



Foxboro Falcons Newsletter

Dear Foxboro Parents and Students,

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This year our school theme is “I can be a HERO.” HERO stands for Helping Each other Reach Our dreams and goals. We can all be Heroes by doing little things to help others.

One of my goals is to have all the students reading on their grade level. Parents can help with this goal by having their child read every day for at least 20 minutes. Then record those minutes in the Road to Success program. We have most of the students recording minutes, but there are still 3 or 4 students from each class that have not registered. Each week I draw names from each class of those students that have recorded their reading minutes. Those students receive a prize and a book. Also after the 8th week of the Road to Success program, those students who have read 800 minutes or more will get a **FREE** bag of popcorn as a reward. Please register your child and begin to record her/his minutes. **Each child should be reading as a minimum 20 minutes each night for a total of 100 minutes per week.** Kindergarten and 1st grade students may be read to to count their minutes.

I love your children. I want the best for each of them.

Sincerely,

Kevin Prusse



WORK IS NOT CHILD ABUSE

A friend of mine shared this message with me from Dave Ramsey: “Our culture has made many wonderful advances to ensure the safety and well-being of children. But we may have taken this too far. Many parents today are so centered on what their children want that they have lost perspective on what their children really need. Perspective—looking at life over time—demands that you teach children to work. Teaching a child to work is not child abuse. We teach them to work not for our benefit, but because it gives them both dignity in a job well done today and the tools and character to win in the future as adults.



You should view teaching your children to work in the same way you view teaching them to bathe and brush their teeth—as a necessary skill for life. An adult who has no clue how to tackle a job and finish it with vigor is as debilitated as an adult with green teeth and body odor. If your child graduates from high school and his only skill set consists of playing video games, whining, copping an attitude of entitlement, and eating junk food, you have set him up to fail.

Another huge benefit of teaching a child the wonder of work is that she will tend to lose respect for people who refuse to work. Why is this good? It is good because you want your daughter to marry Mr. Right, not Mr. Lazy. We noticed quickly that our daughters (and our son) didn’t pursue relationships with people who didn’t know how to work. This is great news, because someday you may have grandkids, and you want both of their parents to be productive so your grandkids get to eat.”

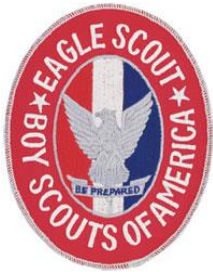
POLICE INVESTIGATING SEXTORTION CASE OF 8-YEAR-OLD

This was the head line in an article in the newspaper last week. It happened in Centerville.

It is sad that there are predators that are after such young children who have cell phones. Please monitor your child’s cell phone. Really consider carefully whether your child, whether she is 8 or he is 12, if they need a cell phone.



THANK YOU EAGLE SCOUTS



We have recently had several Eagle Scouts do their Eagle Projects at our school. Congratulations to these Eagle Scouts for helping our school.

Samuel Wang - making flags to use at all the crosswalks around our school
Spencer Mack - making 4 emergency kits for our prep specialists and making a scooter rack

Keaton Woodruff - painting a 100 counting grid on the Kindergarten playground.

Landon Bott - making a scooter rack

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please turn in any Box Tops for Education that you have around your house. These are found on General Mills products and some other products.



Our first time to mail them in for cash is October 28.

We use the money to purchase reading incentives for the students

NEW MARQUEE



Thank you for supporting our fund raiser to purchase a new marquee. Through a donation from the PTA, a parent donation, and the fund raiser, we have enough to purchase a new digital marquee. It has been ordered and we are just waiting for the installation now.

HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S MATH ABILITIES

Our school counselor recently read an article about math. The article stated an evaluation was done in which elementary students were given small group intervention in math for 15 minutes, four days a week for 18 weeks. There was no significant improvement.



However, when the time was extended to 20 minutes for four days a week for 23 weeks, there was significant improvement in math. Our school is fortunate to have a Math computer program called **Think Through Math** that the students can access from home. By practicing 10 minutes each night at home combined with the math instruction they receive at school, they will improve in math.



