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MAY 2019

Happy May/June Fox Trail Families,

Where has this year gone? We cannot believe that we are already nearing the end of another school year. We have so many things to be proud of this year and look forward to continuing that growth throughout next year as well!

April was Autism Awareness Month. We celebrated school-wide on April 26th. Throughout the month our students and teachers created artwork to show our “helping hands”, we had one of our students attend and speak at a school board meeting, and some of our students in our autism cluster educate others on what autism means.

At the end of April, we hosted our Rounding Up Future Leaders Program (Kindergarten Round Up). This event was led by our student leaders with the help from our staff and student Lighthouse Teams. We want to thank everyone involved in creating and facilitating this event! Our students did a fabulous job and we can't wait to welcome our new families to Fox Trail next year!

At the beginning of May, we will be concluding our “testing season”. Please see the “What's Happening” section of our newsletter to see when each grade level will be completing their end of year assessments. Please always remember that our students are more than a test score. We know how much pressure each student, staff member, and parent feel for our students to be successful on these assessments, but more importantly, we want our students to feel special, respected, and loved. We have now been a Leader in Me School for almost three years and continue to work hard on shaping future leaders and focusing on the whole child. As part of our Leader in Me grant, we monitor the impact that this process has on our students, staff, and community. If you have not done so, please visit the link below to take a short survey pertaining to The Leader in Me. Currently 91 parents have completed this survey and we need at least 247 to ensure our feedback is valid.

Survey:

<https://mra.leaderinme.net/survey/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=827926&token=04d27b9e03d4a512f791ed9b5f5b5ee0&lanq=en&newtest=Y>

We would like to thank all of our volunteers for the work they do around our school. It doesn't go unnoticed and we feel so lucky to have your support, time, and dedication. We would like our volunteers to join us on May 21st at 8:30 AM for our Volunteer Breakfast. More information will be going home within the next week or two.

We have a lot of exciting events happening in May. Please check out the “What's Happening” section of the newsletter for important dates including: the PTSA Spring Dance, our final SAC and SAF meetings, Barnes and Noble Family Night, Spring Concert, Awards Ceremonies, 5th grade end-of-year events, and Staff Appreciation Week.

As we close out the final days of the 2018-19 school year, we want to thank you for always being supportive of our school. As a district we have faced and overcome many adversities this year. As always, our doors are open and we welcome any feedback you have for us moving into the 2019-20 school year. We wish you a fabulous summer break. Be on the lookout for Parent Link emails and phone calls throughout the summer to keep you up-to-date on any pertinent information. Happy Summer!

Your Lead Learners,
Ms. Lynn Burgess, Principal
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**School Board Meeting addressing
Autism Awareness.**

Shown below is one of Fox Trail's students, Benjamin Saltzman, representing students with autism in our schools.



WESTERN HIGH WIREDCATS ROBOTIC TEAM

Super proud of the Western Wiredcats and all of their accomplishments. Many of the students in the STEM Program are former students of Fox Trail. Two of them, Zack Greist and Joseph DeMerritt, are on the FRC Team and traveled to Houston for the World Championships. We are super proud of them! We wanted to share this video so you can see for yourselves how amazing the Western Wiredcats are and how the children we have today will do awesome things as well! Check it out!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5L9CYpllaww&app=desktop>



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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Broward County Health Department (BCHD) confirmed Broward County has been identified as one of several areas experiencing a Hepatitis A outbreak.

The Signs and Symptoms: Mode of transmission and incubation period are as follows:

Signs and Symptoms: A viral infection, which begins with an abrupt fever, discomfort, loss of appetite, nausea, abdominal cramping followed within a few days by jaundice and flu-like symptoms.

Mode of Transmission: Person to person by oral fecal route.

Incubation Period: 15 to 50 days with an average of 28 to 30 days.

Prevention against Hepatitis A:

Hepatitis A vaccination. Please contact your health provider for more information about the vaccine and who should be vaccinated.

Practice good hand hygiene-including thoroughly washing hands after using the bathroom, changing diapers, and before preparing or eating food-plays an important role in preventing spread of Hepatitis A.

Should your child present any of the symptoms, we recommend that you consult your family healthcare provider.

Attached is a Hepatitis A Fact Sheet from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

For further information, go to

<https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hav/afaq.htm#overview>

<http://broward.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/infectiousdisease-services/hepatitis/index.html> If you have questions, please feel free to

call us.

Sincerely,

Lynn O. Burgess, Principal

What are the symptoms of Hepatitis A?

Not everyone has symptoms. If symptoms develop, they usually appear 2 to 6 weeks after infection and can include:

Fever	Vomiting	Grey-colored stools
Fatigue	Abdominal pain	Loss of appetite
Joint pain	Dark urine	Jaundice/Nausea

Symptoms are more likely to occur in adults than in children. They usually last less than 2 months, although some people can be ill for as long as 6 months.

How is Hepatitis A diagnosed and treated?

A doctor can determine if a person has Hepatitis A by discussing his or her symptoms and taking a blood sample. To treat Hepatitis A, doctors usually recommend rest, adequate nutrition, fluids, and medical monitoring. Some people will need to be hospitalized. It can take a few months before people begin to feel better.

How serious is Hepatitis A?

Most people who get Hepatitis A feel sick for several months, but they usually recover completely and do not have lasting liver damage. Sometimes Hepatitis A can cause liver failure and death, although this is rare and occurs more commonly in people older than 50 and people with other liver diseases.

Can Hepatitis A be prevented?

