# FEBRUARY, 2022

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#### FEBRUARY CALENDAR



Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>	SAF/SAC Meeting – 8:30 am, Media Center
Feb. 3rd	Drumming & Yearbook Club – 2:25 – 3:30 pm
Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	100 DAYS OF SCHOOL!
	REPORT CARDS ISSUED, link will be sent to
	parents.
Feb. 4th	VIRTUAL ACADEMIC AWARDS – 3 – 5 <sup>TH</sup> GRADES
	Link will be sent to parents and avail. until 2/7
	Safety Patrol Meeting – 2:25 – 3:30 pm
NATIONAL :	SCHOOL COUNSELORS' WEEK – FEB. 7 – 11 <sup>TH</sup>
Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Art and Science Club – 2:30-3:30 pm
Feb 8th	PTA Meeting - 8:30 am - Cafeteria

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Feb 8 – 11 <sup>th</sup>	VAL – O – GRAM STUDENT COUNCIL –
	FLYER ATTACHED
Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>	Chorus Club, 2:30 –3:30 pm
Feb. 10th	Drumming & Yearbook Club – 2:25 – 3:30 pm
Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Interims for students

#### Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> Early Release Day – A Day of Service & Love

Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> BOOK EXCHANGE COLLECTION DATES

Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	IZONE VIRTUAL SAFETY MEETING – 10:00 AM
	Further information will be sent.
	Chorus Club – 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Drumming & Yearbook Club – 2:25 – 3:30 pm

#### Feb. 21st PRESIDENT'S DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Chorus Club – 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Drumming & Yearbook Club – 2:25 – 3:30 pm
Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Family Night

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Happy Birthday to the following teachers and staff members who are celebrating their birthdays in **February.** 

February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Fetscher
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Dr. Brown
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Ms. Baseman
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Shurack
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Mangachi
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Wites

#### <u>STUDENT ABSENCES – ATTENDANCE</u>

Absences will only be recorded on Tropical Elementary website.

When a child must stay home due to COVID-19:

Parents must notify the school by completing the Online Absence Reporting Form and selecting the "Q" attendance code and designating the date/dates of absences.

Definition for Q code: A pupil shall be deemed to be in attendance if away from school under a "Stay-Home" directive on a school day and engaged in an educational activity which constitutes a part of the school approved instructional program as defined in *Rule 6A-1.044*.

## ADDITIONAL ATTENDANCE NEWS

District has begun it's BTIP process. Students who currently have 5 or more unexcused absences will be receiving notification via postal mail from our district office. Parents are strongly encouraged to check their student's absences on Pinnacle to ensure they have been excused. Pinnacle can be accessed from your student's landing page on Clever.

If you have any questions, please contact the attendance clerk at Tropical.

### SAC COMMITTEE

The results of our county SMART Bond \$100,000 ballot were announced at our SAC Meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Option 2 received the majority vote, therefore 70% of funds will be allocated to playground refurbishment, and the remainder, 30% will go to purchase new technology. The next meeting of SAF and SAC is on **Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1st** at 8:30 am in the Media Center.

Los resultados de nuestra boleta electoral SMART Bond \$100,000 del condado se anunciaron en nuestra reunión del SAC el 2 de noviembre y la Opción 2 recibió el voto mayoritario, por lo tanto, el 70 % de los fondos se asignará a la renovación del patio de recreo y el resto, el 30 %, se destinará a la compra de nueva tecnología. La próxima reunión de SAF y SAC es el **martes 1 de febrero a las 8:30** am en el Media Center.

Rezilta bilten vòt \$100,000 SMART Bond konte nou an te anonse nan Reyinyon SAC nou an ki te 2 novanm epi Opsyon 2 te resevwa vòt majorite a, kidonk 70% lajan yo pral asiyen nan amenajman lakou rekreyasyon, ak rès la,30% yo pral achte nouvo teknoloji. Pwochen reyinyon SAF ak SAC la se madi 1ye fevriye a 8:30 am nan Media Center la.

# SCHOOL COUNSELING - "NEWS YOU CAN USE"

Hello Toucans and Families,

### Are you a Tropical family experiencing grief or loss?

Please reach out to Mrs. Tobacco or Mrs. Strum if so. We may be able to offer support for our students and their families here on campus and out in the community.

#### Kids of Character:

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, is committed to the teaching of Character Education and has adopted eight core character traits as part of the Standards of Service Policy. The core character traits are: *Responsibility, Citizenship, Kindness, Respect, Honesty, Self-Control, Tolerance,* and *Cooperation.* 

### February's trait is HONESTY

One student from each class will be recognized on February 25<sup>th</sup>. The dictionary definition of honesty is; Honesty means **we are truthful in what we say and do**. It means people can rely on us because we have integrity, we can be trusted.

