## Educational Horizons Charter School Country Day for Children Preschool

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## JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

Welcome to 2020! I hope the New Year will be good to you and your family. We are working hard to be prepared for the return of your child on January 8th<sup>b</sup>. At that point, we will be half way through the school year. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the students, staff, and school. We cannot do such wonderful work without you! Please remember to record you volunteer hours in the binder in the office.

"One test of the correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the child."
-Maria Montessori



Twice a year we spruce up the grounds and the rooms with a little extra work. This is a great way to get those volunteer hours. Bring your cleaning tools or gardening tools to help us from 8-11 on Saturday, January 25th. If you are able to donate bags of mulch or plants, that is also appreciated.

This month we will begin to focus on state testing which will happens in the Spring. All parents are invited to our PTO meeting on January 14th @ 6:30 as we discuss the state testing for grades 3-6. We encourage all parents to attend and be informed. Child care will be available for children 3 and above. Our last two weeks of January will be filled with activities for students and families to help celebrate literacy and school choice. The culminating activity is an evening of performances at our local Barnes and Noble book store with a fundraiser for the classrooms. Be sure to come and join in the fun on that evening. Bring your school voucher for any purchases made, we will get a portion of the cost to be used in the school. What a great way to start the New Year!

Mrs. Cheryl Turner Principal

## National School Choice Week

Monday Jan 27th-Friday Jan 31st is a time we celebrate our school choice! We will hold open house and tours daily for both schools. If you are interested in joining our tours, please call Shevaun at CDAY or Eileen at EHCS. New families are invited to visit and tour as well. We will be accepting applications for the 2020-21 school year at this time. PLEASE make sure you have re-enroll your child to hold your spot for the upcoming school year. We are beginning to plan now and will be inviting new families to join us in February.

## Literacy Week - January 27th to January 31st

Each day of the week we will celebrate literacy through reading, sharing, and expressing our thoughts. Our BIG event is on Thursday evening, with class performances and fundraiser at Barnes and Noble. Share the voucher with families and friends and they can help support our school. We will receive a portion of all proceeds in the store and at the cafe if they show the voucher. If you would like to have dinner there, please complete the order form and turn in money ahead of time. We will have our own Manatee Mist special drink available that evening. See the attached flyers for more information. Monday – STOP, DROP, and READ – all classes will read for 20 minutes at the beginning of the day. We will tabulate all minutes read throughout the week and see how high we can go! Tuesday – Book swap in the classroom. Give a book, take a book. Find a new favorite. Wednesday - Guest readers in all classrooms today! Book bags will begin for VPK and Preschool at

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Thursday – Evening performance by grades K-6 and fundraiser at Barnes and Noble (6 - 8 pm) Friday- Dress in cozy PJs or lounge ware to snuggle up to a good book. Bring a pair of shoes for any outdoor activities. We will assemble a book from all the students to be kept in the office.

Teacher luncheon sponsored by room 7 grades 1 & 2. Families from this room (and other families) can sign up to bring in items for teacher luncheon. Time spent can be part of your volunteer hours! Use the sign up genius to let us know how you can help. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4EAFA92BA4F49-teacher

Grades 4-6 should be putting finishing touches on Science Fair. I am looking for a few qualified judges to help with the school/engineering fair. Contact Mrs. Turner if you are able to help. The date is Thursday, Feb 6th 8:30 -12:00.

Yearbooks are being put together. Send pictures to Lina (lbelmona@yahoo.com). Attached is information on putting an advertisement in the book. Our presale will be available soon.

On Friday January 24<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school! Look for fun classroom activities to acknowledge this day. Let's keep it going for the final 80 days!

NO school on Monday, January 20th in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King. Take time to do something with your family to promote a peaceful and accepting world.



Class Pictures on January 15th, Wednesday We will take our group picture on this day, please make every effort to be present. This is a full uniform dress day. Students are to wear collared shirts in navy or light blue with dark blue or khaki bottoms. Please no colorful undershirts or leggings. We have a set uniform to let the students focus on school, not attire. Please refer to our handbook for specifics on dress. Thank you for helping us with choices for your children. We allow a dress down day on Friday for students to wear their "fun" outfits. Save the "flair" for those days. Research shows students perform better when they adhere to a set uniform.