

Educational Horizons Charter School

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December 2024 Newsletter

Dear Educational Horizon Families,
We are nearing the end of the calendar for 2024!

Our students in grades K through 2 will take their second state assessment (PM2) on December 10th and 11th. These are computer based. Grades 3-6 will take theirs on December 3rd and 4th.

This short month will have opportunities for you to help us “give back” to the community with a canned food drive, socialize and make a holiday craft, and gather as grades 1 & 2 in Room 7 lead us on Spirit Day.

We hope you take an opportunity to enjoy the holiday season with family and friends. Take time to relax and as we begin the new year when we return in 2025.

Mr. Paul Galloway
Principal/Administrator

Winter Break

Our schools will be closed **December 23rd through January 3rd**.

Our **final day** for the calendar year will be Friday, **December 20th**. School office will be open at times, please call ahead if you need our attention.

We will be getting ready for the teachers and students to return on Monday, **January 6th**.

Enjoy the time with your family and stay well.

Dates in December

Dec 2-20 – PTO Food Drive

Dec 3, 4 – PM2 Testing for grades 3-6 (ELA / Math)

Dec 6 – Spirit Day, Room 7 (Regular school day)

Dec 10 – PTO Meeting
6:30-8:00pm (holiday craft) charity project (food drive)

Dec 10-11 – PM2 Testing for grades K-2 (ELA /Math)

Dec 13 – Re-enrollment applications go home

Dec 18 – Dress down – Ugly, unusual holiday sweater day

Dec 19 – Dress down – Festive socks, hat, hair day

Dec 20 – Dress down –

Cold Weather

Reminder! As the weather gets **colder**, please **add layers** to keep your child warm. Sweaters and light coats worn IN the classroom all day should be navy or light blue to match the shirt. Bottoms should be khaki or dark blue, including leggings. Keep socks to a basic color in the uniform.

Please save the FUN prints for dress down days. Any color jacket can be worn to school and when outside. And remember to label all clothing with your student’s name—this includes water bottles as well. Thank you for supporting school rules.



Re-Enrollment

Re-enroll for the new school year 2025-26

To help us plan for next year, families will receive their commitment forms on Friday, **December 13th**. These need to be filled out and returned by **February 7th** to keep your spot for next year. We will begin taking applications from new families in January.

Thank you in advance for returning your 2025-2026 intent. You will receive the FULL registration packet in the Spring with more information. If you are not planning on returning, please let the office know.

PTO NEWS

Our next PTO meeting will be **December 10th** at 6:30 pm. It will be a Family Holiday Craft event. Join us for a social and brief meeting. Bring the kids!

See our meeting notes from November's meeting in your email. Please read our flier for the December charity project of collecting canned goods and items. Suggested items are listed, but we will gather any non-perishable donations.

Science and Engineering Fair

Students in grades 4-6 will participate in our school Science and Engineering Fair on **January 23rd**.

We still need **judges** for the event. If you have a background in science, engineering, or math, and can give us a few hours, please contact Mr. Galloway. More information for judges will come home early January.

Yearbook

Yearbook sales have begun! You can participate in the presale for 25.00 until March 14th. After that, the price increases to 30.00 per book. You may send in your order through the office or order online at <https://buytheyearbook.com/>

Buy a sponsor page or student dedication!

This is a great way to honor your rising sixth grade graduate. Spaces fill up fast, so reserve now. You can also **contribute** candid pictures to be considered for the yearbook.

Create an account: <https://buytheyearbook.pictavo.com> and use our **School ID 1161397**. Yearbooks will go home in May so order yours today!



Spirit Day!

December 6th is Spirit Day, Room 7. This is a regular school day.

Holiday Dress Down Days!

Let's have a little FUN as we end December!

Students and staff may dress down on the last three days of the year.

If you would like to join our themed days, we are going to "show off your unusual or ugly seasonal sweater" on **Wednesday**, "show your spirit with festive socks, hat or holiday hair" on **Thursday**, and "dress in winter or holiday spirit attire" on **Friday**.



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Morning Mile

Morning Mile is every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 – 8:25am. **Volunteer Sign-Up:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ABAD23A1FCC25-50704630-morning>



A reminder: Students participating in Morning Mile may not be dropped off prior to 8am for safety reasons. Please be patient while our volunteers set up and prepare to meet students at the playground.

Art to Remember

There is still time to order!

Families may order directly and have shipped to your home if preferred.



<https://arttoremember.com/school/W2XK9F>



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-Badigian

Grades 5 & 6:

Mrs. Lisa Eiben and Ms. Michelle Rhodes

Computer: Ms. Kathy Herbert

Art: Mr. Melvin Lawson

PE: Ms. Kylie Mulholland

Admin Assistant: Mrs. Eileen Needle

Principal: Mr. Paul Galloway

Operator and Parent Liaison: Dr. Erik Thorson

For concerns about school operations, contact Dr. Erik Thorson, Operator @ **321-729-0786**