

JANUARY, 2022

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TROPICAL RETURN OF THE TOUCANS ELEMENTARY

Principal, Robert Schneider
Assistant Principal,
Dr. Deborah Brown
PTA President, Jami Bosse

JANUARY CALENDAR

Jan. 5th	Chorus Club, 2:30 –3:30 pm
Jan. 6th	Drumming Club – 2:25 – 3:30 pm
Jan. 10 th	Early Release Day – 12:25 pm dismissal
Jan. 11 th	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Planning Day
Jan. 12 th	Chorus Club – 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Jan. 17th	NO SCHOOL – MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
Jan. 19th	Chorus Club, 2:30 –3:30 pm
Jan. 20th	Drumming Club – 2:25 – 3:30 pm Yearbook Club – 2:30 – 3:30 pm. TCC Payment DUE
Jan. 21 st	Class Pictures Day
Jan. 24th	Science Club – Session B – 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Jan. 24 th – 28 th	Great Kindness Challenge
Jan. 26th	Chorus Club, 2:30 –3:30 pm
Jan. 27th	Drumming Club – 2:25 – 3:30 pm Yearbook Club – 2:30 – 3:30 pm.
Jan. 31 st	Science Club – Session B – 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Feb. 1 st	SAF/SAC Meeting – 8:30 am – Media Center

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

January 16 th	Ms. Holland
January 19 th	Ms. Green
January 20 th	Ms. Gold
January 25 th	Ms. Dalachinsky
January 28 th	Ms. Shapiro
January 29 th	Mr. Notaro
January 30 th	Ms. Cancio

STUDENT ABSENCES – ATTENDANCE

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 its 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**.

SAC COMMITTEE

The results of our county SMART Bond \$100,000 ballot were announced at our SAC Meeting on November 2nd 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 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 resewva 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.*

January's trait is RESPECT

One student from each class will be recognized on January. The dictionary definition: A feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities, or achievements. Due regard for the feelings, wishes, rights or traditions of others.

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

January special events, “No Name Calling Week” – January 17 – 21st.
The “Great Kindness Challenge” – January 24 – 28th.



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.

Tropical Elementary School is an inclusive school every day. Our students are integrated in the general education curriculum. All students at Tropical are taught the Florida Standards. We have both a Deaf and Hard of Hearing and a Specialized Pre-Kindergarten self-contained program. These students are in a smaller class setting but are integrated in the general education curriculum. Our transliterators (also known as interpreters) have presented on the morning announcements and explained to our entire student population their role to assist in creating an equitable classroom environment.

We facilitate and foster friendships among all students. Our students participate in all extracurricular activities such as clubs, plays, field day and social opportunities. We pride ourselves as an Inclusive School. At Tropical, we have three support facilitators and three Speech and Language Pathologists on campus to meet the needs of our Exceptional Students. Additionally, students have access to our Exceptional Student Education Counselor and our Deaf and Hard of Hearing Counselor. At Tropical we celebrate and focus on student's abilities not their disability.

Lisa Dalichinsky, ESE Specialist

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.

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 [FortifyFL website](#) (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 Our first PTA Meeting is on February 8th 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: <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/32043>.

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 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. The dates that school store will be open for 2022 are: January 21st and February 4th.

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 4th and every Friday after. We are pleased to tell you that Kona Ice will be here again on February 21st. Time to get your ICE on!



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

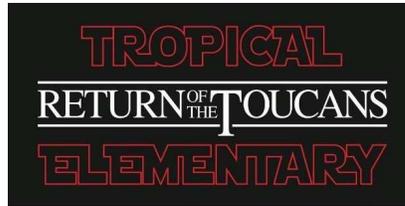
Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent Name: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Grade: _____ Telephone #: _____



RETURN OF THE TOUCAN SHIRT \$10.00

(Black shirt with red and white logo)

- Youth X-small Youth Small Youth Medium Youth Large
Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large Adult X-Large Adult
XXL

RAINBOW TIE-DYE SHIRT \$15.00



(Tie dye shirt with white logo that says peace, love, toucans)

- Youth X-small Youth Small Youth Medium Youth Large
Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large Adult X-Large Adult
XXL

* You can also order shirts online at: tropicalpta.com and clicking on school store

** Please send Cash or Check made payable to Tropical PTA in an
envelope labeled Tropical T-shirts or pay via

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



On Sale
Now
\$20.00

2021-2022
YEARBOOK



DON'T DELAY, BUY TODAY!



WOW!

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.

YEARBOOK ADS

Ad sizes and prices

Business card →→ \$10.00

¼ page →→ \$25.00

½ page →→ \$55.00

Ad space is limited!
Purchase your ad today!

Purchase ads for your child, their teacher or your business.

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Don't miss out
on the
opportunity to
purchase an ad
in the
2021-2022
Yearbook!



Two convenient ways to
submit your ad!

1. Ads can be created and purchased at
Balfour.com

2. Completed ads may be emailed to:
michelle.jindracek@browardschools.com
(emailed ads MUST be submitted as a jpeg)

AD DEADLINE IS January 31, 2022

*All business card size and ½ page ads must
be submitted in a horizontal format.

*All ¼ page ads must be submitted in
a vertical format.