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“Learn Today~Lead Tomorrow”



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Greetings Fox Trail Family,

It gives us great pleasure to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. As we embark on another school year, we are excited about all the wonderful things we have planned to continue to challenge our students. At Fox Trail Elementary, we want every student to become the leader they are born to be. Fox Trail is one of two schools in Broward County that have the “Leader in Me” Program. This program was created to help every student in grades kindergarten through fifth grade become self-reliant, take responsibility, and become positive influencers.

Fox Trail Student Leaders are busy throughout the year, making a difference in our school. They can be heard on the WFTN morning news communicating important information to our school family and they are the voice of our Friday phone links, imparting important information to our families at home. They serve as peer buddies and welcome new students to our campus and help them feel comfortable by answering their questions and helping foster new friendships. Our leaders present at our School Parent meetings and School Advisory Council meetings in order to ensure our families are aware of school procedures, expectations, and all the wonderful school activities such as the Robotics club, Math team and Debate team. Our specials include Debate, Music, Art, STEM, Media, P.E and Mindfulness, as well as the exciting things happening in our classrooms. They conduct the quarterly school tours for incoming students and their families and present at all our assemblies.

With all the challenges that we face in today’s world, the leadership program at Fox Trail has proven to be an exemplar in creating and maintaining student leaders that will shine no matter what is put in front of them. Educating today’s students to succeed in tomorrow’s world is our mission. The lessons they learn at Fox Trail will prepare them for their future. We live our theme every day “Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow!”

Please read and complete all the Back to School forms and submit the confirmation page by September 1, 2021. Visit our school website to learn about Open House, grade level procedures and classroom expectations.

FOX TRAIL~ BACK TOGETHER ~ STRONGER THAN EVER!

Your Lead Learners,

Ms. Burgess-Principal, Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Monroe-Assistant Principals

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

We are thrilled to have you as member of our Fox Trail school family. As you may already know, it is a very large family, consisting of over 1100 children, the majority of whom are car riders. That means that between the hours of 7:30-7:50a.m. and 2:00-2:30p.m., hundreds of children are transitioning from school into their cars. We take immense pride in making sure each child goes home safely and receives the most personalized attention possible at these two times of the day. We are asking 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 or dropped off and enter or exit the school from the car parking lot at the east side of the school. **Do not enter through the exit.** Please do not double park.

2.In the car riders' 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 pickup or drop off of car riders. Parents are to remain in their vehicles as they move through the car line. We ask that you place your child's name, grade and teacher's name on your dashboard.

3.The best time to arrive at school is between 7:30-7:45am as to not be tardy.

4.When walking through the parking lot, please use the marked crossings and follow staff instructions.

Please do not park on the grassy areas or in the fire lanes around the school.

!!Transportation Wrist Bands!!

A dismissal identification band will be placed on your child's backpack. **Please leave this dismissal identification band on the backpack for the entire year.** If your child gets a different backpack or you change your child's dismissal routine, please let the teacher know so we can update the backpack with the proper band. **Bus passes will be viewed and parents will print them from Virtual Counselor.** Thank you for your cooperation regarding this request.

Unified Dress Code

Fox Trail is a uniform school. Bottoms can include short (not gym type), slacks (not leggings), skirts or skorts and should be solid navy-blue, black or khaki and may be worn with white, gold, royal blue or navy-blue polo shirts. Fox Trail t-shirts may also worn. Students' adherence to our dress code is important in helping us identify intruders on campus. If your child has outgrown their uniform clothes and you would like to donate them, we would love to have them!

Agendas

There is a delay in the delivery of our Fox Trail agendas. As soon as they arrive, all students in 1st -5th grades will receive them.

Back to School Forms–Online

Parents can review the Code of Conduct Handbook and complete all required back to school forms by accessing the Back to School forms link found at browardschools.com/backtoschool-onlineforms.

