



# TRAILBLAZER

**September 13, 2016**

## ***Gifted and Talented Informational Mtg.***

Parents interested in learning more about the Gifted and Talented program are asked to attend the parent informational meeting: Monday, October 3rd at 8:00 AM in the GT room (#58).

If you decide to have your child assessed, the deadline for completing the consent to test form (online) is Monday, October 24th by 5:00 PM. A link to this form will be placed on the FTE webpage in early October (after the parent informational meeting). Please direct any questions to Sherrie Johnson ([sjohnson@eanesisd.net](mailto:sjohnson@eanesisd.net)).

## ***Falcon Frolics Volunteers Still Needed!***

Falcon Frolics volunteers are needed for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> on Friday, September 30th. (We currently have enough volunteers for Kinder – 2<sup>nd</sup>.) Please sign up through the links below:

3rd - 5th grade - <http://signup.com/go/RYKqyN>

### **Falcon Frolics Schedule**

**Grades 3-5:** 8:40-10:10

**Grades 1-2:** 10:30-11:25

**Kinder:** 11:45-12:30

## ***Library Reminder***

On Wednesday, September 21st, BookPeople will bring Aaron Becker to visit 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from Forest Trail and Valley View in the FTE cafeteria. He will share his 2014 Caldecott Honor Book JOURNEY and the following two books in the trilogy: QUEST and RETURN. Signed copies of the books will be available. The order form

from BookPeople is attached. Orders must be returned to the librarian by Tuesday morning, September 20th.

Thanks for all your support of the library and student reading at Forest Trail.

[Author Becker - Order Form](#)

## ***Free Flu Shot Clinic...***

***Free Flu Shot Clinic offered by Healthy Schools LLC***

**For: Forest Trail K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students only!**

**Date: **September 23, 2016****

Permission forms **must be returned to your child's classroom teacher regardless of participation** by **Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**. You may access a consent form at <http://healthyschoolsllc.com>

**LET'S KEEP EANES HEALTHY!**

## ***Booster Club Corner***

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

### **FTEBC Volunteer Spotlight: Madelynn Arnold**

This week's Volunteer Spotlight is on Madelynn Arnold, one of our fabulous 2016-17 Garden Co-Chairs. Madelynn chaired the Garden on her own in the 2015-16 school year, pouring in hundreds of hours and transforming it in innovative ways. She implemented the Square Foot Garden planting method, completely renovating the space into an even more beautiful, nurturing environment for students, and she has been an integral part of the curriculum enrichment initiatives now rolling out this fall which will bring together classroom lessons with garden harvests and other learning opportunities.

Madelynn has worked tirelessly for the past year, including tending to garden's summer needs in scorching temperatures, and plans to continue with her vision to constantly improve our FTE Garden, giving our children an incredible opportunity to learn about nature that simply wouldn't exist without dedication of volunteers like her. Thank you, Madelynn, for all you do! Learn more about Madelynn and her achievements on the FTE Booster Club website. <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/volunteer-spotlights>

## **Tick, Tock! Donate to the No-Hassle Fundraiser by September 24th for Prize Eligibility!**

A huge, heartfelt thanks goes out to all of the FTE families who have donated to the No-Hassle Fundraiser so far! The earlier you give, the more chances you have to win one of several family-friendly gift cards in our daily drawings. Congratulations to last week's gift card winners: Liz & Eddie Seade, Lauren & Jason Ehrlich, Meredith & Keith Traweek, Laura & Eagle Robinson, and Jacqueline & Richard Renz!

In the friendly battle of the FTE homerooms for the highest participation in our campaign, here's how it's looking as of Tuesday morning:

**Kindergarten: Linder at 30% class participation**  
**1st grade: Goralski at 23% class participation**  
**2nd grade: Guerra at 34% class participation**  
**3rd grade: Fromberg 29% class participation**  
**4th grade: Ellis at 55% class participation ← Ellis has the overall lead!**  
**5th grade: Hernandez at 22% class participation**

The homeroom with the highest percentage participation in each grade will win a KONA ICE party, with the highest ranking homeroom class overall receiving a PE party as well!

Money raised by the No-Hassle Fundraiser is used right here at FTE, filling in supply needs for our school, providing enriching programs for students such as fields trips and Science Fest, and affording staff appreciation opportunities. There are only 19 days left to hit our BIG SUPER HERO-SIZED STRETCH goal of 100% participation! See the attached flyer, or learn more and donate online by **September 24th**:

<http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/No-Hassle-Fundraiser>

### **No-Cook & Shopping Spirit Nights!**

Dine out and go shopping while supporting FTE! Head to Chick-fil-A in the Village of Westlake TONIGHT, Thursday, September 15th from 4-10pm, ask for your receipt to go into the FTE collection envelope, and FTE receives 20% of your purchase price!