HOW WELL DOES YOUR CHILD READ?

Each year our students are tested three times in reading on a test called DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Literacy Skills). Your child's teacher will give you the Beginning of the Year Benchmark for your child.



Here are the Beginning of the Year Benchmarks we want children to be on for each grade.

Kindergarten - identifying 11 random letters in one minute

1st Grade - identifying 38 letters in one minute, reading 25 three-letter nonsense words in one minute

2nd Grade - reading 62 three-letter nonsense words in one minute, reading 41 words per minute in a passage

3rd Grade - reading 72 words per minute in a passage

4th Grade - reading 86 words per minute in a passage

5th Grade - reading 107 words per minute in a passage

6th Grade - reading 117 words per minute in a passage

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



With the natural hurricanes that have recently happened in Texas, Florida and the Caribbean Islands and the earthquakes that have occurred in Mexico, it is a reminder to us that we should be prepared for an emergency.

Your child may be at school when an emergency happens. Here is an idea for emergency kit you can put together with your child.

This kit fits in a quart sized Ziploc freezer bag and is designed to fit in a child's backpack pocket. It is to help keep them safe and give them some comfort in the event of a school evacuation, local weather emergency, lockdown or other emergency while they are away from home.

The kit includes:

Mylar water packets	pair of hand warmers
emergency poncho	large safety pins
emergency blanket	favorite hard candy
whistle	small amount of cash
small flashlight or light stick	granola bar
Band-aids or First Aid Antiseptic wipes	small comfort item/toy
N95 dust mask	list of important phone numbers

Talk to your child about when it is appropriate to use the items in the kit.

Occasionally review your family emergency plans with your child.



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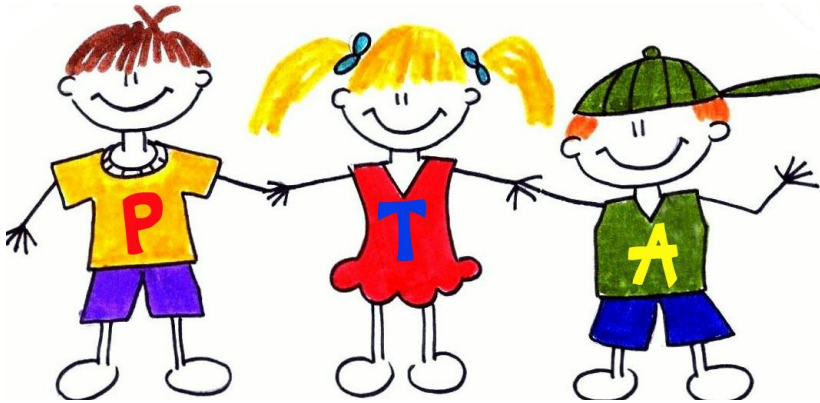
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First of all thank you to all who have joined the PTA! Your membership helps keep our legislative representatives in place so that the money we receive from trust lands (about \$40,000 for our school) continues to go to our schools. If you haven't joined the PTA yet, PLEASE do so! You can sign up on your child's dsd school account for only \$5.00. Or bring in cash or check to the office. It's important for our students!

We had a great turn out at the fall carnival. Thank you for supporting our event. We can't do fun events or activities if we don't have volunteers. Please consider helping in the future. We need all the help we can get it. If you have questions or comments or would like to add your name to the volunteer list, you can contact the PTA at foxboropta@gmail.com or comment on our Facebook page under Foxboro Elementary PTA. Please consider following the group for event information.

T-shirts orders are done and we should have them sometime this month. Thank you to all who ordered!

Vision screening starts October 6th.

Red Ribbon week will be October 23rd-27th, watch for more details to come! Fall break will be October 19th-20th.

We have decided to try a monthly restaurant night and this month it is to the Pizza Pie Café. October 23rd-26th. Please come support the school and eat with friends. The school gets a percentage of all items purchased. Thanks to those that ate at Panda Express this last weekend.

Have a wonderful October!