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TROPICAL
RETURN OF THE TOUCANS
ELEMENTARY

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

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- Dec. 1st Chorus Club, 2:30 –3:30 pm
- Dec. 2nd Drumming Club – 2:25 – 3:30 pm
- Dec. 3rd Safety Patrol Club – 2:30 – 3:15 pm
- Dec. 6th Art and Science Club - 2:30 – 3:30 pm
- Dec. 8th Chorus Club – 2:30 – 3:30 pm
- Dec. 9th Drumming Club – 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Yearbook Club – 2:30 – 3:30 pm
- Dec. 10th Snowman O’Grams – 8:00 am, Multipurpose Rm
- Dec. 13th Snowman O’Grams – 8:00 am, Multipurpose Rm
- Dec. 14th Snowman O’Grams – 8:00 am, Multipurpose Rm
- Dec. 15th Kids of Character Recognition
- Dec. 16th Yearbook Club – 2:30 – 3:30 pm
- Dec. 17th Last day before Winter Break
- Dec. 20th – Jan. 2 WINTER BREAK
- Jan. 3rd – School Resumes

The teachers and staff of Tropical Elementary would like to wish our Toucan families a safe and pleasant Winter Break and a very Happy New Year.

We will welcome back our Toucans on January 3rd, 2022.



TROPICAL CHILDCARE – TCC

Currently, our afterschool program has limited availability. However, if you need childcare, we still urge you to fill out an application and be placed on our wait list. We are opening spots as soon as we can. If you have any questions, please contact Jalyssa Muniz at (754) 323-7793.

TCC Period 5 Payment is due on December 9, 2021. Payments should be made on the Broward E-store. If payment is not made by December 9, 2021 your child will no longer have a spot in TCC.

Jalyssa Muniz, After School Supervisor
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STUDENT ABSENCES – ATTENDANCE

Absences will only be recorded on Tropical Elementary website. To report an absence online:

1. Go to Tropical Elementary website
2. Select on Contact Us tab
3. Click on Report an absence
4. Complete absentee form
5. Hit submit form

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. There will not be a meeting in December, we will meet back on **Tuesday, January 4th**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

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| Dec. 3 rd | Ms. Newman | Dec. 6 th | Ms. Andujar |
| Dec. 8 th | Ms. Lutin | Dec. 11 th | Ms. Aguinaga |
| Dec. 29 th | Ms. Meyerson | Dec. 29 th | Ms. Wohrman |
| Dec. 29 th | Ms. S. Thomas | Dec. 30 | Ms. McMahon |
| Dec. 31 st | Ms. Tyman | | |

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.*

December's trait is KINDNESS

One student from each class will be recognized on December 15th, 2021. “KINDNESS is being helpful, thoughtful, caring, compassionate and considerate”

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

Please contact the counselor for the grade level of your child.

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.



Left to right, Ms. Tobacco and Ms. Strum

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

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS EVENT FOLLOW UP NOTES

Social/Emotional Learning & Mindfulness

Mindfulness Activities You Can Do as a Family

- Take a walk
- Art projects
- Meditate
- Listen to calming music
- Yoga
- Different breathing activities

** MINDFUL KIDS CARDS on Amazon are great!

Helpful apps & online resources:

- Stop, Breathe & Think Kids
- Calm
- Headspace
- Insight Timer
- DreamyKid
- Smiling Mind
- YouTube videos (search mindfulness)



Engagement & Modeling

Words to know:

- **Incidental Learning** – Learning gained by observing people and activities around us.
- **Modeling** – The behaviors and skills your children observe you performing. (Can be positive or negative.)

Key notes from presentation:

- Children learn various skills and behaviors by watching their parents such as:
 - Expressing emotions
 - Regulating emotions
 - Solving conflicts
 - Communicate with a partner
 - Treating people in the community
 - Interacting with technology
 - Putting phone/iPad down when with family/friends
 - Limiting time on devices
 - Types of information shared online

REMEMBER! Your children are always learning from you, whether you are explicitly teaching them, or modeling. You can actively choose to perform the behaviors you would like to see in your child.

Anxiety

What it may look like in children:

- Frequent tantrums
- Crying or clinging behavior
- Avoidance of certain people or locations
- Extreme shyness around people
- Headaches or stomach aches of unknown origin
- Poor performance in school
- Frequent bowel or digestive problems

Great info!

https://www.maginationpressfamily.org/stress-anxiety-in-kids/?qclid=EAIaIQobChMlydKQtarF9AIVqBZMCh0hWQBIEAAYAAAEgKNnfD_BwE

Please check out this great resource to help families with Ensuring Children and Young People's Social, Emotional, and Mental Well-being

https://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/stress-coping/parental-resources/index.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fdaily-life-coping%2Fparental-resource-kit%2Findex.html

Other Resources

Staying Connected:

1. <https://www.thepragmaticparent.com/make-your-kids-feel-loved-everyday/>
2. <https://parenting.kars4kids.org/connected-5-ways-to-stay-relevant-in-your-childs-digital-landscape/>
3. <https://www.ahaparenting.com/read/10-habits-to-stay-connected-to-your-child>

Online Safety:

1. <https://www.common sense media.org/privacy-and-internet-safety>
2. <https://www.justice.gov/coronavirus/keeping-children-safe-online>
3. <https://www.scholastic.com/parents/family-life/social-emotional-learning/technology-and-kids/keeping-kids-safe-online.html>

General Resources:

1. <https://www.cscbroward.org/>
2. www.211-broward.org



PTA NEWS FOR YOU

There is no PTA Meeting in the month of December, we will meet again in January.

- 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>

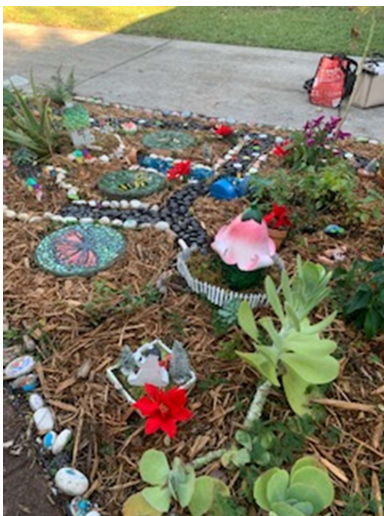
The **school store** will be opening so get ready to spend your hard-earned Toucan Bills. The school store will be open on every other Friday. It will be open from 7:55 am – 8:17 am, until the first bell. There are two locations, in front of science specials and in front of the two-story building. The dates that school store will be open for 2021 are: 12/3 and 12/17.

We are going to start selling Ice pops after school every other Friday. We will be set up in front of the bike rack. Ice pops will be \$1.00 on Fridays, dates are 12/3 and 12/17 for this year. Kona Ice is selling frozen treats after school on December 10th.

The PTA Board wishes all our Toucan families a wonderful Holiday Season. See you in the New Year!

The Magical Fairies Are Back!

A big shout out to Kelly Wechsler and her crew of parent volunteers for the installation of the garden this week! The new Fairy Garden was created from a Science grant and is located next to the existing butterfly garden. It's designed as an interactive space to read to the fairies and enjoy the Florida sunshine. Many classes have picnic lunches surrounded by butterflies and magical fairies.





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: _____

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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.