving.



Book Exchange

Our book exchange was a huge success, 1300 books exchanged hands last month!! A big **THANK YOU** goes to Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Haimo for organizing the exchange. Keep encouraging your child to READ, READ, READ!!

A Message from Mrs. McGreevy...

Happy February Fox Trail Family and Friends! For those that haven't met me yet, I am the new assistant principal here at Fox Trail. I am splitting my time between here and Gator Run Elementary to help both schools out. I will be at Fox Trail every Thursday and Friday and on alternating Wednesdays if you ever need me or just want to say hi!

Please follow me on Twitter @jennmcgreevy and on Instagram @mrsmcgreevyfte to see and hear about all of the fun and exciting things happening at Fox Trail! I look forward to working with all of you!

Reassignment Window 2016-2017

The Nova and Reassignment applications window for the 2016-2017 school year also opens December 1 - February 10, 2016. Applications will be available online at www.browardschools.com or from the Demographics and Student Assignments Office.

Should you have any questions, please contact Leona Miracola, Director, Innovative Programs Design/Support at 754-321-2070.

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Looking ahead

February

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| Tues., 2 | Take Your Child to Work Day |
| Thurs., 4 | Barnes & Noble Book Night at Plantation 5:30-7:30pm |
| Mon., 8 | SAC Mtg.-2:15pm |
| Thurs., 11 | Interim Reports Issued |
| Mon., 15 | No School-Holiday |
| Tues., 23 | Field Day-Kdg. |
| Wed., 24 | Field Day-1 st gr. |
| | PTSA Dinner Club at Tijuana Flats Plantation 3:00-10:00pm |
| Thurs. 25 | Field Day-2 nd gr. |
| | Early Release-12:00pm |
| Fri., 26 | Field Day-3 rd gr. |
| | PTSA Bingo & Baskets 6:00-8:00pm |

March

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| Tues., 1 | Writing Test-4 th & 5 th grs. |
| Fri., 4 | Field Day-4 th gr. |
| Tues., 8 | Spring Pictures |
| Mon., 14- Wed., 16 | CogAT Test-2 nd gr. |
| Mon., 14 | SAC Mtg.-2:15pm |
| Thurs., 17 | Field Day-5 th gr. |
| | Early Release-12:00pm |
| Fri., 18 | No School- Employee Planning |
| | SPRING BREAK |
| Mon., 21-25 | Classes Resume |
| Mon., 28- Thurs., 31 | FSA Test Math-3 rd & 4 th grs. |

Pay for your child's meals at www.myschoolbucks.com
School lunch menus can be found at www.broward.k12.fl.us/foodservice.

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.

Clinic Needs

We would love your donations of out-grown uniforms for our clinic.





**Broward ESE Advisory Council
Meetings 2015-2016
At Piper High School
8000 NW 44 ST., Sunrise, Fl. 33351**



| ESE Advisory Meetings | TIME |
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| February 17, 2016 | 6:00pm – 6:30pm Meet the Board 6:30pm-9:00pm General Meeting |
| March 16, 2016 | 6:00pm – 6:30pm Meet the Board 6:30pm-9:00pm General Meeting |
| April 20, 2016 | 6:00pm – 6:30pm Meet the Board 6:30pm-9:00pm General Meeting |
| May 18, 2016 | 6:00pm – 6:30pm Meet the Board 6:30pm-9:00pm General Meeting |
| June 15, 2016 | 6:00pm – 6:30pm Meet the Board 6:30pm-9:00pm General Meeting |

**Topics will be announced monthly on the parent link and website.
Chairperson-Kelly Thomerson, 954-816-7996**