

THE TROPIC ISLES STAR

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>IMPORTANT DATES</u></p> <p>Feb. 9th - Daddy-Daughter Dance– 3:45-5:00 P.M.</p> <p>Feb. 10th– 5th Grade Dance– 3:30-5:00 P.M.</p> <p>Feb. 14th Valentine’s Day</p> <p>Feb. 20th-President’s Day– No school</p> <p>Feb. 21st– Teacher In-Service Day– No school</p> <p>Feb. 24th - Career Day</p>	
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Principal’s Pen

Super Bowl weekend is a great time to remember that it takes a

**Together
Everyone
Achieves
More**

Good Luck to the **Falcons** and the **Patriots!!**
Students may wear jerseys on Friday, February 3rd to support their team.

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Fourth grade is currently getting ready for the FSA Writing Test. In math we are working on comparing decimals. Also, have students read their AR books nightly in order to meet their AR goals. Here are some tips for Test Taking to help you prepare for FSA Testing:

Tip #1: Make attendance a priority, especially on days that you know standardized testing will be administered or there is a test in the classroom.

Tip #2: Confirm that your child will be receiving any pre-determined accommodations during tests.

Tip #3: Set a reasonable bedtime and stick to it. Tired children have difficulty focusing and are easily flustered by challenges.

Tip #4: Make sure your child has enough time to wake up fully before he has to go to school. If his test is first thing in the morning, he can't afford to spend the first hour of school groggy and unfocused.

Tip #5: Provide a high-protein, healthy, low-sugar breakfast for your child.

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 – February 2, 6, 23
- * Drum Circle – February 1, 8, 15
- * Honor Choir – February 6, 13, 27

REMINDER: PARENT PICK UP IS ON THE BUS RAMP AT 4:15 & 4:30 P.M. SHARP. PLEASE PICK UP STUDENTS ON TIME.

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Our 3rd graders have been working so hard getting ready for FSA testing. We will be participating in the FSA Reading Test on March 28th and 29th. Make sure your child goes to bed early and gets a good breakfast the morning of testing. Our Math FSA Test will be May 4th, so we have time to continue to teach and practice the necessary skills. Don’t forget that February 24th is our school Career Day and Parent Night Out. Thank you parents for all of your hard work making sure your child completes his/her homework each night. It does make a difference when they can practice extra skills taught throughout the week. We are in a new quarter so make sure your child is reading his/her Accelerated Reading book and taking comprehensions tests on the computer each morning. We want to encourage every 3rd grader to reach their AR goal so that they can celebrate with reading rewards in the library and the AR party at the end of the quarter.

Have a wonderful February!!!

Student Leader Blog

It has been an amazing year at Tropic Isles and I’m loving it! This is my second year and I’ve met lots of friends. Everyone is so nice! Mrs. Rendon and Mrs. Adams are always very helpful. Ms. Socorro and Mrs. Burch have done a great job teaching me, and I now I’ll succeed thanks to their help! I can’t believe this year is more than halfway over. I am going to continue to work hard and make the best out of the rest of the year!

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JUMP ROPE FOR THE HEART

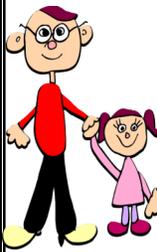
Jump Rope for Heart is coming back to Tropic Isles Elementary January 30 through February 17. We will host the kickoff on January 30th. We have set a goal to raise \$5000 for the American Heart Association. It is a lofty goal but we are confident that we will be able to meet that goal if we are all on board. Last year the school raised about \$1500 but only 42 students raised money. With the Zoo Crew prizes offered this year we believe the students will be very excited to be involved. Information will be sent out the week before Kick Off.

SAVE THE DATE

Parents and Guardians our annual Daddy Daughter Dance is around the corner. Please save the date will be **Thursday Feb. 9th**.

****Permission slips will be going home soon and it will be \$5 donation per girl.**

Thank you so much and I can’t wait to see you there!



PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Brainstorm About Assignments and Projects

Brainstorming is often the first step in completing a project. A brainstorming session can help your child pick a topic to write about, a science experiment to try or a model to build. The key is for your child to come up with as many ideas as possible, even if some seem silly. Then have him pick his favorite. When your child next has to pick a topic for a project, try these brainstorming activities together:

- **Talk.** Ask your child about his interests. Whom does he admire? What problems would he like to solve? What would he like to learn about?
- **Write.** Suggest that your child write whatever comes to mind for five minutes. If he can't think of anything, he can write about how he wants to think of something. If he works at it, he's likely to come up with some good ideas.
- **Draw.** Instead of writing, have your child sketch whatever he brainstorms. Drawing uses different parts of the brain than writing, so it can lead to new ideas.
- **Wonder.** Help your child think of interesting questions, such as "How does a person become an astronaut?" Then help him do research to find the answer. Or suggest that he make an educated guess, such as "It will rain one inch this week." Testing a prediction can be an interesting experiment.



LEADER IN ME

Habit 6 - Synergize

Synergize is when two or more people work together to create a better solution that either would have

thought of alone. It's not your way or my way, but a better way.

Try this: If your child has siblings, ask each to identify what they think their brother or sister is really good at, then share the lists with each other and discuss how they could Synergize on homework, chores, playing games, sports, etc. If your child does not have siblings, you can do the same exercise using his/her best friend –or you.

PARENTS CORNER: BEHAVIOR TIPS

Effective discipline for behavioral issues in children is a common parental challenge. Every parent needs a way to help their kids learn better self-management skills and help themselves cope with stressful situations. As a parent, you can use a variety of methods to help your children build coping and behavior management skills for the classroom and at home.

Keep talking...



Tips for the month: When they don't seem to listen!

Make eye contact with your child before and during your request to them. If they are of a young age, get down on their level when speaking to them. It is unrealistic to expect that shouting between rooms will get the job done. Have your child repeat what they are to do. That way both of you have a clear understanding of each other.

*Education Forum
Cypress Lake High School
February 8, 2017
6:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.*

This Forum is an opportunity for the School District Team to share important and timely information with staff, parents, and community members. Please join us at the above location. See you there!

Student Assignment 2017-18

January 23– March 24, 2017

Parents of **currently** enrolled students in Lee County Public School grades five, eight, and students in Pre-K attending Lee County Public Schools who are eligible for kindergarten for 2017/18, will be mailed their child's personalized application on January 19, 2017. This is a very exciting time of year for students and parents as they plan for 2017-2018.

Those receiving the applications can save time by applying online! Please read the documents sent to you very carefully, and determine if you want to apply online, mail it back to us, or bring it to one of our offices in person. This is a nine-week application period. There is no need to stand in long lines the first few days since you have nine weeks to submit the application. All applications are processed as a group.

Parents of children who will be five on or before September 1st, 2017 and who are not enrolled in one of the district's Pre-K programs must visit one of our offices to register for kindergarten for the 2017/2018 school year (bring registration requirements). This should be done during the first application period (January 23 – March 24) to increase the chances of being assigned to your preferred school. Brand new students cannot apply on-line – they must be registered in person. There are **no automatic assignments** – parents need to register incoming kindergartners even if they have an older sibling already attending the preferred school. Please visit www.leeschools.net for registration requirements and Student Assignment Office locations.

Head Start Works!!

FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE 4 YEARS OLD BY SEPT 1ST

We offer a free, full day, full school year program!!

Head Start focuses on a child's comprehensive early childhood education including the well-being of their family. Space is limited so apply now! Federal income & enrollment guidelines must be met. Children with special needs are welcome to apply. To apply, please bring your child's birth certificate and proof of all household income to one of the Student Assignment offices: Cape Coral: 360 Santa Barbara Blvd. N. (Cape Tech. College Campus) or Ft. Myers: 2855 Colonial Blvd.

CAREER DAY NEWS

WHAT: Career Day at Tropic Isles Elementary

WHO: All Tropic Isles Students

WHEN: Friday, February 24th, 2017

Tropic Isles will be hosting **Career Day** on **Friday, February 24th**. All students are invited to dress up in an outfit that shows what they'd like to be when they grow up.

Florida Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teachers at Tropic Isles are certified, but may be assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take appropriate steps to comply with the statutory regulation:

Janelle Babinski– Autism
Britt Monroe - Gifted Education

The following teachers are engaged in training to add English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to their certificates:

Janelle Babinski– ESOL	Rose Flecha - ESOL
Jennifer Bruhn- ESOL	Barbara Matos –ESOL
Stacie Dively- ESOL	Jenny Schoonover-ESOL
Jenna Dunlop- ESOL	
Katherine Enright- ESOL	