



TRAILBLAZER

May 11, 2017

Principally Speaking

On behalf of the FTE Staff I would like extend our most heartfelt gratitude to our parents for the royal treatment we received last week. Staff Appreciation Week serves as the perfect boost to push our staff through the remaining weeks of class. The support and collaboration from our Forest Trail families are felt daily and not exclusive to a weekly event. However, the P. Terry's, homemade muffins, Starbucks, BBQ, Texas Honey Ham tacos, Marble Slab Creamery and the gift card giveaways were a very nice treat. There were many well-fed and happy campers in the building last week. Of course, the homemade gifts from the students were the star of the show, and I heard many teachers in awe of what their students created and how sweet the sentiments were. Thank you to the Staff Appreciation Committee Chairs: Melissa Howitt, Alison Bogle and Karyn Reiber for organizing such a special week. I would also like to thank the many parents who volunteered in other capacities from preparing food to decorating the building. Most importantly, our sincere gratitude goes to every Falcon parent for sharing your children with us. It is a great joy to come to work every day knowing how supported and appreciated our work is.

Reminder: EISD School Holiday Monday, May 15th!

Order Your FTE Yearbook

The end of the year is quickly approaching. There are less than 100 yearbooks left and when they're sold out, they will be gone. **Yearbooks will only be sold through balfour.com.** When the yearbooks come in, they will only be able to be purchased online until we are out. We will not be ordering any extra

yearbooks. Effective May 1st, the price increased to \$35. Don't delay as we sell out every single year.

Library Links by Bonnie Seelig

Thank you to all the parents who supported the BookPeople's Author Visit with Lemony Snicket by purchasing signed copies of GOLDFISH GHOST. The Kinders, 1st and 2nd graders were treated to a very special author and illustrator experience at this BookPeople event. We look forward to the 2017-2018 school year partnering with BookPeople's Guest Authors.

Don't forget to encourage summer reading by checking the FTE Library website under Reading Programs.

Students who participate in the Bluebonnet Reading Program will win a yearlong ticket to the Book Club Reading Room. Review the Guidelines on the BLUEBONNET REFLECTION QUESTIONS 2017-2018. See attached.

PAPERBACK BOOK EXCHANGE IS NEXT WEEK!

Tuesday, May 16: 5th Grade 1:30 - 2:30

Wednesday, May 17: 4th Grade 11:30 - 12:30 & 3rd Grade 2:30 - 3:30

Thursday, May 18: 2nd Grade 10:00 - 11:00, 1st Grade 12:30 - 1:30 & Kinder 2:30 - 3:30

PAPERBACK BOOK EXCHANGE GUIDELINES

1. Bring no more than 5 paperback books to school on the designated grade level Paperback Book Exchange Day (ex. 5th grade students bring books to their class on Tuesday, May 16th). Do not bring paperback books on an earlier day.
2. The paper sack should have the number of books in the sack printed at the top of the sack in a circle. Under the number, the teacher's last name and student's first and last name should appear. No more than 5 paperback books.
3. Ms. Seelig will pick up the sacks from the classroom teachers at 8:30 the morning of the grade level Paperback Book Exchange.
4. Ms. Seelig will distribute the paper sacks to the students an hour before the grade level exchange.
5. The returned empty sack will be the ticket into the Paperback Book Exchange at the designated Paperback Book Exchange time.
6. No hard back books will be accepted and no pre-school books will be accepted.

Thank You FTE Families!

Last week we celebrated Staff Appreciation Week at Forest Trail and it was a successful week of recognizing all of the very deserving staff for their talents and wonderful dedication to our children!

The Staff Appreciation Committee would like to thank all FTE families for their generous donations to the gift card giveaway. We had one of our most successful drives yet and it was fun to spoil staff last Friday! They were all also very touched by the homemade cards and gifts from the students.

We would also like to thank Texas Honey Ham and Kelley Edwards Design for their donations. In addition, the following committee members helped make the week such a great success:

Madelynn Arnold, Shelley Berger, Emily Bevan, Dawn Breyfogle, Daisy Cramer, Colleen Dartez, Jennifer Downing, Kelley Edwards, Kate Flack, Nina Hess Hsu, Cindy Keel, Deirdre Kilgard, Tracey Lazorik, Angela McCown, Kelly Moore, Stephanie Owens, Christie Schultz, Heather Sheffield, Rachel Sheriff, Teri Smart, Kit Spelce, Rashmi Suman, Katie Thomas, Marjet Ulmann, Megan Ulmann and Jessica Wright

*Alison Bogle, Melissa Howitt & Karyn Reiber
(Staff Appreciation Committee Co-Chairs)*

