Boom Clap Thunderbird Chat!

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Important Dates

February 27, Jump Rope for Heart in PE class.
March 1, Jump Rope for Heart donations due.
March 1, Grade 5 to Planetarium.
March 6-March 10, Cash for Cubbies Coin Drive
March 9, PTA Meeting @5:30 pm in the Media Center.
March 10, BINGO @6:30 pm at the Downsville Ruritan.
March 13, Fishers Popcorn Fundraiser begins - YUMMY!
March 16, Grade 5 field trip to Mt. Vernon.
March 22, Grades 2 & 3 Chorus Concert @5:30 pm.
March 24, Fishers Popcorn orders due.
April 5, Tentative date for Fishers popcorn delivery.
April 14, BINGO @6:30 pm at the Downsville Ruritan.
April 26, Full school field trip to the MD. Theater.
May 12, PTA Spring Fling Dance @5:30 pm in the cafeteria.
May 15-May 19, Book Fair!!
May 16, Parents Day from 7:45-10am!
May 16, Student performance of Snow White @12:45 am.
May 17, Snow White Parent Performance @5:30 pm.
May 22, Field Day
May 23, Field Day Rain Date
May 24, Grade 4 & 5 Chorus Concert @5:30 pm.

It is our goal for all of our students to have access to brand new cubbies. Last year, K and 1 received new cubbies. We are running a Cash for Cubbies Coin Drive in March to raise funds to outfit grades 2 & 3 next year. Please help us by sending in any loose change or cash that you can spare. The winning grade will receive a pizza party!

You are receiving an abbreviated version of our newsletter this month as we are in the process of making it interactive. Hint - Please download the Aurasma app before April :)

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS!!

We are seeing an increase in traffic violations as we move into the school year. As safety is our number 1 priority, please follow our established traffic rules:

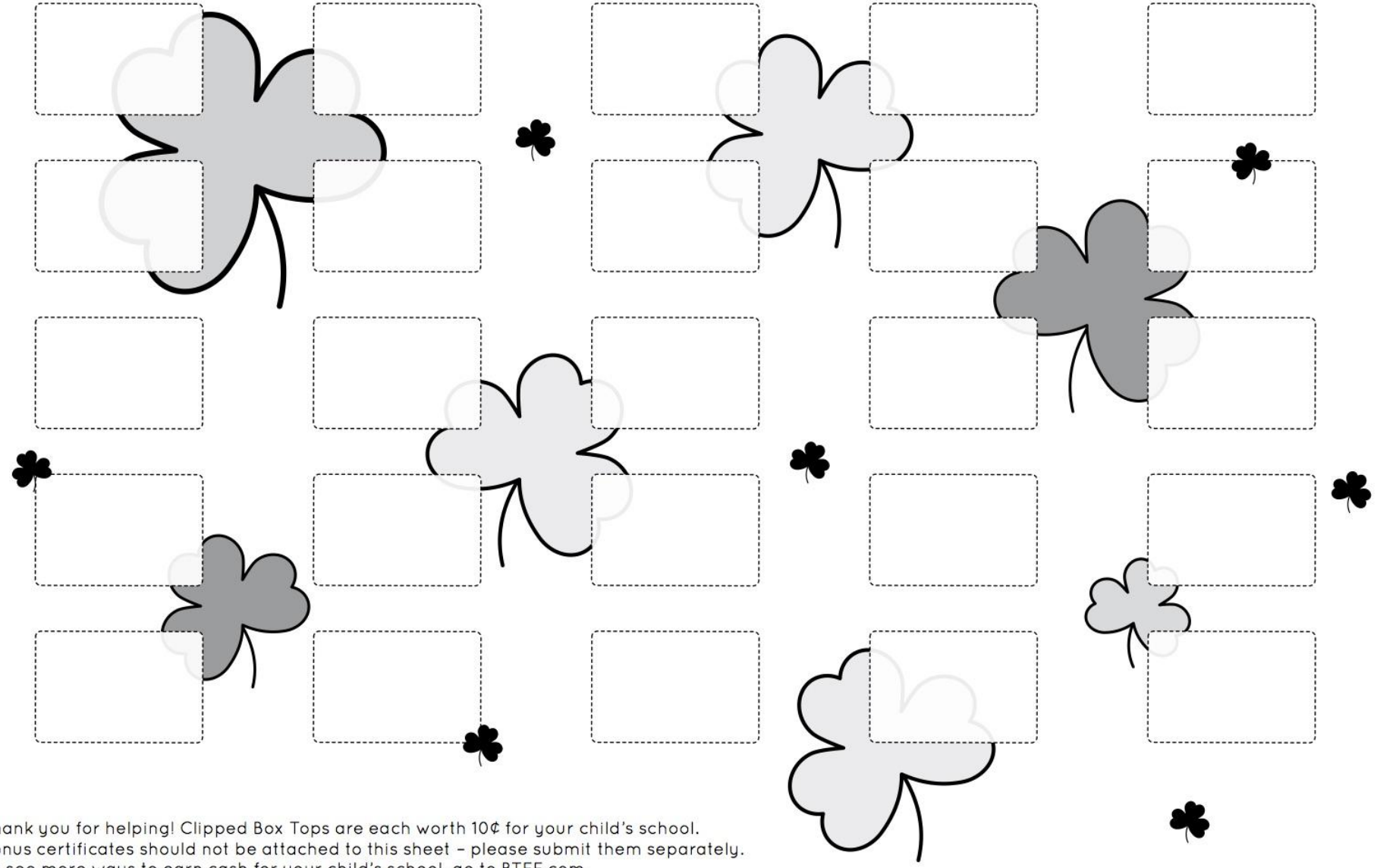
1. **For am drop off parents may ONLY use the middle loop. PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE BUS LOOP EVEN IF THE BUSSES HAVE LEFT. No EXCEPTIONS!! We have students and adults using the crosswalk and this is a HUGE safety concern.**
2. **For pm pick-up and activity pick up please DO NOT PASS. We do our best to load up quickly but unfortunately sometimes it takes time. Again, PLEASE DO NOT PASS - all cars should exit the loop in single file ONLY!**

Thank you for your support.

