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"On the Trail to Success"

<http://foxtrail.browardschools.com>

Visit our PTSA on-line at

www.foxtrailelementaryschool.my-pta.org.

MARCH 2016

Dear Parents,

March traditionally marks the beginning of the testing season. Our Fox Trail family, (the faculty, parents and staff), are devoting each day to preparing our children for success. Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. McGreevey and I are observing teachers and classes and thoroughly enjoying the creative lessons, text connections and student engagement. The standards guide the instruction, and rich discussions with probing questions follow. This all leads to a deeper understanding of the material and children taking ownership of their learning. We are not "teaching to the test" – we are preparing them for life.

Our theme for the year has been, "We are on the Trail to Success." We have to add to this the words, "To College and Career Readiness." Our rigorous standards and instruction have helped our children become more critical and analytical thinkers, ready for the future.

In light of our mission, we hosted a most impressive Career Day. Fox Trail's students were certainly enamored by the sounds of helicopter blades zipping overhead as our kickoff to Career Day began with a special presenter from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection. At the big event the students participated in a schoolwide assembly where teachers and children alike gathered on the basketball courts, eagerly waiting for the pilot to land.

This was the perfect opportunity to learn about what a typical day's work for an Air Enforcement Agent might entail should they decide to pursue this career path.

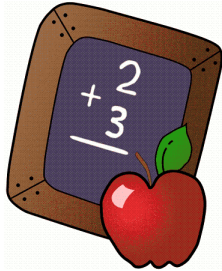
Can you imagine working for Homeland Security?! Most impressive was the big take off made by the pilot where students gathered in a collective salute as they waved goodbye to the awesome presenter. Within each grade level, children learned about many admirable professions. From working as a police officer in the K9 Unit or fire fighter providing safety throughout communities, to instructing kids how to pirouette in the dance studio, students truly learned about a plethora of job options.

The message was clear, students of all grade levels couldn't help but be reminded of the importance of working hard and getting an education. Here at Fox Trail, "We are on the Trail to Success to College and Career Readiness!"

Proud to be your Principal,
Lynn O. Burgess

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 early.



Indian Ridge Open House
Will be on April 4, at 6:30pm for
parents of incoming 5th grade
students.

The Parent/Community Involvement
Task Force and Office of Parent
Engagement Presents *"The 411 of Parent
Engagement Conference"*.

Date: Saturday, March 5, 2016
Time: 8:30 am
Location: Piper High School
8000 N.W. 44th Street
Sunrise, FL 33351

Keep Our Biking Students Safe

316.2065 Bicycle Regulations
A bicycle rider or passenger who is under 16 years of age must wear a bicycle helmet that is properly fitted and is fastened securely upon the passenger's head by a strap and that meets the federal safety standard for bicycle helmets, final rule, 16 C.F.R. part 1203.

Proctor's Needed!!

We appreciate your time!! Please donate two hours for proctoring during our testing days in March and April. Forms are in the main office for pick up or you may call and let us know the dates you can proctor. Thank you for your help.

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Looking ahead

March

Tues., 1	Writing Test-4 th & 5 th grs.
Fri., 4	Field Day-4 th gr.
Tues., 8	Spring Pictures
Mon., 14-	CogAT Test-2 nd gr.
Wed., 16	
Mon., 14	SAC Mtg.-2:15pm
Thurs., 17	Field Day-5 th gr.
	Early Release-12:00pm
Fri., 18	No School-
	Employee Planning
Mon., 21-25	SPRING BREAK
Mon., 28	Classes Resume
Tues., 29-	FSA Test Math-3 rd & 4 th grs.
Wed., 30	

April

Fri., 1	FSA Test Math-3 rd & 4 th gr.
Mon., 11&12	FSA Reading-4 th gr.
Tues., 12 & 13	Science Testing-5 th gr.
Thurs., 14 & 15	FSA Reading-5 th gr.
	Report Cards Issued
Mon., 18	FSA Testing Math-5 th gr.
	SAC Mtg. -2:15pm
Tues., 19	FSA Testing Mth-5 th gr.
Thurs., 28	Interim Reports Issued

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.



**The Parent/Community Involvement Task Force
and Office of Parent Engagement**

Present



**Saturday
March 5, 2016
8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Piper High School
8000 N. W. 44th Street
Sunrise 33351**

**on
PARENT ENGAGEMENT
CONFERENCE**

WORKSHOP TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

- Strategies for Increasing Parent Engagement
- Gifted Student Advocacy
- Preparing ALL Students for College
- Navigating ESE
- Parent Engagement in Middle School
- Social Media: What Parents Need to Know
- Increasing Male Engagement
- Supporting and Engaging Immigrant Families
- Social and Emotional Learning Strategies for Parents
- Booster Clubs 2.0
- Drug Prevention - Designer Drugs
- LGBTQ Awareness & Sensitivity
- Using Technology to Support Students and Families

Featuring a Non-Profit Resource Fair to Connect School Leadership to Available Community Resources

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Anyone interested in advancing student achievement through increased family and community engagement - this includes parents, caregivers, principals, assistant principals, teachers, counselors, nonprofits and community stakeholders

Attendee Registration link

Non-Profit Vendor Registration link



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FT. LAUDERDALE, FL

DASH START: 4:00 PM
PACKET PICK UP: 2:00 PM
COLOR EXPLOSION: 5:30 PM
REGISTRATION \$20 PER PERSON



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



ESE Advisory Meetings

TIME

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**