

FOX ROAD BOYS CLUB

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Supplemental Education Services, aka Free Tutoring!

This service will only be offered to students who receive free or reduced priced meals... It is funded by federal Title I money.

On Tuesday, October 6th tutoring companies (providers) will be in our Main Cafeteria from 5-6:30 to meet with parents so that they can select a tutoring provider for their children. This service is available to students in grades Kindergarten through fifth who receive free or reduced priced meals. Each student is entitled to 30 hours of tutoring in reading and math.

You should have received a letter in the mail about this. In addition, there is a flyer in your child's Friday Folder.

Gang Awareness Information Session

The Tutoring Providers' Fair will be followed by a Gang Awareness Session in the Media Center, from 6:30-7:30. Today's students tend to know much more about gangs, colors, clothing, signs, etc. than we adults do. This session is intended to educate parents about these issues. Your child may attend with you. The Wake County Gang Prevention Partnership will present and answer any questions that you or your child might have.

And, since we receive Title I funding at Fox Road...

You have the right to request information about your child's teacher's teaching credentials. If you would like to receive this information, please either download the form from our school website (foxroad.wcpss.net under "No Child Left Behind") or request the form from our school office (850-8845). We will then send it on the Human Resources to be completed. Once we have it back, we'll send it home to you. This process likely takes two to three weeks.

Accelerated Reader Challenge to 4th and 5th grade students!

Ms. Solum, our Media Specialist, has challenged all 4th and 5th grade students to read, read, read! Their goal for October is to read three books that are on the Accelerated Reader (AR) list, and pass all three AR tests. Those who do will be recognized on a banner outside the Media Center. This challenge is to help our students read and achieve. She's told them that reading is the ticket to a level IV on the End-of-Grade test. Let's prove her right!!

Positive Behavior Support (PBS) and BJs Partnership

You might hear your children talk about being "SWIFT" and getting tickets in our hallways and cafeteria. Here's what that means...



- S Stay Safe**
- W Work Like it Matters**
- I Interact Peacefully**
- F Focus on Responsibility**
- T Treat Others with Respect**

Classes and/or individual students can earn tickets for being SWIFT. Blue tickets are given when an entire class is following our expectations in the hallways or cafeteria. Gray tickets are given to individuals who are demonstrating our expectations in the halls or cafeteria. Be sure to ask your child about being SWIFT!

We will celebrate SWIFT students, school-wide, three times during the year. In addition, however, as a result of our year long partnership with BJs, they have offered a field trip experience to their store on October 23. So, the 4th or 5th grade class that earns the most blue tickets by October 16 will be invited to tour all aspects of BJs Warehouse store, and then finish by helping them create care packages for those in need. In the event of a tie, we'll randomly draw the name of a qualifying teacher from a hat. We will send home field

trip permission forms that same day, to be returned to the homeroom teacher as soon as possible. This event promises to be fun and educational for our students. We appreciate this partnership with BJs. You will hear/read more about it as the year goes on!

Professional Learning Teams (PLTs)— “Wake Wednesdays”

Thank you for your acceptance of the idea of Wake Wednesdays. This concept is used in many school districts nationwide, but is new to us. Its rationale is to give teachers time to work together with the primary purpose of increasing student achievement. They collaborate with all teachers who work with a student, using achievement and behavioral data, to positively impact students. In addition, they seek out and discuss strategies and interventions that will help students— those achieving above grade level, at it, or below. We hope to see a very positive impact on our students’ learning, and their test scores, as one result of Wake Wednesdays. All PLT agendas are posted on the Fox Road web site on Tuesdays.

McTeacher Night

We had another successful McTeacher Night this past Tuesday. Thanks so very much to all of the families— and the Fox Road staff— who came out in support of the Fox Road PTA and McDonald’s. Soon, Janny Flynt, the PTA President, will give details on how much money the PTA earned from this event. If you have not yet subscribed to the PTA list serve, please be sure to do so from the PTA link on the Fox Road Elementary School Web site! The PTA is very active this year, and ready for all the help and support that they can get!

Website— check it for up-to-date information about Fox Road

The Fox Road Elementary School web site is located at <http://foxroad.wcpss.net> Please be sure to check it out next time you are on-line. Mrs. Becky Thomas, our Lead Secretary, is our web master. She does an outstanding job of keeping the information on the site up-to-date.

October Parent Seminar

Please join our School Counselors on October 27th at 9:30 am for our

FALL PARENT PRESENTATION:

How to support your child in succeeding at school

It will include topics such as:

- Tips for Parent-Teacher Conference Meetings
- How to help with homework— especially if your child doesn’t like to do it!
- What your child’s EOG scores mean and why they are important
- What resources are available to your child to help them if they are struggling academically, personally, or socially.

More details are coming soon from Ms. Sarah Barbour and Dr. Caryn Ward.

CHECK OUT THE FOX ROAD COUNSELING OFFICE WEBSITE!

There will be a link to it from the school’s website. It is still a work in progress but will soon include:

- Fun stuff to do in the Triangle that doesn’t cost a lot
- Programs and Resources to help families with basic necessities
- Articles of interest about child development and parenting issues
- Rising 6th graders’ information.

Traffic on Fox Road!

The City of Raleigh is investigating our traffic congestion during arrival and departure. This will take 8-10 weeks. Once completed, they will contact me with changes they can make and/or suggestions for us. I’ll keep you posted.