Get the news you need! We have many tools for communicating with families. Please be sure to sign up for the following:

- **Connect 5 - Phone calls and Thursday emails. Please make sure we have your correct number and email on file.**
- **Facebook - www.facebook.com/Fountain-Rock-Elementary-100345960393387/**
- **FRE website - www.fountainrock.weebly.com**
- **Parent & Student Vue - Gradebook & Attendance Information. Please contact the front office if you are having trouble logging in.**
- **Instagram - #frethunderbirds**
- **Remind - This is the system we used for the Zoo trip! We currently have a Peter Pan & Book Club groups set up. We will continue to use this throughout the school year.**

BOX TOPS SHAM-ROCKS!



Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school.
Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet – please submit them separately.
To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to BTFE.com.

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School Calendar 2016-2017

School Year 2016-2017
School Begins for Students:
August 17, 2016

July 2016

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August

Teachers: 15 — *Students: 11*

- 8-10 New Teacher Induction Days
- 11 Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
- 12 Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
  Elementary: Supervisor-led Professional Development
- 15 Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
  Secondary: Supervisor-led Professional Development
- 16 Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
- 17 School Begins for Students

September

Teachers: 21 — *Students: 21*

- 5 Labor Day (Schools & Center for Education Services (CES) Closed)

October

Teachers: 20 — *Students: 20*

- 20 End of First Marking Period (46 Days)
  2½ Hour Early Dismissal – No Half-Day Pre-Kindergarten
  Elementary & Secondary: ½ Day for Grading
- 21 Association Day (Schools & CES Closed)

November

Teachers: 19 — *Students: 17*

- 7 Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
  Elementary*: Conferences
  Secondary: Supervisor-led Professional Development
- 8 Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
  Elementary* & Secondary: Principal-led Professional Development
- 23 Thanksgiving Break (Schools Closed/CES Open)
- 24-25 Thanksgiving Break (Schools & CES Closed)

December

Teachers: 16 — *Students: 16*

- 23 Winter Break (Schools & CES Closed)
- 26-30 Winter Break (Schools & CES Closed)

January

Teachers: 20 — *Students: 18*

- 2 New Year's Holiday (Schools & CES Closed)
- 3 Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
  Elementary: ½ Day for Planning; ½ Day for Supervisor-led Professional Development
  Secondary: Supervisor-led Professional Development
- 13 End of Second Marking Period (47 Days)
- 16 Martin Luther King's Birthday (Schools & CES Closed)
- 17 Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
  Elementary & Secondary: ½ Day for Grading; ½ Day for Principal-led Professional Development

February

Teachers: 19 — *Students:19*

- 20 Presidents' Day (Schools & CES Closed)
  Identified non-work, non-paid day for ESP Employees

March

Teachers: 23 — *Students: 22*

- 23 End of Third Marking Period (46 Days)
- 24 Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
  Elementary & Secondary: ½ Day for Grading; ½ Day for Principal-led Professional Development

April

Teachers: 14 — *Students: 14*

- 10-12 Spring Break (Schools Closed/CES Open)
- 13-14 Spring Break (Schools & CES Closed)
- 17 Spring Break (Schools & CES Closed

May

Teachers: 22 — *Students: 22*

- 29 Memorial Day (Schools & CES Closed)
- 31 Evening Graduations

June

Teachers: 7 — *Students: 6*

- 1-2 Evening Graduations
- 8 (Tentative) Last Day for Students
  2½ Hour Early Dismissal – No Half-Day Pre-Kindergarten
  Elementary & Secondary: ½ Day for Grading
  End of Fourth Marking Period (47 Days)
- 9 Professional Learning Day for Teachers
  Elementary: ½ Day for Planning; ½ Day for Principal-led Professional Development
  Secondary: Principal-led Professional Development

TOTAL – Teachers: (196 Total) **

TOTAL – Students: (186 Total) **

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SYMBOLS TO BE USED IN CALENDAR PREPARATION

- First/Tent. Last Day of School
- Holiday/Special Event Closing
- X — Schools/CES Closed Identified non-work, non-paid day for ESP Employees
- Schools Closed/CES Open
- Last Day of Marking Period
- Professional Day
- 2½ Hour Early Dismissal
- New Teacher Induction Day

If there are no inclement weather days or emergency closings, the last day for students is May 31.

ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY Marking Periods

MP	ENDS	DAYS
1	October 20	46
2	January 13	47
3	March 23	46
4	June 8	47

*The ½ day for grading and conferences: As determined by elementary school administration, with input from stakeholders, these responsibilities may be planned/reconfigured to meet the needs of parents, students, and staff.

**Total Days in the Calendar for Students and Staff:
The calendar was purposely designed to include 186 and 196 days in the school year for students and staff in order to include 6 days for inclement weather. The final number of days for students and teaching staff will not exceed 180 or 190, respectively.

The Board of Education reserves the right to alter the calendar if more than 6 days are used for inclement weather and/or emergency closings. Additional make-up days could include, but not be limited to, February 20, April 17, April 10, April 11, and April 12.

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