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January 19, 2017

FTE Open House – Thursday, Jan. 26th

Please mark Thursday, January 26, on your calendar and plan to join us for our school's annual Open House and Science Fair viewing 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.

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

RTI, ESL & Dyslexia Parent Information Session This Friday

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!

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 Amy Brady, our 2016-17 Fifth Grade Events Co-Chair and 2017 Auction & Party: *Falcon City Limits* Venue Chair, Science Fest Volunteer Coordination Co-Chair. Find out about Amy's huge contribution to FTE and why we are so grateful for her dedication to our school! Click on the Volunteer Spotlight page!

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

<http://fte.eanesisd.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!

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

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

***Falcon City Limits* Volunteers Needed!**

FCL needs a few dozen volunteers and donors for our eagerly-anticipated wine toss event! [Visit the FCL site](#) to sign up for a shift or to commit to bringing a bottle!

Ticket Sales for *Falcon City Limits*: FTE Auction & Party 2017 Are Winding Down!

We anticipate a sellout shortly for this year's *Falcon City Limits: FTE Auction & Party 2017* at One World Theatre on Saturday, February 11, 2017! 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.](#)

"Raise the Paddle" Challenge for 2017: STEM Carts!

This year's auction will feature a special challenge to parents and supporters to "Raise the Paddle" for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) mobile carts for classroom use. These carts are invaluable learning tools for elementary school-aged children, but FTE currently only has a few of these carts to share amongst its dozens of homeroom classes. We will share more information leading up to *Falcon City Limits* about these incredible assets to a progressive learning environment, and hope you will join us in the challenge to outfit FTE with STEM carts! [Visit the FCL site for more info.](#)

Sponsorships, Donations, and Family Ads

We are concluding our sponsorship, donation, and family ad submissions for inclusion in the *Falcon City Limits* catalogue. However opportunities for families and businesses still remain available for inclusion in various other media

including this newsletter, the FTEBC website, social media, as well as the slideshow to be played at the event. **Visit the FCL site for more info.**

Three Cheers for our AWESOME Falcon City Limits Sponsors!

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Westlake Pediatric Dentist

Important Falcon City Limits Dates!

- **Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 6:00pm - Teacher Treasures and Class Art Projects** are available for viewing in the FTE Foyer, and will also be available for bidding at that time online

- **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.
- **Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 11:59pm** - Deadline for ticket holders to create a bidder number (following link in ticket confirmation email)
- **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, Christie Schultz, Heather Sheffield, Mary Katherine Stout, Amy Sweeney, and Tim Toomey

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

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 host 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 FTE Talent Show & Free Family Movie is a rescheduled date from a Fall weather cancellation. The new date is Friday, January 20th at 6pm in the FTE Cafeteria!** Complimentary popcorn will be served and drinks and candy will be offered for purchase for \$1. Cash only. No credit card purchases will be available.

FTE Talent Show & Movie Night Attendees:

We will project the movie in the cafeteria. Please bring a sleeping bag/ blanket/ pillow/ lawn chair especially for the kids to make sure they are comfortable while you are watching the talent show and movie. Drinks and food are allowed in the cafeteria only, so the kids will likely want to set up their viewing spot in the cafeteria where they can eat and drink. There will be chairs set up for adults in the back area/ gym.

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](#)!

Congratulations on an Amazing Fall in the FTE Garden!

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

Last week our upper grades celebrated the end of their garden curriculum, some with "garden parties" featuring foods that were grown in the Fall. Many thanks to the dozens of volunteers, as well as our fearless **Co-Chairs Madeline Arnold, Melissa Blue, and L.B. Townsend**. Thanks to our Booster Club supporters who financially make the beloved FTE Garden possible!

