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IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 4th –Fall Festival -5:30– 8:00 P.M.
Nov. 11th– Veteran’s Day– No School
Nov. 15th - Active Parenting Workshop 5:30 P.M.
PTO/SAC Meeting 6:30 P.M.
Nov. 16th– Picture Make-Up day
Nov. 18th– Turkey Trot
Parent Night Out - 3:10-8:00 P.M.
Nov. 23 thru 25– Thanksgiving Break– No school



SAVE THE DATE

PE “Turkey Trot” Fun Run

Friday, November 18th, PE will be hosting our annual Fun Run for Tropic Isles Elementary. It will be during your child’s PE class time:

Kindergarten – 11:00-11:50
1st Grade – 10:05-10:55
2nd Grade – 11:50-12:05
3rd Grade – 2:10-3:00
4th Grade – 1:15-2:05
5th Grade – 12:20-1:10



Parents are invited to cheer on their child. Visitors must sign in at the office and get a visitor badge.

Fourth Grade News

Our fourth graders are working hard! We are learning long division in math. The students should continue practicing their multiplication facts nightly at home. In reading we are identifying the text structure of a passage, finding themes in Greek Mythology, making inferences, and making connections between illustrations and the text. We are also learning about the Earth, Moon, and Sun. The Fourth grade is hosting Parent Night Out on November 18th in order to help pay for our field trips this school year.

Music at Tropic Isles

It’s a great year to be at Tropic Isles, especially for music. Here are the upcoming activities:

REHEARSALS

- Singing Sea Stars – November 3, 10, 17
- Junior Sea Stars – November 9, 30
- Ukulele Club – November 2, 16



UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

- November 10 – Veteran’s Day (Singing Sea Stars)
- November 15 – Sounds of the Season Taping (Singing Sea Stars)
- December 1 – Bell Towers Performance (Singing & Junior Sea Stars, Ukulele Club)
- December 8 – SWFL International Airport – Singing Sea Stars & Ukulele Club
- December 15 & 16 – Tropic Isles - (Singing & Junior Sea Stars, Ukulele Club)

IMPORTANT!!!!

It is extremely important, parents that you pick your child up ON TIME. Consistent late pick up will result in your child not remaining a part of these groups. Thank you for understanding.

REMINDER: PARENT PICK UP IS ON THE BUS RAMP AT 4:00 & 4:15 P.M. SHARP.

Principal’s Pen

The Thankful Eagle—One day in the forest, a woodcutter heard a strange sound. Unluckily, an eagle caught in the net was calling for help. The woodcutter ran and freed the eagle from the net. A few days later, the woodcutter was sitting on a mound eating lunch under a tree. Suddenly, the same eagle swooped down at his food. The woodcutter leapt to save his lunch but fell down the mound. The woodcutter realized that this was the same bird he had freed from the net. He was angry at first but he quickly realized the bird saved him from a poisonous snake that was near the tree. The woodcutter knew that the eagle was thankful for his kindness and in return so was the woodcutter.



INVENTION FAIR NEWS

Wow!! Tropic Isles has almost 150 students who chose to participate in invention projects. Students who returned their permission slips received Invention Folders with all the information about developing a new and innovative idea to solve a problem. Watch for more information about the date of the Tropic Isles Invention Fair in January 2017. Good luck to all our inventors!

IMPORTANT NEWS

Communication: Please do not use class dojo email to communicate changes in transportation. All changes in transportation should be made with a written note, fax or email to the office staff. If you have any questions, please call 239-995-4704.



What: Veteran’s Day Assembly
When: Thursday, Nov. 10th @ 9:30am
Where: Tropic Isles Elementary
Who: TIE families and children of Vets
Why: Honor the service of American troops of the land, sea, and air!

Leader In Me

Habit #4: Think Win-Win (Everyone Can Win) means to balance courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want. I make deposits in other's emotional bank accounts. When conflicts arise, I look for third alternatives.

