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"On the Trail to Success"

<http://foxtrail.browardschools.com>

Visit our PTSA on-line at

www.foxtrailelementaryschool.my-pta.org.

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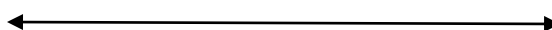
Dear Parents,

Our theme for the 2015-2016 school year is, ***"On the Trail to Success,"*** and we are certainly on our way! There are many changes in education across the state and the district, but there is one constant here at Fox Trail: We are committed to high quality instruction and continuous improvement. We teach the Florida Standards, adopted by the State Board of Education in February 2014, in order to prepare our students for success in college, career, and life by emphasizing analytical thinking. Through the use of technology, research based strategies, and differentiated instruction we maintain our high of excellence and student achievement. You can view the standards on www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/florida-standards/. The completed lists by grade are found in the Tools and Resources tab.

The FSA scores are finally in and teachers are in the process of analyzing the data to determine our strengths and weaknesses in order to improve our instructional practices. We don't know the format of how the state intends to report the individual student scores to parents. We do know that parents are scheduled to be given a hard copy of their child's results by the end of October. Of course, we can't do it alone. Parents and families can help student success by staying involved in their child's education, offering positive support and encouraging your child to do their best. Your child's teacher can help you become aware of your child's specific strengths and weaknesses as well as offer suggestions as to how to help at home. Don't forget our Fox Trail Website and PTSA for other available resources and information. Communication is the key.

Our Western Zone is once again participating in the annual Harvest Drive. This is a great local community event where children are helping children. In the past, we were able to feed 2000 needy families across the county with a week's worth of groceries and a full Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you to Student Council for coordinating our drive.

PTSA is once again coordinating our Boosterthon Fun Run. This fundraiser focuses on physical fitness and character building for the two weeks prior to the run. I'm sure your child will come home all excited with the events leading up to the actual run. Be on the lookout for other school events including Picture Day and the Book Fair. The PTSA and school appreciates your support. Proud to be your Principal, Lynn O. Burgess



From the Guidance Corner...

Peace Week: We celebrated Peace Week at Fox Trail on September 21-25. Students wrote wishes for peace on tags and we hung them from a Peace Tree in the main hallway of the school. Thanks goes out to Ms. Shapiro, our fabulous art teacher, for helping to create the tree.

Anti-bullying Training: Fox Trail students and staff viewed and discussed the SBBC training module that defines what bullying looks like according to Broward's Anti-Bullying Policy 5.9. It also explains the bullying triangle and how they can safely help someone in need as a bystander. All of our Fox Trail students know how they can make our school a place of peace. You are strongly encouraged to complete the module for parents which can be found at this link: <http://www.browardprevention.org/violence/anti-bullying/training-modules-2/>

Red Ribbon Week: Oct 26-30 is **Red Ribbon Week**. DID YOU KNOW? Children of parents who talk to their kids and teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't; yet, only a quarter of teens report having these conversations. **Red Ribbon Week**, the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the nation, is your opportunity to get the ongoing conversation started.

PARENTAL INPUT FOR INSTRUCTIONAL AND SCHOOL-BASED ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATIONS

In accordance with Florida Statute 1012.34, parents have the right to provide input into the performance evaluations of instructional and/or administrative employees. Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of Fox Trail Elementary School's instructional and/or administrative employee evaluations may submit a letter to the Administrative Team by April 15, 2016.

English Café

Speakers of other languages can practice conversational English at the Sunrise Dan Pearl Branch Library on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 pm. 10500 W. Oakland Park Blvd.

English Café Intermediate II

Speakers of other languages can practice conversational English at the Weston Branch Library on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 pm. 4205 Bonaventure Blvd.

**Active Parenting of Teens
(For Parents of Children ages 12-18)**

**Indian Ridge Middle School
1355 Nob Hill Road, Davie
6:30-8:30pm
October 14, 21, 28
November 4, 10**

**No registration required!
For more information, contact
Carol Beitler FDLRS Program
Specialist at 754-321-3400**



Looking ahead

Thurs., 8
Fri., 16
Mon., 19
Thurs., 22
Fri., 23
Mon., 26
Fri., 30

October

Picture Day
PTSA Dinner Club-3:00-10:00pm
SAC Mtg.-2:15pm
Early Release-12:00pm
No School-Employee Planning
Boosterthon Pep Rally
Storybook Parade-8:15am

Wed., 4
Mon., 9-20
Wed., 11
Thurs., 12

November

Boosterthon Fun Run
Book Fair
No School
Report Cards Issued
PTSA Mtg.-6:30pm
SAC Mtg. -2:15pm
Book Fair Parent Night-2-6pm
Picture Make up
Interim Reports Issued
Fall Dance/6:00-8:00pm
BookFair-5:30-7:00pm
No School

Mon., 16
Wed., 18
Thurs., 19

Fri., 20

Wed., 25-27

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 completed an application for Free or Reduced Meal.

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.



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/backtoschool.

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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.

HOT DOCS
Helping Our Toddlers,
Developing Our Children's Skills

Do you ever feel frustrated with your child? Have you experienced problems with getting your child to sleep, eat, get dressed, take a bath, follow directions, calm down, sit quietly, get into the car, go on errands with you and allow you to change their diaper?

HOT DOCS is a 7-week training for parents of children ages 2-5 years, developed by the University of South Florida Pediatrics Department. This program teaches a problem-solving method to figure out the function or the "why" of kids' problem behaviors. Learn specific prevention strategies and techniques for modifying your child's behavior. The skills we teach in **HOT DOCS** are applicable to people of all ages, but the examples, stories and videos used focus on children up to five years old. It is recommended parents attend all seven workshops in sequence, because each workshop builds on skills from previous workshops; however, parents may attend any of the workshops in the series. *Parents only, childcare is not provided.*

HOT DOCS
6:30-8:30pm
Hollywood Park Elementary
901 N. 69th Way
Hollywood 33024

Tuesdays
October 6
October 13
October 20
October 27
November 3
November 10
November 17

HOT DOCS
9:30-11:30am
Children's Diagnostic and
Treatment Center
1401 S Federal Hwy, Ft Lauderdale, FL
33316

Fridays
October 2
October 9
October 16
October 23
October 30
November
November 13

This workshop is FREE! No Registration Required! For more information, contact Carol Beitler, FDLRS Program Specialist-Parent Services at 754-321-3400 or via email carol.beitler@browardschools.com

ESE Parent Workshop Information is available on the ESE website
<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/studentsupport/ease/html/WORKSHOP.htm>



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



ESE Advisory Meetings	TIME
October 21, 2015	6:00pm – 6:30pm Meet the Board 6:30pm-9:00pm General Meeting
November 18, 2015	6:00pm – 6:30pm Meet the Board 6:30pm-9:00pm General Meeting
December 16, 2015	6:00pm – 6:30pm Meet the Board 6:30pm-9:00pm General Meeting
January 20, 2016	6:00pm – 6:30pm Meet the Board 6:30pm-9:00pm General Meeting
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**