



Educational Horizons Charter School
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PTO Meeting - August 15th, 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.

Childcare **MAY** be available if we have a registered volunteer who wants to watch children over three.

Welcome - Megan Naugle, President

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

Focus- All teachers were introduced to the parents. Each teacher's credentials were read.

Our Teachers 2023-24

Andrea Carlson– Reading Grade 3

Education: BA Applied Science in Management, Indian River State College, AA Business, Hibbing Community College

Experience: Tutor English and Math

Certification: Temporary Florida Teaching Certification Elementary Education K-6

Lisa Eiben – Lead Teacher Grade 5 & 6

Education: AS Nursing, Illinois Valley Community College, BS Liberal Arts and Sciences, Integrated Biology, University of Illinois

Experience: Nursing Care, teaching coursework related to nursing

Certification: Eligible Temporary Florida Teaching Certification Elementary Education K, Registered Nurse Multi-State License



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✚ Victoria Giampaolo – Lead Teacher Kindergarten

Education: BA Elementary Education, High Point University

Experience: Classroom Teacher grades K-6; Tutor, Administrative Asst. CDAY

Certification: Florida Teaching Certification K-6, ESOL endorsed

✚ Tracy Graham – Lead Teacher Grade 3

Education: BS Elementary Education, University of Central Florida

Experience: Tutor for student, Charter School Teacher in Brevard / Orange County

Certification: Florida Teaching Certification Elementary Education K-6, ESOL endorsed, Reading endorsed

✚ Janice Blew – Reading Teacher Kindergarten

Education: BS Elementary Education, Illinois State University, MA Ed Reading and Literacy, Benedictine University

Experience: Classroom teacher, Tutor, Reading Specialist

Certification: Florida Teaching Certification Elementary Education K-6, Reading K-12

✚ Kathy Herbert – Computer Instructor

Education: BS Psychology, Florida State University

Experience: Educational Horizons Teaching Assistant, Indian Harbour Montessori, Computer Lab and Language Lab Instructor, After Care Provider Country Day for Children

✚ Ye Li – Teacher Assistant

Education: BA in Media and Communication, Guizhou University of China

Experience: Chinese Tutor, Aftercare and Teacher Assistant Preschool

Certification: DCF 40 Hours

✚ Melissa Livelli – Teacher Assistant – Reading Grades 1 & 2



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Education: Coursework Early Education

Experience: Substitute Teaching and tutoring, Teacher Assistant Country Day for Children

Certification: DCF 40 Hours, Florida Realtors License

✚ **Heidi Murphy-Montessori Lead Teacher Grades 1 and 2**

Education: BA Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Central Florida

Experience: Country Day for Children – Montessori Assistant

Certification: Florida Certification Elementary Education K-6, ESOL Endorsement, Reading Endorsement, American Montessori Society Elementary I Credential

✚ **Eileen Needle – Administrative Assistant**

Education: Seminole Community College, AA Liberal Arts, Eastern Florida College

Experience: Teaching Assistant 10 years, Preschool Lead Teacher/ Substitute Teacher all ages

Certification: DCF Child Care credentials

✚ **Michelle Rhodes – Reading Teacher Grades 5 & 6**

Education: BS Elementary Education, University of Central Florida

Experience: Teacher BPS and Charter Schools

Certification: Florida Teaching Certification Elementary Education K-6, ESOL endorsed

✚ **Glaucia Romano – ART Teacher**

Education: BA Humanities, University of Central Florida, Pursuing MA in Art Education and International Studies

Experience: Taught all grades ART, STEAM and Choice Based teaching in ART, Teacher of afterschool ART programs

Certifications: Florida Teaching Certification ART K-12, Florida Teaching Certification English 6-12

✚ **Lavita Saldanha – Reading Teacher Grades 1 and 2**



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Education: B Ed Education and BA Psychology, University of Bombay, India

Experience: Kindergarten Reading Teacher – EHCS, Assistant VPK Teacher Imagine Schools, Teacher- Mumbai and Pune, India

