

Dear Families,



What a “wild” opening this has been! Between social distancing, constant cleaning, eLearners and campus learners, assessing students, technical glitches, wearing masks, new and returning students, and a pandemic..... it has been one to remember. I am so grateful for the families, staff, and students for their tenacity to stick with it and help us work out the bugs. We put so much thought into this new look and about 100 other things we never thought of appeared. It was an emotional first day to have everyone back. A school just isn't the same without children present. We support those who are choosing eLearning at this time and look forward to everyone returning on campus. Stay strong as you have a big role in this process. Continue to support our teachers who went from “hands-on learning” to a more “digital” approach. It is only week 2 and we are already making adjustments. I sincerely thank each and every one of you and wish you a wonderful new school year!

Much admiration,

Mrs. Cheryl Turner

Principal and Administrator



Did you know that being a part of our two schools makes you a member of our PTO? We meet monthly (usually the second Tuesday) to share ideas, thoughts, support our school, and find out what is happening. This year, we will begin with ZOOM virtual meetings. Our first meeting will be pushed back so it not the day after a holiday. We will introduce our PTO board, the teachers and staff, and go over some ways we can still be connect and stay socially distant. Please plan on attending our first meeting.

Topic: PTO monthly ZOOM meeting  
Time: Sep 15, 2020 06:00 PM  
<https://zoom.us/j/3065544821?pwd=L1ILSEtiNWIFTjVwUXVkOG9wdWxrdz09>

Meeting ID: 306 554 4821  
password: PTO9.15.20



NO SCHOOL Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day. School and offices will be closed. Enjoy time with your family, stay safe!



Donations: We are looking for a couple of “Smart” TV’s that are larger than 32 inches to be used to help project our eLearning community into the room. The TV needs to have a capability to project our computer screen and enlarge the view. We are also looking for a few wireless headsets, connectors for computer to TV, external microphones for computers, and speakers. If you have any of these, please let us know in the office.



If you have not seen our opening plan and want to review it, go to our webpage and look under school news. There will be a PowerPoint link for you to view. It will help clear up some miscommunication about the program.



School Picture day is scheduled for Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. At this time, Dean Stewart does not have a plan for eLearners. They are working on a schedule to get everyone photographed. This will be a Friday dress up or down day for each campus learner. Forms will go home soon to order.



### ART to REMEMBER

This fun project will begin Friday in Art class. Students will create a memorable picture which they will turn in for credit. If families would like to purchase items as keepsakes, they will have the opportunity to do so. Turn in the original artwork by September 16<sup>th</sup> to be included in the mailing. Forms will then come to the school with your child’s artwork shown. Orders will be taken at school or online to be processed by late November.

This is a day we devote to PEACE. Together with the world we will sing a song written by a Montessori teacher and watch it travel around the world. Our time is 9:30am. All classes will stop and sing together. Activities devoted to PEACE will be shared throughout the day. Take time to learn about this important day of celebration. Our world needs a focus on Peace.....



NOTES for eLearners... There are a lot of positive interaction going on. It is fun to see everyone together and connecting. For a successful meeting we need to remember you are still in school daily between 8-4. Things to keep in mind - wear appropriate clothing, no gum chewing, please don’t bring pets and play toys, interact with teachers, no eating unless it is snack time or lunch time, be on time for meetings and participate, parents try not to interact with other students unless asked to be engaged, attendance is taken throughout the day, school rules apply to behavior, students should have a work area (not be riding in cars or visiting places while learning), call the office if you will not be attending for the day. We appreciate your help with these rules of etiquette. It will take a little while to get in to a good groove. Thank you to those who have been helpful and shared ideas on how to have a successful meeting. We all want your child(ren) to learn, grow, and feel comfortable.



Dr. Maria Montessori would be 150 years old today! I think she would be proud of her methodology used in education today. We owe her a big thank you for her dedication throughout her lifetime.

Meet our teachers and staff! We will tell you a little about them at the  
PTO meeting in September



Educational Horizons Charter School Staff

Kindergarten room 4:

Lead Teacher – Ms. Latisha Hays

Reading Teacher – Mrs. Andrea Carlson

Grades 1 and 2 – room 8:

Lead Teacher - Ms. Heidi Murphy

Reading Teacher – Mrs. Lavita Saldanha

Grades 1 and 2 – room 7:

Lead Teacher – Mrs. Lonna Stevenes

Reading Teacher – Ms. Linda Cutting

Grades 3 and 4 – room 6:

Lead Teacher – Mrs. Tracy Graham

Reading Teacher – Mrs. Marykate Procaccino

Grades 5 and 6 – room 1:

Lead Teacher – Ms. Emily Heine

Reading Teacher – Mrs. Michelle Rhodes

ESE and Gifted – Mrs. Cheryl Turner (currently)      PE – To be named

Computer Aide – Ms. Kathy Herbert

Administration Assistant – Eileen Needle

Principal/Administrator – Mrs. Cheryl Turner



Country Day for Children Preschool

Room 3 Lead Teacher – Mrs. Carol Tucker

Teacher's Aide – Ms. Melissa Senise

Administrative Assistant and Before Care – Shevaun McKivigan

After Care Elementary 1-6 – Ms. Kathy Herbert

After Care Preschool and Kindergarten – Mrs. Jill Miller

Principal/Administrator – Mrs. Cheryl Turner