

Educational Horizons Charter School

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Dear Families,

Happy FALL! We welcome the cooler weather and change of seasons. We look forward to being able to share some of these experiences with the students. Many of our annual events for October are not scheduled due to the current situation of the pandemic. The teachers will still continue to focus on the activities that we would have done in large scale in their own way in the classrooms. With our new policies for the year, we are not accepting celebration treats at the school for students, teachers, or staff. Please help us with this during the upcoming holidays. We know this is a tough choice but it is in line with our plan for re-opening. Thank you for understanding.

The teachers and staff are staying vigilant with keeping the school clean and adhering to safe practices aligned with the CDC for this time. Thank you to families who sent in extra paper towels, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, and well wishes.

We are pleased that we have assessed all the students at the beginning of the year and we will continue with this process monitoring throughout the year. As a part of our School Improvement Plan, we will focus on the learning losses due to shut down of schools since last March. This month, grades 1-6 will be assessed in Reading and Math Oct 12-30<sup>th</sup>. Look for invitations from the teacher via email to schedule a time to come to the school and complete the test. As always, bring a mask and 2 sharpened pencils. Again, all safety precautions will be exercised to keep both sets of students safe and separate. Thank you for bringing your child(ren) to our campus to keep the equity of testing.

We are all learning and adjusting to the new way to educate and keep our children safe. It has been a challenge with each and every decision along the way. I am very impressed with the dedication I see from the families of the eLearners as they help guide them daily through routines, digital learning, schedules and socialization. Families of campus learners have other hurdles in that most of them have jobs that do not allow them to be at home during school hours. Some families are torn between finding someone to watch their children while they learn from home. Please know that we understand this is hard of everyone, we are striving to make it as easy as we can while adhering to state requirements. Thank you to the families who have offered time, services and technical equipment to the teachers to help with communication. They appreciate the headphones, monitors, TV's and microphones in the room. It is hard to anticipate how it will look in the near and far future as the state opens up. For our school, we are holding tight to our original plan at this time.

Stay well,

Mrs. Cheryl Turner  
Principal/Administrator



## PTO news

Our first PTO Meeting went well as we introduced our teachers and staff from both schools. Minutes are attached. Join us on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> for our next meeting via ZOOM

<https://zoom.us/j/3065544821?pwd=QmxFdVVHUkV CZUJwMWZNaUFTd2ImUT09>

Meeting ID: 306 554 4821

Passcode: OCT.PTO

Meet our new officers for the year:

President: Candice Walker

Vice President: Danielle Shiflett

Co- Treasurers: Dianna Hernandez / Sarah Kline

Co-Secretaries: Mindy Ingram / Cindy Gilmore

### eLearner changes to breakfast and lunch



**Breakfast and Lunch pick up will be from 9:00 - 9:30 am at Meadowlane Primary Elementary. Pick up days are Monday, Wednesday, Friday only. Menu is provided.**

Please register your student for a lunch payment account at [www.MyPaymentsPlus.com](http://www.MyPaymentsPlus.com)

Picture Retake day is October 21<sup>st</sup>. Send in your original packet if you are having retakes. If you missed the day, dress up or down on that day and have your photo taken. eLearners, please contact Dean Stewart to have your photo taken. We are beginning to work on our yearbook now. We want to include all staff and students. Presale will be \$15.00 and then go up to \$20.00. More information to come with online options.



November 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot. There is a Surtax on the ballot for a six year commitment. The charter schools will benefit from this tax. Please review and vote according to your beliefs. Thank you for considering this tax. Here is the official language of the ballot.

#### OFFICIAL BALLOT

#### **HALF-CENT SALES SURTAX EXTENSION FOR CRITICAL SCHOOL FACILITY, SECURITY, AND TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES**

To extend the existing half-cent surtax approved by voters in 2014, to upgrade aging schools in Brevard County with critical school facility renewal projects, school security and technology modernizations that keep schools safe and conducive to learning and as per statute, shared with charter schools based on proportionate share of district enrollment, shall a half-cent sales surtax be reauthorized for six years, with all expenditures monitored by an independent citizen oversight committee.

\_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE HALF-CENT TAX

\_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST THE HALF-CENT TAX

AmazonSmile is a **program** that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on **Amazon** to a charity of your choice. All you need to do is start your shopping at **smile.amazon.com**. The donation will be made at no extra cost to you and you can choose from nearly one million public charitable organizations. Please find our school in the list (Satellite Beach address – corporate office). Money will go to EHCS PTO fund and used to support school classrooms and student activities.

For concerns about school operations, contact Cindy Thomas, Head of Schools (321-779-0031)