### **FTE Spirit Nights - Dine Out for Forest Trail TONIGHT!**

Join us on No-Cook and Shopping Spirit Nights throughout the school year! Simply dine or shop at the partner on their designated "spirit night" and make sure to put your receipt in the collection box for FTE! More info on Community Partners here!

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

**Thursday, September 15, 2016, 4pm-10pm - Chick-fil-A at the Village at Westlake - Drop off receipts (or we lose the donations!) at the register or in the drive-thru for 20% donation to FTE!**

**Wednesday, September 28, 2016, 5pm-9pm** - Hat Creek Burgers in Westlake - Drop off Receipts (or we lose the donations!) at the register or in the drive-thru for 10% donation to FTEBC

**Thursday, November 3, 2016, 4pm-10pm** - Chick-fil-A at the Village at Westlake - Drop off receipts (or we lose the donations!) at the register or in the drive-thru for 20% donation to FTE!

**Monday, October 17, 2016, 6-8pm** - "Kendra Gives Back" - Shop at Kendra Scott (early holiday purchases? Special Anniversary? Big birthdays coming up?) this evening and Kendra Scott will donate 20% of total sales to FTEBC!

### **Great Newcomers' Coffee & Booster Club Meeting**

Many thanks to the close to one hundred parents who attended the Newcomers' Coffee and Booster Club meeting! Special thanks to guest speaker Amy Brady of the Clutter Consultants who shared her tips on organizing. See the Booster Club website to view her presentation if you missed it! <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club>

### **Garden Committee Needs Your Help Saturday, September 17th from 7:30am-9:30am!**

We'll be pulling weeds, cutting back vines, pulling summer plants and turning our soil to prepare for the fall growing season. Please bring your labeled weeding tool, gloves and a water bottle. We could also use loppers, pitchforks and rakes. Lawn/garden bags, cool morning temps and chirping birds provided! Thank you for your support! Garden Co-Chairs, Madelynn Arnold, Melissa Blue and LB Townsend  
<http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/garden>

### **Volunteers Needed for Bingo Night- Saturday, September 24th!**

Forest Trail Bingo Night is fast approaching! Join us on Saturday September 24th, for one of the most fun events of the whole school year! A time-honored tradition here at Forest Trail, it's a back-to-school opportunity to reconvene with old friends, make new ones, play a fun night of Bingo, and support the Booster Club while we're at it! Doors will open at 5:00 so you can get settled, purchase Bingo cards, food and raffle tickets. The first game will begin at 5:30. Don't forget this is a cash only event.

You can:

- Win CASH playing Bingo
- Win RAFFLE prizes
- Hang with your friends outside of school hours
- Meet Forest the Falcon
- Support your school and Booster Club

Volunteers are super-important for a great event! And we need your help! Please sign up for a shift here: <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/bingo>

### **Weekly Popcorn: Begins TODAY, September 15th!**

If you missed out today, click to purchase to enjoy next week's:  
<http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/popcorn>

## **SXSF: Science Fest Calendar Updates**

Mark your calendars (subscribe to the FTEBC calendar!) for these important dates:

- Priority Registration for Volunteers is October 5-7
- General Registration is October 12-18

Much more info to come, and more info here! <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/science-fest>

## **Clip Those Box Tops!**

**Bonus Box Tops Time at HEB!** - Get 60 BONUS BOX TOPS at HEB when you buy any 10 Box Tops for Education products, in one trip, between now and September 20th!

**Box Tops Bonus App!** - Get extra credit for FTE when you download the new Box Tops Bonus App to discover brands and retailers offering Bonus Box Tops and earn even more cash for our school!

- Find on the App Store: <https://appsto.re/us/KidJeb.i>
- Find on Google Play: <http://bit.ly/2cnS4H2>
- Bonus Box Tops at [CASHFORYOUREducation.COM](http://CASHFORYOUREducation.COM)

Get 10 eBox Tops when you sign up for emails. While you are there sign up for the 20 Texas Schools Will Win 20,000 Bonus Box Tops Contest. **Contest ends September 20th.**

**September Box Tops Contest:** The Class that turns in the most Box Tops by Friday, **September 23rd** will win an EXTRA RECESS!

**Teacher Prize for September:** The teacher of the winning class will win a PEDICURE FOR 2 TO EMBELLISH!

### **Student Prizes:**

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

2nd - Vinyl Monogram from Kelley Edwards Design

3rd - Turn in 50 Box Tops and receive a Gift Certificate to the School Store and a chance to win a vinyl monogram from Kelley Edwards Design.

Look for your Box Tops Collection Sheet and the Participating Products List attached to the newsletter or online at <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club>. Expired Box Tops will not be counted. Thank you for supporting FTE through Box Tops. If you have any questions contact Kelley Edwards at [kelley.a.edwards@gmail.com](mailto:kelley.a.edwards@gmail.com).

