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Visit our PTSA on-line at

www.foxtrailelementaryschool.my-pta.org.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Fox Trail where we are *"On the Trail to Success"* for the 2015-2016 school year. The Fox Trail staff is dedicated to meeting the educational needs of all students in a safe learning environment. We base our curriculum on the Florida Standards with an emphasis on technology and character education. During the upcoming Open House sessions, you will learn additional information regarding specific grade level curriculum and classroom expectations.

Please review the first day packages, Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct for valuable information. We ask that you bookmark our website, www.foxtrail.browardschools.com. We update our newsletter monthly to keep you informed of school activities and important dates. In an effort to continue our go green initiatives, all future communications will be delivered via a phone link and on our school website. Please join us in this initiative with providing us your email address to receive up to date information.

Transportation is a challenge during the first few days of school, we ask for your patience and to follow the traffic and parking rules. The traffic congestion does typically ease up after the first week. Enclosed in this newsletter are some parking lot guidelines and procedures. We highly encourage you to car pool or use the bus if you meet the distance requirements. During the year we request a note informing us of the changes in your child's dismissal directions.

Our volunteers are invaluable to our school. I highly encourage you to get involved and join our fabulous PTSA. The PTSA coordinates many wonderful events and activities to enhance our school. They recently gave the school a \$50,000.00 donation to enhance our SMART Bond technology initiative.

We are very fortunate to have received over 300 new devices for our children from these two sources. The updated technology and digital classrooms are exciting additions as we continue to become college and career ready.

Please remember our volunteers must complete an online application annually at www.getinvolvedineducation.com. A huge thank you to those fabulous parents that have already given their time and energy to assist with the welcome back breakfast, the meet and greet, school supplies, in placing wrist bands on our students for dismissal purposes, and with hallway supervision. If you would like to learn about volunteer opportunities please join us on September 24th at 8:30am.

We are excited about celebrating Broward County Public Schools' Centennial. Happy Birthday Broward County, where we've been successfully educating students for 100 years. Imagine the changes and challenges over the past 100 years as we move into the next hundred years.

The staff and I look forward to this school year and our working together for our boys and girls as we are *"On the Trail to Success."*

Proud to be Your Principal, Lynn O. Burgess

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 rider's 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. **Early dismissals for students will be before 1:30pm only.**



Looking ahead

September

Wed., 2	Open House; K & 1-6:00pm
Mon. 7	No School-Holiday
Wed., 9	Uniform Exchange-7:30-8am; & 1:30-6pm
Thurs., 10	PTSA Mtg. - 6:30pm Open House; 2, 5, ASD-6:00pm
Mon., 14	No School
Wed. 16	Open House; 3 & 4-6:00pm
Sept., 18	Book Exchange Early Release-12:00pm
Wed., 23	No School
Thurs., 24	Volunteer Breakfast-8:30am 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.

Free and Reduced Meals

Effective October 7, 2015, your child must pay for lunch unless you complete an application for Free or Reduced Meal and have been approved by September 22nd, 2015.

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

As you are clearing out your child's summer clothes, we would love your donations of out-grown uniforms for our clinic and uniform exchange.



Back to School Resources for Schools and Departments

Download the **Welcome Back Video Message** from Superintendent Runcie by visiting browardschools.com/backtoschool/downloads.

Visit the **Back to School Online Resource** at browardschools.com/backto school.