



TRAILBLAZER

October 13, 2016

Reminders ...

EEF House Party, Tonight, Oct. 13th, 6:30-8:30pm

Please join us for "Cocktails & Conversation" at Carrie and Kurt Wilkin's home, with special guests...Dr. Tom Leonard, our own Cody Spraberry, along with WRMS principal, Kendall Still, and WHS principal, Steve Ramsey. Learn what exciting things are happening in our district, while enjoying a night out with your FTE friends!!! See you there.

Location: 832 Stonewall Ridge Lane

EISD STATE of the DISTRICT

Please join Superintendent Dr. Tom Leonard tomorrow, 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.

Congratulations!

Our FTE Math League team were the champions of the elementary level Math League contest last week. Jeffrey Chen won 2nd place for 5th grade individuals and Alina Ikram won 3rd place for 5th grade individuals. Congratulations to all the Math League team members for their hard work and team spirit!

Alina Ikram
Anirudh Subramanian
Anya Li
Catherine Tu
Emma Wang
Faylyn Wang
Jeffrey Chen
Vishruti Venkat

SOCKTOBER Update!

Thank you so much Forest Trail for your generosity with sock donations! You are making such a difference in the lives of the homeless community of Austin. So far we have collected over 2,100 pairs of socks!!

Remember, we are competing against Valley View to see who can collect the most socks, and unfortunately (as of last Thursday) they were ahead by 300 pairs! We must retain our title of Super Sock Collectors.

If you have not had a chance to contribute, please send in your socks - and be sure to write the name of your child's teacher on the package. The class with the most collected socks wins an extra PE class AND an extra recess on the Valley View playground.

Happy Socktober!

Library Links by Bonnie Seelig

Just a Reminder: If you are interested in purchasing or renewing magazines, the deadline is Friday, October 14th. Customers will be billed in 2-3 weeks and receive their 1st issue in 10 - 12 weeks, sometime in January. To check the status of the order, go to www.magtrack.com.

If you are interested in ordering online, go to www.gaschoolstore.com. Click on "Register Now," then enter the school code: 2527315.

Please have students return order forms or receipts from online ordering to the library before or after morning announcements no later than October 14th.

On Monday, October 17th Book People will bring Grace Lin to Valley View and Forest Trail. Ms. Lin is an award-winning and bestselling author and illustrator of many chapter books and picture books. She is coming to Austin to promote her just released book *When the Sea Turned to Silver*. This book is a companion book to *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* and *Starry River of the Sky*. These books are filled with Chinese folklore, exciting adventures and beautiful full color illustrations.

The Grace Lin event will be for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders on Monday, October 17th at Valley View. Signed copies can be purchased before Friday, October 14th. Please see attached flyer.

Gifted and Talented Deadline...

The Eanes I.S.D. GT program services students who exhibit both high intellectual and creative thinking abilities, and are ready to work apart from their homeroom for a portion of the day. The deadline to sign your child up for testing (online) is right after parent-teacher conferences. If you missed the meeting on Oct. 3rd, you may review the information on the GT webpage for FTE. **Please note that the form will close promptly at 5:00 PM on Monday, October 24th.**

Booster Club Corner

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

FTE Booster Club Volunteer Spotlight

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

This week's Volunteer Spotlight is on **Debbie Lopez**, our 2016-17 No-Hassle Fundraiser Co-Chair, Bingo Concessions Co-Chair, and Auction & Party Decorations Chair! Phew! And that's just *this* school year!

Debbie has been an energetic, innovative, irreplaceable contributor to our school community since her oldest child first enrolled in 2009. She served as a Science Fest presenter for several years, often alongside her husband Roger, wowing students with their Hogwarts costumes and impressive hands-on experiments. Borrowing from her great experience as a presenter, Debbie then co-chaired Science Fest, elevating the program to new standards of excellence and expanding the technical capabilities for priority registration and for volunteer management. Her expertise didn't end with science however. Debbie has served as a homeroom parent, Parent Socials co-host, and was a key member of the Auction Solicitations Committee, procuring items for a very successful silent auction. For the past two years she has co-chaired Bingo Concessions, mastering the tricky task of bringing in the right products and quantities for that popular family event. Perhaps Debbie's name is most familiar recently because of her huge dedication to the No-Hassle Fundraiser this year. In the first 30 days of school, Debbie had already poured in dozens of hours into helping to make the No-Hassle Fundraiser a record-breaker. We haven't ever seen a campaign at FTE with as much participation from the school community, nor as large of a total amount raised.

In addition to her service at FTE, Debbie is a busy mom of 2nd and 4th graders at FTE, and a 7th grader at West Ridge Middle School. She has also been an Eanes Education Foundation FTE campus representative, works full-time as a Cardiovascular Regional Medical Liaison under medical affairs for Sanofi, maintains her position as a Clinical Adjunct Professor in the UT College of Pharmacy, and is an Independent Ambassador for India Hicks. Debbie's fresh ideas, lightning-fast execution, laser-like focus on the

project goals, and seemingly boundless energy are truly gifts to our community. Most who work with her echo the sentiment: *If Debbie's in charge, you know it will get done and it will be awesome!* Forest Trail Elementary owes an immeasurable debt of gratitude to Debbie for all she gives!

SXSF: Science Fest General Registration is Underway!

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

General Registration is underway now through October 18th at 7pm!

Volunteer & Course Registration Steps:

1. **Preview courses** on the SXSF webpage (above).
2. **Log into the Hub.** From the SXSF webpage, click the "Click here to volunteer" button.
3. **Select Science Fest courses.** Register your child's desired courses. K-1st grades select two courses. 2nd-5th grades select three courses. Course registrations are first come, first serve. Courses will close upon the reaching registration capacity.

