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MARCH 2020

Dear Fox Trail Families,

The month of February was jam packed with learning. We learned about kindness this month and spread our kindness into the community. Each class participated in activities that focused on choosing kind words and actions. Some of the classes created coffee sleeves and Starbucks used them on their coffee all weekend. Others spread kindness in their classrooms and hopefully you got to see a little extra kindness at home this month. We hope to make kindness a habit for our students.

The students were also treated to a very exciting career day. Several parents and community members came out to share their career experiences with our children. It is never too early for our students to start thinking about the future and understand that a good education will help them achieve their dreams! Thank you to Mrs. Dunlap for organizing this fantastic event and to our incredible volunteers for teaching us about career opportunities.

We also had the opportunity to honor the veterans this month during our annual Heroes assembly. Students shared letters they had written to thank and honor our community military members. Our military guests were moved by this special tribute and our students learned valuable lessons about service, responsibility and appreciation. Thank you to Mrs. Vegiard for organizing this event and to all those who participated.

The Game Bus came to visit this month to reward those students who reached their i-Ready goals. In addition to gaining new knowledge and improving our reading and math skills, students consistently logging 45 minutes a week with a 70% pass rate also gained some down time to play games on the bus. More than 700 students in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade participated in this reward. Students should keep using i-Ready every week to keep their skills sharp and to earn the privilege of attending our next reward activity.

There is so much to look forward to in the month of March. During the first week, we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday and literacy. There are many special activities and story times planned to celebrate the joy of reading. Our Spring Book Fair will be open, so you can stock up on books and the photographer will be here to take those charming spring pictures. Students and teachers will continue to be working hard to prepare for spring testing which begins for third graders on April 1 and 2 and for fourth and fifth graders on April 2. Please see the calendar for all the important dates including Spring Break and Teacher Planning Days. We wish you and your family all the luck the leprechaun can bring in March and a fantastic and restful Spring Break!

Educationally Yours, Ms. Burgess, Principal, Mrs. Nelson & Mrs. Monroe, Assistant Principals

Late Arrival and Early Dismissal

Students who arrive to school after 8:00a.m. must be escorted into the school and signed in by a parent.

A parent must sign out their child who requires an early dismissal **BEFORE 1:30p.m. (11:30a.m. on release days).**

*Per school board policy, all early dismissals must be done 30 minutes before Fox Trail's regular dismissal time.

Every Minute Counts

It is **very important** that your child attends school every day, all day. To avoid having your child enrolled in the BTIP program, Please make sure your child attends school and is on time every day.

Good attendance is a habit and helps children do well in school and eventually in the workplace. Parents, ensure your child attends every school day, all school year. Give your child the habits they need for future success.

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day Program Guidelines

Background and Eligibility

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day is an annual event, for children between the **ages of 8 and 18**, sponsored by the Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Foundation. With parental approval, students can participate by visiting a particular workplace of a parent, guardian, adult relative, or adult family friend.

Broward County Public schools will observe the National Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day on Thursday, April 23, 2020.

The Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day event is designed to assist students in formulating some ideas about future career paths. A day at work will heighten the aspirations of students and help them to make the connection between academic success and success in the world of work. In addition, this activity will provide the opportunity for parents and other adults to showcase their places of employment, explain their job responsibilities, introduce their co-workers, and present the various career choices that are available in the workplace.

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What's Happening?

MARCH

Tuesday 3, - Friday 13, Book Fair
Wednesday 11, Spring Pictures
Thursday 12, Book Fair Family Night-2-6p.m.
Friday 13, School Tour-8:30a.m.
Monday 16, SAC Mtg.-2:15p.m.
Tuesday 17, No School-
Employee Planning
Wednesday 18, PTSA Mtg.-6:30p.m.
Thursday 19, Early Release-12:00p.m.
Friday 20, No School-
Employee Planning
Monday 23, - Friday 27, Spring Break!!
Monday 30, Classes Resume, 4th qtr. Starts

APRIL

Wednesday 1, FSA ELA-3rd gr.
Thursday 2, FSA ELA-3rd gr
FSA Writing-4th & 5th grs.
Thursday 9, Early Release-12:00p.m.
Fridays 10, No School-Holiday
Wednesday 15, Report Cards Issued
Friday 17, Autism Walk
Thursday 23, Take Our Child to Work Day
Monday 27, SAC Mtg. 2:15p.m.
Thursday 30, Interim Reports Issued

Reminder: Please listen to your *Friday Phone Link* when Fox Trail calls!! You could be missing very important information!!

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

We will be hosting an "Awesome Autism Walk" in April to honor Autism Awareness Month and celebrate our Awesome FTE kiddos! We will be selling t-shirts and collecting coins to raise money for the ASD Special Program.

Awesome Autism Walk- Friday, April 17th, 2020.

INDIAN RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL
IRMS incoming 6th Grade Parent Meet and Greet



“HOME OF THE JAGUARS”

April 7th, 2020
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
IRMS Auditorium
Join Us to Learn More About
The Ridge Experience
Before/After Care Program
6th Grade Curriculum & Electives
Clubs, Organizations and Sports
Music & Performing Arts

Indian Ridge school spirit items will be on sale!

