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January 12, 2017

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FTE OPEN HOUSE - THURSDAY, JANUARY 26th

Please mark Thursday, January 26, on your calendar and plan to join us for our school's annual Open House and Science Fair to be held between 6:00 and 7:30 P.M.

Our budding scientists will have their work products on display from the Science Fair in the school's library. Even if your child did not participate in the event this year, visiting the fair is a great way to gain information for those who may wish to enter in the future or simply learn more about the scientific process. It is requested that projects be taken home that evening in order for our library to resume normal operations the following day.

Though many of you have been here frequently, don't underestimate how important this evening is for your children. You taking the time to see where your child spends the majority of his/her days during the week is very significant. The children are very proud of their accomplishments here at school and get great pleasure in sharing their experiences with you and other significant people in their lives.

As always, parking will be at a premium. Please come together as a family and/or with friends to reduce congestion.

Early Release Day this Friday, Jan. 13th at 1:30pm

Friday, January 13th, is an early release day. Buses will run. Lunches will be served. The lunch schedule for our early release day is as follows:

Kinder: 10:25-10:50

Third: 10:55-11:20

First: 11:15-11:40

Second: 11:50-12:15

Fifth: 12:25-12:50

Fourth: 12:40-1:05

Monday, January 16th, is a school holiday.

RTI, ESL & Dyslexia Parent Information Session

Who: Any parent interested in RTI, ESL, or dyslexia services at FTE

What: The Campus Support Team will provide information on how a student qualifies and is dismissed from reading/math intervention, English as a Second Language and the dyslexia program.

When: Friday, January 20th

Time: 8:30 am

Where: FTE Room 56 (Ashley Krause's room)

We hope you can join us as we discuss how students qualify for reading/math intervention, ESL or dyslexia services! Even if your child is not in these programs feel free to join us to learn more about what is available at FTE!



FTE Booster Club Meeting Guest Speaker Series
Fri Jan 13 • 9:30am • FTE Library

Transition to Middle School

Join us for our January Booster Club meeting. Then guest speaker Kendall Still, Principal of West Ridge Middle School will present "Transition to Middle School". Mr. Still and a panel of parents of middle schoolers will be available for audience questions on the transition to middle school.



Vote Karen Linder for 2016 Westlake Educator of the Year by Jan. 15th.

You know her. You love her. And now you can vote for her. Our Karen Linder has been named a finalist for the Educator of the Year 2016 by the Westlake Chamber of Commerce! Many of you have had the pleasure of being in "Lindergarten" and you know the efforts Karen extends to our students. Her efforts are not exclusive to her four walls. Mrs. Linder shares her expertise and expectations throughout the building while making an impact on every one of our Falcons. Congratulations Mrs. Linder, we are proud of you!

Voting for The Westies ends January 15th! Please use the **corrected link** below to vote for Mrs. Linder and read her bio, or you can submit your vote in the front office.

<http://www.westlakechamber.com/>

Booster Club Corner

<http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club>

FTE Booster Club Volunteer Spotlights

<http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/volunteer-spotlights>

This week's Volunteer Spotlight is on **Kelley Inmon**, our 2016-17 Auction & Party Food & Beverage Chair, Science Fest Volunteer Coordination Co-Chair, and Executive Board Secretary. Phew! Learn about Kelley and why we simply couldn't do it without her incredible dedication to our school! Click on the Volunteer Spotlight page!

****Falcon City Limits Tickets: FTE Auction & Party 2017 News****

<http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/auction>

Today's the LAST Day!! Calling All Families and Businesses!: Become a Sponsor, Donate an Item for Auction, or Submit an Ad for the catalogue by Thursday, January 12th!

Would your business or family like to join the esteemed list of sponsors above? There's still time! **The deadline for businesses and families become a sponsor, donate an item to the FCL auction, or to submit an advertisement for the FCL catalogue is Thursday, January 12th. Visit the FCL site for more info!**

Affectionately known as the "best party of the year" here at FTE, the annual Auction & Party will draw hundreds of guests from the FTE parent and staff community. This is an excellent opportunity for businesses to reach an incredible and loyal demographic, and for families to display their pride in FTE via sponsorship, donations, and advertising. There are many ways in which your business or family can support the FTE Auction & Party: *Falcon City Limits*:

- **For Businesses:**
 - **Become a Falcon City Limits Sponsor!** Prominently position your brand not only to the hundreds of FTE parents

and staff in attendance at the event, but also to thousands more in our social media viewing audience and those viewing our *Falcon City Limits* catalogue! [Click here](#) to learn about the sponsorship levels that are currently available. Hurry- they're going fast!

