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Endeavor Charter School - Home of the Pride!

State of the Den

During the first week of school everyone is so excited! The students have gathered their new notebooks and pencils and can't wait to see the names of their classmates. The teachers have scrubbed their rooms clean, put up fresh bulletin boards, made a million copies, and labeled everything in sight. The parents are excited to see it all come together. I love watching all of this back to school enthusiasm!



I especially love seeing families cheer when they learn the names of their children's homeroom teachers. Every year I am overwhelmed by this -- an entire community of teachers so well respected that families literally cheer at being assigned to their classes. I am also amazed by families who so value their children's education. It is a great thing to be a part of this community of learners and educators!

Please find your niche in our community this year. There is a place for everyone! Handymen, gardeners, and neat freaks -- join us for our quarterly Do Dads Workdays! Spring cleaners -- drop some donations off at our quarterly Parent Information meetings for the Giving Tree. Organizers -- send in your Terracycle and Schoola items and Box Tops on collection days. Smiling faces -- help pass out Café Days food each week. Artists -- support our fine arts teachers and cultural arts events. Everyone -- support our teachers through daily lunch and recess duty. Every single job is important to our community!

If you are new to our community, we welcome you! It is

important to us that you feel informed and valued. Please ask if you have questions and share ideas when you have them. It is going to be a fantastic year!

- *Christi Whiteside*

A Message From Our PAWS President

Welcome back to our returning families! To our new families, welcome to the Endeavor Community! The best part of the new school year is all of the new things that go along with it -- new backpacks and back-to-school shoes, new pencils and notebooks, new teachers and classrooms, and even new classmates and families. New and shiny things can be so fun and exciting, but new experiences can be intimidating. I remember being a new Endeavor family six years ago; feeling a little unsure of a new carpool, new routine and new responsibilities. I was so grateful when a "veteran" mom offered to help me out during my first lunch duty. What a comfort to have a little experience there to guide me through. As we all become comfortable in our roles as Endeavor parents, let's look for ways that we can continue to offer a little comfort to one another.

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. - Aesop

Marla Myers, PAWS President

Join PAWS Today!

Mane Event: Parent Information Meeting

Join us for the **Mane Event:** Parent Information Meeting -- 2 p.m., Aug. 10.

Our Quarterly Parent Meetings offer an opportunity for the administration, school board, teachers, PAWS, Boosters, and our school community to join together and discuss important issues relevant to our school.



The meeting is held during our carpool hour. Please arrive a little early, park in the carpool lanes, put your carpool tag in place and join us in the Multipurpose room!

Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 2 p.m. We will be drawing for the five raffle prizes from Meet the Teacher. Come to see who will win free PAWS membership, \$25 Café Days credit, Fall Picture Package, Spirit Wear, and \$30 Giving Tree gift card!

Meet the New PAWS Board Members

Laurie Russo, President Elect

Hi, my name is Laurie Russo and I am PAWS President Elect this year. My husband and I have three boys at Endeavor: Nick in 8th grade, Greyson in 6th grade and Max in 4th grade. This is our fifth year at Endeavor and my first year on the PAWS board. I am so excited to be able to be involved and give back to our great school. Please let me know what I can do for you!

Colleen Icenhower, Vice President

Hi, my name is Colleen Icenhower and I will be serving on PAWS this year as Vice President. My husband, Mitch and I live in Wake Forest and have two children attending Endeavor, Drew (3rd grade) and Emma (1st grade). I am so grateful to be a part of the ECS family and I look forward to another great year!

Cristina Arkin, Secretary

I'm Cristina Arkin, and I'll be serving as PAWS Secretary this year. I have two children and one on the way. My son Jack is in 4th grade at ECS. Before becoming a stay at home mom, I worked as a preschool teacher.

Jodi Sheldon, Treasurer

Happy back to school! I'm Jodi Sheldon, your 2016-2017 PAWS Treasurer. I have a 6th grade son (Reece) and 3rd grade daughter (Campbell) who have both been at Endeavor since kindergarten. I LOVE volunteering in my kids' classrooms, and have also served on a variety of ECS/PAWS committees over the past six years. My husband Dave would say I'm an expert spender, but I promise I'm great at saving money too. I look forward to being your Treasurer this year!

Café Days Update

Angie Isaac

The Café Days team would like to thank you for your participation in our survey at the end of last year. We took your concerns and suggestions and made changes that we hope everyone will like. We have added more variety of food including healthier options as well as options more compatible with food allergies. We are also adding a fourth day as a trial -- our "Try it Thursdays" where we will offer three new vendors: Jersey Mike's, Hong Kong Chinese Restaurant and Deli-icious food truck. We are excited about the possibilities! The ordering deadline for 1st quarter is Aug. 6, so get those orders in soon!

