



TRAILBLAZER

October 27, 2016

Principally Speaking

Thanks to the FTE Booster Club Teacher Appreciation Committee, the staff was treated to lunch last Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. While teachers enjoy the opportunity to meet with parents, these days are long and the preparation for twenty plus conferences is no small task. The luxury of having a great meal which can be eaten in a more leisurely manner is a much appreciated treat for us. Special thanks to committee chairs Alison Bogle, Melissa Howitt and Karyn Reiber for coordinating the event and for the numerous parents who supported them.

Thanks to all parents who attended conferences recently. We are most fortunate to have parents who are supportive of our staff and who work with us in a partnership to provide the best learning opportunities for our students. Parents and staff working cooperatively will always insure the best results. Please know we are most appreciative of your support.

Student Fall Pictures

Fall Portraits have been taken and orders are expected to arrive at school next week and will be send home in your student's backpack. Be on the lookout for a delivery envelope soon!

All print orders will be filled with the best image of each student, selected by Photographers of Westlake. Any parent who is not happy with the image when the print package arrives home may send their student for a retake, scheduled for Wednesday, November 9th. The original print package must be returned to the school with the specifics of what you would like different for the retake. It is never the photographers' intent for any customer to keep something they are not completely satisfied with upon receipt. They want happy customers!

Check out Photographers of Westlake's FAQs for additional information:

<https://orders.photographersofwestlake.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/2016-POWL-FAQs.pdf>

Or email them at: orders@photographersofwestlake.com

Forgot to order? It's never too late!

<https://orders.photographersofwestlake.com>

Booster Club Corner

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

The FTE Booster Club will abbreviate now the length of the copy for the Booster Club Corner in the Trailblazer. We will highlight the relevant news items, and will include a URL to find more information about that news item on the Booster Club website.

Thank you for reading the Booster Club Corner!

FTE Booster Club Volunteer Spotlights

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

Last week's Volunteer Spotlight was not included in err, but we are nonetheless so grateful for her dedication to our school! **Laura Boone**, our 2016-17 Fifth Grade Events Co-Chair, Science Fest Volunteer Coordinator, and Falcon Friends Chair, is our Volunteer Spotlight for the week of October 20th.

This week's Volunteer Spotlight is on **Merideth Jones**, our 2016-17 School Supplies Chair. Both ladies are amazing gifts to our school; find out why on the Volunteer Spotlight page!

SXSF: Science Fest is THIS FRIDAY - October 28th!

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

Thank you, parents, for your participation in the course registration process and to those of you who are able to volunteer or present a course! We couldn't do it without you! If your child was not registered during the parent registration periods, he/ she was placed in a course series by Science Fest Chairpersons. All volunteers have been contacted to communicate the timing and scope of their roles for Science Fest. Parents who are not volunteering or presenting a course are asked not to attend Science Fest due to limited space in the school and parking lots. Please do not schedule non-essential appointments for your child for the morning if possible. Photographs of the day will be shared with parents next week. Students are asked to eat a hearty breakfast as morning

snacks won't be possible, and wear closed-toe shoes. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria on a normal schedule. Comprehensive information for parents, volunteers, and presenters is available on the Science Fest page.

Friday November 4th @ 9:30am - FTE Booster Club Meeting with Guest Speaker Carl Hooker: "Keeping Kids Safe Online" <http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/about-the-forest-trail-booster-club>

Don't miss Carl Hooker, EISD Director of Instructional Technology, and his much-anticipated annual talk for the Booster Club on technology and kids. Come for a Booster Club meeting followed by Mr. Hooker's presentation.

