



TRAILBLAZER

April 20, 2017

Congratulations FTE's 5th Grade DI Team

Congratulations to our 5th grade Destination Imagination team the Pi Girls, who medaled at D.I. Regionals and recently represented Forest Trail at the State competition in Lubbock, Texas. We're so proud of the girls and all the creative work they put into their challenge solution! Special thanks to Tracey and Mike Lazorik, and all our volunteer parents who acted as Team Managers for our 6 Falcon teams this year. Great job!

Front row (left to right): Alina Tang, Vishruti Venkat, Ava Lazorik, Catherine Tu;
Back row: Sarah Degnan, Anika Gullipalli, Faylyn Wang



Library Links by Bonnie Seelig

Forest Trail and Valley View will welcome Lemony Snicket, pen name of children's author Daniel Handler, on Friday, May 5th. Lemony Snicket is best-known for his children's books titled **A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS**.

Visiting Austin on his multi-city book tour, he will introduce kinder, 1st and 2nd grade students to his new picture book **GOLDFISH GHOST**. This book presents a twist on the dead pet story. Instead of focusing on the pet owner, the focus is on what happens after death. This look at the after-life ends with Goldfish Ghost finding comfort with a former Lighthouse Keeper.

GOLDFISH GHOST will be sold prior to the event until the end of the day Thursday, May 4th. Credit Card payments will be made using the BookPeople website. To ensure a signed copy of the book when using a credit card, the order form with the order number which appears on your order confirmation e-mail must be returned to the librarian Ms. Seelig before the end of the day Thursday, May 4th.

See the attached order form.

Leftover School Supplies Needed!

We are excited to have the opportunity for our students to be a part of helping others! There are many Austin ISD students who are unable to get the needed school supplies. We were asked to team up with other Eanes schools to donate leftover school supplies to help with this cause. Please send any leftover school supplies to school with your student or bring them by Ms. Etter's office from now until the end of school. Thank you in advance for your help with this!

Ms. Etter
FTE Counselor

An Important Message from the Eanes ISD Student/Staff Health Advisory Committee (SSHAC):

The Partnership for Drug-Free Kids reports that "two-thirds of teens who report abuse of prescription medicine are getting them from friends, family, and acquaintances." Help us prevent drug addiction and promote safety by ensuring that 1) expired medications are disposed of safely and that 2) current medications are stored in secure locations.

On Saturday, April 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Barton Creek Square Mall parking lot, you may drop off unused and expired prescription drugs and over-the-counter cough medicines.

To find out more about medicine abuse and what you can do to protect or get help for someone in your family, visit the Medicine Abuse Project at drugfree.org.

See the attached for additional drop-off locations.
Help us keep our kids safe!

Staff Appreciation Week – Changes & Gift Card Drive

May 1st - May 5th, is Staff Appreciation Week at Forest Trail and the Staff Appreciation Committee is already hard at work planning a special week for our truly deserving Forest Trail staff! There will be a few changes this year to make the celebration a little more streamlined and less intensive time and cost-wise for FTE families. For example, "Favorite Things Baskets" will be replaced with optional homemade cards/pictures/etc. from students (more info to come from your homeroom parent(s)).

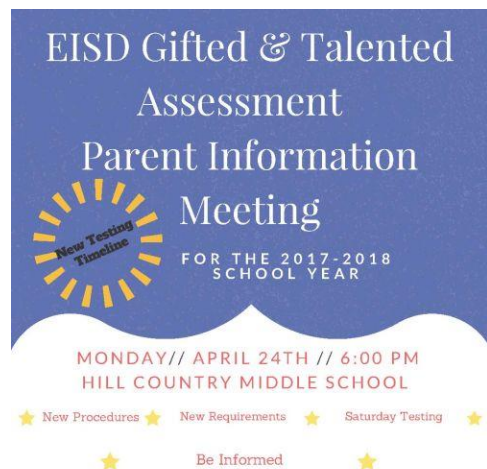
We do plan to continue the tradition of presenting staff with parent-donated gift cards during one day of the week. If you are able, please help us to spoil our staff by donating a **\$10 or \$15 gift card(s)**. (**Cash and check donations** will also be accepted and will be used to purchase additional gift cards.)

A labeled collection box can be found in the front office and we request that all donations be turned in by **Friday, April 28th**. Popular gift cards include local eateries (TX Honey Ham, Taco Deli, Kerbey Lane, Chili's), movie theaters, nail salons, and stores (Nordstrom, Target, HEB). Jane Lewis is also selling gift cards in the front office and proceeds will go to support Community First residents. It's a one stop shop if you'd like to consider donating one to the staff gift card drive or you can, of course, use them for your family.

Thank you for supporting our wonderful and deserving staff!

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.



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>

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. Contact Co-Presidents [Christie Schultz](#) and [Amy Sweeney](#) for more background on FTEBC roles.

FTE Just for Fun Upcoming Events: RSVP DUE SUNDAY!

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

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.

***New* Purchase Options Are Live on the Hub!**

Hub News: Important Updates for New FTE Families (please share with your neighbors)

Please note the passcode required to make a new account, FTE-201617, and choose "Incoming" when prompted to link your account with your child. Please register your Hub account using the legal / full names that you plan to use for your official Skyward profile with EISD. Later this summer, after all of your paperwork has been processed and your Skyward profile is established, your child's student ID, homeroom teacher, and other relevant data will be linked with your Hub account. Using consistent names (e.g. no "nicknames") will help us connect Hub and Skyward data more easily. For now, as a new family, you may create a Hub account and use it to make purchases that will later be linked to your child and your family Skyward profile at FTE.

