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UPCOMING EVENTS

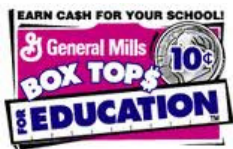
Feb. 6 - 24
**New Student
Application Period**

Feb. 16
Pride Spirit Night
Chick-fil-A
Six Forks Rd
5-8 pm



Feb. 17
**Last Day of
Book Fair**

**Box Tops
Collection Deadline**



Feb. 20
Holiday - No School

Mar. 23
Spring Fun Run

State of the Den - A Carpool Worker's Perspective

Hello Endeavor carpool families! In addition to my duties inside the building, I have the pleasure of getting to know the many faces of Endeavor during outside carpool duty, as well as getting a daily dose of the (typically) beautiful weather in North Carolina. In addition to these positives, I also have the opportunity to hear carpool complaints. I would like to share some carpool basics that will help enhance the safety of our students as well as the smooth flow of the daily carpool grind.

CARPOOL TAGS: If you do not have your tag, homemade tags are not acceptable substitutes. You will be asked to park and wait until the end of carpool to get your child. Also, please leave your tag(s) in your window until your child is in your car.

DOORS & SEAT BELTS: All students should be able to open doors and buckle themselves in at this point. If your child cannot, please teach her/him.

RECALLS: If your child does not come out when called, you have two options. One is to exit the carpool lane and re-enter the line on Forum Drive (right turn instead of left turn). The second is to park on the other side of the wooden fence and wait until the end of carpool.

MORE RECALLS: If your child needs to be recalled on a consistent basis, please speak to your child to ensure he/she is listening. The next step is to email your child's homeroom teacher to enlist his or her assistance.

NO cell phones (calls or texts), reading, or writing in the carpool line next to the school. This is for the safety of our students, staff, and other individuals in the carpool line.

TRUNKS: Only exit your vehicle to put items in the trunk/back if there is no room inside the car. Please do not allow students to walk between cars. This dramatically slows down the carpool process and poses safety concerns.

***Please remember that carpool typically ends around 3:40 and is officially over at 3:45. The carpool staff IS NOT a babysitting service and may have work/personal obligations at this time. (NOTE: lateness due to an emergency is an exception, and if at all possible, a quick phone call to the school would be appreciated).

Please don't take offense to this message and use me for target practice! ;)

– Leeann Bové

Are You on Target?

The next time you are in your child's class, take notice of the learning target! All teachers have begun posting a learning target for their classes. In our upper grades, learning targets are being posted in every class. At our lower grades, teachers have begun posting targets for reading and math with plans to add another subject in fourth quarter.



The target begins with the words "I can..." and is an indication of what the student should be able to do at the end of the class. For example, a math class working on multiplication might have the learning target "I can multiply two digit numbers times two digit numbers." A reading class might have the goal "I can create a plot map to sequence the major events in a story." At the end of the class, students can determine if they have met the learning target, or if they need to seek additional help.

The learning targets also allow teachers to quickly assess the student learning for the class, as there is one specific focus. The learning target does not change the way teachers teach, but it enables students to better understand the purpose for the class and self-assess their progress.

We invite you as parents to begin using these learning targets as conversation prompts with your kids. Ask them about the target for a class today!

- Christi Whiteside, LA/SS Curriculum Coordinator

Pride Boosters Update

Girls Soccer, Boys Tennis and Baseball practices start Monday, Feb. 13th.



Save the Date:

Spring Fun Run – Friday, March 23



Next Spirit Night: February 16th at Chick-fil-A,

Six Forks Road from 5-8pm.

Enjoy a dinner out and help support the Endeavor Pride Boosters!



14 Days and Counting ... Happy Leap Day!



How is a Leap Year Calculated?

In the Gregorian calendar 3 criteria must be met to be a leap year:

The year is evenly divisible by 4;

If the year can be evenly divided by 100, it is NOT a leap year, unless;

The year is also evenly divisible by 400. Then it is a leap year.

This means that 2000 and 2400 are leap years, while

1800, 1900, 2100, 2200, 2300 and 2500 are NOT leap years.

A Message from our PAWS President



It is hard to believe that we are already a month into 2012. So far all is well in 12!

Thank goodness we have an extra day this year, because everyone has been very busy so far with lots to come. Thanks to the Hospitality committee for providing a warm welcome to our teachers and staff. I, like all of you, am certainly thankful for Café Days and the tireless volunteers who make it a huge success. Enough can't be said about the efforts made to arrange the Book Fair currently underway. Personally, I love the individual pictures of my boys, which the School Pictures committee organized. Stay tuned for class and spring pictures in March. On a similar fund raising note, we received donation checks from Food Lion, Harris Teeter, and others; thanks to the efforts of those involved with Passive Fundraising. The Box Tops challenge is currently underway; thank you for creating a fun way to get our kids involved with raising money. Without the continued commitment of our Paw Print Chair, we would not have this great newsletter to keep us all up-to-date on the various school activities. There are several other committees like Copy Center, Web Page Wizard and Grade Parent Chair who do so many things in the background that enable the school to operate more efficiently every day. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped clean up the school and playgrounds just before track in last month. And last, but certainly not least, we have had countless volunteers assist with lunch coverage, field trips, making play dough and the list goes on and on.

