

Educational Horizons Charter School

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September 2025 Newsletter

Dear EHCS Families,

As we move from the blazing heat of summer into the season of harvest, I want to express my gratitude for your trust in Educational Horizons Charter School. Our dedicated team is working diligently to ensure that your child gains the skills needed to thrive in whatever path they choose.

Maria Montessori believed in *“educating the whole child through hands-on learning, self-directed activity, and a carefully prepared environment that fosters independence and self-discipline.”* At EHCS, we embrace this philosophy to nurture each student’s growth and help pave the way for a bright and successful future.

This month we celebrate Labor Day, observed on the first Monday of September, which honors the social and economic achievements of American workers. It serves as a tribute to the contributions laborers have made to our nation’s strength, prosperity, and overall well-being.

September is also the start of Hispanic Heritage Month. This is observed from September 15 to October 15, celebrates and honors the histories, cultures, achievements, and contributions of Hispanic Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

Enjoy the wonderful month of September.
— **Principal Galloway**

Dates in September

Sep 1 - No school
LABOR DAY

Sep 2 - Morning Mile begins!
8-8:30am Tuesdays and
Thursdays.

Sep 5 - Spirit Day hosted by
grades 3 & 4 in room 6

Sep 9 - **PM1 ELA Testing**
for Grades KG-2

Sep 9 - **PTO Meeting** 6:30pm

Sep 10 - **PM1 Math Testing**
for Grades KG-2

Sep 18 - **International Food
Festival** at Eau Gallie Civic
Center from 6-8pm

Sep 19 - Interim #1
goes home

Sep 19 - Sing Peace Day

Sep 24 - Picture Retake Day

PTO NEWS

Meet us Tuesday, **September 9th** for our next PTO meeting.

We will begin at 6:30pm and talk about the International Food Festival and Timeline for this year. This is a great way to get involved and be a part of your school.

Thank you in advance for coming to the meeting. See the attached minutes from August.

Morning Mile begins on **September 2nd** from 8:00 – 8:25am and will meet on each Tuesday and Thursday, weather permitting. Please, no early drop-offs before 8am.

See attached flier to learn about this volunteer running activity and sign-up.



Sign Up >

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

International Food Festival

Join us for our second annual International Food Festival on Thursday, **September 18th** at Eau Gallie Civic center from 6-8pm at 1551 Highland Ave, Melbourne, 32935.

Please sign up to bring a food dish, dessert, side, or paper products and décor. We will share food and socialize at this fun event. Please use the link below to sign up and help us plan how many will be attending.



Sign Up >

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ABAD23A1FCC25-50684866-international>

Science News

Students in grades 4-6 will continue to participate in the **Science and Engineering Fairs** and will compete in either Science, Engineering, Math or Computer category of their choosing. We will share more information with families and students as it is released.

Student handbooks can be printed or previewed from the BPS site.

Grade 3 students will work with their teachers to do components of science fair together.

Watch for more info, soon.

Montessori Schools Sing Peace Around the World

The International Day of Peace or Peace Day is observed around the world each year on **September 19th**. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

Shelley Murley, a Montessori teacher, wrote and coordinated the singing of this song each year. Our time is 9:30am for our zone. We will sing together as a group outside in the car loop area. You can follow the song as it moves around the world on that day as schools check in after singing.

The school will focus on peaceful acts that week and ways we can contribute to sharing PEACE. This global event is a good way to talk about respecting all people.

“Let us give the gift of grace and courtesy to instill moral excellence within our schools. It is our duty.”

—Dr. Maria Montessori

Visit > singpeacearoundtheworld.com



Read A Thon Fundraiser

We are excited to start the year by diving into some great books! Students should all be reading each night for school already and all those minutes will count toward our first ever fall read-a-thon!



The class that collects the most donations will earn a Barnes & Noble gift card for their classroom! The student who reads the most minutes in each class will also earn a prize. Students who earn \$25 or more will receive a dress down pass. Minutes can be logged by parents/guardians. A reading log, sponsor sheet and envelope will be sent home to collect any cash or check donations. Logs are due Monday, September 29th. Sponsor sheets and donations will be due the week of Oct 6th.

Donors are welcome to contribute a flat donation or per minute read. Many of our school improvements, socials, and projects are funded by the Parent Teacher Organization.

We could not engage in the wonderful learning opportunities and the fun things we do here without your monetary support. Please know that no amount is too small. We appreciate you!

See the attached flyer for pledge info or use the link to donate.

Sign Up > <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/readathon180ehcs>

Focus Change Form

Starting **August 25th**, parents will be able to update any address and contact information changes directly through their **FOCUS** Portal accounts.

The “Change Form” feature is available in the “Forms Summary” section of the FOCUS Parent Portal. This will enable parents to make changes to their student(s) information in FOCUS. And, you will also be able to upload any enrollment documents such as birth certificates, physicals, immunization forms and any updated legal or medical documents.

BPS is streamlining its enrollment process, making re-enrollment easier for the next year. If you have any questions about FOCUS, please reach out to **Eileen** in the Front Office at 321-729-0786.

Your Team

Grade K: Ms. Destiny Lujan, Mrs. Ye Li and Mrs. Catia Lopes-Badiglian

Grades 1 & 2: Mrs. Sarah Garrett-Chartier and Ms. Josephine Oliveras

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

Grades 3 & 4: Ms. Christina Caldarola, with Mrs. Josephine Parker and Mrs. Catia Lopes Badiglian

Grades 3 & 4: Ms. Jessica Jefferson and Ms. Rebecca Schultze

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

Computer: Ms. Kathy Herbert

PE: Ms. Kylie Mulholland

Principal: Mr. Paul Galloway

Assistant Principal: Mrs. Josephine Parker

Admin Assistant: Mrs. Eileen Needle

Operator and Parent Liaison: Dr. Erik Thorson

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