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State of the Den

Welcome back! We have had a fantastic start to the 2015-2016 school year! The teachers were thrilled with the turnout for Meet the Teacher. Our students are smiling and eager! We are going to have a great year! To keep our year moving forward as smoothly as possible, please read through the following ECS procedures. I encourage new and returning families to familiarize themselves, so we are all fully informed.

Attendance: Public school funding is based entirely on student attendance during the first twenty days of school. This means that for every student absence, even excused absences, during those first twenty days, Endeavor loses funding for the year. We lose thousands of dollars each year due to student absences during these days. As a public school, every dollar of funding is important. This funding loss decreases our ability to purchase materials for our students and teachers. Please help us minimize any funding loss by having your child in school!

Medicine: Many students have medications they take on a regular basis or use in case of emergency. Should your child need take either type of medication, be sure you have provided any necessary medicines as well as the paperwork to provide directions for the school. To access that paperwork, sign in to the website in the top right hand corner on the home page. Then, hover over the "About Us" tab. Go to the next to last link on the About Us drop down menu labeled "[Medical Policies/Forms](#)." When you click on that link, you will see a menu of all ECS medical forms.

Carpool Procedure: Carpool is well underway. When you drive in carpool, please remember that neighboring businesses must be able to access their properties. When our traffic spills out onto One World Way, please leave space at any driveways. Thank you for displaying your carpool tag throughout carpool. Please remove it once your child enters your car.

Carpool Groups: As more families begin carpooling, our carpool time will shorten. If you are interested in joining a carpool, go to the PAWS tab on our website and select ECS Family Carpools to find other families near you. We encourage all families to join a carpool.

Sign in: Please sign in at the front office every time you enter our building. We know this seems foolish to parents well known at Endeavor. However, as a staff we must have consistent expectations of adults in our building to ensure that we never miss a



Upcoming Events

Aug. 6:
Terracycle "Trash 4 Cash" Brigade

Spirit Night at CPK

Aug. 10, 7 p.m.:
Board Meeting, MPR

Aug. 12, 2 p.m.:
Common Grounds Meeting, MPR

Aug. 24:
Push the Envelope Fundraiser Begins

Aug. 25:
Curriculum Night, Grades K, 3, 6

Aug. 26:
Curriculum Night, Grades 1, 4, 7

Aug. 27:
Curriculum Night, Grades 2, 5, 8

Sept. 3:
Terracycle "Trash 4 Cash" Brigade

Sept. 4:
Early Release Day,

threat to safety. Wearing an ID badge ensures the teachers that an adult has entered the building properly and taken the time to sign in. Not wearing an ID badge causes staff to be concerned. We seek your cooperation with this simple request as we partner together to keep our students safe.

Each Friday afternoon, please look for the ECS Weekly Email Blast. This is a one-stop spot for information about upcoming events and ECS happening.

Please also mark your calendars for the 2 p.m. Aug. 12 Common Grounds meeting. This quarterly meeting provides you an opportunity to hear ECS staff members speak on topics of interest to parents. It is also a great time to get to know other parents. As an added bonus, when you arrive at that time, you will be sure to be one of the earliest cars in the carpool line!

Thank you for all you do to support your child's education! We look forward to working with you this year!

- Christi Whiteside

A Message From Our PAWS President

I love new things...new clothes, new shoes, new ideas, new years, new vacation spots, new friends and new opportunities. One of my true loves is new school supplies. Who doesn't love a brand new 3-ring binder, or better yet a fresh notebook, or if you're really lucky a book bag? With every crisp sheet of paper and freshly sharpened pencil there lies a promise, a promise that you can always start over. Who doesn't love the opportunity to start anew? Every single school year we are presented with that opportunity to begin again, to grow, to capitalize on what we learned the year before.

I like clean slates...I like New Years Resolutions as much as I like New School Year Resolutions. I, like many of us, always appreciate a chance to try to get it right or get it better the second time. Recently, I made a resolution that I have had no trouble keeping, which is fairly remarkable given my track record with resolutions. Life is so busy and complicated and busy (did I say busy?). Anyway, not that long ago, I decided that my new resolution was going to be to just "SHOW UP." Surely I could do that. Surely I could just show up. I vowed to SHOW UP and to be available and PRESENT for my children, their school, their friends, my friends, our family and all the other important parts of our life. I would take some pressure off myself and lower the expectations on how to show up and I would just SHOW UP. It's not fancy. It's not fancy at all. And you know what? It turns out it is enough.

As your PAWS President this year, that is my promise to you. On this, the week of new pencils and clean sheets of paper, I promise that I will show up for you and for our school. I will show up because while I really love new school supplies I love our Charter School even more. I will show up with my time and my energy and I am optimistic that it will be enough. I have the best team working with me and I am honored that they are showing up for me, for us, for Endeavor and sharing their many, many talents with all of us. So today, I challenge you to show up or to keep showing up with whatever you have to give us, our wonderful school community, because I promise you whatever it is, whatever you have to offer, it is enough.

