



TRAILBLAZER

April 6, 2017

Principally Speaking

We are in the home stretch and beginning to put a bow on the 2016-2017 school year. While this can be an exciting time of the year and the visions of vacations are becoming clearer, there is still work to be done. Your students have many skills yet to master and there are many opportunities to learn from peers, not to mention the assessments that accompany this time of year.

Coming off the heels of Spring Break, Daylight Savings Time, a recent move and new puppy I've found myself in a situation that is less than relaxing. These changes to my "normal" routine caused me some discomfort but have proven to be more significant for my children. We're still working out the kinks and the mind scramble that is bedtime when the sun is out.

In my welcoming students to school in the morning and assisting the FTE Safety Patrol a trend presented itself that leads me to believe I may not be alone in my adjustment struggles. The number of students that arrive late to school has spiked to a level that has become very concerning. I wanted to pass along an article I found topical. My hope is that you find it to be worth the read.

Additionally, I would like to extend a friendly reminder that our school day begins at 8:10am when the first bell rings and students are marked tardy at 8:20am.

***Effects of Tardiness on Your Child's Education* by Rachel Pancare**

We all run late sometimes. For your child, arriving late to school occasionally won't cause major disruption. Inevitably, kids will feel sick or tired some mornings, or other situations will prevent them from being on time. But chronic lateness eventually takes its toll on a child's overall educational experience. According to the national initiative Attendance Works, missing just 10 percent of the school year in the early grades causes many students to struggle in elementary school, and lateness in later grades is associated with increased failure and dropout rates. Fortunately, parents can help prevent tardiness from becoming frequent enough to negatively impact their child's school life.

Disrupted Routines

One of the most important aspects of school is that it is organized, scheduled and predictable. Students depend on the structure of the day. They know where they have to be and when. They know the main purpose for being in school is to learn and that routines are in place precisely to help them focus on that learning. When students are repeatedly tardy, these routines are disrupted. Children who are often late have trouble settling in and mastering routines. Tardiness can throw off their whole morning or even their day, especially if the late commute to school was stressful.

Social Criticism

The social experience has a powerful impact on a child's feelings about school and his ability to be academically successful. When a child continuously shows up late to class, other students are distracted. Attention is drawn away from the teacher or assignment and toward the child who has just arrived. Over time, classmates may begin to criticize this child, affecting how he feels about himself in school. During adolescence, children are especially conscious of fitting in and being accepted by peers. If your child is repeatedly tardy, he may become a target or outcast over time, and negative peer interactions can hurt his ability to concentrate on learning. According to the Encyclopedia of Children's Health, children with steady friendships throughout the school year enjoy school more, and children who can make new friends tend to perform better academically.

Low Achievement

PerformWell, a nonprofit policy research and educational organization, reports that frequent tardiness is associated with lower grades and lower scores on standardized tests. It is also linked to low graduation rates. In addition, students who are routinely late at the elementary and middle school levels are more likely to fail in high school -- or even drop out. In many classrooms, particularly at the elementary level, morning routines are critical to daily lessons. Warm-up activities may introduce topics that will be learned later in the day, or review work offers students an opportunity to review previously learned skills.

Responsibility

Part of your child's education is learning to be responsible. The school experience teaches children how to meet expectations. They learn to follow schedules, obey rules, complete assignments and keep track of their materials. Learning responsibility in school is a precursor to functioning in

the working world, as noted by William Kirby in his 2010 Dayton Daily News article "School Attendance Tied to Academic Success." Attendance is one of the ways children show they can meet their obligations. In many cases, a child's attendance depends on his parents' ability to help him be on time. Parents can teach their kids organizational techniques that will help them get out of the house faster, such as packing their bags and laying out their clothes the night before school. But parents who drive their children must also remember to be punctual and responsible. After all, you are the primary role model.

Thank you for your time and your continued support by evaluating your morning routines to ensure your child arrives in a safe and timely manner.

SIV Begins April 12th at 1:00pm

SAVE THE DATE
STUDENT INFORMATION
VERIFICATION
BEGINS APRIL 12 @ 1:00 PM
MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ALL EANES ISD STUDENTS



New to Eanes ISD? You must complete New Student Online Enrollment before completing Student Information Verification. Visit www.eanesisd.net/enroll for more information.