Yes. The best way to prevent Hepatitis A is by getting vaccinated. Experts recommend the vaccine for all children, and people with certain risk factors and medical

Who should get vaccinated against Hepatitis A?

Vaccination is recommended for certain groups, including:

- All children at age 1 year
- Travelers to countries where Hepatitis A is common
- Family and caregivers of adoptees from countries where Hepatitis A is common
- Men who have sexual encounters with other men
- Users of recreational drugs, whether injected or not
- People with chronic or long-term liver disease including Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C
- People with clotting-factor disorders

What is Hepatitis?

"Hepatitis" means inflammation of the liver. The liver is a vital organ that processes nutrients, filters the blood, and fights infections. When the liver is inflamed or damaged, its function can be affected.

Hepatitis is most often caused by a virus. In the United States, the most common types of viral hepatitis are Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C. Heavy alcohol use, toxins, some medications, and certain medical conditions can also cause hepatitis.

What is Hepatitis A?

Hepatitis A is a highly contagious liver infection caused by the Hepatitis A virus. It can range in severity from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to a severe illness lasting several months.

How Common is Hepatitis A?

Hepatitis A still occurs in the United States, although not as frequently as it once did. Over the last several decades, there has been more than a 90% decrease in Hepatitis A cases. New cases are now estimated to be around 3,000 each year. Many experts believe this decline is a result of the vaccination of children and people at risk for Hepatitis A. Many of the new cases, however, are from American travelers who got infected while traveling to parts of the world where Hepatitis A is common.

How is Hepatitis A spread?

Hepatitis A is usually spread when a person ingests fecal matter—even in microscopic amounts—from contact with objects, food, or drinks contaminated by feces or stool from an infected person.

Hepatitis A can be spread when:

An infected person does not wash his/her hands properly after going to the bathroom and then touches objects or food.

A caregiver does not properly wash his/her hands after changing diapers or cleaning up stool of an infected person

Someone engages in sexual activities with an infected person.

It can be spread through contaminated food or water.

Title One Information

Fox Trail has enjoyed the benefits of being a Title 1 School this year. We have been able to use the additional funding for resources, staff and afterschool academic camps. Each year, Title I status is determined by the percentage of students receiving free and reduced lunch. We have been informed that based on this year's data we have 48% of our students receiving free and reduced lunch and this is below the required 50% to be given Title I status and Title I funds. Fox Trail will not be Title I for the 2019-20 school year. It is important that families apply to receive free or reduced lunch next year so that we can achieve this status and funding in the future.

From the Food and Nutrition Department

In accordance with yearend procedures, and to ensure that all checks received by the District have adequate time to be processed by the bank prior to the end of the school year, checks will not be accepted as payment for meal services **after** April 30, 2019.

Effective Wednesday, May 1, 2019, the Food and Nutrition Services Department cannot accept checks as payment for student meals for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year. However, this does not affect on-line payment access at: myschoolbucks.com.

STUDENT/TEACHER MEET AND GREET 2019-2020 School Year

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019

Grades 1 & 4 - 8:30-9:00am
Grades 2 & 5 - 9:15-9:45am
Grade 3 & ASD - 10:00-10:30am
Pre-K & Kdg. - 10:45-11:15am

What's Happening?

MAY

5/1-5/2	FSA ELA 4 th /5 th Grade
5/1	Interim Reports Issued
5/3	FSA Science-5 th grade Spring Dance-6:15pm-8:15pm
5/6	FSA Science-5 th grade
5/7-5/8	FSA Math-3 rd -5 th grades
5/7-5/8	EOY Primary Testing 1 st /2 nd Grades
5/9	Early Release-12:00pm
5/9	PTSA Mtg. 6:30pm
5/13-5/17	Staff Appreciation Week
5/13	SAC Mtg 2:15/ SAF Mtg 3:15
5/14	Barnes & Noble Family Night
5/15	Book Exchange-7:30am
5/16	Spring Concert-7:00pm
5/21	Volunteer Breakfast-8:30am
5/24	5 th Grade Breakfast
5/27	No School/Holiday
5/28	Awards- 2 nd Grade 8:30 AM
5/29	Awards- 4 th Grade 8:30 AM
5/30	Awards- 3 rd Grade 8:30 AM
5/31	5 th Grade Picnic
	JUNE
6/3	Awards-5 th Grade 8:30AM
6/4	Last day for Students Early Release-12:00PM
6/5	Employee Planning

HAVE A FUN, SAFE SUMMER!

Free and Reduced Meal Program

Food and Nutrition department requires the forms to be filled out every year. **The website is Myschoolapps.com.** Once on the site, click on Free and Reduced-Price Meals. Please go online and fill out the information and when completed it will be sent directly to Food and Nutrition. Thank you for your quick response to completing this.

Message from The Student Lighthouse Team

The Student Lighthouse has been hard at work this Spring. Some members participated in the "Rounding Up Future Leaders Day" and others finished the final School Tour of the year. Our Mission Statement is now hanging up in the mall-way. Look for the Lighthouse Team "Suggestion Box", which will be coming very soon! All Fox Trail Students can use the suggestion box to ask questions or submit ideas and suggestions for making Fox Trail an even better place. The box will be located right outside the media center. The Lighthouse Team will review the suggestions regularly and try to implement them when possible. The team will also be meeting with Ms. Burgess as part of a "State of Fox Trail" summit meeting to discuss all of the things accomplished during the 2018-2019 school year, and to plan for next year. Our Lighthouse Team will be starting the new year with some new members, as well as some experienced members to serve as school liaisons. We have a lot of great plans to make 2019-2020 the best year ever at Fox Trail!

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