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State of the Den

Yesterday marked our second Common Grounds meeting this year. These informative sessions are open to all parents and are held on the second week of each quarter. The exact dates will be posted on our website. If you have not attended, it's a great time to meet other families, find out about planned events, learn about academic initiatives, and get donuts!

Our Cafe Day ladies continue to impress the school with their dedication to our students and their problem-solving abilities. No matter what is going on in the school, they find a way to serve meals in a professional manner. Despite how hectic the day may be because of last-minute changes or whatever comes up, I have never heard a discouraging word from any of these ladies!

As always, we need you to help cover lunch and recess. Please help us with this completely charter school process. We know it can be challenging, but we believe it is worth the advantage you receive by being part of this school.

Carpool. Come on, you knew it would come up, right? Please remember phone use is not allowed in the moving carpool line once you enter the grounds. This is purely a safety concern. Another way to consider this inconvenience is that the example you set by being on your phone while the car is moving will likely be the one your children follow when they begin driving. For some of you, that seems like an eternity away, but it will be here before you know it. We also ask that your child be ready to exit as soon as the car stops to avoid holding up those behind you. Please also avoid having your child enter the car on the driving lane side; this is also a serious safety issue. The only new issue I have seen is a few people have decided to avoid the approved route around the parking lot, and are, instead, pulling in at the first left turn in front of the building, hoping to save time by jumping in front of the cars following the approved pattern. I don't think any parent is in a bigger hurry than any other parent – certainly not enough to incur the ire of those that see you bypass them.

Finally, in a new building, we have discovered that everything outside of the academic program must be refigured. What were rote procedures in the old facility do not work here. As an example, something as simple as a fire drill took us hours to plan the safest, quickest exit and meeting places. On top of that, we had to create a plan for our children with medical conditions that



Upcoming Events

Nov. 7:
Early Release Day

Nov. 11:
Holiday - No school

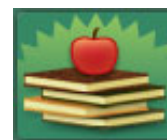
Nov. 17:
7 p.m., Board Meeting, MPR

Nov. 19:
Terracycle "Trash for Cash" Brigade

Nov. 20:
Spirit Night at Moe's Southwest Grill (Falls Village)

Nov. 26-28:
Thanksgiving Holiday, No school

Dec. 5:
Middle School Dance



can be brought on by the piercing fire alarm and its accompanying strobe light, which we are required to employ. We also had to be aware of students allergic to, or terrified by, insects, particularly the flying, stinging kind, when outside.

Nothing is ever simple, but all of the energy is worth it! Thank you for all your patience as we continue to work on all the aspects of running a safe academic program.

See you in the lanes,
Steve

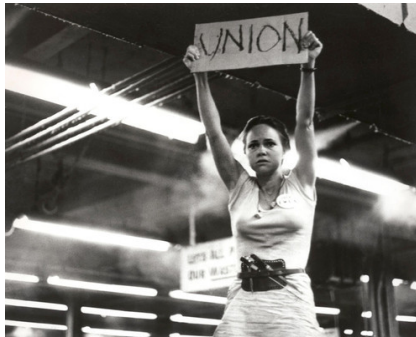
A Message From Our PAWS President

"Whatever words we utter should be chosen with care, for people will hear them and be influenced by them for good or ill." - Buddha

UNITY - What is your personal definition?

Webster's Dictionary briefly offers "the state of being united or joined as a whole."

With regard to the unity of people, your mind may likely go to a definitive visual such as an extended family getting together every year to share [a holiday meal](#), a group of co-workers [going on strike](#) in demand of better hours and pay, or any given scene from the movie [Braveheart](#) in which Mel Gibson paints his face blue, jumps on a horse, grabs a pick axe (or a very large sword; I guess William Wallace used either or both) and yells something in Scottish Gaelic as he's leading rebel forces into battle against the English army.



But let's take a moment to explore how people come to be united and remain so. As with any type of relationship, I believe it all begins with communication. Perhaps we could refer to it as "The Language of Unity."

