

# Educational Horizons Charter

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## Country Day for Children Preschool

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# January 2024



*Dear Families,*

*We are excited to welcome the New Year in with bells! Our hope is that 2024 will be as productive and wonderful as 2023. Our students in grades 3 and 6 will venture off campus for a field trip this month. It is always fun to experience education in a hands-on meaningful way.*

*Literacy week is this month as we remind students the importance of reading for enjoyment and for learning. 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 what you read and the adventure went on in the story. 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.*

*Florida Tax free day is Monday, January 1, 2024 through Sunday, January 14, 2024. Take advantage of this to replenish your child's supplies.*

*Maria Montessori leads us into the 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 children become independent, resilient, and have stamina. This will be very helpful as they experience more challenging work in the classrooms. We will be beginning our second round of assessments for all students in grades 4-6 on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Our next PTO meeting will look at the some of the reasons for the collection of data.*

*Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!*

*Sincerely,*

*Mrs. Cheryl Turner*

*Principal/Administrator*

*Happy  
New Year*



**Campus Clean up,** Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 11am. Please join us with your wheelbarrow and rake to help us spruce up the grounds and weed gardens. If you talents are in cleaning, you can help do windows and 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 accepted.



**Literacy Week is January 22-26<sup>th</sup>. All rooms will have activities to encourage reading and building a library. See the attached flier for school activities. Our culminating activity is the Barnes and Noble Fundraiser for classrooms on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Use the attached flier with purchases to help our school.**

Students in grades PreK to grade 5 have received their initial re-enrollment papers. These need to be returned to Eileen at EHCS by February 9th. 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. Both schools will hold tours for new families January 22nd to 26th @ 10:00 daily. This week is National School Choice Week. Look for the full registration packet to come home over the Spring break to allow you time to return to our office before you leave for summer.

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



**Science and Engineering Fair for grades 4-6 will be January 18<sup>th</sup> 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.**



Join us for our monthly PTO Meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Families from both schools are welcome to attend. The focus (but not limited) will be state testing for our students. The window for #2 opens on January 10<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there and hear your ideas and input. Being involved in your child's school makes a difference. Please see an attached flier with an opportunity joining our Glee and Recorder club for grades 3-6. Seats are limited.



Class photos will be held on January 10<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 to order your yearbook and help us by uploading pictures at: [commpe.pictavo.com](http://commpe.pictavo.com) school ID # 717142



**FORTIFY FL**  
Suspicious Activity Reporting App

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

Our schools will be closed on Monday, January 15<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 treat one another. As a humanitarian, Dr. Maria Montessori had a shared vision of peace with this great leader. Her development of an advocacy for an education for peace led to three consecutive nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize. Her lectures titled Education and Peace are used worldwide with the message.