Forest Trail 2017-2018 Kindergarten Round-Up



KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

April 12, 2017

For children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2017 and are starting Kindergarten in fall of 2017. Parents and children are invited to visit their new school, meet the principal and staff, and become familiar with the campus.

**Forest Trail Elementary:
9am - 10am (cafeteria)**

2 Steps to Enroll Your Kindergartener:

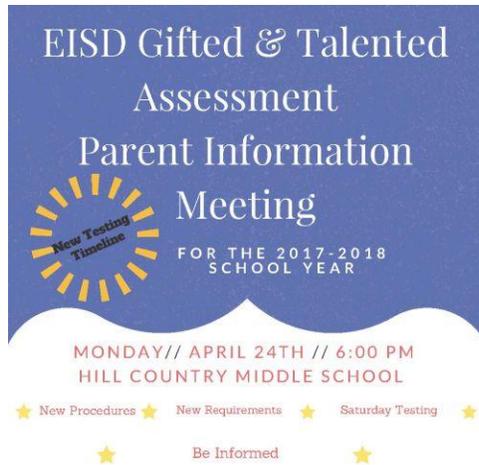


1. Complete online enrollment **before** attending Kindergarten Round-Up. Beginning March 29 at 10am, visit eanesisd.net to enroll.
2. Attend your campus Round-Up. **To expedite the process, please bring copies** (unless otherwise noted) of the following required documents:
 - Child's birth certificate (*bring original or certified copy*)
 - Child's Social Security card
 - Child's immunization record
 - Parent or Guardian valid driver's license indicating a correct, current address in the District
 - Family's proof of residency, including (1) current, signed lease, deed or contract or most recent tax receipt; **and** (2) current utility bill for the property in question in parent's name

**Kinder online enrollment opens March 29 at 10am:
www.eanesisd.net**

EISD Gifted & Talented 2017/2018 School Year

Be informed by attending the EISD Gifted & Talented Assessment Parent Information Meeting for the 2017-2018 school year. The meeting will be held at Hill Country Middle School on Monday, April 24th, at 6:00pm. Items to be discussed include a new testing timeline, new requirements and Saturday testing.



Library Links by Bonnie Seelig

Author of the hit TREEHOUSE SERIES Andy Griffiths will be at BOOKPEOPLE, Austin's local bookstore. Come share the story of Andy and Terry and their ever expanding tree house. Mr. Griffiths' author visits are full of humor and good natured fun! See you at BOOKPEOPLE'S on Wednesday, April 12th, at 6:00 pm. See attached.

Order Your FTE 2016-2017 Yearbook Today

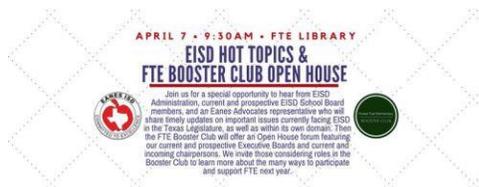
Reserve your copy of the ALL COLOR yearbook. Yearbooks will only be sold online this year until they are sold out! The price of the yearbooks will increase to \$35 effective May 1st. Order your yearbook now at: www.balfour.com

Booster Club Corner

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

Important FTE Booster Club Meeting: April 7th

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



Join us on **Friday, April 7, 2017 at 9:30am** in the FTE Library when the Booster Club presents its 2017-18 Executive Board slate, which will be voted upon at the May 5th, 9:30am, Booster Club meeting.

We are thrilled to welcome several special guests and to offer FTE parents a special opportunity to hear from EISD Administration, current and prospective EISD School Board members, and an Eanes Advocates representative who will share timely updates on important issues currently facing EISD in the Texas Legislature, as well as within its own domain.

Then FTE Booster Club will offer an Open House forum featuring our current and prospective Executive Boards and current and incoming chairpersons. We invite those considering roles in the Booster Club to learn more about the many ways to participate and support FTE next year.

Interested in Volunteering with the FTE Booster Club in the 2017-18 School Year?

<http://fte.eanesisd.net/a/eanesisd.net/fte/booster-club/about-the-forest-trail-booster-club>

If you are interested in chairing a committee or volunteering within one of the many FTEBC committees, please [click here](#). Chairperson interest submissions are encouraged to be completed as soon as possible as positions will be determined shortly.