Bus Passes

Parents will be able to access bus pass information on Virtual Counselor. To do this, go to browardschools.com and click on Virtual Counselor and enter your student's login information. Use the dropdown menu to select bus information

First Day of School

Parents of Pre-K, Kindergarten and ASD students **ONLY** will be able to walk their students to their class **on the FIRST day of school.**

Parent and Visitor Access to the School

Maintaining a safe campus is our number one priority. Guidelines and policies are implemented district-wide to better secure our campuses. Once the school day begins, all perimeter gates will be locked or supervised. Please have your ID and reason for visiting available at the gate. Office doors will be locked, please ring bell for entry and have your ID available in hand.

The main entrance will be reopened at 1:30 p.m. to prepare for PreK and Kindergarten dismissal and 2:00 p.m. for 1st-5th grades. Gates will be monitored at 2:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m. during Fox Care.

Help build your child's independence by ensuring they come to school prepared with their homework, water bottles, lunch, materials etc.

We highly recommend you schedule any appointments for your child(ren) after school hours.

We recognize that these safety procedures may be inconvenient. At times, due to inclement weather or staff availability, there may be longer than usual wait times. We kindly appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work together to keep our children safe.

Safety and Security Continued...

*We welcome Officer Caffarelli! He will be our School Resource Officer this year.

*In an effort to increase safety and security, we are not allowing parents and visitors in the cafeteria during breakfast and lunch hours.

*Teaching children what to do in the event of different types of emergencies has always been embedded in your child's instruction. We conduct fire drills monthly and tornado drills twice a year. The district has mandated that "code red" lock down drills be practiced every month as well. In the event of an actual emergency, Fox Trail will communicate with the community using our Parent Link system. Please be sure that you keep your contact information up to date with the office at Fox Trail.

Student ID Badges

All students will be given an ID badge and will be kept in school. It must be worn everyday while they are at school. If they lose the badge there will be a \$5.00 charge to replace it. Staff are also required to wear ID badges as well.

The Food and Nutrition Department is here for YOU!

Student meals, breakfast and lunch, will be FREE to all students for 2021-2022 school year.

Families are encouraged to complete the online Multi-Child Application for Meal Benefits at www.myschoolapps.com. District and individual school benefit opportunities are available to families upon completion of the Information Survey, including Title One Services.

Visit Myschoolapps.com to apply.



August

Wed., 18 Students First Day of School

September

Mon., 6 No School-Holiday
Tues., 7 No School-Holiday
Thurs., 16 No School-Holiday

Open House

Wed., 1st - Grades K, 4 & ASD 6:15p.m.
Wed., 8th - Grades 2 & 5 6:15 p.m.
Wed., 22nd - Grades 1 & 3 6:15p.m.



WATER BOTTLES

Student must bring a reusable water bottle and may refill it at the water fountains around the school.

News From Broward County Food and Nutrition Services

Food and Nutrition Services utilizes a mobile unit to provide additional assistance for parents completing the Online Meal Benefit Application. During the 2021-22 school year, Food and Nutrition Services and schools provided computer access and support staff for parents, resulting in 100 percent of households completing a meal application utilizing the www.myschoolapps.com web site.

The District will be utilizing a United States Department of Agriculture Waiver resulting from the Coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, providing students the opportunity for free meals during the 2021/22 school year.

Although the waiver will allow for free meals, completing the Meal Benefit Applications provide numerous opportunities to families. The Meal Benefits applications allow the District to provide free and reduced information for Title One and other grants.

We encourage everyone to complete the application at www.myschoolapps.com

RATIONALE:

Students absent 10% or more school days (chronic absence) are likely to be faced with barriers to regular school attendance without the resources to overcome those barriers. The Attendance Office endeavors to support the Student Experience Campaign (2024) Strategic Plan) for Initiative 1: Achievement & Equity to close disparities in achievement, learning gains, and opportunities. Our communities are likely to benefit from identifying and planning to support student groups and geographic locations in our school district with disparities associated with attendance.