## **Lost & Found: Label, Label, Label! (please!)**

Please label your child's things. Label EVERYTHING that comes to school. The FTE Booster Club has fundraisers at two label companies. Twenty percent of every purchase comes back to the FTE Booster Club. Visit <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/lost-found>

## FTE Directory Deadlines!

Here is the latest directory news from our FTE Directory Chair, Ann Boren.

- **Information Verification Ending Soon:** Thank you to everyone who verified their family's FTE directory information on Muffin Morning! **We will be accepting information updates until September 16th.** Please contact Ann Boren at [ftedirectory@gmail.com](mailto:ftedirectory@gmail.com).
- **Advertising Spaces Available:** We still have additional advertising space available as well. Contact [ftedirectory@gmail.com](mailto:ftedirectory@gmail.com) with any questions that are not answered in the FAQs below.
- **FTE Cover Art Contest:** Back by popular demand, we will be running a cover art contest for the directory. Entry forms will be distributed in Thursday folders next week. Additional forms can be found in the front office. **All entries are due by Friday, September 29th.** As in years past, runner-ups from each grade will be printed inside the directory with the class lists.
- **Purchase a directory:** Directories are available for purchase on the Hub.
- **FAQ's:** Full list of FAQ's on the FTE Directory webpage - <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/fte-directory>

Thank you for your support! Please email any questions to [ftedirectory@gmail.com](mailto:ftedirectory@gmail.com).

## Apply to Co-Host a Parent Social by September 19th!

If you're interested in co-hosting a Parent Social for your grade level, please fill out the interest form by **Monday, September 19th**. Kindergarten tickets will go on sale next week on the Hub, followed by 1st-5th grade tickets the last week of September. <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/parent-socials>

## FTE Auction & Party Team

Thank you, FTE! Recently posted positions are filled! Our Solicitations & Sponsorship Committee is now looking for team members. New positions posted here - <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/auction>

## Mark Your Calendars!

- Friday, September 16: any directory listing changes due to [ftedirectory@gmail.com](mailto:ftedirectory@gmail.com)
- Thursday, September 22 @ 6:30pm: FTEBC Chairpersons Social
- Saturday, September 24 @ 5:30pm: Bingo Night
- Friday, September 30: Falcon Frolics
- Wednesday, October 5 @ 7pm - Friday, October 7: SXSf: Science Fest Priority Registration for Volunteers
- Wednesday, October 12 @ 7pm - Tuesday, October 18: SXSf: @7pm: Science Fest General Registration
- Friday, October 28: SXSf: Science Fest

Don't miss an important date! Subscribe here! <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/events-and-calendar>

### **\*Updated!\* Helpful Links**

- FTEBC website - [fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club](http://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)

**\*Updated!\* FTEBC Organizational Chart - find out chairpersons for committees**  
<http://fte.eanesisd.net/a/eanesisd.net/fte/booster-club/organizational-chart>

## ***Join the FTE Orff Percussion Ensemble!***

Open to 3th-5th Graders

What is an Orff Ensemble?

Orff Ensemble is named after Carl Orff, the man who originally brought xylophones, movement, and recorders into the elementary music classroom. In this group, students will go further in depth than our general music classes by performing ensemble pieces and creating music together.

When? Tuesdays from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Where? Music Room 24 (Mrs. Bishop's room)

How? Signup through Community Ed:

<http://www.eanesisd.net/communityeducation/enrich>

## ***Preschool Aged Peer Models Needed***

We are having a fall screening for the 2016-2017 school year on Wednesday, September 28th 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 9/1/16 and 5/31/17) to serve as Peer Models in our Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD) for the 2016 – 2017 school year. The PPCD classes provide early intervention services for children with disabilities through language-based child-centered 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@eanesisd.net](mailto:dbailey@eanesisd.net) or (512) 732-9021

## ***Westlake Hyline Fall Dance Clinic***

The extremely popular Westlake Hyline Fall Dance Clinic and Jazz Intensive is only a month away on Monday, October 10th at WHS (no school!). The elementary girls will have an opportunity to perform their routine at a WHS JV football game. Middle school girls hoping to try out for Hyline someday will benefit from learning directly from team members. ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS WELCOME! Bring your friends, have some fun and help the fabulous WHS Hyline in their fundraiser. Sign up on line at <http://www.whshyline.com/>.

## ***Reminder...***

Remember to “Like” us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ftfalcons/> and “Follow” us on Twitter [https://twitter.com/fte\\_principal](https://twitter.com/fte_principal) and Instagram [https://instagram.com/fte\\_principal/](https://instagram.com/fte_principal/).



