

# Educational Horizons Charter School

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## April 2025 Newsletter

Dear Families,

They say April showers bring May flowers—and flowers always remind me of all the beautiful things teachers do for our students every month of the year.

### Testing

With only two months of school left, daily attendance is important! We will focus on practicing and strengthening our skills to reduce any anxiety prior to assessments. Students will be taking Star Math and Reading for grades K-2 and BEST Writing for grades 4-6. Final State Testing is in May.

### Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week

We have a whole week dedicated to the appreciation of Staff, Teachers and our Volunteer Families. See the flyer attached for the daily themes.

### Upcoming Parent / Student Survey

Our Students will complete a survey this month in school. Parents (families) can share your experiences as well in our **Annual Survey**, available online at: <https://forms.gle/xa2MnAvm7aF33PBc9>. Results will be shared at the May PTO meeting.

### April is National Stress Awareness Month

Please remember that all parents, students, teachers, and administrators need good self-care routines to find success each and every day. We often get so bogged down in our work or schoolwork that we forget to take some time for ourselves and the ones we care for. Please take some time to ensure you and those you care for do not get overstressed as we move toward the end of our school year.

Wishing you a warm, stressless April,

**Mr. Paul Galloway**

Principal/Administrator

### Dates in March

**April 1 – BEST Writing Test** for grades 4-6

**April 4 – Spirit Day** led by Room 4, Kindergarten, 9am

**April 4 – Interim #3** goes home

**April 8 – PTO Meeting** is at 6:30pm

**April 18 – School Day / Early release** for Students and Staff

**April 21 to 25 – Appreciation Week** for Teachers & Staff (See flyer for daily themes)

**April 22 & 23 – STAR / PM #3** Testing: Reading/Math for grades K-2

**April 24 – Family Appreciation Dinner & Talent Show** at Eau Gallie Civic Center, 1551 Highland Ave, Melbourne 32935 from 5:30-7:30 pm

**April 24 – Field trip to Brevard Museum** for Grades 1 & 2, Room 8

### State Testing

We have State Testing this month. Please make sure your student is well rested, has had a healthy breakfast and arrives on time to ensure a calming start to their testing days.

- **Writing** Testing for grades 4-6 is on Tuesday, **April 1st**.
- VPK, Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd will have their PM#3 **Reading** on Tuesday, **April 22nd** and **Math** on Wednesday, **April 23rd**.



## PTO NEWS

Join us Tuesday, **April 8th** @ 6:30pm for our monthly meeting. Come see how you can get involved and support your school.

We will be discussing the events and activities scheduled for the remainder of our year. Many volunteers will be needed to complete these tasks.

**Appreciation Week** begins on **April 21st** with a week of themed events to thank our Teachers and Staff. Please see the attached flyer to help you plan the week.

### Family Appreciation Dinner and Talent Show

On Thursday, **April 24th**, we will have our annual **Family Appreciation Dinner and Talent Show** at the Eau Gallie Civic Center located at 1551 Highland Ave, Melbourne, 32935.

Please note the time change of the event to 5:30-7:30pm. We ask that families **RSVP** so we can plan accordingly. If your child would like entertain us with their talents, please fill out the bottom portion of the flyer and return to the Front Office.

We are also taking nominations for our **2024-2025 Volunteer of the Year**. This award is not just for the most volunteer hours, but for an individual who has given his or her time with a good heart and is an excellent representative for the entire school body.

### Field Trip News

We ended March with 2 field trips for our 3rd & 4th graders.

On March 26th, our 3rd graders visited the **Barrier Islands**, and on March 31st our 4th graders experienced the **Lagoon Quest**.

Room 8, Grades 1 & 2, will be taking a trip to the **Brevard Museum of Natural History and Science** on Thursday, **April 24th**.

Room 7, grades 1 & 2, will explore **Rockledge Gardens** on **May 1st**.

Lots of learning and discovery taking place both on and off campus.

**Spirit Day** is Friday, **April 4th** at 9am. Join us as Kindergarten leads us for the day.

**Jog -a-Thon awards** will be given at this time. Please check in at the office and have your ID ready for a visitor's badge.

**April 18th** is a **School Day** for students and staff. This is our last hurricane make-up day and an early release Friday.

**EARTH DAY** is **April 22nd**.

This is a time to reflect on our planet and how we take care of her.



### Club News

**Recorder Club** meets each Monday with Ms. Graham in room 6 from 3-3:45pm.



The **Chess Club** meets on alternating Wednesdays (the 9th & 23rd) with Mrs. Liu and Mr. Galloway from 3-4pm at the picnic tables.



We appreciate all efforts to have your student(s) picked up on time at the end of each Club session.

Maria Montessori said,

*“When children come in contact with nature, they reveal their strength.”*

**Morning Mile** meets from 8-8:30am each Tuesday and Thursday.

The Volunteers are setting up prior to 8am so please **do not** drop off your student(s) before 8am. We appreciate your help in making sure our students are safe and supervised each morning during drop off.

Our school **yearbook** is being designed and will be ready for delivery in **May**.

There is still time to order yours! The cost is **\$30** and books can be purchased online through Pictavo or cash/check through the Front Office.

Memories are priceless, get yours while they are still available.

## PROTECTING OUR PLANET STARTS WITH YOU



### BIKE MORE DRIVE LESS



### EDUCATE

When you further your own education, you can help others understand the importance and value of our natural resources.



### Volunteer!

Volunteer for cleanups in your community. You can get involved in protecting your watershed too!



### reduce REUSE recycle

Cut down on what you throw away. Follow the three "R's" to conserve natural resources and landfill space.

### CONSERVE WATER



The less water you use, the less runoff and wastewater that eventually end up in the ocean.

### choose sustainable



Learn how to make smart seafood choices at [www.FishWatch.gov](http://www.FishWatch.gov).



Buy less plastic and bring a reusable shopping bag.



### Long-lasting light bulbs - ARE A - BRIGHT IDEA

Energy efficient light bulbs reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Also flip the light switch off when you leave the room!



### Don't send chemicals into our waterways.

Choose nontoxic chemicals in the home and office.



### PLANT A TREE



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## Your Team

Grade K: Mrs. Victoria Giampaolo, Ms. Jan Blew, and Mrs. Ye Li

Grades 1 & 2: Mrs. Lonna Stevens and Mrs. Melissa Livelli

Grades 1 & 2: Ms. Heidi Murphy and Mrs. Lavita Saldanha

Grade 3: Ms. Tracy Graham and Mrs. Andrea Carlson

Grade 4: Ms. Christina Caldarola and Mrs. Catia Lopes-Badiglian

Grades 5 & 6: Mrs. Lisa Eiben and Ms. Michelle Rhodes

**Computer:** Ms. Kathy Herbert    **Art Aide:** Jennifer Choy Liu    **PE:** Ms. Kylie Mulholland

**Admin Assistant:** Mrs. Eileen Needle

**Principal:** Mr. Paul Galloway

**Operator and Parent Liaison:** Dr. Erik Thorson

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