Booster Club Corner

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

New Executive Board for 2017-18

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

On May 5th, the FTE Booster Club elected a new Executive Board for 2017-18. Many thanks to these parents for volunteering to lead next year: Co-Presidents: Carrie Lindsey and Michele Strain; Co-Presidents-Elect: Kelley Inmon and Leslie Odom; Treasurer: Erin Ludwig; Treasurer-Elect: Daisy Cramer; Secretary: Jennifer Hutson

New Funding Fulfillments for 2016-17

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

Classroom of the Future

The FTE Booster Club Membership approved a proposal to supplement EISD bond monies already granted to four of FTE's five 2017-18 fifth grade classrooms as part of the "Classroom of the Future" initiative. We will allocate \$20,000 to fund one classroom to complete the fifth grade

level's classroom renovations. These renovations were carefully-crafted choices made by EISD to modernize and enhance the learning environment with greater opportunities for collaboration, creative thought, and problem-solving. The opportunity for the Booster Club to fund the one classroom that would not have otherwise been renovated was a great example of the Booster Club's commitment to supplementing the needs of FTE that the District and State cannot. We are proud to be able to fund this initiative which will benefit all of FTE's children on their journeys at FTE.

Communication Screens

The cafeteria communication screen has been installed just in time for our largest performance audiences of the year: the Show Choir performance and the Fifth Grade Graduation! We are thrilled to offer this enhancement to our school and hope that it enriches events, performances, and general communication for years to come!

STEAM Carts

The Booster Club has finalized its plans to fund STEAM carts for every grade level at FTE. Working closely with administration's recommendations, we will fund carts and supplies to ensure that all grades have three fully-functional STEAM carts by the beginning of the 2017-18 school year. This initiative has been a collaboration lasting for months and we are proud to bring this incredible advantage to our children's educational experience. STEAM carts enhance the application of many academic goals, with hands-on, real-time results. With this fulfillment, we partner with EISD in its goals as a "District of Innovation", excelling in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics.

Many thanks to the team of FTE and EISD staff, as well as the Booster Club Executive Board, who diligently worked through the options regarding these fulfillment initiatives to reach the best solution for our needs, with fiduciary attention to our donors and overall budget demands.

Full List of Fulfillments to Publish

A comprehensive list of the funding fulfillments for 2016-17 will be published in next week's Trailblazer and distributed via social media.

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

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

Just for Fun - Forest Trail Elementary - Eanes ISD

fte.eanesisd.net

Welcome to the Just for Fun Corner! To enhance our sense of school community and culture, the Booster Club offers "just for fun" free events from time to time.

The FTE Booster Club is thrilled to offer the following "Just for Fun" events to bring together our community.

Thank You, HEB!

We are fortunate to welcome HEB Westlake as a sponsor of Just for Fun events!

HEB's commitment to our community has always been amazing, and continues with its support of these family- and school-enriching events here at FTE. We hope to reinforce the importance of family time, and hope that memories made at these events become cherished moments in your families!

FTE's Last Hoorah Family Flick in the Field Movie Night - May 12th

Our last movie night is Friday, May 12, 2017. This is a fun event for the whole family! We will watch a movie on the FTE field if weather permits, but the show will go on in the cafeteria if the weather doesn't cooperate. We will kick the event off at 6pm, but the movie will start a little later as sunset nears/ permits viewing on the big screen.

What to Bring

Bring lawn chairs, blankets, bug spray, comfortable clothes and shoes, flashlights, cash, and an umbrella as you see fit for your family.

Westlake Teen Teaching Partnering with the Booster Club

A great organization called Westlake Teen Teaching has partnered with the Booster Club to produce this movie night. Many thanks to Abby Hurst, Second Grade Teacher Mrs. Judy Hurst's daughter, who is a senior at Westlake High School and spearheaded this effort.

Food and Drink

Westlake Teen Teaching is offering candy, water bottles, and Gatorade as concession items priced from \$1-3 each. Proceeds benefit Westlake Teen Teaching.

The Booster Club is offering complimentary popcorn again. Many thanks to our amazing Popcorn Team for volunteering to pop one more time for Just for

Fun events this year!

Kona Ice will serve snow cones as well, will proceeds benefitting FTE.

CASH ONLY for this event.

FTE Carnival

May 20th

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

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fte.eanesisd.net

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The beloved FTE Carnival is Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 1-4pm - fun for the whole family at FTE! Wristbands on sale now!

Volunteers needed! Please sign up: <http://signup.com/go/efj8Li>

Staff Appreciation Week Was Amazing!

