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<http://foxtrail.browardschools.com>

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Dear Parents,

It is that time of year where the emphasis on academics is in full swing. Teachers are focusing on the skills that require fine tuning and the strategies that promote lifelong learning. Their instruction is guided by the standards, helping students to build techniques to deepen their critical thinking skills, make text connections, and comprehend more rigorous texts. Also evident is the students' enthusiasm for learning how to grow as leaders of their own lives as the school continues to embark upon its journey through The Leader in Me process.

As the test taking season comes to a start, here are some helpful tips to ensure that you are setting the stage for your child's success:

- * Students perform at their best when they attend school on time each day, feeling powered by a healthy breakfast.
- * Use reading homework as an opportunity to engage in conversations at home. Talk about vocabulary words or things that were interesting about the text. Discuss the events that took place or the information that was learned. If additional help is needed, check out etutor for free online tutors from 2-11pm daily for students ages 5 and up. <http://www.Broward.org/Library/Tutor>.
- * Develop communication skills by challenging your son or daughter to defend their answers. "WHY?" is a powerful follow-up question that will challenge him or her to think more deeply about their learning.
- * Most importantly, encourage children to relax and take deep breaths when they become anxious due to nerves about testing.

For more information about the Florida Standards Assessments you can visit the FSA portal at <http://fsassessments.org>. The portal provides access to general information about the FSA and links to FSA resources.

Though the focus is always on academics, the events that took place throughout the month of February have been fantastic. Students in various grade levels enjoyed celebrating the 100th day of school while making meaningful connections in all subject areas to honor the day. Our amazing PTSA organized another hugely successful Bingo and Baskets Night that left everyone who attended with a smile upon their face. Coach King spearheaded another terrific Jump Rope for Heart this month by getting students active and learning about the importance of heart health. We ended the month with a visit from children's author, Dr. John Becker, a renowned writer and animal researcher. Students that attended enjoyed learning about his book, *Mugambi's Journey*, and Dr. Becker's encounters with wildlife in the African Serengeti.

Fox Trail is lucky to have so many exciting things happening in the month of March. We continue to practice good habits through The Leader in Me program. The Habit of the Month for March is Synergy. Students synergize when they can value other people's strengths and learn from them, get along well with others despite differences, work well in groups, and seek out creative solutions by teaming together with others rather than working alone. This habit is something we strive for in school, but it can also be an effective tool at home. As a suggested activity to begin synergizing at home, work with your child to create a better solution by working together to solve a problem you may have such as dividing family responsibilities, keeping track of homework completion, following curfew. Use the Synergy Action Plan to summarize your child's solution and your solution:

1. Define the problem.
2. Share your views.
3. Think of solutions.
4. Choose the best solution together.

Parents, the Annual Customer Survey will be available to you during the month of March. I urge you to take a couple of minutes to complete it as it provides our school with valuable and needed input that allows us to make strides toward excellence. If needed, computers are available to you at the school for completing the survey.

As always, our joint efforts are what make the difference to our students each and every day. Together we can work as a team to help children grow to their greatest potential. Here at Fox Trail I am proud of the commitment faculty, parents, and students have made to live by this year's school theme... Learn Today ~ Lead Tomorrow.

Your Lead Learners, Ms. Lynn Burgess-Principal, Mrs. Suzanne Nelson and Mrs. McGreevy-Assistant Principals.

Fox Trail Elementary

Summer STEM Camp

K thru Grade 5
June 12th – August 4th
7:00 AM – 6:00 PM



Academic Focus

**Science, Technology,
Engineering, Math,
Reading, Writing
Tutoring
Hands-On Activities
Daily Labs**

Fun Activities

**In-House Field Trips
Social Activities
Art/Dance/Drama/Cheer
Swimming
Indoor/Outdoor Games
Sports**

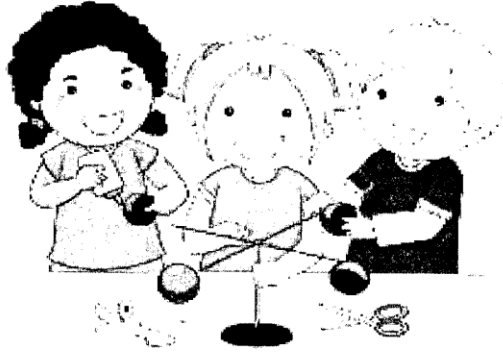
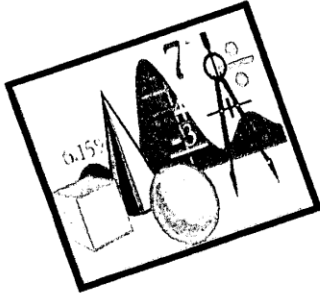


➤ **Academics Taught by Certified Teachers**

Registration Opens March 6, 2017
@ Foxcare Aftercare Office
Monday through Friday 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Register Now!

❖ Spaces are limited - Register now to secure your child's spot!



Registration Fee: \$25 per family

Program Cost: \$145 per week

- Pay for full summer in advance and receive a 10% discount
- Families with 2 or more children attending the program will receive a 5% discount
- Broward Schools Employees will receive a 5% discount
- Free Breakfast and lunch provided M through Th
- One free t-shirt at registration
- Camp closed on Tuesday July 4

❖ Registration begins March 6th, Monday through Friday from 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM in the Foxcare Main Office

For more information call: 754-323-5816

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Early Sign Out

Parents please 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.

Excellent Attendance

Being in school, all day/every day means your child won't miss out on learning. Try to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours. If they ask to stay home, "just because" or to get picked up "just because", remind them of what they will miss, such as their reading group or art class. Explain that they can be absent only if they are sick or if there is a family emergency/sickness.

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The Habit of the Month for March is **Synergize.**

Synergize means I value other people's strengths and learn from them. I get along well with others, even people who are different from me. I work well in groups. I seek out other people's ideas to solve problems because I know that by teaming with others, we can create better solutions than anyone of us can alone. I am humble.



Looking ahead

MARCH

Fri., 3	Field Day 4 th gr.
Thurs., 9	Spring Pictures PTSA Mtg.-6:30pm
Mon., 13	SAC Mtg.-2:15pm
Mon., 13-	
Thurs., 16	CogAT Testing-2 nd gr.
Thurs., 23	Early Release-12:00pm
Fri., 24	No School-Employee Planning
Tues., 28 &	
Wed., 29	FSA ELA Testing-3 rd gr.

APRIL

Fri., 7	Field Day-5 th gr.
Mon., 10-14	SPRING BREAK
Mon., 17	Classes Resume SAC Mtg.-215
Tues., 18 &	
Wed., 19	FSA Math Testing-3 rd gr.
Thurs., 20 &	Report Cards Issued
Fri., 21	FSA ELA Testing-4 th & 5 th grs.
Tues., 25 & 26	FSA Math Testing-4 & 5 th grs.
Fri., 28	Spring Dance

Morning Breakfast-7:30am

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.