



TRAILBLAZER

November 3, 2016

Principally Speaking

Congratulations to Science Fest Chairs, Leslie Odom and Heather Campbell, and their team of fabulous committee members (Christy McQuillan, Andrea Romero, Laura Boone, Lee Brocklehurst, and Kelley Inmon) and volunteers who successfully completed another exceptional science event. They were so well prepared that even weather decided to play nice. We had a perfect day free from record rainfall or tornado drills. As many of you know, this is a departure from recent history. Thank you to the nearly 100 volunteers and 125 presenters who gave their time to be with Forest Trail students and contributed to all those smiling faces.

Student Fall Pictures Retakes Nov. 9th

Fall Portraits have been taken and will be send home in your student's backpack today!

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>

FTE Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night is Tonight...

Hey Families!

Give yourselves a break and come to Chick-Fil-A at the Village today between 4-10pm for a No Cook Night! Drop your receipt off at the counter or drive-thru and the FTE Booster Club receives a percentage of the total. Thanks for your support and enjoy your clean kitchen!

Veterans Day Assembly

This year we are honored and privileged to have a strictly Veteran's Day assembly. It will not be associated with our regular spirit assemblies. This assembly will be on Friday, November 11th at 8:30 a.m. and last approximately 40 minutes.

Please invite any family members who are veterans or currently serving to attend. We look forward to honoring them in our own special way.

We will, once again, have a special slide show presentation of pictures of veterans in our FTE families. If you have veterans in your family and have digital pictures of them, please send them to awoodbridge@eanesisd.net, NO LATER than Friday, November 4. Pictures received after this date will not be included in this year's slide show. If your child's picture was included in last year's slide show, it will once again be included this year. If it was not included last year but in years previous, please re-send. We will include no more than 4 pictures per family, one per veteran. The veteran can be pictured in uniform or not. Only digital images will be accepted.

The students will also be allowed to stand in honor of service men/women in their family who served during our Armed Forces Medley. In order to participate in this, your child needs to know which branch of the military to stand for and is limited to 3 branches.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. We look forward to honoring these special men and women by wearing **your red, white and blue!**

Library Links by Bonnie Seelig

To celebrate the fun and creativity of fall, the library held a pumpkin decorating contest last week. The library invited 3rd, 4th and 5th graders to participate in a PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST. The guidelines challenged the students to carve, stencil, paint or decorate a SMALL OR MEDIUM SIZE PUMPKIN.

The contest entries are posted on the library's blog: <http://ftelibrary.weebly.com/blog-links-to-the-library>

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students VOTED ON THE MOST CREATIVE PUMPKINS.

The WINNERS of the pumpkin decorating contest are the following students:

CHARLOTTE BOREN - 4th grader
MORGAN REIBER - 4th grader
NADIA STOCK- 5th grader
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS - 3rd grader
NICOLE WYNNE - 4th grader

The PRIZES: each student receives a paperback book of choice.

COMING SOON: CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR!

THURSDAY, 12/1 - 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm (FTE Early Release Day)

FRIDAY, 12/2 - 7:30 - 5:00

MONDAY, 12/5 - 7:30 - 5:00

TUESDAY, 12/6 - 7:30 - 5:00

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>

This week's Volunteer Spotlight is on **Amy Clark**, our 2016-17 FTE Booster Club Treasurer. Learn about Amy Clark and the incredibly important role she plays in the Booster Club's success on the Volunteer Spotlight page!

SXSF: Science Fest 2016 Was a Huge Success!

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

Huge thanks to our fantastic Science Fest 2016 Co-Chairs Heather Campbell and Leslie Odom, and their super heroine “dream team” Christy McQuillan, Andrea Romero, Laura Boone, Lee Brocklehurst, and Kelley Inmon! Months of coordinating 38 courses, 125 presenters, 2 registration periods, 580 students, 100 volunteers, gigabytes of emails, dozens of meetings, and hundreds of phone calls across three EISD campuses.... paid off BIG TIME! We had such an amazingly organized, smooth, fun, and idea-sparking day exploring Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics! Thank you, Science Fest Core Team, for giving our kids SXSF: Science Fest 2016, a day of inspiration they'll never forget!

Thank you also to the more than 100 parents who volunteered or presented courses, and to the dozens of dedicated middle and high school student presenters, without whose participation this scale of an event simply wouldn't be possible!

Hundreds of photos and videos of Science Fest can be viewed on the Science Fest webpage.

TOMORROW!: 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.

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, popcorn, and fun for all! Kona Ice will be on hand for snow cone purchases, and the Booster Club will have drinks available for sale. Many thanks to our sponsor [Kidventure!](#)

Holiday Purchasing Is Underway! Link to AmazonSmile for FTE!

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

If you're like many Americans, you've 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!

Parent Socials

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

We wish our Kindergarten crew a great Parent Social event tomorrow, November 4th! Parent Socials tickets for grades 1-5 will go on sale next week on the Hub. Stay tuned for the announcement!

Save the Date! FTE Auction & Party Is Saturday, February 11, 2017!

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

It might seem far away but it will be here before we know it! Save Saturday, February 11, 2017 and don't miss the best party of the year!

The FTE Auction & Party Committee is opening up opportunities now for sponsorship. If your business or brand is interested please visit the FTE Auction & Party page.

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.

- 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 4th - Kindergarten Parent Social (tickets no longer available)
- 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](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)

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

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.

WHS Wrestling Clinic

The Westlake High School Wrestling Team, in conjunction with the Westlake Youth Wrestling Club, will be hosting a wrestling clinic for all Eanes ISD Elementary and Middle School students on Saturday, November 12 in the 9th Grade Center Gym from 11:00-12:30. The clinic will introduce wrestling to Eanes ISD students and inform them of the opportunity to join the youth club. The high school and youth club coaches will demonstrate techniques, assisted by the high school wrestlers who will help the participants practice and learn the moves. We will also play some fun wrestling games! See attached for details.

Laura's Library Artisan's Market

The Friends of the Westbank Library would like to invite you to our Second Annual Laura's Library Artisans' Market, Nov. 12th, from 10:00am-4:00pm. All proceeds will go to support student scholarships! There will be about 25 vendors, a silent auction and 2 food trucks. The silent auction will be open for bidding via notebook at Laura's Library from Nov. 1st-12th. On the 12th, all items will be displayed for final bidding, which closes at 3:00pm. Come shop, eat and support out local libraries!

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/.