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

Huge thanks to the incredible team comprising the Staff Appreciation Committee! Hours of planning and execution has made for an amazing week! Special thanks to Co-Chairs Alison Bogle, Karyn Reiber, and Melissa Howitt for their unbeatable leadership! This committee is the largest annually-funded commitment of the Booster Club, which reflects the importance of our staff. We truly appreciate both the staff who educate our children, as well as the parent volunteers who ensure that they know just how awesome we think they are!

Box Tops News!

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

And the winning class for the May Extra Recess Contest is... Mrs. Harvey! Mrs. Harvey has also won Brunch for 2 to Moonshine Patio Bar.

Student Prizes:

1st – \$25 Gift Certificate to Austin’s Pizza – Lauren McDougal

2nd - 2 Tickets to Alamo Drafthouse Cinema – Lillian Wright

3rd - Gift Certificate to the School Store for turning in 50 or more Box Tops:

Brayden Green, Milla Phillips, Mason Wynne, Ian Youngwith, Anika Gullapalli, Oliver Smith, Malena Pye, Ethan Fuss, Logan Fuss, Michael Lancaster, Hayden Hsu, Gwyneth Ross, Rachel Boatright, Sydney Saucier, Grant Seade, Bryant Renz, Lauren Daniel, Caleb McIntosh and Luke Kron

*Drawing winner of a Gift Certificate to Amy’s Ice Cream - Ethan Nutter

Class Totals:

Kindergarten:

Culpepper - 40

Linder – 46

Martinez – 199

Ormand - 0

Purdy – 0

1st Grade:

Brightwell - 120

Dunagan - 243
Goralski - 54
Harvey – **614**

2nd Grade:

Bailey - 180
Bloomer – 179
Guerra - 50
Hurst - 86

3rd Grade:

Brandenburg - 187
Crain - 0
Fromberg - 19
Kerbow - 310
Robinson – 330

4th Grade:

Brookshire – 145
Ellis - 0
Garcia - 154
Siguenza - 42
Thornhill - 61

5th Grade:

Berrios - 85
Buchanan/ Wendell - 106
Hernandez - 132
Hitt - 110

We collected 3533 Box Tops in our May Box Tops Contest! That's \$353.30 for FTE! Thank you so much for everyone that participated. If you have any questions about Box Tops please contact Kelley Edwards at kelley.a.edwards@gmail.com.

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!

We also invite you to express interest in co-hosting a Parent Social event by filling out the interest form at the link above! Hosting groups will form before the summer and dates will be set for Parent Socials in the early summer.

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, 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
- FTE Parents group - a social forum for FTE parents (not managed by the FTEBC) facebook.com/groups/FTEparents
- FTEBC Organizational Chart - find out chairpersons for committees
<http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/organizational-chart>

Eanes Education Foundation



EANES EDUCATION FOUNDATION



BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



MONDAY, MAY 15

HILL COUNTRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

9:00 AM TIP-OFF

8:00 AM TEAM CHECK-IN

**TEAMS OF 3-6 PLAYERS
OPEN TO STUDENTS GRADES 1-12**

REGISTRATION CLOSES MAY 3RD

www.EanesEducationFoundation.org/basketball

Date Night

Let Hyline entertain your children with dancing, crafts, and games!

WHEN: Friday, May 12th from 6pm to 9pm

Cost: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door; see Hyline website for online payment

<http://www.whshyline.com>

Where: WHS PE Gym

Children age 4 and up welcome. Drop off at 6pm and pick up by 9pm at the Westlake High School PE Gym. Please dress in comfortable play clothes and bring a water bottle. Pizza and fruit will be provided or you may pack a sack dinner.

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

TEANES TIME 2017

Are looking for something for something fun to do this summer? Join us for TEANES TIME 2017! Attend Week One, Week Two, or both for endless fun for 5th-8th grade! See the attached for more information.

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.

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.

The Westlake High School Robotics team is offering camps this summer!

Students will work with high school robotics team members and an Eanes teacher to learn how to apply engineering principles, problem-solve and work as a team! Lots of fun activities each week!

Summer Camps for (rising) 3-5 graders:

May 30 – June 2	Vex IQ Intro & Simple Engineering
June 12 – June 16	Lego EV3 Intro & Sphero Robots
July 10 – July 14	Lego EV3 Building Camp
July 10 – July 14	MIT App Inventor/Scratch for Android Apps *(5 th – 7 th grade)
July 24 – July 28	The Chap-duino Robot (Created by the award-winning Westlake High School Robotics Team and Chap Research)

Follow this link to Eanes Community Education for more information and to register:

https://eanes.augusoft.net/index.cfm?method=ClassListing.ClassListingDisplay&int_category_id=9&int_sub_category_id=321&int_catalog_id=

See you this summer!

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/ftfalcons/> and “Follow” us on Twitter https://twitter.com/fte_principal and Instagram https://instagram.com/fte_principal/.