- **Donate an item to our *Falcon City Limits* Auction!** Position your brand in front of hundreds of FTE parents and staff. [Click here](#) to learn more about donating an item for our auction.
- **For Families:**
 - **Become a *Falcon City Limits* Sponsor!** Families are invited to display their pride in FTE's excellence by becoming a sponsor of the *Falcon City Limits*. Several packages are currently still available and include VIP tickets and parking, signage and verbal throughout the FCL event, and a written vignette and photo in the *Falcon City Limits* catalogue, among other benefits of sponsorship. [Click here](#) to learn about the sponsorship levels that are currently available. Hurry- they're going fast!
 - **Donate an item to our *Falcon City Limits* Auction!** Do you have a vacation home, a piece of sports memorabilia, art, an historical document, an antique, season or single tickets that you can't use, a golf cart, a motorcycle, or another valuable item you would like to see go to a good home for a great cause? [Click here](#) to learn more about donating an item for our auction.
 - **Buy an "FTE Proud" *Falcon City Limits* Family Photo Greeting in the FCL catalogue!** Families are invited to express their pride in FTE by buying a greeting space with or without a photo. But they're selling quickly! [Click here](#) to learn more about advertising in the *Falcon City Limits* catalogue!

Ticket Sales for Falcon City Limits: FTE Auction & Party 2017 Are Open!

We anticipate a sellout for this year's *Falcon City Limits: FTE Auction & Party 2017* at One World Theatre on Saturday, February 11, 2017! As of the time of this writing, we are about half sold out! The awesome party band *Shinyribs* will keep us rocking while we enjoy amazing food and drinks, live and silent auctions, a photo booth, and unbeatable company! **Don't miss out - tickets sales end when tickets sell out or Thursday, February 2nd, whichever comes first. [Visit the FCL site for more info.](#)**

Three Cheers for our AWESOME *Falcon City Limits* Sponsors!

Headlining Sponsor
[Centex Tickets](#)

Back-Up Singer & Live Auction Sponsor
[Walden Cosmetic Surgery & Laser Center](#)

I'm with the Band Sponsor
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[Austin's Pizza](#)
[Brick-by-Brick Moving Company](#)
[Excelevant](#)
[HireBetter](#)
[Kidventure](#)
[Lindsay Todd Design](#)
[Treaty Oak Renovations](#)

Roadie Sponsors
[Westlake Pediatric Dentist](#)

Falcon City Limits Volunteers Needed!

FCL needs a few dozen volunteers to help prepare silent auction baskets with the Silent Auction team, to help with pre-event decorations with the Decorations team, to serve as live auction spotters on the Live Auction Team, and to help with other small jobs leading up to and on the night of the event. [Visit the FCL site](#) to indicate your interest in serving a small role on this awesome team!

Important Falcon City Limits Dates!

- **Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 11:59pm - [click here to sponsor, donate, or advertise](#)**
 - Deadline for businesses and families to **become a Falcon City Limits Sponsor**
 - Deadline for businesses and families to **submit a donation item for the Falcon City Limits Auction**
 - Deadline for businesses and families to **submit an advertisement or family photo for the Falcon City Limits catalogue**
- **Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 11:59pm - Falcon City Limits VIP and General Admission tickets sales close, if tickets don't sell out prior to that date - VIP and General Admission ticket sales will**

run from Monday, January 9th through Thursday, February 2nd, or until tickets sell out - whichever time comes first.

- **Saturday, February 11, 2017 - FTE Auction & Party: *Falcon City Limits* Event**

Last But Certainly Not Least, Raise the Roof for the *Falcon City Limits* Team!

