

Educational Horizons Charter School

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December 2024 Newsletter

Principal's Message

It's the most wonderful time of the year! It is also the time when our students will be taking their second progress monitoring assessments—**PM2** for FAST and STAR.

Testing is approaching quickly: our 3-6 grade students will take the FAST ELA and Math assessments on **December 2nd and 3rd**, which is just one day after we return from Thanksgiving Break. The K-2nd grade students will then take the PM2 STAR Early Literacy, STAR Reading, and STAR Math assessments on **December 8th and 9th**.

Please ensure your child gets a good night's rest before each test and eats a healthy breakfast on testing days. Don't forget the practice exam questions and additional K-6 testing resources are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>

As we enter this special season, we hope you enjoy your time with family and friends. Have a wonderful holiday season, and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Galloway

Principal

Winter Break

Our school will be closed from **December 22nd** through **January 2nd**. The final day of the calendar year will be **Friday, December 19th**. The school office will be open at limited times during the break, so please call ahead if you need assistance. We look forward to welcoming teachers and students back on **Monday, January 5th**. Enjoy this special time with your family and stay well!

Important Dates

Dec 1-12 – PTO Food Drive

Dec 2 – PM2 ELA Grades 3-6

Dec 3 – PM2 Math Grades 3-6

Dec 5 – Spirit Day RM 7 Gr 1 & 2

Dec 9 – PTO Meeting 6:30pm
(Holiday Craft & Food Drive)

Dec 9 – PM2 ELA Grades K-2

Dec 10 – PM2 Math Grades K-2

Dec 12 – RE-Enrollment
Apps for 2026-2027 go home

Dec 17 – Craft Club with Mrs.
Parker 7:45am in Rm 7 (Grade 3)

Dec 17 – Dress Down:
Ugly Sweater Day! (Early Release)

Dec 18 – Dress Down:
Festive Socks, Hat, Hair Day! (Early Release)

Dec 19 – Dress Down:
Fun & Festive Day! (Early Release)

Dec 19 – Interim #2 goes home

Dec 22-31 – Winter Break
(No School) Happy Holidays!

Jan 5 – Students Return

Happy Holidays!

Stay safe! Enjoy the Winter Break! 😊



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PTO News

Our next PTO meeting will be **December 9th** at 6:30 pm.

This month's gathering will be a **Family Holiday Craft Event**—join us for a social and a brief meeting. **Bring the kids!**

Please check your email for the notes from our November meeting. Also, be sure to review the flyer for our December charity project. We will be collecting canned goods and other non-perishable items. Suggested items are listed on the flyer, but we welcome any non-perishable donations through December 12th.

Craft Club with Mrs. Parker

This month will be for all third graders. Third graders can join Mrs. Parker on **Wednesday, December 7th** at 7:45am for a themed holiday craft.

Fourth grade families, watch your emails for the January invitation.

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>

*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.

Re-Enrollment

Re-enroll for the new 2026-2027 school year. To help us plan for next year, applications will be going home with your student(s) on **Friday, December 12th**. These will need to be filled out and returned by February 6th to reserve your seat for next year. We will begin taking applications from new families starting January 5th. Thank you in advance for returning your 2026-27 intent application. You will receive the FULL registration packet in the Spring with more information about re-enrollment online through Focus.

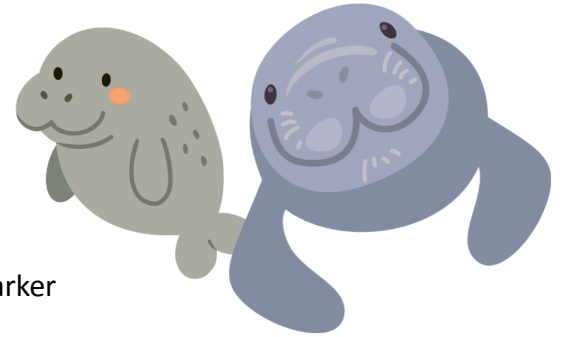
If you are not planning on returning, kindly let the Front Office know.

Spirit Day!

December 5th is Spirit Day.

Room 7 will be leading the event at 9:00 am. Visitors are welcome to attend. Please check in at the Front Office a few minutes beforehand.

Parking is limited, so consider grabbing a coffee with a friend and carpooling.



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Science and Engineering Fair

Students in grades 4–6 will participate in our School Science and Engineering Fair on **Friday, January 23rd**. We are still in need of **judges** for the event. If you have a background in science, engineering, or math and can volunteer a few hours, please contact Mr. Galloway. Additional information for judges will be sent home in early January.

Yearbook sales have begun!

You can participate in the presale for \$30.00 now through March 13th. After that date, the price will increase to \$35.00 per book. Orders may be sent through the office or placed online at <https://buytheyearbook.com/>.

You can also purchase a sponsor page or student dedication—a great way to honor your rising sixth-grade graduate. Spaces fill up quickly, so reserve yours early. We welcome candid photos to be considered for the yearbook as well.

To submit photos, create an account at <https://buytheyearbook.pictavo.com>.

Use our **School ID: 1161397**. Yearbooks will be distributed in May, so be sure to order yours today!

Holiday Dress Down Days

Let's have a little FUN as we wrap up December! Students and staff may dress down on the last three days of the year. If you'd like to join in on our themed days, **December 17, 18, and 19**, here's what we have planned:

- Wednesday: Show off your unusual or ugly seasonal sweater
- Thursday: Show your spirit with festive socks, a holiday hat, or holiday hat
- Friday: Dress in your favorite winter or holiday spirit attire

Don't forget—these are also early release days!



Art to Remember

There is still time to order!

Families may order directly from the website and have it shipped to your home if preferred.

Go to <https://arttoremember.com/school/w2xk9f>

