

# Educational Horizons Charter School

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## January 2025 Newsletter

Dear Educational Horizon Families,

It is great to begin a New Year with your precious children here at Educational Horizons! Our hope is that 2025 will be even better than 2024.

**Literacy Week** is this month when we remind students of the importance of reading for enjoyment and for learning.

It might be a good idea to limit screen time and have students spend more time reading at home. This is often better when the whole family follows this model and finds something to read. You can model this at home by turning off the electronic devices and have a quiet hour once a week with your children. The silence will be a welcome and relaxing part of the evening. After reading, you can share the exciting things you read about together. You can also take turns reading the same book and discuss the events. Non-fiction books can help students with making real world connections to reading.

Maria Montessori leads us into the new year by reminding us that, "The child who concentrates is immensely happy." (The Absorbent Mind). As we get back into routines, we will look at helping your children become independent, resilient, and have stamina. This will be very helpful as they will experience more challenging work in the classrooms moving forward.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

**Mr. Paul Galloway**  
Principal/Administrator

**Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.**

Please have your child send in a note of thanks for men and women who serve our community and school. You may send in snacks to be taken to our local West Melbourne Police Department on Thursday.



### Dates in January

**Jan 1-3 – Winter Break**

**Jan 6 – Students and Staff Return** (Open Enrollment begins)

**Jan 9 – Law Enforcement Appreciation Day**

**Jan 10 – Spirit Day / Rm 1**  
Grade 5/6

**Jan 14 – PTO Meeting**

**Jan 15 – DSP Group Photos**  
(Students in Uniforms)

**Jan 20 – No School, MLK Day**

**Jan 23 – Science Fair**  
Grades 4-6

**Jan 25 – Campus Cleanup**  
8-11am

**Jan 27- 31 – School of Choice / Literacy Week**  
(See flyer for activities)

**Jan 29 – Classroom Book Swap**

**Jan 30 – 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School and Barnes & Noble Night**  
(See Flyer)

**Jan 31 – PJs and a good book Day.**

### PTO NEWS

Join us for our monthly PTO Meeting on **January 14<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30 PM**. Families from both schools are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there and hear your ideas and any input. Being involved in your child's school makes a difference.

**Class Photos** will be held on **January 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please dress your child in appropriate school uniforms. If you did not get individual photos, contact Dean Stewart on New Haven Avenue to make an appointment to be photographed for our yearbook. Remember, yearbooks are 25.00 until March 14<sup>th</sup> and 30.00 after.

You can order online at <https://www.buytheyearbook.com/> or see Eileen in the Front Office. Our school number is 1161397.

Our schools will be closed on **Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** in observance of **Dr. Martin Luther King Day**.

This is a great opportunity to talk to your children about Civil Rights and how we show respect to others. Dr. King fought for the civil rights of all Americans, especially those who had no voice to speak for themselves.

He ultimately gave up his life in a quest for Civil Rights for all. We honor him for his tireless work to ensure all Americans were treated equally on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.



## Spirit Day!

**January 10<sup>th</sup>** is Spirit Day and is led by 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades from Room 1

## Class Photos

**January 15<sup>th</sup>** is class photo day! Students must dress in uniform.



## Dr. Martin Luther King Day

**January 20<sup>th</sup>** is MLK Day and School is Closed.

## Science and Engineering Fair

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>**



## Science and Engineering Fair

**Science and Engineering Fair** for grades 4-6 will be held on Thursday, **January 23**, 2025, at the school.

We are still in need of a couple of judges who are experienced in science, engineering, math, and computers. Families will be able to walk through the Fair after school on that day. Thank you, families, for supporting your child in this project. Some students may move on to the regional fair in March.

## Campus Clean-up is on Saturday, January 25th from 8am to 11am

Please join us with your wheelbarrow and rake to help us spruce up the grounds and pull weeds from our gardens. If your talents are in cleaning, you can help clean up our interior spaces. This time spent can count towards your ten volunteer hours. Thank you in advance for helping out. If you would like to RSVP, let the office know you will be there.

Children are welcome as long as parents supervise them.

Donations of **mulch** and **plants** are welcome.



## 2025-26 Enrollment

Students in grades Pre-K to 5 have received their initial re-enrollment papers. These need to be returned to Eileen by **February 7<sup>th</sup>**. At that time, we will know our class sizes and be able to welcome new families.

- If you are not returning, please let us know and we will help get records to your new school.
- If your student has a younger sibling who is not currently attending Country Day, please call Eileen in the office for an application.

EHCS schools will hold **tours** for new families **January 27<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>**. This week is also National School Choice Week.

Full registration packets will go home after Spring Break to give you time to complete these before you leave for summer.

## Literacy Week is January 27<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup>.

All rooms will have class activities to encourage reading and building a library. See the attached flyer for school activities.

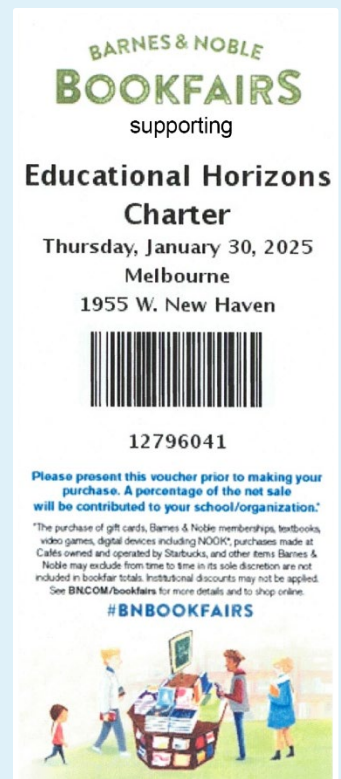
Our culminating activity is the **Barnes and Noble Fundraiser** on

**Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**  
from 5-7pm.

Use this voucher, or see the attached flyer to purchase and help our school or visit <https://bn.com/bookfairs> to support us online from 1/30 to 2/4/2025.

Enter our **Bookfair ID: 12796041** at checkout.

A percentage of your purchases benefit our school.



**Fortify FL** was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. The application was named by students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The Office of Attorney General, Department of Education and Florida Department of Law Enforcement coordinated its development and roll-out



## 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

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