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State of the Den

Welcome back and into 2015!.. Hopefully, a lot of the new-building stress is now fading into a normal routine, and we can all breathe a bit easier. To all who have helped us get to this point and continue to partner with us to help provide all the services our children deserve, THANK YOU! If you cannot count yourself in this category, the new year is a great time to start. The children need you!



With the new year, inevitably comes the cold weather with all its challenges. We expect our students to go outside daily unless it is raining or unless the ground is too wet/muddy. This, of course, requires that they arrive appropriately dressed for the weather.

The flu has reached epidemic proportions in North Carolina. Contagions of all kinds are a great concern for schools. Having a sickness is bad enough, but sharing it is worse. As a reminder, the school's policy is that a sick child must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Along with sickness, we generally see cases of lice returning with students. The policy on lice is that a child must not return until he or she has been successfully treated. (For more details on the sickness policy, please see the handbook section of your child's agenda.) Of particular concern for us is the safety of pregnant teachers and parents, as well as students with low immune systems from ongoing medical problems and those recovering from recent sicknesses.

Another safety issue recently came to our attention from a nurse. She advised us that students' reusable water bottles should be washed daily and allowed to completely dry to help contain the spread of bacteria. As a follow up, [here is a site about reusable bottle cleaning](#)

Please help us keep all our children, staff, and parent volunteers as safe as possible from contagious sicknesses at school.



Upcoming Events

Jan. 6:
Third Quarter Begins

Jan. 12:
7 p.m., Board Meeting, MPR

Jan. 14:
8:45, Common Grounds Meeting & Giving Tree Donation Day, MPR

Jan. 19:
MLK Holiday, No School

Jan. 20-30:
Souper Bowl Canned Food Drive

Jan. 21:
Terracycle "Trash 4 Cash" Brigade

Jan. 26-30:
ECS Book Fair

See you in the lanes,
Steve



A Message From Our PAWS President



Our Endeavor Begins - Summer 2008

"From a small seed a mighty trunk may grow" - Aeschylus

"A Leap of Faith" by Karin Reed

So imagine applying to a school with absolutely no idea where it would be. That's pretty much what hundreds of us did when we said, "YES" to Endeavor Charter School. Yes, to experiential education. Yes, to innovative approaches. Yes, to building a community without - well, a building.

We all believed in the vision laid out in the 80 plus page charter and recognized it for the exciting opportunity it represented. The fact that they were still looking for a location didn't dissuade us from throwing our names in the hat and hoping ours would be picked.

For us, it was not about the WHERE because we loved the idea of the WHAT.

Once we did find our first home, we pooled our resources and boundless collective energy to make it the best it possibly could be. In the early years of PAWS, our main mission was mostly about "stuff." Sure, we had begged and borrowed (but did not steal... I think) plenty of furniture, educational resources and the like. However, there was a seemingly endless wish list, which we tried hard to chip away at throughout the year. Smart boards, something called ELMOs (not the furry red guy), a shade structure for the playground, stackable chairs for our multi-purpose room, and so much more than my brain will allow me to recall.

Today, we have a shiny new building with wide halls, cubbies instead of hooks and bathrooms that actually all WORK! "Art on a Cart?" ...no more. It's an exciting new chapter for all of us at ECS.

But for all the joy that comes from a beautiful facility, to me, it's never been about the building.

It's all been about what goes on INSIDE the building... or on the sidewalks (impromptu science labs)... or on the field trips (Space Camp, anyone?) -



Join Us at the Next Common Grounds Meeting!

Wednesday, Jan. 14
from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m.
in the Multipurpose Room

These meetings 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 decor and toys to the next Common Grounds meeting on Wed., Jan. 14th for

That's what makes Endeavor Charter School "the best school in Wake County."

Now if we could just get Chipotle and Starbucks to move across the street...

Karin Reed served as PAWS President during Endeavor's second school year (2009/10). Her two sons, Hayden and Jackson, were lucky enough to win 1st and 2nd grade seats at Endeavor when its doors opened in 2008. Karin is currently the president of her nationally recognized and award-winning consulting firm, TriPoint Media. She continues to serve as an active ECS parent volunteer, while both boys still attend "the best school in Wake County" as 7th and 8th graders.

Stay connected to your child's school...

Remain united to build our strong school community...

Let's Endeavor to **grow** – because anything and everything is possible.

