



TRAILBLAZER

September 22, 2016

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Please join Superintendent Dr. Tom Leonard on Friday, Oct. 14th at 9:30am in the FTE Library, as he presents highlights from last year, as well as challenges & opportunities facing the District this year.

Gifted and Talented

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).

Falcon Frolics

Falcon Frolics volunteers are needed for grades 3rd through 5th on Friday, September 30th. (We currently have enough volunteers for Kinder – 2nd.) 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

Booster Club Corner

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

FTE Booster Club Volunteer Spotlight: Tim Toomey

This week's Volunteer Spotlight is on Tim Toomey, formally our 2016-17 Landscaping Chair, but in truth is so much more to FTE. Tim is an FTE father of two, who has diligently shared his time and talents with FTE for years. Owner of [Brick by Brick Moving](#), Tim generously lends his brains and brawn to a variety of FTE projects ranging from our annual auction to maintaining the grounds, to moving Mr. McCasland's commemorative bench and stone (now on the playground), and in the FTE Garden, under the hot sun this summer. Tim has donated dozen of hours of his time along with his employees' time moving delicate art items for our auctions and heavy rentals required to pull off FTE's large-scale event, setting up for Carnival, and everything in between. He shows up early, stays late, and always brings his professional expertise, his big truck and trailer, reliability, and a smile to every volunteer day he shares.

Tim is often joined by his wife Nicole, who wholeheartedly supports their joint passions for volunteering and helping to make our community the amazing place it is. Tim is also the Cub master for Pack 30, the Cub Scouts organization that is chartered by the FTE Booster Club. It's a huge role that services nearly one hundred FTE 1st through 5th graders every year. Tim's dedication to our school and community is an invaluable, and we can't thank him enough for all he does. Visit <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/volunteer-spotlights> for a Q&A with Tim and more about this volunteer and what an asset he is to our school.

Only THREE DAYS LEFT! Support the No-Hassle Fundraiser by the END OF BINGO on Saturday, September 24th!

****NEW*! All families who donated to the No-Hassle Fundraiser will be listed in gratitude the FTE Directory on the new "Friends of Forest" page! Donors to the fundraiser between August 20th - September 24th will be thanked in the FTE Directory in "The ___ Family" format. To opt out, or change the appearance of your entry, please visit the FTE Directory or No-Hassle webpage. <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/no-hassle-fundraiser>***

As the clock winds down on the No-Hassle Fundraiser for our awesome little school, we are struck by the amazing spirit of our families. We teach our kids when they receive a gift that it's not the amount or how flashy the gift is, but the thought that counts. This couldn't be truer now. We are SO HUMBLLED and PROUD of our community for participating at nearly unprecedented rates! We aim for 100% participation, with any amount being so valuable! And that is where we going! We are skyrocketing to the top of the participation ladder every hour! Mrs. Ellis is still in the lead, but barely!

Kindergarten: Purdy at 72% class participation
1st grade: Harvey 46% at class participation
2nd grade: Guerra 62% at class participation

3rd grade: Fromberg 58% class participation
4th grade: Ellis 73% at class participation ← Ellis has the overall lead!
5th grade: Hernandez 44% at class participation

A few thoughts in the last three days:

- In a class of 20, **one family's donation** boosts that class by 5%!
- Any amount is welcome and so appreciated - **it's participation that counts!**
- We have a **box in the office for cash and checks** if that is easier than the Hub.

- **Envelopes with donation forms went home** to make it even easier! Make sure to write your name on the form (and **GET IT BACK TO US BY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th at the end of BINGO!**) so we can give your class(es) credit!
- **Thank you, Forest Trail!** We are so appreciative that we are getting so close to 100% participation- that is a lot of "thoughts that count"!

Perks!:

1. **Every family** who gives is **entered to win a gift card** from some popular local businesses in our daily drawings. Congratulations to last week's gift card winners: Cindy & Chris Keel, Jennifer & Michael Grimes, Rachel & Jonah Jackson, Carrie & Kurt Wilkin, and Abby & Brad Payne!
2. **Every family** who gives **will be thanked in the directory!** Visit <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/no-hassle-fundraiser> to find out more about the listing/ edit your entry.
3. The **homeroom with the highest percentage participation in each grade** will win a **Kona Ice party!**
4. The **highest ranking homeroom class overall** receives a **PE party** as well!
5. The best perk is **knowing that you helped FTE** maintain its high standards and one of the best educational environments anywhere!

