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State of the Den

I will try to stop rejoicing long enough to write this article for the Pawprint. Deep breath. Welcome back, current and new families! The day has finally arrived for me to write, Welcome to the Best School in Wake County! We cannot thank you enough for all the help you gave us to make this day happen. Your blood, sweat, and tears (and donations) enabled us to make this day arrive sooner than we ever imagined. Thanks also to our wonderful Board of Directors and the Foundation for all their equally tireless efforts. Those of you who came to Meet the Teacher saw how amazing the building and the grounds are, and we are not finished. Having a large, clean, safe environment along with the peace of mind that comes from knowing that our children will receive a quality education are the stuff our dreams have been made of for well over seven years. Wow! It was so worth the wait!



Along with the thanks for all you have done comes the request to continue partnering with us to make our new home even better. As always, the first substantial donation you make to the school is having your child present for the first twenty days when funding for the year is established. During this time even a half day will help us tremendously. Think of these first twenty days of attendance as your donation to the school of thousands of dollars; that how much we lose due to absences. We lost enough money from absences in the first twenty days last year to have hired another teacher!

Please also bear with us through the early days of our new carpool. There may be delays and there will probably be short tempers. Please know we are doing all we can to get all the children out as safely and as quickly as possible. The last immediate assistance you can give the school is the donation of your time helping with lunch and recess. Please arrange your schedule to do lunch duty several times a quarter -- then the burden does not fall on just a few willing parents. Lunch and recess duty are excellent opportunities for you to see your child interacting with his or her peers, and for your child see you modeling the importance, and, hopefully, the joy of helping a worthy cause.



Upcoming Events

Aug. 8:
8:45-9:45 a.m., First
Quarterly PAWS
Common Grounds
Meeting, MPR

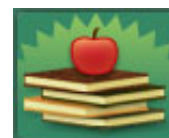
Aug. 11:
7 p.m., Board
Meeting, MPR

Aug. 21:
School Pictures

Aug. 22:
Early Release Day

Sept 1:
Labor Day Holiday

Sept. 29:
First Quarterly Giving
Tree Donation Day



Along with these three immediate needs, there will be many other chances and ways to help this year. Please embrace them as opportunities and not burdens. Involved, committed families and teachers make excellent schools!

See you in the *new* lanes,
Steve

A Message From Our PAWS President



Me...afternoon carpool...Wednesday, July 30, 2014:

"Wow. Did that just happen? Did our kids just finish their first day of school in this awesome new building?"

To mark this grand occasion, I took a brief look back. I remember July 28, 2008 (like it was just 6 years ago...) That was the day I took my oldest daughter, Allena, to her first day of kindergarten; dropping her off in a shopping center at something called a "charter school."

One thing about that "charter school" -- it was their first day too.

I will admit to harboring a tad bit of uncertainty and apprehension that day. But for the most part, I felt really lucky -- like I had just won the lottery. Endeavor was -- and still is -- a school full of lottery winners.

As this year's president of Endeavor PAWS (Endeavor Charter School's parent/teacher organization), let me encourage you to make connections with your child's school. It is an exceptional one indeed. Our charter school relies heavily upon the parents of the children who were fortunate enough to win a seat in one of its classrooms. Along with our dedicated administration and teachers, you too are the secret to Endeavor's success.

- **Join Endeavor PAWS today** - we can keep you "in the loop" - the paperwork is minimal and can be downloaded [HERE](#)
- **Complete your annual background check and volunteer** - parent volunteers are a big reason why Endeavor Charter School is able to achieve excellence
- **Click on [Get Connected with PAWS](#) (also available on the ECS website's homepage)** - discover more ways to get connected and stay connected

"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra." - Jimmy Johnson, Dallas Cowboys' Head Coach 1989-1993

ECS Parents, **YOU** are "that little extra."



First PAWS Common Grounds Meeting Aug. 8

PLEASE SAVE THE
DATE FOR THE
FIRST QUARTERLY
COMMON
GROUNDS
MEETING!

Friday, Aug. 8, 8:45-
9:45 a.m. in our
Multipurpose Room

These meetings will offer the advantage to further connect with the Endeavor community by informing you of upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and general information concerning all things ECS!

Coffee and donuts will be served. Hope to see you there!



Giving Tree Donation Day

Bring your
unwanted, gently
used household
items such as
kitchenware, home

Endeavor to ...[CONNECT](#).

Indy Harris, PAWS President

News

For New ECS Families

Welcome New Endeavor Families!!!



As you've hopefully heard by now, I am Jodi Sheldon – the New Parent Coordinator for PAWS....just thought you might like to finally put a face with the name!

Pre-kids I had a career in Marketing, but consider myself fortunate to now be a "stay at home" mom (though it's really more like a "drive my kids all over Timbuktu" mom). My husband Dave is Assistant Vice President of Technology at G4S Compliance & Investigations. Our son Reece is starting 4th grade, and over the summer was thrilled to be selected to the Junior Hurricanes

U10 Developmental ice hockey travel team. Our daughter Campbell can't wait to start 1st grade, and is also excited about joining both Young's gymnastics and CASL soccer this fall.

