



Educational Horizons Charter School
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PTO Meeting – September 12th, 2023 6:30 pm

Dress Down passes will be given to families who attend the meeting. Volunteer hours earned for attending. Please record in the book under your family name.

Welcome – Julia Place Co-President

Minutes - Tanesha Wilson and Trish Symister They will be kept in the office, uploaded to webpage, and a copy sent home with the next newsletter.

FOCUS

Timeline – October 26th at Calvary Baptist Church 2980 N Wickham Rd 6-8pm- Ms. Cheryl Turner. Timeline is our way of celebrating Fall. Students have to select a historian figure and talk about their contribution in history. Kids will be lined up in historical order.

The parents' job is to assist kids to choose a figure who has contributed positively to history. Students can only select person (no animal, place, or thing). Once a historian is selected by one child they cannot be chosen by another. Parents are encouraged to think outside of the box. Encourage kids to stay away from birth and death dates, instead they should talk about specifically the date that they made their contribution to history.

Kindergarten will begin with a patriotic song- will not have to choose a figure. Younger kids will have a couple sentences and content increases with grade up to a paragraph for the 6th grade. It could be a member of the family if they contributed to history. Please keep religious and political views out of it. This should be an inclusive and fun event. Keep it short and fun. Students will have the opportunity to practice at school. Parents are asked to assist students with practice at home. The 4th graders figure must have a connection with Florida.

Treasurers Report – Diana Hernandez and Christina Wright

Teacher supply checks are still clearing. The total balance is now \$11,564.00. The upcoming expenses are for upcoming events. There are still a few teachers' checks to be cleared. No major expenses outside of event space cost is coming up. We still need to discuss the gardening project which was approved last year but is still pending. Still open for donations of resources like plants and time as always. There will be sign up for donations which will go toward volunteer hours.



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Vice President's report - Alicia Savela

- **Morning Mile** are on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8:00 to 8:30 registered volunteers can Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ABAD23A1FCC25-educational>
This has been successful so far. Volunteers have been turning up consistently. PTO requesting that volunteers sign up ahead of time to give an accurate account of available assistance. We are ordering charms which will become available on October 6, 2023.
- **Box Tops-** The PTO is seeking a replacement for the funds earned through Amazon Smiles. Alicia Savela will be spearheading the revamping of Box Top drive. A couple things have been sent out with newsletter to download the App. The 18th-24 is a Box Tops week. Please keep posted for updates regarding this. There are ongoing Box Tops promotions at BJs and Sam's Club. The PTO is requesting that families download the app and invite family and friends to do the same. This will be beneficial to the school in supplementing lost income from Amazon Prime.
- **International Food Cook off** will be Thursday September 14th at Calvary Baptist Church 2980 N Wickham Rd Melbourne. Sign up and RSVP at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4EAF92BA4F49-international>

It will occur at 6-8PM. Approximate attendance is around 68 based on sign up sheet. The PTO is still welcoming sign ups. It is a social. It can be used as a time to socialize and exchange phone numbers and connect. Families asked to be respectful of the venue as this is a place of worship. If someone would like to provide music, that would be helpful. If you are unable to sign up, please advise PTO and office as you can be sign up for the event. It will not be for competition purposes; it is simply a social. Participants are encouraged to come around 5:45PM, so we are all able to help to set up. Volunteers can be there at 5:00PM to assist with set up.
- **Sing peace-** This will occur on September 21st at 9:30. Students all go outside and sign. This is the International Peace Day. The event will have students participate from all over the globe. Parents can come to watch if they would like. On Peace Day the daily moment of silence is extended
- **Research Rules** – This will be on September 23 for grades 3-6 on Science Fair- This takes place at the Brevard School Board. It occurs 8AM-12PM and it is an opportunity for families to learn more about the Science Fair. Participants will need to sign up ahead of time.

Communication tool - Marcella Carbajo discussion continued- The PTO previously suggest Momo Board. Research following up from last meeting shows that Momo Board is based out of California. Momo Board can therefore be used despite previous concerns. The PTO President, Megan, will be the administrator. There will be upcoming information about how to get the app



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to each parent who would like to join the community board. It will be used to keep communication flowing between parents and the PTO. This will not be a school-based message board. The intent of using this medium is to provide additional information on school related event or project. Parents will have the opportunity to communicate with each other, see opportunities for volunteer hours, and keep up to date on planned events. There will be rules and policies posted on the app. A vote was conducted for the use of the board which was supported by all. The password for the Momo Board is abc123. Parents interested will need to create an account and enter the password to access the board.

Principal's report - Cheryl Turner

Ice Cream Social will take place on September 15th. There are book markers that will be given. Volunteers are welcomed for this event.

Art to Remember- this has just started. If parents do not like the art done at school, they can always do art at home and upload it to the website.

Social and Emotional Learnings- Sessions are upcoming. Parents asked to let needs known to the office. We will have group sessions as well as

Openings- EHS and Country Day are still looking to fill openings. Currently looking for a 4th grade teacher. Our Speech Therapist will start soon. ESE classes and tutoring have just started.

Teacher's Wishlist- A suggestion was raised to have teachers complete a list of their favorite things to assist parents with purchases for the Holidays.

Teacher's Report: Lonna Stevens

- Kindergarten- first beginning sounds, representations
- Grades 1 and 2- Tens and Ones, Multiplication, Social studies "have standards changed", Longitudes and Latitudes
- Grade 3 and 4- Scientific Method, Scientific Inquiry, Multiplication
- Grade 5 and 6- Research for Timelines

Concerns and Comments: No concerns or additional comments

Next Meeting will be October 10th, 2023 (Tuesday) 6:30 pm