Conference Week Staff Appreciation Lunches - Thank You!
<http://fte.eanesisd.net/booster-club/staff-appreciation>

Thanks from the Staff Appreciation Co-Chairs

Last week, the Staff Appreciation Committee served lunch to the very deserving FTE staff during conference days. Committee members were responsible for making or purchasing food, setting and cleaning up, and serving staff throughout the three days. We would like to provide a HUGE thank you to the following committee members for their invaluable support:

Erica Allison, Diane Anderson, Madelynn Arnold, Lorrie Bedell, Shelley Berger, Emily Bevan, Dawn Breyfogle, Mary Catherine Campbell, Daisy Cramer, Paige Darby, Colleen Dartez, Dana DeLorenzo, Kelley Edwards, Kate Flack, Nina Hess Hsu, Julie Hill, Elizabeth Hooks, Cindy Keel, Sandy Kerr, Deirdre Kilgard, Simone Krasan, Tracey Lazorik, Angela McCown, Christy McQuillan, Kelly Moore, Stephanie Owens, Christie Schultz, Heather Sheffield, Rachel Sheriff, Teri Smart, Kit Spelce, Katie Thomas, Carol Tinney, Marjet Ulmann, Megan Ulmann and Jessica Wright.

We would also like to thank Tacodeli and Villarina's Pasta & Fine Foods, both of which provided discounted items for our luncheons. Please consider them when you are eating out or purchasing gifts. We would love to show them how much we appreciate their support!

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

An Additional Thanks from the Booster Club for Our Staff Appreciation Co-Chairs

The Booster Club would also like to extend a very special thanks to our amazing Staff Appreciation Co-Chairs **Alison Bogle, Melissa Howitt, and Karyn Reiber**, who expertly organized dozens of volunteers, vendors, food, beverage, and supply components to produce a seamless, delicious, gorgeous spread for our staff.

Christie Schultz & Amy Sweeney
FTEBC Co-Presidents

Holiday Purchasing Already? Link to AmazonSmile for FTE!

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

Already started your Holiday purchases? Don't forget to link to the FTE AmazonSmile program! 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! Every purchase earns money for FTE! Find out how on the AmazonSmile page!

No-Cook Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A Is Thursday, November 3rd!

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

Join other Forest Trail families at the Chick-fil-A Tuesday, November 3rd from 4-10pm (be sure to tell them you're from Forest Trail at the register or your meal won't count!). See you there!

**Friday November 18th @ 6pm : Fall Falcon Family Friday Flick in the Field:
*Finding Dory***

Join us on the FTE field on Friday, November 18th @ 6:00pm for a family-friendly evening under the stars. Free admission & fun for all! Many thanks to our sponsor [Kidventure!](#)

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>

Below is an abridged list of upcoming dates. Please visit the calendar for a comprehensive list.

- Friday October 28th morning - SXSf: Science Fest
- Thursday November 3rd 4-10pm - No-Cook Spirit Night @ Chick-fil-A
- Friday November 4th @ 9:30am- FTE Booster Club Meeting & Guest Speaker Carl Hooker, EISD Director of Instructional Technology: *"Keeping Kids Safe Online"*
- Friday November 11th - Veteran's Day Assembly
- Friday November 18th @ 6:00pm - Fall Falcon Family Friday Flick in the Field: *Finding Dory*
- Wednesday November 23rd - Friday November 25th - Student Holiday/ Thanksgiving Break
- Thursday December 1st @ 1:30pm - Student Early Release
- Thursday December 15th - Friday December 16th - Class Holiday Parties
- Monday December 19th - Monday January 2nd - Student Holiday/ Winter Break
- Friday January 6th - FTE Booster Club Meeting & Guest Speaker Kendall Still, Principal of West Ridge Middle School: *"Transition to Middle School"*
- Saturday February 11th - FTE Auction & Party

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>

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>

Order Your FTE Yearbook Today

Order your 2016-2017 yearbook. Reserve your copy of the ALL COLOR yearbook. For a limited time, the yearbooks are on sale for \$25. Personalize your yearbook with your name on the front cover for an additional \$5.00 until March 1st. Yearbooks will only be sold online this year! Price will increase on December 17th. Order at www.balfour.com

5th grade pridelines this year will only be available online to order and design online this year. See the attached for the 5th grade Prideline information.

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/.

