



Volume 7, Issue 5

December 2014

State of the Den

Welcome back from what I hope was a delicious, restful Thanksgiving! Today's article is an introduction to our newest staff member.

Endeavor is pleased to welcome Mrs. Christine Ventresco to our staff as of December 1. Mrs. Ventresco has been hired to be the Literacy Coach and Testing Coordinator for the school. She began teaching straight out of college and immediately discovered her love for working with children.



After teaching for a few years, Mrs. Ventresco realized she wanted to get a master's degree in literacy in order to help struggling readers – a career change she has found most rewarding. Mrs. Ventresco has had experience in many aspects of teaching in her seventeen years in public, private and charter school settings.

Mrs. Ventresco has been married for 18 years and is the proud parent of a daughter. She loves animals and has a six month old miniature poodle. Mrs. Ventresco and her family enjoy traveling, especially to the Caribbean where her husband scuba dives while she reads on the shore. Please look for an opportunity to introduce yourself to her.

See you in the lanes,
Steve

A Message From Our PAWS President

"Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well." - Voltaire



Upcoming Events

Dec. 5:
Middle School Dance

Dec. 8:
7 p.m., Board Meeting, MPR

Dec. 9:
Spirit Night at Milton's Pizza (Wakefield Commons)

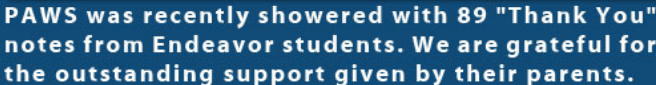
Dec. 12:
Early Release Day

Dec. 18:
Sibling Lottery

Dec. 19-Jan. 2:
Cafe Days 3rd Quarter Ordering

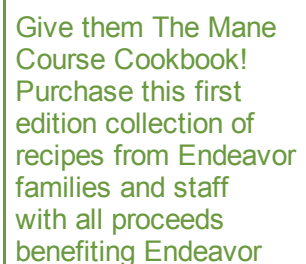
Dec. 22:
Track Out





Your generous monetary support (via membership dues, Café Days, school pictures, retail reward card credits, etc.) has provided PAWS the opportunity to serve Endeavor Charter School teachers and students in the following ways since the first day of the 2014/15 school year:

Approximately 174 cups of Well-Bean coffee purchased during the "PAWS Coffee-For-A-Cause" with proceeds benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation



150 credits earned to be applied towards a monetary donation to Endeavor Charter School from The Giving Tree as a result of your regular donations (including volunteer hours and store purchases)

294 volunteer hours given in support of the Café Days team to help serve hot lunches to our students

Outstanding turnout recognized at our monthly Spirit Night fundraisers in support of our student athletes

Over 70 lbs of recyclable items collected during our first Terracycle "Trash for Cash" Brigade

62 bags delivered to Raleigh Rescue Mission on behalf of Endeavor families following our Holiday "Groceries-To-Go" Drive

We are so appreciative. With your continued encouragement, the year 2015 will have everything to offer.

Endeavor Charter School Families - Thank you for being excellent.

Indy Harris, PAWS President

News

Enrichment Update

Lara Rice

I can't believe that 2014 is almost over but I am excited to see what 2015 has to offer! We are wrapping up another successful quarter of enrichment classes and we are busy planning the course list for 3rd quarter enrichment classes. Registration for these classes will begin on Monday, Dec. 15.

We are welcoming back our most popular classes from 2nd quarter: karate instructed by Jacob Bauldree, a girls empowerment class called Girls Talk, Club Scientific, KidzArt and Lego building with Bricks 4 Kidz. Our golf & tennis classes will be taking a break during the cold weather months but will be returning for 4th quarter. We are also preparing for some new classes this quarter so be on the lookout for the course catalog coming soon to the ECS website.

The enrichment program is always looking for talented instructors to teach their hobbies to our eager students. If you, or anyone you know, would like to teach an enrichment course one afternoon a week for 8 weeks, please email [Lara Rice](mailto:Lara.Rice@ecsc.edu).