There are many PAWS initiatives still in process from now through the end of the year. The Year Book committee is hard at work with our students creating another great compilation of memories. There is still time to share any pictures you have from a great field trip or class visit, but we really need them as soon as possible. We have several more exciting Cultural Arts events that our kids will certainly enjoy and learn from thanks to the immense efforts of all those involved. New playground equipment for all grades is being researched by the sports and fitness committee along with Mr. Burt. I know the kids will love the new stuff. As you can see everyone is committed in many different ways to the success of the school. Rest assured, every little bit helps and thanks to all of you too!

We had a PAWS Executive Board Meeting on January 31st. Even though we did not have a quorum, we successfully conducted several online votes so we could conduct PAWS business. One vote, passed by the PAWS Executive Board (24 out of 25 votes), must also be passed by the PAWS General Membership. The quorum for the General Membership meetings must consist of 20 people. Please make an effort to attend. The issue we will vote on concerns a change to our Bylaws to enable PAWS to conduct meetings in the absence of a quorum of the Executive Board. Currently the quorum is 20% of the Executive Board. **I have included an excerpt at the end of this update detailing what the change would look like should it be passed by the General Membership.**

The next General Membership Meeting will be at 6:00 PM on Monday February 20th. This coincides with the Endeavor Charter Foundation Update and the Board Meeting following at 6:30 and 7:00 respectively. PAWS will provide an update on what has been accomplished so far this year as well as what we have left to do. As mentioned earlier, we will also need to vote on the change to our Bylaws. Lastly, we will announce our Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will communicate with all parents in February thru mid-March informing them of the nomination process and requesting potential nominees for the 2012-2013 PAWS Officers. Just before the end of the 3rd quarter, we will have another General Meeting to hold our annual elections for the 2012-2013 officers. Again, please try to attend this meeting.

As always, thanks to everyone in the Endeavor Community for helping support the students, teachers and staff. We appreciate everything you do! If you have any questions for me, please do not hesitate to email me at paws.president@endeavorcharter.com. Have a great Leap Day!

- Kris Stauffer, PAWS President (See next 2 pages for proposed change in bylaws)

Information regarding the existing Bylaws and the suggested change for the General Membership prior to the vote at the upcoming PAWS General Membership Meeting.

The language currently reads:

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Section 3.

a. The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers of the PAWS, the chairpersons of standing committees, a teacher representative, and the director of the school or a representative appointed by him/her. The chairpersons of the standing committees shall be selected by the Vice President over that committee.

b. The president may appoint a parliamentarian, subject to the approval of the officers of PAWS.

Section 4.

The duties of the Executive Board shall be:

(a) to transact necessary business in the intervals between general membership meetings and such other business as may be referred to it by the members of PAWS;

(b) to create standing and special committees;

(c) to approve the plans of work of the committees;

(d) to present a report at the regular general membership meetings of the PAWS;

(e) to prepare and submit to the PAWS for adoption a budget for the year;

(f) to approve routine bills within the limits of the budget.

Section 5.

Regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held during the school year, the time to be fixed by the board at its first meeting of the year. Twenty percent (20%) of the Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the president or by a majority of the members of the board, seven (7) days notice being given.

Article VII: Executive Committee

Section 1.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of PAWS.

Section 2.

The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to transact emergency business in the interval between Executive Board meetings.

Section 3. The majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held as needed.

See next page with proposed changes.

The Language proposed is as follows (the change is noted in bold font):

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Grade Level Assignments for Assisting with Café Days

Jan 31 & Feb 3 - 6th grade

April 17 & 20 - 7th grade

Feb 7 & 10 - 5th grade

April 24 & 27 - 6th grade

Feb 14 & 17 - 4th grade

May 1 & 4 - 5th grade

Feb 21 & 24 - 3rd grade

May 8 & 11 - 4th grade

Feb 27 & March 2 - 2nd grade

May 15 & 18 - 3rd grade

March 6 & 9 - 1st grade

May 22 & 25 - 2nd grade

March 13 & 16 - Kindergarten

May 29 & June 1 - 1st grade

March 20 - 8th grade

June 5 & June 8 - Kindergarten

April 13 - 8th grade

June 12 - 8th grade

Editor's Note:

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