Ways to find out more about the FTEBC:

1. Reference the FTEBC Organizational Chart [here](#) for information and/ or to contact a current chairperson to ask a question.
2. **Attend the FTE Booster Club Meeting & Daytime Open House on Friday, April 7th.**
3. Contact Co-Presidents [Christie Schultz](#) and [Amy Sweeney](#) for more background on FTEBC roles.

FTE Just for Fun Upcoming Events

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

Mark your calendars! The FTE Booster Club is thrilled to offer the following “Just for Fun” events to bring together our community. **RSVP’s (or tickets, for FTE Carnival) are required for all of the following events. Please use the link above to RSVP for your family members.**

- **FTE Donuts for Dads** - Friday, April 28, 2017 from 7-8am - a sweet morning for dads and kids. RSVP for this event is due Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 10pm.
- **FTE Muffins for Moms** - Friday, May 5, 2017 from 7-8am - a sweet morning for moms and kids. RSVP for this event is due Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 10pm.

- **FTE's Last Hoorah Family Flick in the Field Movie Night** - Friday, May 12, 2017 beginning at 6pm. Kona Ice will begin serving snow cones at 5:30pm, with proceeds benefitting FTE. This is a fun event for the whole family! We will watch a movie at FTE under the stars- rain or shine! If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will move it inside the cafeteria/ gym. RSVP for this event is due Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 10pm.
- **FTE Carnival** - Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 1-4pm - fun for the whole family at FTE! Tickets will go on sale in April.

Buy Your Parent Socials Tickets Now!

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

Calling all 2nd and 3rd grade parents! Hurry to purchase your Parent Socials tickets now!

Parent Social Dates Remaining for the 2016-17 school year:

- **2nd grade: Friday, April 21, 2017 - theme: Groovy '70's. Ticket sales close Sunday, April 16, at 10pm**
- **3rd grade: Saturday, April 22, 2017 - theme: Yacht Rock.** *Please note that the 3rd grade Parent Social date changed from Saturday, April 8th, to Saturday, April 22nd.*

Don't miss these great opportunities to have a blast with parents from your child's grade level! Tickets for this adults-only evening are available for purchase on the FTE Hub for \$45 per person.

Box Tops News!

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

Last Box Tops Contest of the Year: The Class that turns in the most Box Tops by Friday, May 5th, will win an EXTRA RECESS!

Teacher Prize: Brunch for 2 to Moonshine Patio Bar and Grill

Student Prizes:

1st- \$25 Gift Certificate to Austin's Pizza

2nd-2 Tickets to Alamo Draft House Theater

3rd-Turn in 50 Box Tops and receive a Gift Certificate to the School Store and the chance to win a Gift Certificate to Amy's Ice Cream.

Look for your Box Tops Collection Sheet attached to the newsletter or online at. Expired Box Tops will not be counted.

Thank you for supporting FTE through Box Tops. If you have any questions contact [Kelley Edwards](#).

FTE Spirit Events Coming Up

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

Join us for Spirit Days with Kona Ice at Forest Trail Elementary near the field on the following dates:

- Wednesday, April 19, 2017 (weather-pending) from 1:30pm-2:30pm (early release day)
 - Friday, May 12, 2017 beginning at 5:30pm for our FTE's Last Hoorah Family Flick in the Field Movie Night.
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Summary of Important Dates Upcoming