Sixth Grade Needs You to Shop with SCRIP!

Help 6th Grade BLAST OFF to Space Camp! The last Scrip orders before the holidays are due by MIDNIGHT Sunday, Dec. 7 and will be returned to you on Dec 16 via your child's Tuesday folder!

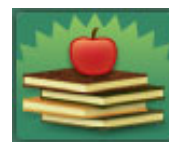
Remember www.shopwithscrip.com, click get started, join an existing program, type in ECS code 822869A142LL2, and



teachers!

Available for purchase at the ECS front office until Friday, December 19! \$10/copy - Limited supply!

[Email inquiries to PAWS President Indy Harris.](mailto:Indy.Harris@ecsc.edu)



Spirit Night at Milton's Pizza

Join ECS families and staff for this month's Spirit Night at [Milton's Pizza \(Wakefield Commons\)](http://MiltonsPizzaWakefieldCommons.com) Tuesday, Dec. 9! A portion of all proceeds will be donated in support of our student athletes!



School Store Clearance Sale!

Get a Pride Pack for your Endeavor student this holiday season! Stop by the ECS front desk to check out all the great deals on ECS merchandise during the School Store Clearance

start shopping.

Send in check made out to ECS PAWS or pay online through PRESTO PAY. Presto Pay charges \$.15 per transaction.

Thanks to all those who have already registered and ordered! We will continue with monthly orders for the rest of the year. If you have questions, please email [Liz Wood](#).

Passive Fundraising

Nicole McGrath



Thank you for sending in over 70 lbs. of recycled goods on our first Terracycle day! Our next collection day is on January 21st during morning drop off. We're looking for all plastic hair, lotion and soap bottles as well as all foil juice pouches and more. A complete list of acceptable items is located on the [PAWS Passive Fundraising page](#).

Lowes Foods

We now have a [Lowes Foods retail card link](#)! Just like Harris Teeter, Lowes will donate 1% of select purchases directly to Endeavor Charter. You can join by logging onto the link below. Please note you must link online.

Amazon Smile

Don't forget [Amazon Smile](#) when shopping online. Amazon has a great program that gives .5% of retail purchases back to Endeavor Charter School!

BOX TOP SUBMISSION IS END OF DECEMBER!

Please try to have all Box Tops in by Dec. 19. Try reaching out to family and neighbors to clip Box Tops and return them to our blue basket in the main lobby.

Cafe Days Update

Angie Isaac

The Cafe Days committee is excited to announce the ordering window for 3rd quarter opens on Friday, Dec. 19. In response to parent feedback from last year, we will not be closing the ordering window until after the Christmas holidays. All orders must be complete and payment received by the close date of Friday, Jan. 2. Please note that, with vendor lead time requirements and the time it takes to process the quarter's orders, we will be unable to serve food the first week back to school. The first date of service will be Tuesday, Jan.13.

We have been very fortunate to have a dedicated base of volunteers supporting our committee's efforts this year. We have also been privileged to receive help from a growing number of new faces to the Cafe Days task, including some teachers. Thank you! Be on the look out for the 3rd quarter volunteer sign up genius. It will be posted on the Endeavor website before we track out.

Book Fair Coming in January

Sale!



Giving Tree Donations

Are you moving out the OLD to make room for the NEW this holiday season??

Take your gently used household items and toys to The Giving Tree and earn credits for Endeavor! Every donation credit becomes a monetary donation to ECS from The Giving Tree!

[Click here](#) for more info regarding acceptable donation items.



Mark your calendars! The Bedford Falls Book Fair is scheduled for Jan. 26 - 30!

Please contact [Laura Hill](#) if you would like to help with organizing this fun event.

A Sign Up Genius link will soon be provided for those interested in helping out at the Book Fair.

Many hands make light work! See you at the Fair!

Editor's Note

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

[Forward this email](#)



This email was sent to chelewalker@att.net by chelewalker@att.net | [Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Rapid removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).



Try it FREE today.

Endeavor Charter School | 9400 Forum Drive | Raleigh | NC | 27615