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January 19, 2017

FTE Open House is Tonight - Jan. 26th!

Please join us tonight for our school's annual Open House and Science Fair viewing to be held between 6:00 and 7:30 P.M.

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

Spring Picture Day

Mark your calendars NOW for Forest Trail Elementary Spring Picture Day on Tuesday, February 7th. Class pictures will be taken. Individual portraits will be taken on a pre-purchase basis only. Order ONLINE today at <http://www.photographersofwestlake.com>

Charlie's Challenge is Feb. 13th

Charlie's Challenge is a fund raiser for the American Cancer Society. It is fun filled event for 2nd through 5th graders that involves ten different "Minute -To-Win-It" type challenges. The Challenge takes place after school and is held in the FTE gym.

Registration Suggestions:

1. Form a team. (6 members per team. 2nd- 5th grade FTE students.)
2. Each member fills out their own form. (We need liability releases for each member.)
3. Select a "Team Leader" who will gather the 6 completed team registration forms and payment.
4. The "Team Leader" will be responsible for delivering the teams' registration forms and payments to Mrs. Lewis on Wednesday, February 1st.
5. Registration is closed when we have ten teams.

*If someone is paying for a friend, please note that on the registration form. Additional donations should also be clearly noted.

*Checks are made out to the American Cancer Society.

See the attached registration form.

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 Melissa Blue, our 2016-17 Garden Co-Chair. Find out about Melissa's contributions to FTE over the years and why FTE is so grateful for her dedication! Click on the Volunteer Spotlight page!

Tomorrow is the Last Day: FTE Food & Diaper Drive

<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!

The FTE Booster Club wants to send a heartfelt thanks to **Community Service Chairperson Allison Johnson** and to **PE Teacher Jane Lewis** for their tireless work on this project. We also thank you, the FTE community, for your incredible generosity! Many Central Texas families will benefit from this amazing collaboration and spirit of giving demonstrated by our school!

****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 *Centex Tickets Wine & Liquor Toss* game! [Visit the FCL site](#) to sign up for a shift or to commit to bringing a bottle!

Online Bidding Starts Thursday, January 26th at 6:00pm

Our amazing Class Art Projects and Teacher Treasures will be the first auction items to become available today at 6:00pm. [Visit the FCL site](#) for

full details on obtaining a bidder number and how to bid on your favorite items!

Huge thanks to the dozens of class art project volunteers whose talents and time commitment have been outstanding! You have wowed us and we are proud to show off your beautiful offerings for this year's ***Falcon City Limits*** auction and party!

Ticket Sales for *Falcon City Limits: FTE Auction & Party 2017* Are Running Out!

We are almost sold out 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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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 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.eanesid.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)

FTE Talent Show & Free Family Movie Night Was a Huge Success!

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

Thank you to the 260 FTE family members who attended our first ever FTE Talent Show & Movie Night! Fantastic acts showed their talents and fun was had by all! We look forward to continuing this new tradition in the future! Huge thanks to our incredible Popcorn Team who came in on a Friday morning to pop for a crowd of 260! And last but not least, thank you to our dedicated Executive Board who prepared and manned the concessions, and helped to ensure we had a smooth and fun event!

As always 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!

Parent Socials on the Hub!

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

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

- 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

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! Don't miss out!

Go to <https://eaneseducationfoundation.org/2017eef-gala/> for more information.



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THE SLOVER FAMILY
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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

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@eansisd.net or (512) 732-9021

Tickets on Sale Now for Mary Poppins

Westlake High School Choir and Technical Entertainment Crew present Mary Poppins the Broadway Musical. Performances are Feb. 2nd through the 4th at Westlake Community Performing Arts Center. See the attached for details.

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/eannesspanishlunchbunch/>!

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.

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/.

