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Happy Fall Fox Trail Families,

Our school year is off and running! Our staff and students have been working diligently to demonstrate their knowledge and leadership skills.

We have been working hard at Fox Trail learning our Habits of Highly Effective Kids. For the month of September we focused on *Being Proactive*. Being Proactive means that we are responsible for our own actions and attitudes. We cannot always choose what happens to us in life, but we can choose how we respond. We saw students everywhere demonstrating this habit and had our Leader of the Month Celebration on September 30th to celebrate those students who demonstrated this trait the most in each classroom. During the month of October we are focusing on the second habit which is *Begin with the End in Mind*. This means that before we can physically create an idea we need to have a mental image of what our end goal should look like. Students should be setting academic and personal goals and planning ahead. If we *Begin with the End in Mind* then we will have a clear path as to where we want to go! Ask your child about the goals he/she has set for him/herself. At home, you could set goals as well. As a family (or with an individual child), choose an area that needs improvement. The area of improvement, or the broad goal, becomes your end in mind. Then think of specific steps that will lead to achieving this goal. For example, if the goal is to keep the house clean, specific steps may include a chore chart that everyone has to use to help remind them what their specific task is in keeping the house clean. We are very excited about using the 7 Habits in school and we hope you encourage your students to also use them at home.

This month our Boosterthon kicks off on October 4th and our Fun Run is on October 14th. The Boosterthon theme this year is Backyard Box Office. Please refer to the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

We also began some STEM projects during our Early Release Day in September. We will be doing STEM Challenges on every Early Release Day in addition to those being done in the classroom on other days. Ask your child about the STEM project they worked on in class. We saw so much excitement and critical thinking occurring throughout our classrooms during these challenges, we can't wait until our next one in October!

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.

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

**Fox Trail supports
Breast Cancer
Awareness.**





How to Harvest a Drive

The Harvest Drive is a multi-faceted year round project. The first and most recognized aspect of the Harvest Drive is our Thanksgiving distribution of a week's worth of groceries and either a gift card or the fixings for a complete Thanksgiving meal to more than 2000 families. Approximately 900 of these families also have the opportunity to shop for free for gently used clothing, books, toys, shoes and household items at our Harvest Drive Boutiques.

This year we will have 13 distribution sites located at Broward County public schools throughout the County. More than 180 public schools will participate in the collection of non-perishable food and families from all collecting schools will have the option to refer families to receive groceries. Families are referred by social workers and information is strictly confidential.



4th Annual Harvest Feast

Food * Face Painting
Entertainment * Prizes and Giveaways

Saturday

November 19, 2016

11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

3 Locations



Atlantic Technical College – 4700 Coconut Creek Pkwy, Coconut Creek 33063

McFatter Technical College – 6500 Nova Drive, Davie 33317

Sheridan Technical College – 5400 Sheridan Street, Hollywood 33021

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To RSVP or for more information, please contact the Social Worker at your local school.



HARVEST DRIVE'S Needs List

Non-perishable Items needed (Average for a family of 5):

2 – Peanut Butter	4 – Canned Tuna or Meat	8 --- Canned Assorted Veggies
2 – Jelly in Plastic Container	2 – Large Juice	1 – Large Laundry Detergent
2 --- Cereal	2 – Macaroni and Cheese	1 – Dish Soap
1 --- Oatmeal	3 – Pounds Rice	1 – Shampoo
2 – Pancake Mix	4 --- Pounds Pasta	1 – Large Toothpaste
1 – Pancake Syrup	3 – Spaghetti Sauce (no glass)	2 – Soap/Body Wash
3 --- Stuffing	2 --- Pack of Cookies	1 --- Deodorant
3 – Canned Gravy	5 – Canned Fruit	1 – Package of Napkins
4 – Canned Cranberries	4 – Canned Beans	1 – Box of Aluminum Foil
4 – Canned Sweet Potatoes	8 – Canned Soup	

Perishable Items needed (Average for a family of 5):

1 – 10-14 lb. Turkey	1 – Dozen extra large eggs	1 --- Pie
1 --- ½ Gallon OJ concentrate	1 --- pkg. Margarine sticks	1 --- Parmalat Milk
1 --- Loaf of bread – white/wheat	1 --- pkg. Dinner rolls	1 – 5 lb. Bag apples/oranges

The Harvest Drive is a non profit 501(c)3. If you would like to donate to our organization, or for more information on volunteering opportunities, visit www.harvestdriveflorida.com

FOX TRAIL FUN RUN

COMING SOON!

