



**APRIL CALENDAR**

Ramadan – APRIL 1 – MAY 1



- Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP – 9:00 am
- Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> SAF/SAC Meeting – 8:30 am, Media Center
- Art and Science Club – 2:30-3:30 pm
- Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> FSA Writing – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> Chorus Club, 2:30 –3:30 pm
- FAMILY FUNDRAISER – Chipotle – 5:00-9:00 pm
- April 7<sup>th</sup> Drumming Club – 2:25 – 3:30 pm
- April 11<sup>th</sup> Art and Science Club – 2:30-3:30 pm
- April 12<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting – 8:30 am – Cafeteria
- April 13<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – Universal Studios  
5:30 am to 11:00 pm
- April 14<sup>th</sup> EARLY RELEASE DAY – 12:25 pm
- April 15<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL – GOOD FRIDAY
- April 18<sup>th</sup> Art and Science Club – 2:30 – 3:30 pm
- April 19<sup>th</sup> Academic Awards – 3<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
8:30 am, Cafeteria. (virtual option too)
- April 20<sup>th</sup> Chorus Club – 2:30 – 3:30 pm
- April 21<sup>st</sup> Drumming Club – 2:30 – 3:30 pm
- In school VACCINATIONS (second dose only) – 1:45 – 6:00 pm
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> TROPICAL TREK – 8:45 am – BUS LOOP
- April 25<sup>th</sup> Art and Science Club – 2:30 – 3:30 pm
- April 27<sup>th</sup> Chorus Club – 2:30 – 3:30 pm
- April 28<sup>th</sup> TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY
- April 29<sup>th</sup> Kids of Character – K – 5 Grade – 8:30 am



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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

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| April 7 Ms. Scheele   | April 8 Ms. Rego        |
| April 13 Ms. Aranda   | April 13 Ms. Brooks     |
| April 18 Ms. Beneby   | April 18 Ms. Fialkov    |
| April 21 Miss Bonnie  | April 26 Ms. Fitzgerald |
| April 29 Ms. Martinez | April 30 Ms. Martin     |
| April 30 Ms. Williams |                         |



**STUDENT ABSENCES – ATTENDANCE**

Absences will only be recorded on Tropical Elementary website at <https://www.browardschools.com/tropical>

Parents must notify the school by completing the Online Absence Reporting Form and designating the date/dates of absences.

If you have any questions, please contact the attendance clerk at the main office number.

**SPECIAL MESSAGES**

We have seen an increase in the number of students arriving late to class. Please be advised that we are required to report all tardies/absences to the school district and the State of Florida. Please, make an effort to have your child arrive at school on time.

Parents, please check your child's backpack on a regular basis to confirm there are no toys or inappropriate items being brought to school.

**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 **Monday April 4th at 8:30 am in the Front Office.**

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 lunes en Abril 4 a las 8:30 am en la escuela.

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 Avril 4 a 8:30 am nan lekol la.

## SCHOOL COUNSELING – “NEWS YOU CAN USE”

### ***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.*

### **April's trait is TOLERANCE**

One student from each class will be recognized on April 25th. The dictionary definition of tolerance is; **“willing to accept or respect what is different in others, especially their beliefs and customs.”** 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!



Our amazing counselors are:

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

They are joined by Ms. Diana Ardila, School Social Worker, and Ms. Alaina Clark, School Psychologist. Together they advocate for students and their families and help them to overcome adversity and reach their full potential.

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*Diana Ardila, M.S.W. School Social Worker- Broward County Public Schools  
Office: (754)321-1618*

## UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDANCE



STUDENTS OR EMPLOYEES WHO **DO NOT TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19** OR **DEVELOP SYMPTOMS** SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO QUARANTINE.

EMPLOYEES ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO WEAR FACIAL COVERINGS

CHILD CARE FACILITIES SHOULD **NEVER** FORCE CHILDREN TO WEAR MASKS

## LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Families, please label all items your child brings to school. Including Tupperware, water bottles, lunch boxes and clothing items. Last month we donated three large bags of items. Please label items with a sharpie, laundry proof marker or an iron on label with your child's first and last name. We go through items periodically and return those items with names. Non-labeled items are donated towards the end of each month. Help us get those items back to you!

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.**

**Be a Broward Buddy, Report a Tip!**

## Ways to Report a Tip

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- 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!



**Calling all Campers!**

If you are planning on having your child(ren) attend a minimum of one week at Camp Tropical 2022, please fill this survey asap! Use the QR code below.



**Jalyssa Muniz**  
**Tropical Elementary**  
**After School Supervisor**  
**(754) 323-7793**  
**jalyssa.muniz@browardschools.com**

## **PTA NEWS FOR YOU**

April will be jam-packed with many events for our PTA, and we will need all hands-on deck! If you have not already, please sign up to be a volunteer at the site below:

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/37924>

**REMEMBER:** Parents/guardians must be an approved volunteer to go on field trips to chaperone, be in classrooms and to come celebrate with your child for their birthday. Please remember that only one parent can visit the cafeteria at a time and that the goodies should be individually wrapped or easy to distribute. Think cupcakes or cookies instead of a cake. *Please do not bring any balloons to school for the birthday child.*



### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**APRIL 1**            **SCHOOL STORE – K – 2 – 8:05 AM**  
**APRIL 6**            **CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER – 5:00 – 9:00 PM (PLEASE SEE FLYER ATTACHED)**  
**APRIL 12**          **PTA MEETING – 8:30 AM – CAFETERIA**  
**APRIL 22**          **TROPICAL TREK – 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM**  
**APRIL 29**          **SCHOOL STORE – 3 – 5 – 8:05 AM**

If you would like to volunteer for the **TREK** on campus and with the students remember you need to have been approved and have a Level 1 background check completed. Parents that are not approved volunteers are welcome to view the Trek from the outskirts of the walking track at our bus loop and will be able to walk with their child around the bus loop during their classes' time but not able to enter the school and they do not need to check in at the front office.

Please contact Jen Dittoe at [jendittoe@hotmail.com](mailto:jendittoe@hotmail.com) if you are an approved volunteer and would like to volunteer for Trek or any of the other upcoming events.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for supporting Tropical PTA.**

TROPICAL SPIRIT SHIRT ORDER FORM



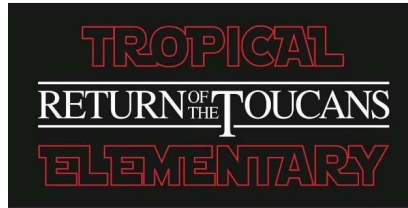
Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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](http://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](mailto:tropicalpta2018@gmail.com). Please include child's name and t-shirt when making Zelle payment.



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