Both of our children have been at Endeavor since Kindergarten, and we all feel very fortunate that ECS is the only school our family has ever experienced.

We are beyond thrilled to finally be in this AMAZING new building, and look forward to a wonderful year ahead! As always, if you have ANY questions about PAWS, or Endeavor in general, please [email me](#) and I will be happy to follow up.

I look forward to getting to know each of you better, and helping you transition into what I am sure will be a fantastic first year at Endeavor Charter School!

Boosters Needs You!

Christina Cermin, ECS Boosters

Thank you to all the families who stopped by the Boosters table at Meet the Teacher and signed up to support your Athletic Program! The 2014-2015 membership drive is underway, so join today! Your contribution directly benefits the program in many ways: purchasing equipment, uniforms and providing the capital needed to get our on-site fields prepped for Spring.

The membership form can be found on the [Endeavor website](#) under the Athletics tab -- and remember, your contribution is tax deductible!

decor and toys to ECS on Monday, Sept. 29 for the first quarterly Giving Tree Donation Day!

PAWS President-Elect Susan White will collect your donations and deliver them to The Giving Tree on behalf of Endeavor Charter School. Every donation credit becomes a monetary donation to ECS from The Giving Tree! So, mark your calendars, load it up and drop it by!

Please visit [The Giving Tree website](#) for information regarding acceptable items for donation.

The Giving Tree is located at 839 South Main Street, Wake Forest.



Cafe Days

PAWS Cafe Days Committee would like to welcome everyone to the 2014-2015 school year. We are excited to be able to continue providing a catered lunch program at Endeavor Charter School in our new, beautiful location!

Our vendors for this year are: Tuesdays - Papa John's, Wednesdays - Moe's and Fridays - PDQ.

Passive Fundraising -- a.k.a., Easy Money for ECS

Cindy McShea

Attention parents -- want to know the easiest way *you* can help us earn money for Endeavor students?

1. Collect your BoxTops, Campbell's Labels for Education, and Tyson A Plus Labels (visit the [PAWS website](#) for a list of participating products). Endeavor receives \$0.10 for every Box Top and \$0.24 for every Tyson A Plus Label. We receive points toward educational purchases for every Campbell's Label collected. Please place all labels in a bag with your child's teacher's name on the front and deposit the bag into the collection basket beneath the black bench in the foyer across from the office. Prizes will be awarded to the classes collecting the most labels.

2. Re-link your grocery cards (Harris Teeter and Kroger) by following the links on the PAWS website or by visiting the customer service desk at your grocery store! If you cannot do either of these, you can complete the Passive Fundraising form on the PAWS website and we'll relink your card for you. Please turn in all forms to the office by Aug. 31.

3. Link your Target REDcard to Endeavor via the link provide on the PAWS website. Don't have one? Consider signing up for a RedCard today! You will get 5% off every purchase made with your REDcard (debit or credit), receive free shipping for online purchases, AND Endeavor will receive 1% of every purchase as a donation from Target! Definitely a win-win.

4. Send in used ink cartridges, old cell phones/pagers, MP3 players and Ipods and Endeavor can recycle them for cash! Place donations in the collection basket underneath the black bench across from the office .

Remember to ask your friends and family to join in label collection and to link their cards to Endeavor also.

Thank you in advance for taking a few minutes to help us earn money to support programs at Endeavor! Please contact [Cindy McShea](#) with any questions.

Enrichment News

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you that don't know me. My name is Lara Rice and I have stepped in as the Interim-Enrichment Coordinator. I have some huge shoes to fill as Corrie Wiedmann did an amazing job at helping the Enrichment program grow to new heights!

Our before-school care began on the first day of school. If you decide that you need care for your child, please let me know and we will get them registered. After-school classes and chorus start this week! If you haven't had a chance to register your child for a class, I can take registrations until the first day that the class begins (unless the class is full).

We have some great new class options like CrossFit Kids, Rock Band and Minecraft Modding this quarter. We're also welcoming back some popular classes like TGA Premier Tennis & Golf, Chess, Bricks 4 Kidz and Mad Science. If you have any questions about the Enrichment program, please [email me](#).

Editor's Note

Ordering for the 1st Quarter is now open and will remain open through Aug. 8. The first day of food service will be Aug. 15.

Additional information (menus, pricing, how to order) and important links can all be found on the [PAWS Cafe Days section](#) of the ECS webpage.

The Cafe Days Committee would like to thank everyone who was generous enough to volunteer their time this quarter! We are so happy to have the pleasure of your help and company. Thank you for supporting our effort, we could not do it without you!

Please send newsletter submissions to me at chelewalker@att.net no later than the 25th of the month for inclusion in the following month's PawPrint. Text may be sent in Word (.doc) format, and pictures in JPG format.

Michele Walker

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