



Educational Horizons Charter School
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PTO Meeting – February 13th, 2024 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.

Welcome – Megan Naugle and Julia Place Co-President welcomed all members of PTO.

Focus: Jog-a-thon – What is it? How can I help?

- Mrs. Turner explained Jogathon. It is our biggest fundraiser for the year and all funds raised is used towards to development of the school and to pay for all the events for the year. Students are sent home with pledge sheets to get donations from friends and family. Family and friends have the opportunity to pledge per mile or donate a flat amount. 1 mile is 15 laps. Students who raise \$25 or more will receive a dress down pass and classroom with 90% participation will receive a gift card to use in the class. 1st place awards will be given to each grade level, K-6 for the most laps completed. All donations should be submitted to the school by March 14th and PTO will count the total. Volunteers needed to help with counting.

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.

Treasurers Report – Diana Hernandez and Cristina Wright balance: \$10,548.41. Insurance Premium to be deducted (\$400). PTO balance is used to cover expenses around graduation and other projects that will benefit the school. Fundraisers such as our upcoming Jogathon (our biggest for the year) helps to fund the PTO account.

Vice President's report - Alicia Savela

- **Morning Mile:** Continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays morning 8:00 to 8:30 has been going very well with great turn out for volunteers. Charms will be issued this Thursday January 11th. Registered volunteers can Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ABAD23A1FCC25-educational>
- **Jog-a-thon:** Feb 16th-The aim of the event is to fund the walk way cover and a river walk path. River rocks will be sent home to be decorated and returned to create the path. Rocks can be led on President's Day. The rock garden theme will be based on the "Only One You" book. During meeting request for additional volunteers was made. help needed in all areas. There was a sign-up sheet passed around during the meeting with open spots. A few families signed up at that time.
- **Volunteer of the Year:** Begin thinking of nominating someone for Volunteer of the Year. They should have given ten hours, be a "cheerleader" for the school, and represent all volunteers. Send nominations to the email for PTO, or share with PTO board, or office.



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- **Balloon donations for ARCH:** Requested balloon donations of all colors for jog-a-thon, golds and blue for End of year program and graduation
- **Gift Basket:** PTO sent gift basket to Mrs. Lavita while she is out on FMLA on behalf of the school. She sent a thank you note to show appreciation.
- **Barnes and Nobles:** PTO made \$347 from Barnes and Noble night

Principal's report - Cheryl Turner

- **Field trips grade 5** BSO was a success. Kids loved it.
- Science and ART Fair – March 14th student who are in the competition will meet the judges to present their project in the morning and winners will be announced in the evening. This a great opportunity for our students and exposes them to scientific methods.
- March 14th will also be the Chic-fil-a Cops on a coop for Special Olympics fundraiser. Mrs. Turner plans to attend both events. Families and students asked to show support if able. All proceeds will go the special Olympics.
- **DEFY** – This social will be on March 21st from 6pm to 8pm. This will be our Spring fling Social. Families and students will have an opportunity to socialize and have fun with each other. Small proceeds of the sales from tickets will go to the PTO funds. A flyer will be given out and is to be used when purchasing tickets so that the school can get credit for the sale. The event is open to all family and friends.
- **Health and Wellness:** Still looking for volunteers to present at Health and Wellness. Anyone interest please notify Mrs. Turner. Presenter does not have to be a registered volunteer because out students will be with the teachers at all times. The more presenters we have the better.

Teacher's Report – Mrs. Carlson

- **Kindergarten:** Students are learning sight words, CVC words. In Math they are working on subtraction, greater than and less than concepts.
- **1st Grade:** Reviewing fact families, weathering and erosion. In Social Studies they are reviewing the past.
- **2nd Grade:** Reviewing 3-digit additions, synonyms and antonyms
- **3rd Grade:** Class doing Grammar conjunctions, figurative language, text structures. In Science they are reviewing genes and traits.
- **4th Grade:** The class is going over cause and effect, text structure, In Math they are doing adding and subtraction of fractions. For Science they are learning about space, planets, and physics.
- **5th Grade:** Learning about Poetry Analysis, Declaration of Independence and in Science they are looking ways to keep the earth safe and clean.
- **6th Grade:** Students are practicing debate skills. Doing argumentative text writing. They are learning to write in cursive. They are learning about ratios and percentages.
- **Glee Club request:** Mrs. Graham would like to buys T-shirts for the club members and asking if PTO could sponsor the cost. T-shirts will be forrest-green with a manatee wearing headphones. Club members would be allowed to wear their shirt on club day. The PTO voted to sponsor up to \$200 to cover cost of the shirts during the meeting.



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Concerns and Comments:

- A parent asked about efficiency of the car loop due to it getting backed-up at times. Mrs. Turner reiterated that if all parents/families came to pick up their student at the correct time things would go smoother and quicker. She also encouraged parents to keep conversation with the teachers limited and suggested that parent needing to have more in-dept conversations schedule a meeting in the office to have a parent teacher's conference.
- Mrs. Turner asked PTO to start thinking of ideas to build the breeze/walk way. She also asked if anyone knew someone who would be able to bid on the project to let her know.

Next Meeting will be March 12th, 2024 (Tuesday) 6:30 pm