

AUGUST 16, 2011

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### General PTO Announcements – Rose Hornung

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- Welcome – 1<sup>st</sup> PTO Meeting for 2011-2012 School Year
  - Explanation of 50/50 Raffle - to help off-set childcare expense for PTO Meetings(Supervised childcare for children (4 years Old and up)
  - Attend PTO Meeting and receive one hour towards volunteer credit
  - A free dress pass is given to parents for attending PTO meeting.
  - PTO meetings are the second Tuesday-Every month. Except December.

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### General School Announcements – Mrs. Tapp

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- Mrs. Tapp introduced each teacher and provided their credentials.
- Lunches are provided on a daily basis and must be paid in cash (\$1.70) in an envelope with your child's name. School cannot make change. Free and reduced lunch forms are provided in the front office.
- Free breakfast is also offered daily starting at 8:30 in the courtyard or the All Purpose Room
- Bus transportation is available, however due to school times differing from public schools, convenience becomes an issue
- Remember to sign and return the Discipline Agreement form that was sent home.
- The car loop is designated as 5 mph. Do not block parking entrance. Traffic gets back up on Wickham Rd. Please do not visit with teachers or parents while in the car loop, park and walk if necessary. Safety Tip: When leaving E.H. and traveling south on Wickham Rd, turn north and do a U-turn in Ice Cream Parlor parking lot. Remember to display the ID sign in front window of car. More ID signs can be printed, see front office.
- Students, who are late to school, must stop in the front office to sign in before reporting to class.
- Students, who are being picked up early, must stop in the front office before leaving.
- A dress pass will be issued to the class with the best attendance per month. A pizza party at the end of the year for the overall best attendance record.
- If necessary, schedule conference with teachers at 8am for morning appointments rather than occupy the teacher's time while students are reporting for school.
- Awaiting district emails addresses for teachers.
- E.H. does follow the Brevard County School's calendar. Refer to newsletters and [www.educationalhorizons.net](http://www.educationalhorizons.net) for more information.

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- The PTO (not PTA) is a self-organized & self-governed group of parents, teachers, & staff from Educational Horizons Charter School that work together to ensure that all students of our school have a meaningful educational experience while attending. During each meeting we discuss topics of special interest and concern to our members and we often have a featured presentation. We review events and activities that are planned for the school year. We solicit for parent volunteers to help with school events, activities and fund raisers.

- Current Officer's
  - President: Rose Hornung
  - Vice President: Saul Hornung
  - Secretary: Leslie Guerry
  - Treasurer: Teri Benedix-Stone
- 10 Reasons To Get Involved in PTO
  - Your child benefits
  - We provide support and resources to the teachers and administrators
  - We pledge to honor your time constraints
  - We have fun – Volunteer work shouldn't be drudgery
  - Meet nice people who share your concerns
  - Schools are asked to do more with less, our help is needed
  - We can match jobs to your interest and abilities – filing, photocopying, planning, managing, etc)
  - We're welcoming – we couldn't be happier to have you join us in working towards goals.
  - We're about parent involvement, not fundraising
  - This work is very rewarding – won't you join us?
- There are fund raisers where parents are encourage to participate that helps our school financially.
  - Box Tops for Education – We all shop for groceries, sometimes two or three times a week -- or more. Now turn those shopping trip into easy cash for our school, and encourage friends to do the same! Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios<sup>®</sup>, Hamburger Helper<sup>®</sup> and Kleenex<sup>®</sup>, in almost every aisle of the store. All you need to do is clip and send them to your school's Box- each one is worth 10¢ for your school.
  - Coke Rewards
  - Pennies for PTO – Got spare change? Deposit it in one of the jugs in a classroom. A little goes a long way.
  - Target RedCard – Enroll now, Target will donate 1% of RedCard (credit/debit) purchases to our school.
  - Office Depot – Every time you shop at Office Depot, remember to give our school ID# 70201852. Our school will earn credits equal to 5% of your qualifying school supply purchases.
- Upcoming events: TimeLine Program in October - TIMELINE is a Montessori program that is traditionally held in October. This program allows students (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades) to research a character in history, dress up and prepare a speech of their character. Additional information is forthcoming.
- PTO Officers Election
  - Requesting nominations - Due Sep. 12 (Monday) please consider if you or someone you know would like to serve as an officer for this school year. We will vote on the nominations at our next PTO meeting on September 13, 2011. You may nominate up to four individuals, one for each office. Email the PTO at [PTO@EducationalHorizons.net](mailto:PTO@EducationalHorizons.net) for your considerations.
    - **President** - position requires a strong commitment to the school and the families of the school. Public speaking skills, leadership, and organizational abilities are a must. The President ensures that the PTO group functions as a cohesive team with the students' best interest as the

primary focus of all decisions. The President helps establish sub-committees to organize events and activities and oversees all PTO sponsored events and activities. The President is the liaison between the parents and the school staff.

- **Vice President** - position requires strong commitment, leadership and the willingness to assist the President. The Vice President must be available to step in if the president is unavailable. The Vice President will also assist the Volunteer Coordinator as needed. Additionally, the Vice President is the liaison between the E.H. PTO and the local community.
- **Treasurer** - position requires strong commitment to the PTO group and reasonable financial skills. The Treasurer will manage PTO finance matters which include reviewing the monthly bank statement, balancing the PTO checkbook, writing checks as needed, and producing and delivering the monthly Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer must be available to help organize and oversee all fund-raisers.
- **Secretary** - position requires strong commitment to the PTO group, access to Word Processing software, email access, writing and typing skills. The Secretary will manage all PTO written records and electronic files. The Secretary will record and report meeting minutes. The Secretary will oversee the annual renewal of PTO Group liability insurance.
- School T-Shirts for sale in the office for \$10. Students can wear this t-shirt one day a week instead of their uniform shirt. See PTO or front office if interested.
  - 6th Annual Chili Cook-off and Dessert Contest; September 16, 6:00-8:00 pm; Location to be determined
  - Cook up your favorite crock of chili and/or yummy dessert for a fun filled night of laughs, friends and good eats.
  - More information will be sent home with students
  - Volunteers needed for planning committee, setup and cleanup.
- Treasurer's Report
  - Bank Balance as of 07/31/2010 - \$7,268.20
  - Reviewed last year's financial report.

*Next PTO Meeting – September 13, 2011*