Carnival Wristbands Are on Sale! - Saturday, May 20, 2017

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

Don't miss the best family FUN-raiser of the year! Buy your wristbands (like above) to the beloved annual FTE Carnival, which takes place on Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 1-4pm! We'll have face painters, midway games with prizes, area businesses such as Life-Ki-Do in the midway games area with prizes, Westlake Youth Soccer running speed radar for soccer goal kicks, live entertainment including Chicken Dog, featuring rescued circus dogs, a scarlet macaw, a live accordion, juggling, unicycling, and lots of other circus skills.

Pre-Purchase Prices

\$25 wristband ages 6+

\$10 wristband ages 5 and under

\$15 wristbands for FTE staff children

Day-of purchase prices:

\$30 wristband ages 6+

\$10 wristband ages 5 and under

\$15 wristbands for FTE staff children

Booster Club Membership Dues for 2017-18

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

Renew or become a new member of the FTE Booster Club!

Directories for 2017-18

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

Get your order in now and check it off your list! Don't miss out on the most useful resource of the year!

School Supplies for 2017-18

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

The opportunity to purchase pre-packaged school supplies specific to each grade, is an optional service to our school provided by the School Supplies Committee, generously headed up by Chairperson Merideth Jones. She has been procuring the lists for each grade level carefully in collaboration with teachers to produce this availability for easy online purchase. All parents are encouraged to take advantage of this fantastic, easy way to get your child's supply needs purchased with one click rather than hunt down supplies in August before school starts. Pre-ordered supply package sales will close on May 31, 2017. Supplies will be delivered to your child's homeroom class in time for Muffin Morning in August. Click the

above link for more info on this great program offered by the FTE Booster Club.

Weekly Popcorn for 2017-18

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

Get ahead of the curve and purchase your child's popcorn for next year!

Thanks for a Great Year of Parent Socials!

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

We hope that the last Parent Socials of the school year go well and everyone has a great time! Many thanks to Meghan Sorrel and Carrie Wilkin, Parent Socials Co-Chairs, thanks to the dozens of co-hosts, and most especially thanks to the hundreds of guests who continue to buy tickets to support this fun tradition at FTE!

2017-18 FTE Booster Club Executive Slate Will Be Presented May 5th Meeting

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

We were pleased present our 2017-18 FTE Booster Club Executive Slate at our April 7th meeting. The following slate will be voted upon at the May 5th meeting:

Carrie Lindsey and Michele Strain - Co-Presidents 2017-18
Kelley Inmon and Leslie Odom - Co-Presidents-Elect 2017-18
Erin Ludwig - Treasurer 2017-18
Daisy Cramer -Treasurer-Elect 2017-18
Jennifer Hutson - Secretary 2017-18

Many thanks to these ladies for stepping up to serve (again, in most cases!) on our Executive Board!

FTE Booster Club Co-Presidents Christie Schultz and Amy Sweeney extend a special thanks to our amazing 2016-17 Executive Board as their tenures are drawing to a close:

Carrie Lindsey and Michele Strain - Co-Presidents-Elect 2016-17
Amy Clark - Treasurer 2016-17
Erin Ludwig - Treasurer-Elect 2016-17

Kelley Inmon - Secretary 2016-17

These ladies have served our school with incredible dedication and we are so grateful for their commitment to FTE.

Eanes Hot Topics Discussed at the FTE Booster Club April 7th Meeting

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

We were thrilled to enjoy the company of nearly a dozen Eanes ISD Administrators, Board Members, and other special advocates at our April 7th meeting to discuss issues relevant to our district. We want to pass along a valuable organization to FTE parents to learn more about issues facing EISD in the Texas Legislature, as well as internally:

[Eanes Advocates](#) is a grassroots effort to educate and advocate for EISD. Issues being determined right now have a direct impact on the taxes we pay, numbers of teachers we can hire, programs we can fund, and other important outcomes. Please contact Eanes Advocates Coordinator (and FTE Booster Club Underwriting Chairperson!) [Heather Sheffield](#) to learn how you can directly affect the legislation that is pending right now.

FTE Spirit Events Coming Up

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

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

- 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 FTE Booster Club Dates Upcoming

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

- 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
 - Sunday, May 7, 2017 - appreciation events for Falcon City Limits Team and FTE Booster Club Chairpersons
 - 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
<http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/organizational-chart>

Calling all 1987 WHS Graduates!!!

30 year reunion... SAVE THE DATE!!!

November 3-4, 2017

Please fill out this survey and forward to 1987 grads that you're still in touch with.

We don't want to miss anyone!

<http://tinyurl.com/chaps1987>

<http://www.chaps1987.myevent.com/>

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!

Lady Chap Basketball Camp

June 5th-8th 2017

1st-6th Grades @ 9:30am-12pm \$125

7th -9th Grades @ 1-4:00pm \$150

Led by Westlake Head Coach Katie Hensle, our basketball camp provides a unique opportunity for the player who wants to improve their game, and learn from Lady Chap coaches and Alumni. The skills learned at our camp can help build the foundation to help a player improve their abilities regardless of their current level of play. We offer each of our campers the chance to learn and develop new skills that can help them progress their individual skill set as well as become a complete team player. Sign up through Eanes Community Education at <https://eanes.augusoft.net/>

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. 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!

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/.