Those selected will parade on the morning announcements, and then enjoy a small PTA sponsored treat and receive their certificate, pencil, and a small prize!

FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> – A Day of Remembrance and Service – We will be honoring our community heroes with a drive thru bag breakfast event, invitations are forthcoming. Each grade level will be doing cards for groups of community heroes.

Our amazing counselors are:



Left, Ms. Tobacco, Right, Ms. Strum

Mrs. Yvonne Strum- Grades K, 2, 4. Mrs. Kristyn Tobacco- Grades 1, 3, 5

Also, part of our team is the amazing **School Social Worker**, **Ms. Shawn Howell**. Together we provide families in need with a variety of resources.

## LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Please label all student items such as sweaters, jackets, lunchboxes, and bottles with your child's first and last name. The lost and found is growing by the day and most items are not labeled. The lost and found area is in the cafe and classes can pass by daily to reclaim items. Non-labeled items will be donated periodically.

# TCC (Before/After School) Updates

TCC has openings in grades K-5!

Registration is online at Tropicalelementary.net

Fees \$30 registration per child \$63 Before Care \$242 per period \$10 activity Fee per pay period

If you have any questions, contact TCC Phone: (754) 323-7793 Email jalyssa.muniz@browardschools.com

# IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. Be a Broward Buddy, Report a Tip!

# Ways to Report a Tip

 Submit a tip easily via our Anonymous Tip Submission Box (below). Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc. If you need to send images, please use the <u>FortifyFL website</u> (no download required). Thank you for keeping our school communities safe!



# PTA NEWS FOR YOU

# Happy New Year to all the toucan families, we hope you had a great winter holiday!

## Please join us for PTA Meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am in the cafeteria.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Be sure to go onto the website for Broward schools to be approved as a volunteer.
The website is: <u>https://www.browardschools.com/Page/32043</u>.
**REMEMBER:** You must be an approved volunteer to come celebrate with your child for their birthday. Please remember that only one parent can visit the cafeteria at a time and

The school store is open February 4<sup>th</sup> so get ready to spend your hard-earned Toucan Bills. The school store will be open every other Friday. It will be open from 7:55 am – 8:17 am, until the first bell **ONLY**. There are two locations, in front of science specials and in front of the two-story building.

We will be selling Ice pops after school every other Friday again in the new year. We will set up in front of the bike rack. Ice pops will be sold on Fridays and are \$1.00 each, the next date is February 4<sup>th</sup> and every Friday after. We are pleased to tell you that Kona Ice will be here again on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Time to get your ICE on!

# TROPICAL BOOK DRIVE COLLECTION:

The second book drive collection will take place February 15<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. Please deliver only gently used or new books with your child. Each child will receive tickets for each book they bring in. Thanks for your support.

Thank you for supporting your Tropical PTA!

If you have not already signed up for PTA, please see the attached sign-up form.

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU as you join our PTA Family	
Parent #1 name:	
Parent email:	-
Phone:	
(If second parent is joining, it is an additional \$5)	
Parent # 2 name:	
Parent email:	
Phone:	
Student:	Teacher:
Student:	Teacher:
Student:	Teacher:
Thank you for supporting Tropical PTA.	
TROPICAL SPIRIT SHIRT	ORDER FORM

Student Name:				
Teacher:				
Parent Name:		_		
Amount Enclosed:				
Grade:		_Telephone #:		
	TROP RETURN®			
	RETURN OF THE TOU	CAN SHIRT \$10.00		
	(Black shirt with red	and white logo)		
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	lease send Cash or Check mad		-	
	envelope labeled Tropic			

Zelle to <u>tropicalpta2018@gmail.com</u>. Please include child's name and t-shirt when making Zelle payment.



2021-2022 YEARBOOK

# DON'T DELAY, BUY TODAY!



Pre-Sale Prices

\$20.00 until December 31, 2021

\$25.00 after December 31, 2021

# ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS!!

It's time to purchase the

2021-2022 Yearbook! Our FULL COLOR/HARD COVER

Yearbook Pre-Sale is going on now!

Log on to BALFOUR.COM

to reserve your copy today!

Balfour will charge a \$1.00 processing fee.

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All proceeds to be given to Team Tropical for Plantation's Relay for Life	
Student Council will be selling Val O' Grams	Hessage
\$1.00 - candy	
\$1.50 - flower	
\$2.00 -Combo of a flower and candy	
February 8 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup>	Circle: Candy Flower Combo
Sold from 8:00am-8:15am in the	
Multipurpose Room	
They can be delivered to a friend, a teacher, or you can	
even buy one for yourself!	
Val O' Grams will be delivered on February 14th	
Each Vol O' Gram will have a candy and/or flower attached to the note. Please complete and cut this form prior to paying.	
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