Beginning 2nd quarter, Café Days ordering will be more frequent, with the schedule roughly following a monthly ordering schedule. We think this will be helpful to parents on many levels. Just think, if you miss an ordering window, you won't have to make lunches for an entire quarter! Please make note of the ordering dates for the remainder of the year: Sept. 23-30, Oct. 21-28, Nov. 25-Dec. 2, Jan. 13-20, Feb. 10-17, Mar. 24-31 and Apr. 21-28.

Due to the additional time requirements of our volunteers, these new ordering windows will be shortened to one week from our standard two-week window. All orders need to be placed and paid for by midnight on the close date or they, unfortunately, will be canceled.

Finally, we could not provide this service to our community without our volunteers. We always welcome new faces as well as returning friends, so please consider sharing some of your volunteer time with Café Days. Go to our [Sign Up Genius form](#) to volunteer.

Endeavor Kicks Off the 2016-17 ECS Annual Fund!

Lauren Manfreda

Welcome back Endeavor families! I am so happy to share that support of the ECS Annual Fund has been fantastic so far, I've heard from lots of parents who are excited about the opportunity to make an impact at Endeavor with their donations and we're receiving pledge cards each day! The presentation at Meet the Teacher was all about growth -- how our students can grow and challenge themselves this year -- and how we as a community can grow and challenge ourselves as well. The challenge for our community is: can we raise

\$100,000? YES, we can! I know as a parent my monthly contribution makes a small dent in that number -- but I also know that collectively, if we ALL make contributions, we WILL achieve our goal! That's what this community is all about -- the collective impact of all of us coming together. I hope you will consider giving to the Annual Fund so that we can keep our class sizes small and we can continue to provide our teachers and students the resources they need to "learn by doing"! By the way, I have to give a BIG shout out to Minh Graham (Endeavor mom and yearbook chair) who created the amazing slideshow at Meet the Teacher! Every time I watch it and hear the song from *Zootopia*, I get goosebumps! Thank you Minh!

If you have not turned in your pledge card, please consider it - - maybe you'd like to make a one time donation, or maybe you'd rather break it up into monthly gifts. Either way, your support is greatly appreciated and necessary for the success of our school, so THANK YOU -- Endeavor would not be where it is today without the support of our community -- our ECS family of families.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about Endeavor's fundraising efforts, [please get in touch with me](#).

Boosters Update

Indy Harris

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

- ***Purchase Spirit Wear*** -- Show your PRIDE with authentic ECS apparel and accessories. Look for the fall offering ordering link next week.
- ***Attend Quarterly Spirit Events*** -- Join ECS families once every quarter for fellowship and fun. **1st Quarter Event: Thursday, Sept. 8, California Pizza Kitchen at Triangle Town Center.** [Download voucher](#)
- ***Boosterthon (coming March 2017)*** -- 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 athletic program!

[BACK THE PRIDE - INVEST NOW - ENDEAVOR TO PLAY](#)



Passive Fundraising Update

Colleen Icenhower

Terracycle Thursday Collection Dates:

Aug. 4, Sept. 1, Sept. 29

Don't forget your "Trash for Cash" during morning carpool. [View the updated flyer](#) that lists all approved items! Thanks for your support!



Box Top Drive Aug. 15-19

Please send in unexpired Box Tops on a collection sheet or in a baggie labeled with your child's name/teacher. The "Big Box" will be located near the front office during the drive. Thanks for your continued support!

Fall School Pictures

Fall pictures will be taken on Sept. 22 with a makeup day on Oct. 20. Fall pictures will be used for the yearbook. Look for more information coming home as we get closer.

Schoola Clothing Drive

Start collecting your gently used women and children's clothing, shoes and handbags for our upcoming Schoola Clothing Drive during morning carpool Aug. 22-26. Just drop your bags and we do the rest. All proceeds will help fund the 6th Grade Field Trip to Space Camp.

Giving Tree

Please bring your unwanted, gently used household items to our "Mane Event" Parent Information Meeting on August 10.



PAWS will collect and deliver them to the Giving Tree and ECS will receive a monetary donation. All donations are tax deductible.

Re-Link Grocery Cards

Please re-link your Kroger, Harris Teeter and Lowes Grocery Cards. Cards need to be re-linked each year in order for ECS to get credit. You can link online or at customer service the next time you shop. Thank You!

Upcoming Events

Aug. 4: Terracycle Thursday

Aug. 6: Ordering deadline for Cafe Days

Aug. 10, 2 p.m.: Mane Event Parent Information Mtg., MPR; Giving Tree Donation Day

Aug.15-19: Box Tops Drive

Aug. 22-26: Schoola Drive

Sept. 1: Terracycle Thursday

Sept. 8: Spirit Event, California Pizza Kitchen, Triangle Town Center, All Day

Sept. 22: School Pictures

Sept. 29: Terracycle Thursday

Sept. 30: Last Day of First Quarter

