



## December 2018 Newsletter

Dear Families,

*This year is moving very quickly! The students and staff have settled into routines and procedures that are lending to success. We will have a short month but it will be filled with activities and all the bustle of the holidays. Traditionally, we do not have a PTO nor a SAC meeting and will meet again in January. At that point, we will be turning our attention to state testing in grades 3-6. There will be opportunities for you to come and hear about the new regulations and requirements. For now, relax and enjoy the month with a focus on giving and family. Our service project this month is to have our Grades 5 & 6 students visit the elderly residents of West Melbourne Rehabilitation Center and sing carols to them. At the end of our presentation, we will pass out scarves as a little gift for the holiday. If you are crafty and can crochet, knit, or just tie felt together, please help you children make and send them into the office. Purchased scarves will also be accepted. This is our chance to give back and help them understand giving and family. We will be collecting these up until the 19<sup>th</sup> when we are scheduled to visit the facility. Thank you in advance for teaching your children about this important value.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ms. Cheryl Turner  
Principal*

**Cold and Flu season is upon us!!!! The teachers are asking for donations of soft tissues and disinfecting wipes for the classrooms. Please remind your children to wash their hands frequently to avoid spreading germs.**

*Welcome Eileen Needle to our office and school. She comes with years of experience in preschool. Please stop by the school to say hello and introduce yourself. Her email is [needle.eileen@educationalhorizons.net](mailto:needle.eileen@educationalhorizons.net) If you need any student services she will be glad to help.*



## PTO NEWS

- Next meeting will be January 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30. The focus will be state testing and our Barnes and Noble evening.
- Our uniform closet is packed full of bottoms and there are a good amount of tops. Stop by and take a few pieces home.
- Morning Mile will take a break from December 17<sup>th</sup> to January 11<sup>th</sup>. We will begin back on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Look for opportunities to help.
- WINTER BREAK for students begins Dec 24<sup>th</sup> to January 9<sup>th</sup>. Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> is there first day back for the year.
- Teachers return for a work day on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. The grade 3 & 4 class will host a luncheon to show our teachers how much we appreciate them. Danielle Shiflett will organize this luncheon. Look for a sign-up genius or contact her directly.
- Spirit Day will be Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup> @9:00. Led by grade 5 and 6.
- Please send in scarves for the elderly as our students bring cheer and well wishes to the residents on December 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Art class is still looking for Registered Volunteers to help on Fridays, 8-12. Also, please save tissue paper over the holidays for future projects.

### TURTLE STUDY.....



Mrs. Tapp has been doing a unit on turtles with her gifted students. As part of this, they will travel to Riverwalk Park and participate in activities to further look at our local turtle population. This field trip is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to pack a lunch for the day.



to all the families who are paying more attention to our NO LEFT turn sign. Please abide by this rule to help avoid accidents and traffic problems. We also appreciate all the families who are continuing to use their placards for car loop. This helps teachers and staff to know who is picking up children. All these efforts make for an easier car loop for arrivals and departures. As a reminder, please make sure your child(ren) are buckled up as the car begins to move.



We have a small amount of Honor Roll passes for *Gaylord Palms*. Please see Eileen in the office if you are planning on going. Tickets are good on select days Nov 16-Jan 6. (NOT valid for Dec 8,15, 22, 29)



December 6<sup>th</sup> – Thursday - Parent Participation Night..... This is an opportunity for you to see HOW your child uses the Montessori materials. On this evening, ONE adult and the students will come into the classroom for Kindergarten, VPK, and Preschool. They will then be the teacher and SHOW you how to work with the materials. This is an awesome time to see how independent they can be and show you their work. We have set aside these time for you on that evening. Please try to stay within your slot to help the evening go smoothly.

Country Day (preschool and VPK) – AM only students 6:30-7:00 PM and FULL DAY students 7:00-7:30  
Educational Horizons Kindergarten students 6:30 – 7:30 (any half hours within that time- just show up)

Cookie Party Time! Let's treat our teachers! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EA8AE2A31-ehcs1> see flier



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