As we embark on the 2015-2016 school year let's commit to all SHOW UP together, because my friends I really do believe "Anything is PAWSible..."

Enjoy your freshly sharpened pencils,

Flip Flop Friday



Jungle Book Directory

Don't forget to add or confirm your information in Endeavor PAWS online directory, The Jungle Book.

Any NEW FAMILY should [visit this link](#) to submit your information.

RETURNING FAMILIES: Follow the link in your Directory Confirmation email.

Questions? Please email [Donna-Jean Keim](#).



Did You Get it All Done?

Use the PAWS [GET CONNECTED checklist](#) to help you navigate through that back-to-school to-do list!



~ [Sign up to be a PAWS member today](#), check the volunteer box and before you know it we will find the perfect place for you to show up!

News

Meet the PAWS Board Members

Colleen Icenhower - Vice President of Fundraising

Hi, my name is Colleen Icenhower and I am excited to be involved in the PAWS organization this year as the VP of Fundraising. I am a stay at home mom, originally from the Midwest and have lived in Wake Forest with my family for 5 years. I have two children, Drew, in 2nd grade, and Emma, starting Kindergarten this year. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, running, volunteering at school and going to the beach. I am thrilled to be a part of this wonderful school and looking forward to a great year.

Maija McAdams - Vice President of Programs and Events

Hello Endeavor families! My name is Maija McAdams and I have met many of you through my role as a staff member working in Endeavor's office in various roles, most recently as the Admissions Coordinator. I have always enjoyed being a part of Endeavor. However, last year, my oldest child entered Kindergarten and I was blown away by how much more I loved the school through the eyes of a parent. I felt like I had literally won a lottery. As opportunities to volunteer around the school arose, my heart felt full and I knew I had found a new passion - supporting the wonderful teachers and children in our amazing school. I am pleased to be taking the role of VP of Programs and Events. The committee chairs are amazing, and I know that we have a good group who will provide our staff and students with amazing opportunities this year!

Marla Myers - President Elect

Hi! I'm Marla Myers the President Elect for the 2015-2016 school year. This is our family's sixth year at Endeavor! My daughter Meredith is in 6th grade and son Daniel is in 4th grade. I have served on the Hospitality committee in the past and look forward to helping however I can this year!

Kristy Scheele -- Treasurer

Hi ECS families! My name is Kristy Scheele, and I am the new PAWS Treasurer. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and the mother of two ECS students. My daughter Peyton has been at ECS since kindergarten and will be in the fourth grade this year. My son Cameron is beyond thrilled to start Kindergarten at ECS this year. We love ECS and have had a wonderful experience as a family here. I have spent a lot of time at ECS over the past few years for lunch, field trips, class celebrations, field days, and any opportunity I can swing to be a part of Peyton's ECS experience. I can't wait to do the same with Cam. I look forward to serving as PAWS Treasurer this year and getting to know all of our wonderful ECS staff and families! Please feel free to [contact me](#) with any questions you might have about PAWS or ECS.

Jodi Sheldon - New Family Coordinator

Welcome new Endeavor families! I have had the great fortune of already meeting many of you, so now here's a little peak at me and my clan -- husband Dave (IT guy & marathon runner), son Reece (5th grade travel hockey winger), daughter Campbell (2nd grade budding artist/soccer player), and new puppy Millie (drama queen extraordinaire!). When I'm not busy volunteering at Endeavor or running my kids to their various activities, I like reading, cooking, photography, the occasional workout, "bargain hunting" (aka shopping) and plotting family game nights. Prior to staying home with my kids, I enjoyed a career in advertising as a media planner/buyer (hence the bargain hunting expertise). I am most definitely a "type A" personality and one of my favorite sayings is: "Every task is a



Giving Tree Donation Drop Off

PAWS will be collecting donations for The Giving Tree during every Common Grounds meeting, with the first one being on Aug. 12 from 2-3 p.m. in the MPR. Please bring your gently used household items to our meeting. Each donation translates into a credit for our school resulting in a year-end cash reward. [Visit the Giving Tree website](#) for more information regarding accepting donations.



Parent School Bus Transportation Co-op – Seats for Sale

* Round-trip service - 15 spots still open

* Morning sublet - 1 seat available

* Afternoon sublet - 3 seats available

For more information, please [send an inquiry to Tamara Santana](#).



self-portrait of the person who did it. Autograph your work with excellence." As PAWS New Family Coordinator this year, my goal is to make sure your transition into Endeavor is as smooth as possible. I am always available [via email](#) to answer any and all questions, and I wish you and your students an amazing first year at ECS!



Common Grounds Meeting - Aug. 12

Susan White, PAWS President

Our Quarterly Common Grounds Meetings offer an opportunity for the administration, PAWS members and our school community to join together and discuss important issues relevant to the school.

