

# Educational Horizons Charter School

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## January 2026 Newsletter

### Principal's Message

Dear Families,

It is wonderful to begin a new year with your precious children here at Educational Horizons! Our hope is that 2026 will be an even better year than 2025.

This month we will be celebrating **Literacy Week**, reminding students of the importance of reading for both enjoyment and learning. It may be helpful to limit screen time at home and encourage students to spend more time reading. This is often most effective when the whole family models the habit—everyone choosing something to read. Consider designating a weekly “quiet reading hour” by turning off electronic devices and enjoying the calm together. Afterward, you can share what you read or even take turns reading the same book and discussing key events. Non-fiction books are also a great way to help students make real-world connections through reading.

Maria Montessori leads us into the new year with the reminder that **“The child who concentrates is immensely happy.”** (The Absorbent Mind). As we settle back into routines, we will continue supporting your children in becoming more independent, resilient, and focused. These habits will serve them well as they take on more challenging work in the classroom.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

**Mr. Paul Galloway**

Principal

**Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, please have your child send in a **note** a thanks for the men and women who serve our committee and school. You may also send in **snacks** to be taken to our local West Melbourne Law Enforcement Office on that day.



### Important Dates

**Jan 1-2** - Winter Break (No School)

**Jan 5** - Students and Staff return (Open Enrollment begins)

**Jan 5** - KG Critter Club, Rm 4 at 7:45am

**Jan 9** - **Spirit Day**, Rm 1 at 9am

**Jan 12** - Mobile Library STEM for grades 5 & 6 at 9:30am

**Jan 13** - **PTO Meeting** (Focus on State Testing) 6:30 pm

**Jan 14** - **Class Photos** (Students in uniforms)

**Jan 20** - **MLK Day** (No School)

**Jan 22** - 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School (See flyer)

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

**Jan 25** - Campus Cleanup, 8-11am

**Jan 26-30** - School of Choice, Literacy Week (See flyer)

**Jan 26** - Reading Minutes begins, (Wear Red)

**Jan 27** - Illustrate a book cover using Red, White & Blue

**Jan 28** - Dress like favorite book character, Classroom Book Swap

**Jan 28** - Mrs. Parker's Crafty Club for Grade 4 at 7:45 am

**Jan 29** - Share a Poem & Literacy Night at the Franklin DeGroodt Library from 5:30-7:30pm

**Jan 30** - Wear Red, White & Blue for D.E.A.R. time!

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### PTO News

Join us, our monthly **PTO Meeting** on **January 13<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm. Families from both schools are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there and hear your ideas and input. Being involved in your child's school makes a difference. The focus this month will be on **State Testing**.

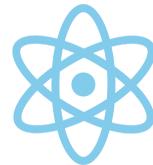
Class photos will be held on **January 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please dress your child in appropriate school uniforms. If you did not get individual photos, contact Dean Stewart to make an appointment for our yearbook. Remember, yearbooks are \$30.00 until **March 13<sup>th</sup>** and \$35.00 after.



Order online at <http://buytheyearbook.com> or see Eileen in the Front Office.

### Science and Engineering Fair

Grades 4-6 will participate Thursday, **January 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the school. We are in need of **judges** who are experienced in science, engineering, math, and computers. Families can walk through the Fair after school on that day.



Thank you for supporting your child in this project.

Some students may move on to the regional fair in March.

### Campus Clean Up

Join us Saturday, **January 24<sup>th</sup>** from 8am to 11am. Bring your wheelbarrow, gloves, and rake to help us spruce up the grounds and weed gardens. You can also help do windows and clean up our interior spaces. This time spent counts towards your 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 red mulch and plants are accepted.



### 2026-2027 Enrollment

Students in grades Pre-K to grade 5 have received their initial re-enrollment papers. These **applications** will need to be returned to Eileen at EHCS by **February 6<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 you get records to your new school.

### Martin Luther King Day (No School)

Our schools will be closed on Monday, **January 20<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King. 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. We honor him for his tireless work to ensure all Americans are treated equally on **January 19<sup>th</sup>**, 2026.



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EHCS will hold **Tours** for new families on **January 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**. Full registration packets will go home after Spring Break to allow you time to return paperwork to our office before you leave for summer.

### Literacy Week

**January 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>** is **Literacy Week**. All rooms will have class activities to encourage reading and building a library.



See the attached flyer for school activities.

### Literacy Night

New location! On **January 29<sup>th</sup>**, join us for Literacy Night at **Franklin DeGroot Library**, located at **6475 Minton Rd, Palm Bay, FL 32908** from **5:30–7:30 pm**.

Because this is a public library with a maximum capacity of **150 people at a time**, a schedule will be provided a few days before Literacy Night.

Please adhere to the assigned times so that all families can enjoy their students' performances.

**FortifyFL** 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.



**FORTIFY FL**

Suspicious Activity Reporting App

The Office of Attorney General, Department of Education and Florida Department of Law Enforcement coordinated its development and roll-out.

### Mobile Library visit

Our school is excited to host a special visit from a Mobile Library STEM program! On **December 12<sup>th</sup>**, the 5th and 6th graders will get to explore fun, hands-on STEM activities brought right to our doorstep in a traveling library on wheels. This visit will spark curiosity, build problem-solving and creativity skills, and inspire a love for STEM.

<https://www.brevardfl.gov/PublicLibraries/Branches/MobileLibrary>