Make no mistake; the best party of the year doesn't just plan itself. Over a dozen amazing team members are pouring in hundreds of man and (woman!) hours to pull off this night to remember! We are so grateful for the incredible talent and time these folks are dedicating:

Sara Barney, Amy Brady, Kara Brown, Mary Catherine Campbell, Amberlee Cantrell, Amy Clark, Cami Dato, Karis Fagerberg, Elizabeth Hooks, Kelley Inmon, Victoria Lavi, Debbie Lopez, Erin Ludwig, Kate McGrath, Leslie Odom, Christine Parker, Ashley Quinones, Heather Sheffield, Mary Katherine Stout, and Tim Toomey

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

RSVP by Sunday!: FTE Talent Show & Free Family Movie Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 at 6:00pm

<http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/just-for-fun>

We are excited to invite all FTE students, parents, and staff to enjoy a fun indoor evening in the doldrums of January! We are kicking off the first FTE Student Talent Show to be followed by a family movie in the cafeteria! **The new date for our FTE Talent Show & Free Family Movie is Friday, January 20th at 6pm in the FTE Cafeteria!** Complimentary popcorn will be served and drinks will be offered for purchase.

Important FTE Talent Show & Movie Dates:

- **Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 11:59pm** - deadline for attendees to RSVP for this free event - we may have to cut off attendance at some point as we are now inside - [click here to RSVP](#)
- **Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 11:59pm** - deadline for students to submit their interest in being in the First FTE Talent Show- [click here to submit your interest](#)
- **Friday, January 20th at 6pm** - FTE Talent Show & Free Family Movie

We are so grateful to our generous FTE Free Family Movie sponsor, [Kidventure!](#) Check out Kidventure's [latest video here](#) and learn more about Kidventure and its character-building camps for youth at [Kidventure.com!](#)

FTE Spirit Days & No-Cook Spirit Nights in 2017

<http://fte.eanesid.net/booster-club/community-partners>

No-Cook Spirit Night at MOD Pizza: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 - all day

Come into the Westlake MOD Pizza anytime on Tuesday, January 17th with the FTE flyer (on the Community Partners website listed above), and present it at the time of purchase in order for a donation to be made to the FTE Booster Club.

Other Upcoming Spirit Dates

- **No-Cook Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A on Tuesday, February 2, 2017 from 4-10pm**
- **No-Cook Spirit Night at Hat Creek Burger Company on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 from 5-10pm**
- **No-Cook Spirit Day with Kona Ice at Forest Trail Elementary near the field on Thursday, April 19, 2017 (weather-pending) from 1:30pm-2:30pm (early release day)**

FTE Food & Diaper Drive: January 17-27, 2017

<http://fte.eanesid.net/booster-club/community-service>

The FTE Food & Diaper drive, supporting Central Texas Food Bank, is from January 17th - 27th! Please send donations with your FTE student during this time! For every 5 food items or 1 package of diapers your child brings, he/ she will receive one of 6 different autographed pictures of Forest the Falcon!

Box Tops News!

<http://fte.eanesid.net/booster-club/box-tops-for-education>

And the winning class for the December Extra Recess Contest is...

Mrs. Harvey! Mrs. Harvey has also won Brunch for 2 to Moonshine Patio Bar and Grill.

Student Prizes:

1st - \$25 Gift Certificate to Austin's Pizza – Lillian Wright - 457

2nd – 2 Tickets to Alamo Drafthouse Cinema – Sarah Jean & Luke Turner - 299

3rd - Gift Certificate to the School Store for turning in 50 or more Box Tops – Michael Lancaster, Grant Absher, Emma Yatim, Audrey Dartez, Hayden Hsu, Parker Wendel and Jake Henry Bartlett

*Drawing winner of a Gift Certificate to Amy's Ice Cream –
Michael Lancaster

Class Totals:

Kindergarten:

Martinez – 255
Culpepper - 186
Linder – 160
Purdy – 52
Ormand - 0

1st Grade:

Harvey – 515
Goralski - 40
Brightwell - 20
Dunagan - 0

2nd Grade:

Bailey - 195
Bloomer – 76
Guerra - 60
Hurst – 0

3rd Grade:

Brandenburg – 24
Kerbow - 20
Robinson – 19
Crain – 14
Fromberg – 0

4th Grade:

Ellis - 306
Siguenza – 38
Brookshire - 20
Garcia – 6
Thornhill - 0

5th Grade:

Berrios - 0
Wendell - 0
Hernandez – 0
Hitt - 0

We collected 2006 Box Tops in our December Box Tops Contest! That's \$200.60 for FTE! Thank you so much for everyone that participated. Our next contest has already

started and ends **Friday, February 24th**. Look for your Box Tops Collection Sheet attached to this newsletter or online at <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club>. If you have any questions about Box Tops please contact Kelley Edwards at kelley.a.edwards@gmail.com.