FTE Booster Club February Meeting & Guest Speaker: Friday, February 3, 2017 at 9:30am

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

Join us for our February Booster Club meeting! This month is our highly-anticipated talk with returning amazing guest speaker Katie Malinski, LCSW. She will offer expert guidance in her talk, "*Maturation Preparation: Parenting Guidance to Grown On*" to help families communicate age-appropriately with their children about upcoming changes in their physical, emotional, and social worlds with wisdom and grace. This talk is intended to be closely tied to our RSB (Responsible Social Behavior) weeklong curriculum for 5th graders, which is coming up later in February. Don't miss this expert advice on how to relate to our kids and provide them with information they are ready to hear at every age.

FTE Spirit Days & No-Cook Spirit Nights in 2017

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

Join us for the following upcoming Spirit Nights!

- 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)

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.

- 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; first auction items available for bidding online and to view in FTE Foyer
- Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 11:59pm - deadline to purchase VIP and General Admission tickets (unless tickets sell out before February 2nd)
- Friday, February 3, 2017 at 9:30am - FTE Booster Club Meeting: *"Maturation Preparation: Parenting Guidance to Grown On"*
- 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](https://www.facebook.com/FTEBC)
- FTE Parents group - a social forum for FTE parents (not managed by the FTEBC) [facebook.com/groups/FTEparents](https://www.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

FTE friends,

In an effort to fund as many outstanding teachers as possible, *#fund50* - Eanes Education Foundation (EEF) hosts an annual gala in downtown Austin. This year's fun-filled event is on February 25th at the JW Marriott and we want to see you there!

The 2017 EEF Gala, presented by Lexus of Austin, will be a special night honoring EEF's 25-year legacy of service and support for Eanes ISD and the surrounding community. Cocktails, dinner, dancing, auctions, games, cake & champagne – it's a party 25 years in the making!

ALL EEF donations go to fund teachers! Our Fall fundraising effort was **WE FUND TEACHERS** and our Spring campaign is the **GALA**, which combines your donation with a lot of fun!

There are several ways to contribute and participate:

- Purchase a table and invite friends to join as your guests
- Organize the purchase of a table where each couple pays their own way

- Individual ticket sales

The attached sheet outlines all the Table Host options and benefits. Please consider attending this incredible evening!

Since this is an event for all of our school district, you will have the opportunity to connect with many friends throughout the Eanes community. We'd be honored if you could join us on February 25th to celebrate this important cause-- our children! The funds support amazing EEF educators including our art teachers and nurses.

Don't miss out!

Go to <https://eaneseducationfoundation.org/2017eef-gala/> for more information. There are still underwriting opportunities available if you are interested in advertising your business at the celebration. Details are available through links on the website.

Contact EEF if you are interested in attending and need assistance or feel free to reach out to me directly.

Thanks for your consideration,
Ana Maria Qualman
Mom of Sofia Qualman, Kindergarten
2017 EEF Gala Committee

EEF GALA video invite: <https://youtu.be/297YcyEPDb0>

www.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

Updated WRMS 2017 Transition Timeline

Please see the attached document for the updated West Ridge Middle School 2017 Transition Timeline for 5th grade students “rising” to 6th grade.

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

FTE Clay Club with Mrs. Dunning...a messy, muddy, marvelous after-school class for kids!

In this nine week, after-school clay class, children will learn basic hand-building techniques, decorating, glazing, firing and all things clay. Classes will include time for snack, and a thorough scrubbing before getting in your car.

Grades: 2nd-5th

Schedule: Weekly, Tuesdays after school

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

9 sessions: February 7, 14, 21; March 7, 21, 28; April 4, 11, 18
(*NO CLASS: February 28th or March 14th)

Class Fee: \$270.00 (*includes the Supply & Community Ed fees*)

Location: Forest Trail Elementary, Art Room 20

Registration: Eanes Community Ed <https://eanes.augusoft.net/index.cfm>

Students should bring their own snack and drink. Water fountains are available for refills, and I will have emergency provisions for those who might forget. Please make me aware of any food allergies/sensitivities. All students will be out front in the FTE car line area by 4:50 p.m., and should be picked-up no later than 5:00p.m. I'm happy to deliver any students participating in Easy Care to that program when we finish.
Contact: Kelly Dunning kdunning@eanesisd.net or 512-589-9624

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/!](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/.

