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Endeavor Charter School - Home of the Pride!

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State of the Den

This week saw the passing of HB539 in the state Senate. Thanks to all of you who responded to our requests for help and emailed or called our legislators. If you have been following this story in the news, there are clearly two sides to the story.

All public school students in North Carolina are allotted a certain amount of funds each year. This "per pupil" allotment is made up of state and local funds. The local funds differ according to the base school system of each child. Some counties provide significantly more funds than others. Charter school students bring their specific per pupil allotment from their base county. Endeavor gets a check from each system our students come from. This year we have students whose base school systems are Wake, Franklin, Durham, and Granville Counties.



In a base school system, the per pupil funds are divided into certain categories. Of each child's funds, a certain percentage is applied to transportation, for instance, even if that child will never ride a bus. One of the advantages charter schools have is that they are not required to apply funds to any such categories. Charters are free to budget according to their needs.

In 2010, legislation was passed that the base counties no longer were required to send the full amount of the per pupil allotment with charter school students. The counties were allowed to keep some of the funds that were designated for certain categories. The base school system could use those funds as needed in their schools. Some estimate that the amount kept is near 25% of charter students' funds.

The base schools need this money. No one in North Carolina can be under the impression that any public school has too much money. Charter school supporters have no doubt that base school systems are using the charter funds for good purposes.

However, charter schools also need more funds. The biggest financial burden charter schools must overcome is the cost of the facility. A traditional public school is provided a facility while charters must pay for theirs. This is only manageable because charters can use those funds that would have been used for transportation, etc. to help cover the cost of facility.



Upcoming Events

Oct 5-19:
Track Out

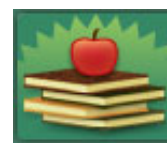
Oct. 14:
Spirit Event at
Wakefield Jellybeans

Oct. 19, 7 p.m.:
Board Meeting, MPR

Oct. 20:
Second Quarter
begins

Oct. 22:
School Picture Day

Oct. 28, 2-3 p.m.:
Common Grounds
Meeting, MPR



Giving Tree

What other sub-group could be singled out in such a way without huge public outcry. Can you imagine the public's reaction should a portion of funds be retained for each member of a particular gender, race, religion, geographic area, or special need? The public would, rightly, protest that this was unjust.

Charter schools are not asking for more funds than other public schools receive. We are not saying that other public schools need less money. We are only asking that our students receive the full funding that was already designated for them.

As HB539 continues its journey into law, please help support the return of these funds to the charter students for who they were designated. The House will be considering this law in its next session. Endeavor has done fantastic things with our limited funds, but imagine what we could do with more!

- Christi Whiteside

A Message From Our PAWS President

"Besides the noble art of getting things done, there is a nobler art of leaving things undone...." - Lin Yutang

Change is in the air. From one day to the next you can feel that the seasons are changing, as you have to run outside to do a quick temperature check before you decide what to wear or how to dress the kids. You can tell that the quarters are changing in school as our children rush to get those last assignments in, or maybe work a little a harder to raise their grades. You can tell that change is in the air when you go to the store and the aisles are full of Halloween and Thanksgiving décor, and in many cases Christmas decorations have already taken up an aisle in our favorite stores.

This time of year is hard for me as I cling to my flip-flops and sweet memories of the beach. Yet what I do love about this time of year and this particular set of changes is that here at ECS we get a time out, a break, a moment to collect ourselves before we have to dive all the way in. Webster defines taking a break as an "interruption in one's activities briefly in order to have a short rest period." I love Webster. How timely it is for us to have an opportunity to recharge in this season of change. An opportunity to clean out the children's closets ([Schoola Drive](#)), organize our home ([The Giving Tree Donation Day](#)), clean out the book bags and relax and enjoy the beautiful season of change. I don't know about you but I've been making a few mistakes lately, I haven't been on the top of my game. I know that a good break, a good "interruption in my activity" will be just the thing I need to get back on track.

I hope that this track out provides you with all the rest and relaxation you need. In this time of break I hope that you will give yourself the permission to not always show up. I hope that you can enjoy your children in the spirit of knowing that this time in your life won't last forever (interject the endless fighting and needs) and that it won't last forever (insert movie days, pumpkin picking and track out fun). I hope that you don't worry about homework and school deadlines and field trips and fundraisers and instead wonder about how much fun you can fit into your days.

And then on Oct. 20 we will all get back to the business of showing up, because that's what we do. We will come back ready to fill out forms, send in projects, supplies, money, box tops, trash and donations. We will come back energized to be a part of our second Common Grounds Meeting on Oct. 28. We will sharpen those pencils, clean out those folders, empty those backpacks and we will be ready for what life at ECS has to offer in

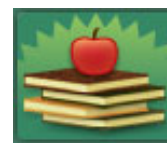
**donation drop off
Oct. 28**

Please bring your gently used household items to our upcoming Common Grounds meeting. Each donation translates into a credit for our school resulting in a year-end cash reward. [Visit the Giving Tree website](#) for information regarding accepting donations.



Vollmer Farm offers track out fun

Vollmer Farm is offering ECS a 10% return on all "Back 40" admissions every Saturday and Sunday during the month of October. Please bring your flyer that was enclosed in your Tuesday folder or [download one](#) in order to be sure ECS gets credit! Get your pumpkin and earn some cash for ECS.



Box Top drive report

Our Box Top Drive resulted in 9,736 box

the Second Quarter. Here's to a fantastic track out and an energized start to the Second Quarter.

Keep on keeping on...