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

- Friday, April 7, 2017 - 9:30-10:30am - FTE Library: FTE Booster Club Meeting: 2017-18 FTE Booster Club Executive Board slate will be presented, EISD representatives will update on important district issues, and FTE Booster Club Daytime Open House
 - Friday, April 7, 2017 - 6-10pm - FTE Cafeteria/ Gym - FTE 3rd-5th Grades Lock-In (an auction-won event)
 - Wednesday, April 19, 2017 - 1:30pm-2:30pm (early release day; weather-permitting)
 - Friday, April 21, 2017 - 2nd Grade Parent Social
 - Saturday, April 22, 2017 - 3rd Grade Parent Social
 - Sunday, April 23, 2017 - 10pm - online RSVP due for FTE Donuts for Dads
 - Friday, April 28, 2017 - 7-8am- FTE Cafeteria - FTE Donuts for Dads - a sweet morning for dads and kids
 - Sunday, April 30, 2017 - 10pm - online RSVP due for FTE Muffins for Moms
 - Monday, May 1 - Friday, May 5, 2017 - Staff Appreciation Week
 - Friday, May 5, 2017 - 7-8am - FTE Muffins for Moms - a sweet morning for moms and kids
 - Friday, May 5, 2017- 9:30-10:30am - FTE Library - FTE Booster Club Meeting: Vote on 2017-18 Executive Board
 - Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 10pm - online RSVP for FTE's Last Hoorah Family Flick in the Field Movie Night due
 - Friday, May 12, 2017 - 6-8pm- FTE's Last Hoorah Family Flick in the Field Movie Night. Kona Ice begins at 5:30pm
 - Saturday, May 20, 2017 - 1-4pm - FTE & Valley View Elementary parking lots - FTE Carnival
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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!

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

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2017 EISD Elementary Summer Academy

The 2017 EISD Elementary Summer Academy classes are fundamental reading and math classes for students who are currently in grades K – 5 during this 2016-2017 school year. The classes will be offered in two separate sessions daily, Monday through Thursday, June 5th through June 22nd, at Barton Creek Elementary. The program is designed to support students who need additional help mastering grade level objectives. Instruction will be based on individual student profiles provided by the student's current classroom teacher. Profiles will identify the course objectives that need additional reinforcement. **The registration deadline for EISD Elementary Summer Academy is Tuesday, May 16th.** Please see the attached for detailed information and the registration forms.

Join Us for Eanes ISD Summer Camps!

Summer Blast: Camp Read S'more

Held at Cedar Creek Elementary

May 30th-June30th

(NO CAMP July 4th-8th)

July 11th-28th

Main Camp Hours 9:00am-3:30pm Additional Camp Hours 7:30am-5:30pm

Registration March 1st

Summer Splash: Story Stretchers

Held at Cedar Creek CDC

May 30th-June30th
(NO CAMP July 4th-8th)
July 11th-28th
Camp Hours 7:30am-5:30pm
Registration March 6th

Community Education Enrichment Classes

Held at Cedar Creek Elementary
Engineering, Math, Language, Music, Art, Chess, Culinary Arts,
Athletics and much more!

Held at Westlake High School
Athletic Camps, College Essay, Writing Camps
Registration April 1st

Relay For Life... It's Time to Take Action Against Cancer!

Relay For Life is Saturday, May 6, 2017, from 6pm to midnight at Westlake High School. Join us at this event to bring our community together to remember loved ones lost, honor survivors of all cancers, and raise money to help the American Cancer Society make a global impact on cancer. Teams will gather at Westlake Chaparral stadium to walk against cancer. Each team pledges to have one member on the track at all times during the course of the evening to signify the perseverance necessary in this fight. Bands, speakers and games are scheduled throughout the evening, as well as the moving lighting of the luminaria. Enjoy food donated by Westlake favorites: Chick-fil-A, Texas Honey Ham, JuiceLand, Pinkberry, Tacodeli & Dominos!

Westlake Hyline Presents Zenith

Westlake Hyline proudly presents Zenith, "17 in '17!" Our annual show is being held at the Westlake Performing Arts Center on April 20, 21 & 22, at 7:30pm. Ticket sales begin on Monday, April 3. Please visit whszenith.com to purchase tickets or for more information. You won't want to miss this sensational show with special performances by Star Steppers, dance classes, Cheerleaders, Madrigals, Gyline and more! See you at Zenith as we portray what life looks like to be 17 in the year 2017!

WHS Project Graduation

SUPPORT OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

If you need anything photo related, check out Project Graduation's shutterfly storefront. They will donate 13% of your order. Here is the link:

<http://www.westlakepg.com/shutterfly> Order your annual photo mug, graduation

announcements, photo blankets, photo gifts, rush photo prints, or anything you can think of that is photo related. Project Graduation is an all-night alcohol and drug-free event that keeps our graduates and community safer on one of the most dangerous driving nights of the year for teens across the country. This long-standing tradition, held at Westlake High, is organized and chaperoned by parent volunteers and funded by proceeds from generous donations from parents and the community. Eanes ISD provides no funding for the event.

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/.