A BIG
THANK YOU
From Fox Trail

We'd like to thank the Exxon Mobil Alliance program, specifically the Exxon Mobil located at 11400 State Road 84, for their generous grant donation of \$500.00 to be used towards math & science programs at our school.

We'd also want to give a shout out of thanks to the Arteza Company along with the Casas family for their generous donation of art supplies to be used for our school's art program.

March 202 Census

The US Census Bureau is asking all of the nation's schools to send home this "**student flyer**" promoting 2020 Census participation. The official 2020 Census Survey forms will be mailed nationwide starting the second week in March with April 1, 2020 being recognized as national Census Day.

The Council encourages all the Great City Schools to send home this Student Census Flyer in March, and concentrate community Census participation activities in March and April.

Student Take Home Flyer link at: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sis/2020census/get-involved/take-home-flyer.html>

The Student Take Home Census Flyer also can be found on the next to last page of this Census booklet as well.

See link at: https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/programs-surveys/sis/resources/2020/stateside_admin_booklet.pdf .

Additional Census Materials:

<https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/newsroom/press-kits/2018/counting-young-children-in-2020-census.pdf>

Census101: <https://2020census.gov/content/dam/2020census/materials/partners/2019-10/census101.pdf>

(This document, and many others, is available in multiple languages here: <https://2020census.gov/en/partners/outreach-materials.html>)

Parent Guide to the Novel Coronavirus (2019-NCOV)

Due to increased concern in the community about the spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), Broward County Public Schools has developed this guide so that parents/guardians have the correct information regarding what the virus is, how to protect yourself and your child, and what to do if you suspect a possible case.

The 2019-nCoV is a new respiratory virus originated in Wuhan, Hubel Province China. It is being closely monitored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Reported illnesses of 2019-nCoV have ranged from infected individuals with little or no symptoms to individuals who are severely ill. Public health officials are unclear as to how 2019-nCoV spreads from person to person.

What you should know:

The symptoms include mild to severe respiratory illness with:

- Fever
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing

Having these symptoms alone does not mean that someone has the virus. Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure. According to the CDC, the greatest risk of infection is for individuals who have traveled to Wuhan China. These symptoms mimic flu-like symptoms and there are currently no specific treatments for 2019-nCoV. However, preventive measures for the 2019-nCoV are similar to other respiratory viruses such as the flu.

What are flu symptoms?

Flu symptoms can include a cough, sore throat, fever, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headaches, chills, feeling tired and may include vomiting and diarrhea. Some people with the flu may not experience all these symptoms.

What if my child has these symptoms?

- You should contact your healthcare provider immediately. Don't wait for symptoms to worsen!
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to keep children home when sick.

What are some ways I can protect my child?

- According to the CDC, proper handwashing with soap and water is one of the best ways to prevent illness.
- Demonstrate proper handwashing for 20 seconds. Have your child visit <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/index.html> to watch a video on proper handwashing.
- Demonstrate to your child how to cover their nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. They should throw the tissue away after use and wash their hands. If a tissue is not available, **THEY SHOULD NOT USE THEIR HANDS**. They should cover their mouth and nose with their sleeve.
- Children should avoid touching their eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- If possible, avoid people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces or objects

The Florida Department of Health reports influenza activity levels have increased notably over the last few weeks. **The Florida Department of Health is encouraging families to get vaccinated for influenza as soon as possible. Influenza vaccines are safe and the best way to protect against influenza and its potentially severe complications.**

Influenza can cause mild to severe illness. Serious outcomes of influenza infection can result in hospitalization or death. Some people, such as young children, the elderly, and people with certain health conditions are at higher risk for serious complications from influenza. Some children are at especially high risk for influenza-related complications: children less than five years old, American Indian and Alaskan Native children, and children with chronic health problems.

While rare, influenza-associated pediatric deaths are reported each season, most often in unvaccinated children with underlying health conditions. Last season, six influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported in Florida, and all six occurred in children who were not fully vaccinated. Influenza vaccination has been shown to significantly reduce a child's risk of dying from flu. For more information, please visit www.cdc.gov/flu/parents/index.htm.

The best ways to protect your child and your family during influenza season are to:

1. Get vaccinated.
2. Keep sick family members home.
3. Contact your health care provider if you or your child are experiencing flu-like symptoms (common symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, and headache).
4. Follow your physician's guidance on treatment.
5. Take additional steps to prevent flu by staying away from people who are sick, frequently washing your hands with soap and warm water, and avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth as much as possible.

Annual influenza vaccination is crucial for children with underlying health conditions including asthma, diabetes, heart disease, and neurological and neurodevelopmental conditions. Children less than six months old are too young to be vaccinated, which is why it is so important to make sure the people around them are vaccinated.

Influenza vaccines are offered in many locations including pharmacies, clinics, employers, and schools. **Contact your physician or county health department or visit FloridaHealth.gov/findaflushot to find a location offering influenza vaccines near you.**