- Susan White, PAWS President

News



Common Grounds Meeting

Our Quarterly Common Grounds Meetings offer an opportunity for the administration, school board, teachers, PAWS, Boosters, and our school community to join together on Common Ground and discuss important issues relevant to our school. Please make plans to join us for our Second Quarter meeting on Oct. 28 from 2-3 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. The doors will open at 1:30 p.m. for an opportunity to drop off Giving Tree Donations, link your rewards cards, and socialize with other ECS families. Common Grounds 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.

A Big Thank You ...

PAWS would like to take this opportunity to recognize all the good work being done on the part of our dedicated volunteers...

- To our **Café Days Crew** for the countless number of hours served to feed our children and maintain PAWS biggest fundraiser.
- To our **Hospitality Committee** for providing refreshments for the last school board meeting, teacher and staff track out treats, showering the front office with muffins and flowers and keeping our teachers lounge stocked with goodies.
- To **Jodi Sheldon**, PAWS new family coordinator, for helping our new families get comfortable in their new school home.
- To our **Cultural Arts Committee** for organizing and hosting our first performance of the year, The Possible Police, performed by The International Ballet Academy.
- To **Donna-Jean Keim** for organizing The Jungle Book, our online directory.
- To our **Passive Fundraising Team** for collecting box tops, trash, Giving Tree donations, and reminding us to link our cards.
- To **Minh Graham and Terri Schaffer** for chairing and organizing our new Yearbook Committee.
- To our dedicated **ECS families** for showing up every time we ask.

Thank you!

PAWS Gives Back

A big thank you to all of our ECS families who participated in our membership drive and who ordered Café Days. Because of you we were able to donate \$10,000 to the school to support our awesome field trips. We were also able to sponsor our first school wide Cultural Arts performance, The Possible Police performed by The International Ballet Academy. We plan to provide the school with a matching \$10,000 check for spring field trips.

Be on the look out for more ways that PAWS Gives Back and [visit the PAWS section of the ECS website](#) to find out how you can get involved.

tops collected, translating into \$973 for ECS PAWS.

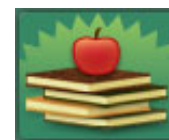
Keep clipping those box tops and be on lookout for our next Box Top Drive in December.



Schoola Drive

ECS will be hosting our second annual Schoola drive during the week of November 2-6. Donate your gently used women's and children's clothing to earn cash back for ECS.

[Visit Schoola's website](#) for more information on acceptable donations.

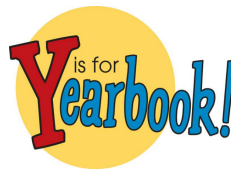


Fall Pictures

Pictures are scheduled for Oct.22. Order forms will be sent home in the Tuesday folders when we return to school on Oct. 20. These photos will be used in our school yearbook.

Leave Your Mark on ECS's 2015-16 Yearbook

Now that the first quarter is almost under wraps, it's a perfect time to submit pictures for the school yearbook! PAWS has partnered with ECS to organize a fully staffed yearbook committee. We are excited to chronicle a wonderful year at ECS! Please take advantage of these two fun ways to leave your mark on our 2015-16 yearbook.



- Share your pictures from field trips, classroom activities, and school events. To share pictures with us go to the [website](#) and use the login credentials: 402763588.
- Encourage your middle school student to participate in our Cover Contest. [Click Here for details!](#)

Enrichment Update

Lara Rice

The ECS enrichment program is now accepting registrations for Second Quarter! Please visit the website to view the after-school class course catalog. There are 17 classes to choose from:

Elementary Engineers
Cheerleading & Dance
Middle School Study Hall
5K Run Club
Fall-a-palooza
Typing Frenzy 101
Tennis
Karate
Computer Programming

Dungeons & Dragons
KidzArt
Golf
Minecraft Animation
Nature & Gardening
Jewelry Making
Lego Engineering
Chess Club

Registration forms and before-school care forms [can be printed from the website](#) and turned into the front office. Enjoy your track-out!



Cafe Days Ordering Closes Soon!

Angie Isaac

Don't miss out on Café Days for 2nd Quarter! Ordering is NOW OPEN but will close on Oct. 3. All orders must be received and paid for by Saturday at midnight.

We are so thankful for all of the volunteers that worked with Café Days to feed the students at Endeavor this 1st quarter. We always welcome new faces as much as we love to see returning ones. [Please consider signing up to help this coming quarter.](#)

Boosters Update

Indy Harris

BACK THE PRIDE - INVEST NOW - ENDEAVOR TO PLAY

SHOW YOUR PRIDE - IT'S TIME TO ORDER ECS FALL SPIRIT WEAR

...Support Endeavor student athletes by purchasing Spirit Wear for your entire family!!

The Fall offering includes Endeavor State Long-Sleeve Tees, Vintage Pride Hoodies, Cafe Days Volunteer T-shirts and Girls/Ladies Spirit Jerseys!



Terracycle Update

Thanks to all of our dedicated families we were able to ship over 85 pounds of trash to Terracycle following our Aug. and Sept. "Trash 4 Cash" drives.

Terracycle is hosting a contest for schools that are able to collect 30 pounds of foil juice pouches by Dec. 31! Help us reach our goal.



Parent School Bus Co-op

Seats available for round-trip and one-way afternoon service. Please [contact Tamara Santana](#) for more information.



Skate for the Pride!

Join ECS friends at

Online ordering is open NOW until Oct. 22.

DELIVERY GUARANTEED BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS!!

[Click here to order 2015 Fall Spirit Wear today](#)



Jellybeans in Wakefield Commons Wednesday, Oct. 14, 6-8 p.m.

BRING YOUR VOUCHER - \$10 will cover ONE child's skate rental, a slice of pizza and a drink. A portion of all proceeds will be donated in support of our student athletes!

[Click here for directions and to download the voucher.](#)

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.

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