

# Educational Horizons Charter School

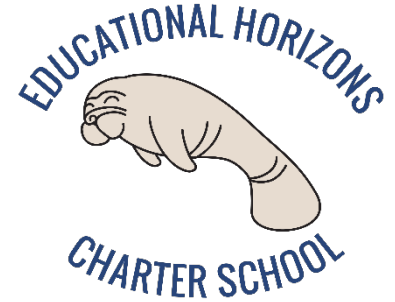
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## August 2024 Newsletter

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a fantastic new school year! This is going to be a great year for student success with new educational opportunities, creativity, and active learning for your students.

I want to introduce myself. My name is Paul Galloway, and I am the new Principal here at Educational Horizons Charter. I am a fifth generation Florida native and have been in education for over 30 years. I am excited to take on the responsibility of ensuring your students find success and continue to learn and grow in a mighty way. The most important thing to me, is doing, "what is best for the students."



^ Our new logo!

One of my main goals is to ensure all students have the best educational opportunities. To this end, we will be tirelessly working to ensure your student is well equipped to move forward to the next grade level. Please feel free to take a moment to introduce yourself. You can stop by before school starts or call me at 321-729-0786. I look forward to getting to know all of you as the school year progresses.

It's critical to encourage each and every family to fulfill their ten hours of **volunteer** work. Studies show that families feel more included when they participate. Students show more academic growth and social development when their family is vested in the school. I will be working on more ways to be involved and participate. To begin with, please **register as a volunteer with BPS** so that you can actively participate with our students. Refer to your registration packet and come to our monthly PTO meetings to learn more.

### Mr. Paul Galloway

Principal/Administrator



**Meet the Teacher** opportunities are a chance to say hello and drop off your supplies before the first day of school. Visit the classroom and meet families. Two time slots are set aside for this event.

All students from both schools are invited on **Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>** between 10-11 am **or** 5-6 pm.

- Come see our beautiful classrooms! Don't forget to visit the uniform closet to pick up a few pieces.
- Stop by the offices and visit Eileen or Kelsie to make sure all your paperwork is turned in.
- We will have handbooks / Car loop Placards ready for you at this event!

**Volunteers are needed!** Our first Professional Development Day is August 5<sup>th</sup> and our Grade 3 parents have the opportunity to provide the first luncheon of the year and welcome teachers back. This is a great way to get those 10 volunteer hours required of our families. Let's welcome and show our teachers and staff we appreciate them! **Sign Up** at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/>

## Before and After Care

All students in EHCS who wish to participate in this program **MUST** be registered before the first day of school. Come by the office to pick up an application and pay the \$50.00 registration fee.

### Weekly Prices

Before Care	\$ 60.00
After Care	\$ 75.00
Before and After	\$ 90.00
Drop In	\$ 30.00 per day
In-Service and Holidays	\$ 35.00 per day

## Individual Photo Day

Individual Picture Day will be **August 21th, (Wednesday)**.

Students may dress out of uniform.

Dean Stewart will send home info on how to order prints. These will be used in our yearbook. Bring your best smile!



## You're already a member of PTO

Welcome to our school Parent Teacher Org.

Did you know that each and every family is a part of our PTO? Parents and Guardians who participate and come to the monthly meetings feel more attached and informed about events.

- Attending meetings count towards your ten volunteer hours a year.
- We also have **childcare** available for 3 years and up, **IF** we have a volunteer who is registered and willing to watch the children.

Our first meeting is **Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> (6:30 pm)**. At this meeting all the teachers will be introduced to the school.

- Come out and meet some new families.
- Consider being on the board to share your talents.
- Bring your questions, concerns and ideas to the meeting.

We look forward to meeting you!

Contact [pto@educationalhorizons.net](mailto:pto@educationalhorizons.net)



**Parent/Student handbooks** will go home.

Please review with your child, sign the form, and return them to our office by **September 6th**.

Many of the questions and concerns you may have are addressed in this document.

## Your Team

Grades **K**: Mrs. Victoria Giampaolo and Ms. Lynn Battista

Grades **1 & 2**: Mrs. Lonna Stevens and Ms. Marjorie Dolan

Grades **3 & 4**: Ms. Tracy Graham, Mrs. Andrea Carlson, Ms. Brittany Bellis and Mrs. Melissa Livelli

Grades **5 & 6**: Mrs. Lisa Eiben, Mrs. Michelle Rhodes

**Computer**: Ms. Kathy Herbert    **Art**: Ms. Glaucia Romano    **PE**: Ms. Kylie Mulholland

**ESE and Gifted**: TBD    **Admin Assistants**: Mrs. Eileen Needle

**Principal and Administrator**: Mr. Paul Galloway

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

For concerns about school operations, contact Dr. Erik Thorson, Operator/Parent Liaison at **321-729-0786**

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Our first social event will be a **Back to School** Swimming event. Please see the attached calendar for more information.

Bring your swimsuit, snacks, and children to **Fee Avenue** on Saturday, **August 17th 6:30 to 9pm.**

## Uniforms

Gently used uniforms will be available on Thursday, **July 29th** from 10am to 1pm.

Stop by with used ones and also take as many as you need! We are looking for volunteers to setup and break down. Let us know you can help.

The **Morning Mile** will be starting for the students at **8:00 am**, on **September 9, 2024**.  
Please have them ready to come out and run.



## What is Practical Life in a Montessori Classroom?

**Practical Life** activities are purposeful tasks that simulate the activities involved in everyday life.

Often called 'family work,' typical Practical Life activities include sweeping, dusting, and food prep. The child observes these activities within their world and gains knowledge of them through experience using Practical Life materials in the prepared environment of the Montessori classroom.

Practical Life activities are culture specific and provide children with the opportunity to develop a sense of being and belonging by participating in the activities of daily life that can be used at home.