Indy Harris, PAWS President

News

Enrichment Update

Lara Rice

Happy New Year and welcome to 3rd Quarter! Registration has begun for after-school enrichment classes, before-school care and elementary and middle school chorus. Please submit all your registration forms and payments to the front office no later than Fri., Jan. 9.

Before school care runs from 7-8 a.m. starting the first day of the quarter and ending the last day of the quarter.

After-school enrichment classes will begin on Mon., Jan. 12 and will end Thur., March 5.

Elementary school chorus will begin on Thur., Jan. 15 and Middle School chorus will begin on Fri., Jan. 16 in the ECS Multi-Purpose Room.

We have many new and exciting after-school classes taking place during 3rd quarter such as Construction Chaos, cake decorating, beginner piano, fitness and science fun. Take a look at the [Enrichment Course Catalog](#) on the ECS website for a detailed description of all 20 classes that we have to offer. These classes are open to the public! Please spread the word to your family and friends.

[Email Lara Rice](#) with any questions.

Q3 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! All donations are tax deductible!

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.



Terracycle "Trash 4 Cash" Brigade

Over 70 lbs of your trash was collected at the last Terracycle "Trash 4 Cash" Brigade!

Bring your trash during morning carpool on Wed., Jan. 21 and let's "outsmart waste" as we earn cash for Endeavor!

[CLICK HERE](#) for

Blast Off to Space Camp!

Thanks to everyone who has participated so far in the SCRIP orders! Every order helps with the cost of sending our 6th graders to SPACE CAMP.

Our January orders will need to be placed by midnight Jan. 18 with orders to go home Jan. 27 in Tuesday folders. Please make sure you go to www.shopwithscrip.com and enter in our school code: 822869A142LL2 .

Don't forget those gifts for Valentine's Day! The February order will be due midnight February 15.



more information regarding acceptable recyclable items.



Passive Fundraising

Nicole McGrath



Terracycle Day January 21

Thank you again for sending in over 70 lbs. of recycled goods on our first Terracycle Day! Our next collection day is on January 21 during morning drop off. We're looking for all plastic hair, lotions, 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 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 [this link](#). Please note you must link online, not in the store.

Kroger Plus Cards

Kroger shoppers: You can now link your Kroger Plus Shopper's Card to ECS at their customer service desk using code 0000081324.

Keep clipping those Box Tops and Labels For Education. Collection basket are in the front entrance under the PAWS bulletin board.

Cafe Days Update

Angie Isaac

Some friendly reminders from the Cafe Days Committee:

- Printable calendars are available on My Food Days to help busy parents keep track of orders placed. Simply log in to your account, scroll to the bottom of the children and orders page and print the appropriate month(s).
- The FREE My Food Days app is available for download. Quickly see a listing of the "next order up" for all children on your account. Download the app today!
- With the cold weather creeping in, we would like to remind everyone of our inclement weather policy: "In the event of a school disruption (cancellation or early dismissal due to inclement weather, safety concerns, etc.), the Cafe Days committee will do whatever possible to serve ordered food (early dismissals only, if time allows) or issue credits to myFoodDays accounts. However, please understand there



Souper Bowl Canned Food Drive

Are you ready for the Souper Bowl Canned Food Drive??

Our 8th grade teachers and students will be launching a school-wide canned food drive to benefit our local food pantries!

All types of canned food will be accepted during the two weeks from Jan. 20-30.

The homeroom that brings in the most cans – AND accurately picks the winner of Superbowl XLIX in Phoenix, AZ on Feb. 1 – will win a "tailgate" breakfast!



It's Not Too Late to Join PAWS!

may be some instances in which our vendor has already been paid, and we will be unable to issue credits."

Want to help? [Sign up to volunteer!](#)



Book Fair Is Coming!

Your children will be visiting the fair early in the week of Jan. 26-30. They will come home with a wish list and you will be able to send in money with them to purchase later in the week. We will also be open in the mornings and during lunch in the multipurpose room for students and families to shop and we will open up for one evening event as well.

In the meantime, check out the [Bedford Falls website](#). You can browse a partial list of the inventory that will be in the fair so you will be all ready! Also, any parents who are interested in helping with the book fair please [contact Laura Hill](#) -- we would love your help! See you at the Fair!

**100% OF THE
ENDEAVOR STAFF
JOINED PAWS
FOR THE 2014/15
SCHOOL YEAR!!**

And it's not too late for you! Kick off 2015 right by connecting with the organization that supports your child's school and teachers!

[Visit the ECS website to download the PAWS membership form!](#)

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

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