In prior meetings we have focused on the Common Core Curriculum, our Fine Arts Department, Close Reading and other reading initiatives as well as discussed many important school wide events.

The meeting is hosted during our carpool hour, so feel free to grab a spot in carpool and join us for some light refreshment and important discussions.

Our first meeting will be on Aug.12 from 2-3 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. We will be drawing for our four raffle tickets that were handed out during Meet The Teacher. Stay tuned to find out who won our PAWS Membership, the most treasured \$100 Q2 Cafe Days Credit, our Family Four Pack to the Spring Show and the \$30 gift cards to The Giving Tree. I can't wait to see who will SHOW UP!

Enrichment Update

Lara Rice

Welcome back! The Enrichment program is back in full swing for the 2015-2016 school year. 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.

Chorus will begin on Tuesday, Aug.18 for 2nd-4th graders and on Thursday, Aug. 20 for 5th-8th graders. Chorus will run every Tuesday and Thursday morning for the remainder of 1st quarter from 7:30-8:30 a.m.

We have 19 amazing after school classes to choose from during 1st quarter. Please take some time to look over the [course catalog](#) to learn more about each of our class offerings. We are so excited to have TGA back with both tennis & golf and karate with Innovative Martial Arts Academy. KidZArt & Club Scientific will be on our campus again as well as Girls Talk. Registrations are due by August 5th and classes will begin the week of Aug. 10.

Registration forms for before-school care, chorus and after-school enrichment classes are located on the website. Please [email Lara Rice](#) with any questions.

Passive Fundraising -- Lets Raise Some \$ For ECS

Colleen Icenhower

Parents, please join us in our efforts to help earn money for ECS. Here are a few ways you can help.

1. Thursday, Aug. 6 will be our first Terracycle "Trash for Cash" collection during morning carpool. For more information on what we collect and future dates, [visit the ECS website](#).



Vintage Pride T-shirt Orders

Did You Miss Out At Meet-The-Teacher?? Order your "Vintage Endeavor Pride" t-shirt today!

All orders and payments are due no later than Monday, Aug. 10.

[Get your order form here!](#)



Spirit Night Aug. 6

Join fellow ECS families for pizza Thursday, Aug. 6 at California Pizza Kitchen (Triangle Town Center).

[Visit the Boosters webpage](#) for directions and to download your voucher!



Plan Ahead for School Pics

2. [Re-link your grocery cards](#) (Harris Teeter, Lowes Foods, Kroger). Follow the link above to re-link or visit the customer service desk at any of the retailers.
3. [Link your Target REDcard](#) to Endeavor. ECS earns 1% of every purchase.
4. Keep sending in your Box Tops, Campbell's labels for Education, and Tyson A + Labels. Please place all labels in a bag with your child's teacher listed on the front and place in the collection basket beneath the black bench in the foyer across from the office. We will have classroom contests throughout the year.



Get those smiles ready -- school picture day has been scheduled for Oct. 22.

Remember to ask your friends and family to collect labels and link their cards to Endeavor!

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions regarding Passive fundraising please contact [Crystal Johnson](#) or [Colleen Icenhower](#).

Boosters Update

Indy Harris

TO ALL NEW AND RETURNING
ENDEAVOR PRIDE FAMILIES:
WELCOME TO THE 2015/16 SCHOOL
YEAR!!

The Endeavor Pride Boosters organization secures the annual funding for our well-established athletics program. The following fundraising efforts raise money to support our student athletes -- all proceeds are used to maintain our fields and to purchase uniforms and equipment throughout the year.



- Purchase Spirit Wear - "show your pride" with authentic ECS apparel and accessories
- Attend Monthly Spirit Events - join ECS families every month for fellowship and fun
- Boosterthon (coming April 2016) - this family friendly, fitness focused, school wide event serves as our biggest fundraiser of the school year

Your participation guarantees the success and longevity of Endeavor Charter School's athletics program!

BACK THE PRIDE - INVEST NOW - ENDEAVOR TO PLAY

Cafe Days Update



Welcome back to school! The Cafe Days committee is gearing up for another fantastic year at Endeavor. We will be offering the same food vendors this year as we did last year: Papa John's, Moe's and PDQ.

Ordering for 1st quarter is NOW OPEN.

Make sure to place your orders and submit payments by the Aug. 9 deadline.

Please make note: our first day of Cafe Days delivery is not until Aug. 18. Make sure to send your child to school with a packed lunch until then.

Looking for a new way to contribute your extra time to ECS? Have you tried volunteering with the Cafe Days team to help distribute food? We are always looking for friendly faces to help us out. Stay CONNECTED through the [ECS website](#) -- our sign up genius for 1st quarter will be posted soon!

Questions? [Contact us.](#)

Editor's Note

Please send newsletter submissions to me at chelewalker@att.net no later than the 28th 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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