Certification: Florida Teaching Certification PreK-3rd, ESOL Endorsement, Reading Endorsement

✚ **Lonna Stevens–Lead Teacher Grades 1 & 2**

Education: MS in English Speaker, University of Central Florida

Experience: Substitute Teacher Brevard Public Schools, Teacher Japan

Certification: Florida Teaching Certification Elementary Education K-6, ESOL certification

✚ **Cheryl Turner – Principal Educational Horizons Charter School, Administrator Country Day for Children Preschool**

Education: MAT EI Ed 1-8, Kent State University, BA General Studies/Sociology, Kent State University, AS Design and Drafting Valencia Community College

Experience: Educational Horizons Montessori Teacher, St Joseph School Classroom Teacher

Certification: Florida Teaching Certificate Elementary Education K-6 , Reading endorsement K-12, ESOL endorsement, ESE certification, Gifted endorsement, American Montessori Society Elementary I Credential, Director Credentials /VPK Endorsement/DCF Child Care credentials

✚ **Kylie Mulholland – PE Teacher**

Education: BS Sports Science / Health Science and Sports Management

Experience: Long Term Substitute PE teacher

Certification: Eligible Florida Teaching Certification PE K-12, Certified Personal Trainer

Brevard County Support

- Kristi Herold – ESE Support Specialist
- Jessica Kovsky, Occupational Therapist
- TBD – Psychologist, Behavior Analyst, Physical Therapist
- Marina Schutte – Speech



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Treasurer's report - Diana Hernandez - Balance and budget for 23-24

The year ended extremely successfully. A total of \$3,400 was used to take care of the grass on the playground. The PTO received a generous donation from a parent which will be used to beautify the playground, a bench and small garden will be created in honor of the parent's mom. The current balance on the PTO account is \$12,064.74. Expense checks have been given to teachers for supplies. There is still \$500 pending in checks to be cashed. The balance will be \$11, 539.00 after all checks have been cashed. The PTO is looking for ideas for a major project to contribute to for this school year.

Vice President's report - Jessicea Applewhite and Alicia Savela

- **Morning Mile** was successful last year and will begin in September. Morning Mile will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:15-8:45AM. Volunteers are needed- 3 to 4 ideally. Plans are to resume this after Labor Day. Parents are being asked to reach out to the PTO board or Mrs. Turner to sign up. There will also be a sign-up genius as we get closer to start date.
- **Box Tops-** The PTO is seeking a replacement for the funds earned through Amazon Smiles. Information about Box Tops will be presented in the next PTO. Alicia Savela will be spearheading the revamping of Box Top drive.
- **Pool Party-** The PTO held a successful first social event. The school had a good turn out and the feedback from families that attended were positive. The PTO is looking to make the event an annual one but moving it from the first weekend after school starts to the second one. All members of the PTO that were present at the meeting voted on making this event an annual one.
- **International Food Cook off** is upcoming. Last year we had a Chili Cook Off which was extremely fun and well supported by our families. This year we will have an International Foods theme. There will be a sign-up Genius list created so participants can sign up under different countries. The event will be held on September 14th at the Calvary Baptist.

Communication tool - Marcella Carbajo

The PTO is seeking a communication tool to allow for smooth and on-going communication among parents. The platform MOMO was suggested. However, questions were raised about the



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platform's security and all parents may not be able to put it on their phones due to job related clearances/expectations. There was open discussion on other platforms such as Reddit and Teams. The PTO is open to other suggestions for platforms to be used and will discuss options at the next meeting. Parents are being asked to bring their ideas.

Principal's report - Cheryl Turner. Staff introductions (See above)

Changes to the PTO board:

PTO voted on new board members due to term in positions

- **Geraldo Capote:** Co-secretary termed
- **Trish Symister:** New Co-secretary
- **Julie Place:** Co-President
- **Cristina Wright:** Co-Treasurer

Concerns and Comments: No new concerns are comments

Next Meeting will be September 12, 2023 (Tuesday) 6:30 pm