



TRAILBLAZER

April 27, 2017

Principally Speaking

The Eanes ISD Board of Trustees voted in March launch a Spanish immersion pilot program in two kindergarten classrooms at Cedar Creek Elementary in the fall of the 2017-18 school year. Since then, after careful consideration, the board is contemplating a second pilot site in two more kindergarten classrooms at Bridge Point Elementary, also to begin in the fall of 2017. Opening two sites simultaneously will provide collaboration between teachers and will allow the district to leverage resources across two campuses instead of only one. Opening at two geographically diverse schools will also enable the district to better evaluate the anticipated success of the program and to plan an eventual expansion to other schools.

The school district is aware parents are eager for this program at Forest Trail Elementary as well as other schools. While there is no longer sufficient time, resources or feasibility to include Forest Trail in the launch of the pilot for the fall of 2017, it is possible the board will accelerate the expansion and could consider Forest Trail or other schools for additional sites as early as the fall of the 2018-19 school year. A decision on this potential opportunity would be made in the spring of 2018.

The school district and I will keep Forest Trail families informed as the Spanish immersion pilot is introduced and what the chances are of adding it at our school in the near future. We appreciate your interest and promise to maintain an open line of communication and understanding about this exciting possibility for our young students following the 2017-18 school year.

DON'T FORGET!

**STUDENT INFORMATION
VERIFICATION**

MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ALL STUDENTS CURRENTLY
ENROLLED IN THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR BY MAY 3



GET STARTED NOW: www.eanesisd.net/siv

Library Links by Bonnie Seelig

Reminders:

Orders for Lemony Snicket's *GOLDFISH GHOST* are due in the library **Thursday, May 4th**. See attached order form.

The Paperback Book Exchange in the library is on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, May 16th: 1:30 - 2:30 (5th Grade)
- Wednesday, May 17th: 11:30 - 12:30 (4th Grade) & 2:30 - 3:30 (3rd Grade)
- Thursday, May 18th: 10:00 - 11:00 (2nd Grade), 12:30 - 1:30 (1st Grade) & 2:30 - 3:30 (Kinder)

Staff Appreciation Gift Card Drive Has Been Extended To May 2nd!

Next week is Staff Appreciation Week (May 1-5)! Our committee has lots of meals and treats planned for our awesome FTE Staff!

Friendly Reminders for Parents:

Homemade Student-to-Teacher Gifts: Thank you for encouraging your child to make a drawing, card, note, or other homemade item to give to their teacher(s) when they get to school on Tuesday, May 2nd.

Gift Card Donations: Thank you for donating \$10 and \$15 gift cards for a fun staff drawing next week! We have extended the deadline to May 2nd. Please drop off all gift cards (labeled with the amount!) in the FTE office by 3:30pm on Tuesday, May 2nd. You may also put cash or a check (made out to Alison Bogle) in the collection box or send money to Alison Bogle via Venmo, and we will purchase the gift cards.

More detailed information can be found in the two emails from your homeroom parents.

Thank you for supporting our wonderful and deserving staff!

Parent's Night Out...Let us watch the kids!

Open to all current EISD Students*

Details below:

When: Friday, May 5th, 2017

Drop off/Check in: 6:30 p.m.

Pick up: before or by 10:00 p.m.

Where: Forest Trail Elementary Cafeteria & Gym

Cost: \$25 for first child; siblings \$20/each

What: Intended to offer parents a night of supervised and fun activities for their children (pizza, snacks, games, crafts, and a movie). Participants must be pre-registered by Wednesday, May 3rd in order to participate.

Contact: Min Tung - min.y.tung@gmail.com or [408-821-9191](tel:408-821-9191)

Sign up fast – spots are limited!

* All EISD elementary students are invited, so gather your friends. Sorry, no younger siblings. Proceeds help former FTE students on Destination Imagination team get to the *Globals* competition in Knoxville, TX.



Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday

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!

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

<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.
- **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!**

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!

Last 2017-18 FTE Booster Club Meeting on May 5th

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

Box Tops for Education

Last Box Tops Contest of the Year Ends Friday, May 5th!

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 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>

EISD Young Writers' Camp 2017

EISD is offering Elementary & Secondary Young Writer's Camps June 12th-16th. Young Writers' Camp is a camp where students have opportunities to explore their interest in writing in small groups and to learn more about the craft of writing. Please see the attached for details and registration information. Registration deadline is May 26th.

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

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

Join Us for Eanes ISD Summer Camps!

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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.

Relay For Life... Saturday, May 6th

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!

Summer Camp Information...

Please check our website "Beyond Forest Trail" for information on summer camps. <https://sites.google.com/a/eanesisd.net/fte/beyond>

Reminder...

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