Wanting the best for Endeavor Charter School students is the common interest we share as a community comprised of parents, administrative staff and teachers. We are a union. The constant pursuit of gracious and encouraging "language" will help to ensure the success of our magnificent school.

"Speak clearly, if you speak at all; carve every word before you let it fall." - Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Allena's third grade teacher, Mrs. Katie Piercy had a poster in her classroom displaying the following message:

Before you speak...
THINK!

T - is it True?
H - is it Helpful?
I - is it Inspiring?
N - is it Necessary?
K - is it Kind?

Let us all strive to "THINK" before we speak.



Amazon Smile

Will you be shopping online through Amazon this holiday season?

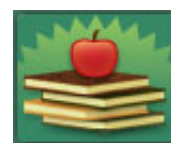
Use [AmazonSmile](#) and earn easy money for Endeavor Charter School!

Log in with your Amazon username and password and choose Endeavor Charter School as your preferred charitable organization!



Congratulations to our Swappportunity Challenge winner, **Ashley Barksdale!**

PAWS sincerely thanks Ashley for donating her time to Endeavor Charter School by awarding her with the \$100 Target gift card prize!



Let us all offer words of support and encouragement to and about our teachers, the administration and each other.

Let us all continue to build up our Endeavor Charter School community with "The Language of Unity."

You never know... the day may come in which we all paint our faces Endeavor Blue and march into a Wake Forest town hall meeting to demand traffic improvements on Burlington Mills Road.

Leave your pick axe at home though - unless Mr. McAdams suggests otherwise - I think he could be Scottish.

Indy Harris, PAWS President

News

Passive Fundraising

Nicole McGrath

We're excited to announce a few new passive fundraising opportunities that have great potential to raise funds for our school.

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 the link below or directly in store at any register or customer service.

Amazon Smile

Did you know there are only 7 more Fridays until Christmas??? Well, if you like to do your shopping online, Amazon has a great program that gives .5% of retail purchases back to Endeavor Charter School! Log onto <https://smile.amazon.com/>

Terracycle

Reminder, November 19 will be our first collection date during the morning carpool. We're looking for your plastic hair product bottles, soaps and lotion, foil juice boxes and much more. Just place items in a bag and we'll take care of the rest. Please look online under PAWS for additional information on accepted items.

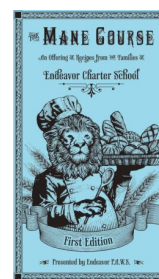
Please don't forget we are a Box Top and Labels for Education School! Our next submission is late December. Please reach out to family and neighbors to clip and return to our blue basket in the main lobby. Also please note we are no longer accepting soda tabs.

Sixth Grade Needs You to Shop with SCRIP!

Help ECS 6th graders go to SPACE CAMP!

How? SHOP!

It's that time of year to start thinking about gift giving. Want to make it easier on yourself? Want to shop from home and help 6th grade? Shop with SCRIP! How does it work? You order a gift card from 1,000 of vendors and in return they give us a certain percentage back. Keep an eye on those Tuesday folders for more info and how and when those orders will be delivered.



Mane Course Cookbook Makes a Great Holiday Gift!

Looking for the perfect gift for friends and family this holiday season?

Give them The Mane Course Cookbook! Purchase this first edition collection of recipes from Endeavor families and staff with all proceeds benefiting Endeavor teachers!

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

[Email purchase requests to PAWS President Indy Harris.](#)



Spirit Night at Moe's

Join fellow ECS families for the next Spirit Night at [Moe's Southwest Grill \(FallsVillage\)](#) on Thursday, Nov. 20 in support of our student athletes!

Cafe Days Update

Did you know that [My Food Days](#) offers various tools to help you remember what food is ordered for your student each day? You can print out a monthly calendar from the website with your orders and post it on the fridge. My food days also has a handy app that will give you a list what food is on order next. Check them out!

A big THANKS to everyone that has signed up to volunteer distribute Cafe Days this quarter. There are still opportunities available - [sign up today!](#)

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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