To make our fundraising significantly easier, more profitable, and more fun, we've asked the experts at Boosterthon to power our entire 9-day **Fox Trail Fun Run** program. Family and friends anywhere in the world can support our school by giving pledges toward the number of laps your child will run on the day of the Fun Run on Friday, **October 14th**.

BOOSTERTHON PAYS FOR . . .

- * On-campus team with months of assistance and expertise
- * Fun Run setup and event hosting
- * Pre-program event kit
- * World-class character program
- * 7,000+ letters and stickers (avg.)
- * 20+ promotional posters
- * 16 program & character videos
- * Teacher t-shirts & kits
- * Pledge book for every student
- * Pledging website at funrun.com
- * 25-episode kid fitness series, HeroFit
- * Online Support Team
- * Free character music
- * Free HeroSteps character app

EVERY STUDENT INCLUDED Regardless of financial participation, every student is invited to participate in the entire Fun Run program. Students will also receive a **FREE** gift just by being registered on funrun.com.

ELITE CHARACTER PROGRAM Every student will experience Boosterthon's newest character theme, **BACKYARD BOX OFFICE**—a movie theme all about making a difference in our world. Our students will learn five Character Acts from **REAL** kids who are dedicated to making people's lives better.

LESS HASSLE & MORE PROFIT To get the most out of our Fun Run, we're using Boosterthon's smart pledging technology—funrun.com—which helps us raise and collect far more. Plus, their amazing team coordinates all the details and logistics, allowing us to better focus on education.

THE MOST VALUE Most schools keep between 40-50% with other fundraisers. But Fox Trail Elementary will receive 53 %, have more fun, and raise much more. Plus, Boosterthon covers all the costs of the program. Using Boosterthon, Fox Trail profited almost \$40K last year. And this year, **our goal is to PROFIT over \$50,000**. We need your help to do it! Check out the video: <https://vimeo.com/166838508>

Thank you so much for supporting our school! For more information, please contact your Fun Run Leader, Phillip Donley at phillipdonley@gmail.com.

FOX CARE Aftercare

Fox Trail will be providing our own aftercare this school year. Activities include: Homework help by teachers, snacks, computers, dance, sports, Spanish, academic clubs, and much more!

Registration information:

*\$185.00 each 20 day period, 2-6pm
*One time registration fee per family, \$25.00

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.

* To receive messages via email, send an email to foxtra@mail.remind.com. You can leave the subject and body blank. To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line at any time.

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

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



Looking ahead

OCTOBER

Mon., 3	No School
Tues., 4	Boosterthon Kickoff
Thurs., 6	Fall Pictures
Mon., 10	SAC Mtg.-2:15pm
Wed., 12	No School
Fri., 14	Boosterthon Fun Run
Wed., 19	Copper's Cove Orientation-8:30am
Thurs., 27	Early Release-12:00pm
Fri., 28	No School-Employee Planning
Mon., 31	Storybook Parade-8:15am

NOVEMBER

Tues., 8	No School-Employee Planning
Thurs., 10	PTSA Mtg.-6:30pm
Fri., 11	No School-Holiday Family Dinner Club- 2-10:00pm
Mon., 14	SAC Mtg.-2:15pm
Thurs., 17	Report Cards Issued Fall Pictures Make up Day
Wed., 23	No School
Thurs., 24	No School-Holiday
Fri., 25	No School

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](http://www.applyforlunch.com) is an easy and convenient way for parents and guardians to submit applications online. There is no fee for using the [ApplyforLunch](http://www.applyforlunch.com) 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.