Helpful Hints:

- Make sure you have a Hub account and know your login credentials prior to the moment you want to register.
- Mobile devices are not recommended for registration of SXSF courses.
- Chrome is recommended over Explorer.
- Email support@studentinfohub.net for a quick response to any technical issues.

Tomorrow!: October 14th Booster Club Meeting & "State of the District" with Dr. Tom Leonard

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

Don't miss the Booster Club meeting tomorrow featuring guest speaker Dr. Tom Leonard who will deliver his annual "State of the District" talk in the FTE Library.

Link to AmazonSmile for FTE!

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

We are thrilled to invite the FTE community - families and businesses alike - to link their Amazon.com accounts to benefit FTE through the AmazonSmile program! Simply click here - <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-2384768> - and your purchases will begin benefitting FTE! If the average FTE family links their purchases and spends an average of \$200 during the year, FTE could earn \$4,000!

No-Cook Spirit Night & Shopping Night Coming Up!

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

- **October 17th 6-8pm is “Kendra Gives Back to FTE” Night!:** Join us for a delightful opportunity to help Forest Trail Booster Club sparkle—and yourself, too! It’s a KENDRA GIVES BACK PARTY at Kendra Scott Jewelry, 1400 South Congress, Monday, October 17 from 6-8pm. Kendra Scott will donate 20% of all proceeds during that timeframe to FTEBC. With loads of new designs, there’s sure to be something for everyone on your list!
- **October 25th 5-10pm is a No-Cook Spirit Night Jason’s Deli!:** Give yourself a break from the October madness with a No-Cook Spirit Night! Join other Forest Trail families at the Jason's Deli Westlake at 3300 Bee Cave Road on Tuesday, October 25th from 5-10pm (be sure to tell them you're from Forest Trail at the register or your meal won't count!). See you there!

Box Tops Winners

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

October Box Tops Contest

Class Prizes: The class that turns in the most Box Tops by October 21st will win an EXTRA RECESS!

Teacher Prize: The teacher of the winning class will win brunch for 2 to Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill!

Student Prizes:

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

2nd - 2 Tickets to Alamo Drafthouse Cinema

3rd - Turn in 50 Box Tops and receive a Gift Certificate to the School Store and a chance to win a Gift Certificate to Amy's Ice Cream.

Look for your Box Tops Collection Sheet attached to this newsletter or on the Box Tops site. Expired Box Tops will not be counted. Thank you for supporting FTE through Box Tops! Please email [Kelley Edwards](mailto:kelley.edwards@eanesisd.net) with any questions.

Parent Socials

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

Parent Socials ticket sales will go on sale in November on the Hub. Some grades are seeking a few more hosts. If you are interested in hosting visit the Parent Socials page.

FTE Auction & Party Team Needs You!

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

Our Solicitations & Sponsorship Committee is now looking for team members. Visit the Auction & Party site to express interest!

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!

Mark Your Calendars!

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

- Wednesday October 12th @ 7pm through Tuesday October 18: SXSF: @7pm: Science Fest General Registration
- Friday October 14th @ 9:30am - FTE Booster Club Meeting & EISD State of the District Talk
- Monday October 17th 6-8pm - "Kendra Gives Back" - Kendra Scott will donate 20% of total sales to FTEBC!
- Thursday October 20th @ 6:30pm - FTE Booster Club Social
- Friday October 21st - Sock Hop Day
- Friday October 28th: SXSF: Science Fest
- Friday November 18th @ 6:00pm: Fall Falcon Family Friday Flick in the Field: *Finding Dory*

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>

Join Us on Early Release days...

Join us on two Elementary Early Release Days for Marvelous Monster Machines... and more! Do you need an eerie invention to thrill your friends? Just in time for Halloween, join us in gadgetry, creative thinking, and tinkering as we apply our craft to this spooky holiday!

D.I. in Disguise Workshop

Wednesday, Oct. 19th & Thursday, October 20th

12:30 – 3:30 pm*

Location Forest Trail Elementary, 1203 Capital of Texas Highway

(Valley View participants will be escorted to Forest Trail after school.)

K-5th, class fee \$85 includes both days and materials fee

To Register email creativityumbrella@gmail.com with the name, grade and school of your student. You will then receive confirmation of your registration and options for payment.

*These are Parent/Teacher Conference dates, so school releases at 12:30 for FTE. Reserve your spot! Register today.

Westlake Theatre Department's Fall Carnival & Costume Contest

The Westlake Theatre department is pleased to host its first ever/annual community

See the attached flyer for details on the carnival and costume contest rules. Information can also be found at: <http://whscast.com>

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/>.

WHS PROJECT GRADUATION RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are on sale before kickoff at WHS home football games and online <http://www.westlakepg.com/raffle>

- Only 2,000 tickets will be sold
- Tickets are 1 for \$25 or 5 for \$100
- Grand Prize: A one week stay at the [Caracoles Condo in Isla Mujeres Mexico](#) donated by the Valdes family [plus a \\$1,000 Visa Gift Card](#)
- Second Prize: 18 karat white [gold diamond pendant](#) donated by EZCORP valued at \$1900

- Third Prize: \$1,000 [Anna Gray gift certificate](#) to use on customized piece by Heather B. Moore

Support this community celebration for our seniors. [Purchase](#) your tickets before they sell out.

Reminder...

Remember to “Like” us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ftfalcons/> and “Follow” us on Twitter https://twitter.com/ft_principal and Instagram https://instagram.com/ft_principal/.