Parent Socials on the Hub!

<http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/parent-socials>

Parent Socials tickets are available on the Hub! Visit the Parent Socials page for more information.

FTEBC Organizational Chart

<http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/organizational-chart>

Need to find a chairperson to ask a question or learn how to get involved? Check out the Organizational Chart!

Mark Your Calendars!

<http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/events-and-calendar>

Below is an abridged list of upcoming dates. Please visit the calendar for a comprehensive list.

- Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 11:59pm - deadline for businesses and families to become a sponsor, donate an item for auction, or submit an advertisement for *Falcon City Limits* [click here to sponsor, donate, or advertise](#)
- Friday January 13, 2017 at 9:30am - FTE Booster Club Meeting & Guest Speaker Kendall Still, Principal of West Ridge Middle School: *"Transition to Middle School"*
- Friday, January 13, 2017 at 1:30pm - Early Release
- Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 11:59pm - deadline to RSVP to attend FTE Talent Show & Movie Night - [click here to RSVP](#)
- Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 11:59pm - deadline for students to submit interest in being in the First FTE Talent Show- [click here to submit your interest](#)
- Monday, January 16, 2017 - School Holiday/ MLK Day
- Friday, January 20, 2017 at 6pm - FTE Talent Show & Family Movie Night
- Wednesday, January 25, 2017 - Science Fair
- Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 6:00pm - FTE Open House
- Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 11:59pm - deadline to purchase VIP and General Admission tickets (unless tickets sell out before February 2nd)
- Saturday, February 11, 2017 - FTE Auction & Party: *Falcon City Limits* Event

Helpful Links

- FTEBC website - fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club
- FTEBC Facebook page - facebook.com/FTEBC
- FTE Parents group - a social forum for FTE parents (not managed by the FTEBC) facebook.com/groups/FTEparents

FTEBC Organizational Chart - find out chairpersons for committees
<http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/organizational-chart>

EEF's 25th Anniversary Silver Celebration

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KICK-OFF EVENT FEB 4TH

A NIGHT IN NORTHERN ITALY

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25TH ANNIVERSARY SILVER CELEBRATION
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110 East 2nd Street Austin, Texas

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The Gala sells out every year.
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EanesEducationFoundation.org

Save The Date ... “The Well Balanced Student”

Presented by Margaret Dunlap, Challenge Success – Stanford University
Feb. 28th, 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Westlake Performing Arts Complex
All parents are welcome!

Today's high-pressure, fast-paced culture can interfere with healthy child development. When we are too focused on test scores, performance, and grades, we may deny kids the time and energy they need to effectively tackle the demanding work of growing up.

This workshop examines the tensions that can occur between students, parents, and educators over issues such as homework, grades, and the culture of competition. We'll offer parents research-based strategies to create healthier home and school environment. All Parents are encouraged to attend.

Questions: kbryant@eansisd.net

Attention All 5th Grade Parents...

Below is the West Ridge Middle School 2017 Transition Timeline for Parents of 5th Grade Students "Rising" to 6th Grade.

- **Friday, January 13th, 9:30-10:30am FTE Library – *Forest Trail Elementary Parents Only Visit with Kendall Still, Principal WRMS: Welcome to Middle School Parenting!***
- **Wednesday, January 18th, 6:00-7:00pm at WRMS library - *Parent Meeting Specific to Special Education:*** Meet WRMS special education leadership team • Learn how special education elements of your child's program transfer to middle school • Learn how special education interacts with course selection • Learn what to expect from the ARD process at WRMS
- **Tuesday, February 7th, 6:00-7:30pm at WRMS - *Parent Meeting for ALL Parents of "Rising 6th" Grade Students:*** Meet WRMS staff • Take a campus tour (7:00-7:30pm) • Listen to & learn more about the WRMS Band, Orchestra and Choir (prior to guiding/supporting your child in selecting his/her Fine Arts elective) • Walk through the on-line course selection process • Tip from the pros- Bring your iPad, laptop or electronic device (to access WRMS website and walk through the course selection while in the meeting)
- **Tuesday, February 7th - *On-line registration opens at 6:00 pm***
- **Wednesday, February 8th, 9:00-10:15am at WRMS Gym - *5th Grade Student Field Trip to WRMS:*** WRMS Band, Orchestra, and Choir will perform for students • WEB (Where Everyone Belong) student leaders will share "Tips for 6th Grade Success" • Cheerleaders will lead a cheer