1. Play a game with your children that has a definite winner. Explain how competition is ok when you play a game, but it is not okay in relationships. Discuss how tense it would be in your home if every situation had to have a winner. A better way to think is win-win. This means we think of solutions that we can all feel good about when there is a problem. The more we think Win-Win, the less problems there will be. You may want to display a chart listing the days of the week. When someone is "caught" thinking win-win, he or she gets to write his/her name on the chart for that day.
2. Encourage win-win solutions to siblings disputes. Don't always be the mediator; let them work out a solution and be sure to lavish children with praise when they do.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT SHOW RESPECT FOR YOUR CHILD

There is no better way to teach your child about respect than to give him respect. This lets him find out how good it feels to be respected. And it helps him become more considerate of others. Here are some ways to show your child respect:

- **Be a good listener.** Give your child your full attention. Don't interrupt him or dominate the conversation. Try to see things from his point of view.
- **Be reliable.** Arrive on time, take care of your responsibilities and keep promises. Show your child that you mean what you say.
- **Be polite.** Use *please, thank you* and other courteous phrases. Knock before entering your child's room. Don't snoop. Ask before borrowing things.
- **Be fair.** Listen to your child's side of the story before reaching a conclusion. Make reasonable family rules and apply them to everyone, including yourself.
- **Be positive.** Use compliments more than criticism. Don't embarrass, insult or make fun of your child—even if he's being disrespectful to you.
- **Be trusting.** Let your child make choices and handle responsibilities. When he makes mistakes, help him learn from them.
- **Be honest.** When you do something wrong, apologize.



AR NEWS

In celebration of our fabulous readers here at Tropic Isles, we held an AR celebration for all students in first through fifth grades. Students were rewarded with a "Movie and Popcorn" celebration to recognize their efforts in AR. All children who reached 100% of his/her point goal and scored 85% average or higher on AR tests were invited to enjoy this schoolwide celebration.

Our 2nd quarter AR celebration will be held in mid-January. Please continue to encourage your child to read each night. They can read aloud to you, a pet, a sibling, or even a stuffed animal! If you'd like to keep track of your child's AR progress, get in touch with his/her teacher to sign up for Home Connect. You will receive a letter with the website and login credentials to help you access this site.

YOU ARE INVITED

What : Active Parenting workshop

When: November 15th from 5:30- 6:30

Purpose: This workshop will focus on practical tools for positive parenting. It is interactive with role playing activities in an effort to teach and help our children achieve success in school by building on their strengths and self-esteem.

Hope to see you there!!!

Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night

Come one, come all ... to Tropic Isles *Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night* on November 7, 2017 from 5-8 PM. **IF YOU MENTION TROPIC ISLES WHEN YOU ORDER**, proceeds from your order will be donated to Tropic Isles.

This month's event is sponsored by our gifted department. We hope to see everyone at *Chick-Fil-A* on **November 7th between 5-8 PM!** Remember ... you must mention Tropic Isles at the time of your order.

STUDENT LEADER BLOG



"I've been here at Tropic Isles for about 7 years now and I've loved it here! My favorite Encore classes P.E., Art, and Music. The lunches have improved, and that's a good thing. All the teachers are very nice, but when I graduate I will have to say goodbye to all my teachers, including Ms. Gutierrez.

Thank you!!

Sincerely, Dustyn Strawser- 5th grader."

PENNIES FOR PASTA

Tropic Isles Elementary School students will be taking part in the **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Pennies for Patients** program from **November 28th – December 16th**.

During this program, students will collect money to support LLS's mission: *to find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer patients.* Students will learn about service, leadership, philanthropy and how they can make a difference by changing patients' lives. Tropic Isles Elementary School has its own online giving page that students, parents and faculty can share with friends and family:

<http://events.lls.org/pages/sun/TropicIslesElementarySchool-2017>

Thank you in advance for helping LLS to create a world without blood cancers!