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 3 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>

Come Early, Stay Late, & Volunteer!: Bingo Night is Saturday, September 24th!

Forest Trail Bingo Night is this Saturday! 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

Lots of volunteers are still needed! The show can't go on without our awesome volunteers! Please sign up for a shift here: <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/bingo>

Falcon Friends Are Here

Falcon Friends is a program at FTE made up of FTE volunteers who want to offer short-term, confidential, non-financial assistance to FTE families and staff in times of need, emergency and other life situations that require assistance. Please see the attached flyer and visit <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/falcon-friends> for more info.

From the Garden Gate: News from the Garden Committee

Big thank you to those who helped clear the garden this weekend: Daniel & Nathan Blue, Joe Cline, Laura Hitt, Derrick Schultz, Zinmaio Zhao. We could not have turned our garden in a single day without you!

Also, thank you to our summer garden volunteers who helped recharge our soil by harvesting, planting black eyed peas, mulching and watering. Peas fix nitrogen in the soil so there a good crop to grow between planting seasons. We received many compliments from visitors and enjoyed many butterflies visiting the zinnias. Your dedication is so appreciated!: Joanna Wang, Gayathri Masilamani, Zinmaio Zhao , Jennifer Laessig, Julie Lass ,Shannon Fohn, Jackie Van Meter

We're currently planning fall gardens for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. We'll be in touch with lead teachers, grade reps and classroom garden volunteers this week. Kinder, 1st and 2nd grades will garden in the spring. Thank you for supporting garden education at FTE!

Garden Committee Co-Chairs,
Madelynn Arnold, Melissa Blue and LB Townsend

Weekly Popcorn is Yummy!

Thank you to the dozens of poppers and to the hundreds of families who have purchased popcorn! Click to purchase to enjoy next week's if you haven't already <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/popcorn>

Box Tops Are Due Friday, September 23rd!

September Box Tops Contest Prizes!

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

Teacher Prize: 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 attached to this newsletter or online at <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/box-tops>. 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.

***NEW* FTE Directory Deadlines!**

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

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- **Directory Listing Information Verification:** Thank you to everyone who verified their family’s FTE directory information on Muffin Morning! **Verification has closed.**
- **FTE Cover Art Contest:** Back by popular demand, we will be running a cover art contest for the directory. **All entries are due by Friday, September 23th.** 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 through **Thursday, September 22nd.**
- **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.

Kindergarten Parent Social Tickets on Sale!

Kindergarten tickets are available now! Co-hosting groups for 1st-5th grades are now formulating. Dates for those events will be announced and tickets will be available shortly thereafter. Click for more info! <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/parent-socials>

No-Cook Spirit Night Coming Up!

Mark your calendars for our next No-Cook Spirit Night on Wednesday, September 28th, 5-9pm at Hat Creek Burger Co.! Drop off your receipts (or we lose the donations!) at the register or in the drive-thru for 10% donation to FTEBC. More info here:

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

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>

FTE Auction & Party Team Needs You!

Our Solicitations & Sponsorship Committee is now looking for team members. New positions posted here - <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/auction>

***NEW* FTE Volunteer Board!**

Are you looking for a straightforward way to browse the opportunities to help at FTE? Check out our new FTE Volunteer Board! Positions updated frequently - check back often! <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/volunteer-board>

***NEW* New Committees & Chairs!**

We are welcoming new chairpersons who will head up new committees for FTE! Welcome Heather Sheffield- Underwriting Chair, Colleen Dartez- Staff Health & Wellness Chair, Sara Barney & Mary Catherine Campbell, Silent Auction Co-Chairs, Victoria Lavi- Auction Software Chair, and Karen Ege- Forest the Falcon Chair. Check out the Organizational Chart for current chairs. <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/organizational-chart>

Mark Your Calendars!

- Thursday September 22 @ 6:30pm: FTEBC Chairpersons Social
- Friday September 23: any directory listing changes due to ftedirectory@gmail.com
- Saturday September 24: No-Hassle Fundraiser Ends
- Saturday September 24 @ 5:30pm: Bingo Night
- Wednesday September 28, 5-9pm: Hat Creek Spirit 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
- 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/booster-club/or>

EEF Celebrates 25 Years

Celebrate 25 years of making a difference. Help the Eanes Education Foundation fund 50 Teachers for 2017! #MakingADifference #Fund50

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 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 and Instagram https://instagram.com/fte_principal/.