Wednesday, February 15th, 4:00 pm - *On-Line Registration Deadline:* Parents Complete On-Line Course Selection for Fine Arts Elective & English Only • Deadline for selecting 6th grade Fine Arts elective (Band, Orchestra or Choir) • Deadline for selecting English Class (6th Grade English or Pre-AP English) • Math course placement will be determined by your child's current math teacher in May. Your child's math placement will include careful consideration of grades, STAAR performance, End of Year District Math assessment, and student motivation and attitude specific to math. Math placement will be shared with each parent in May. • Parents of students receiving Sp.Ed. services will select a Fine Arts elective and an English class. Placement specific

to ARD committee decisions will be completed by WRMS staff prior to the start of school.

Preschool Aged Peer Models Needed

We will be having our annual screenings of peer models for the 2017-2018 school year on Wednesday, February 1st and 8th at 2:00 at Eanes Elementary.

The Eanes Independent School District Special Education Program is looking for typically-developing children who are ages 3-1/2 to 4 (between 9/1/17 and 5/31/18) to serve as Peer Models in our Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD) for the 2017 – 2018 school year. The PPCD classes provide early intervention services for children with disabilities through language-based childcentered activities. All students are taught pre-school curriculum by certified special education teachers in the areas of literacy, numeracy, language, socialization, and independence skills through thematic units. The Peer Models must have age appropriate verbal, behavioral, social, and self-help skills (including being toilet-trained) and will be selected based on their interactions with staff and other children. The school day hours are Monday through Friday 7:45 – 1:45. The classes are held at Eanes Elementary, and parents will be required to provide transportation to and from school. The Peer Models Program follows the Eanes ISD school year calendar. There will be a fee of \$500/semester for children who participate in this program. If you are interested in having your child serve as a peer model, please contact Debra Bailey in the special education office to obtain an application. Contact information: Debra Bailey at dbailey@eanesisd.net or (512) 732-9021

Spanish Lunch Bunch at FTE

A language program children love! New class offering for Kinder students!

Our interactive program makes learning conversational Spanish easy and fun. Taught by **native Spanish speakers**, we meet twice a week at lunch in a small group (max. 15 students) with a fun, relaxed environment. The positive language experience we offer - taught through songs, stories, puppetry and games - will foster openness to the sounds and culture of the Spanish language.

- Presently we offer Levels 1, 3 to Kinder, 1st, 2nd, and 4th grades
- Home lunch required on class days
- Practice at home is encouraged
- Prior Spanish experience required for Level 3 (4th grade)

Registration is open <https://eanes.augusoft.net/>

Questions? Contact *Anna Salas* at salasaustin10@ymail.com or visit <https://sites.google.com/site/eanesspanishlunchbunch/>!

The GAGA Bowl

Kidventure has teamed up with i9 Sports to bring the first ever Gaga Bowl to Hill Country Middle School on February 4th. The event will bring elementary school age teams of 8-10 players per team together for an afternoon of fun, community, and Gaga! There are divisions for K-5th Grade. See the attached for details.

New Volleyball Session – Now Open!

Bump, set, spike! Girls & Boys, get ready to have some volleyball fun! Each class will include stretches, warm-up drills, and teaching the game and the basic skills to new students while at the same time correcting and perfecting the technique of the more experienced players. Sign up today through EISD Community Education at <http://eanes.augusoft.net> or WestAustinVolleyball.com. Space is limited. Classes filled quickly. Register today! Call Mattie at 512-809-1663 for any questions. Sessions begin Feb. 6th.

Order Your FTE Yearbook Today

Order your 2016-2017 yearbook. Reserve your copy of the ALL COLOR yearbook. Personalize your yearbook with your name on the front cover for an additional \$5.00 until March 1st. Yearbooks will only be sold online this year! Order at www.balfour.com

5th grade pridelines this year will only be available online to order and design online this year. See the attached for the 5th grade Prideline information.

Reminder...

Remember to “Like” us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ftfalcons/> and “Follow” us on Twitter https://twitter.com/fte_principal and Instagram https://instagram.com/fte_principal/

