

Eye On Endeavour

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Developing Study Habits... Developing A Lifetime of Good Work Ethics

Developing good study habits requires three basic approaches: Preparing the right attitude, organizing time and projects, and modifying study practices to be more efficient and effective.

Attitude. Most importantly a student needs a willing and positive attitude. This means that she accepts her need to do this work and mentally commits herself to doing it. It also means that when she runs into problems she will seek to solve them without giving up--perhaps by asking parents, re-reading a chapter in a textbook, reviewing an old assignment, calling a friend or searching the Internet for relevant information. When it comes to studying, the right attitude counts more than natural intelligence.

Time-management skills. Once a student has a willing attitude, encourage him to map out a plan to complete the tasks he has to do each day, and plan ahead for long term projects as well. Encourage him to make daily and weekly to do lists and keep a master calendar updated with all assignments, projects and tests listed so he can look ahead and stay on top of larger tasks as well as daily work.

Study habits. Several approaches can be used to make the most of study time:

- Plan the study time. Help your student choose to do the most difficult assignments first, when she is the most alert. Encourage her not to leave study time to be done at the end of the day when she is tired. Establish a study area that has all the supplies your student will need.
- Use the student's natural learning styles when studying for tests. Auditory learners learn best by listening to themselves repeat information aloud; visual learners remember best by seeing information in print either through words or graphic displays, kinesthetic learners remember best when acting out information, tactile learners remember best when making models with their hands.
- Students need to figure out what they need to know. They should ask the teacher questions, and use past tests in this class as indicators of what information is important.
- Effective test preparation involves several days of reviewing and should include making a practice test to determine what still needs attention.
- Mistakes are okay. Students can learn from them.
- Encourage students to ask questions if they don't understand.

(The Child Advocate, September 2009)



Message
from the
board

Dear Endeavour Families,

The unmistakable signs of fall are everywhere! Leaves scattered on the ground, the chilly evenings, pumpkins on display, soccer practice, and of course, our children back in school. Your PTA would like to welcome everyone back and send a special welcome to all new students and families. Hopefully you all are settling into the school routine of early mornings, remembering backpacks and completing homework. We also hope that you are reconnecting with longtime friends and making new ones as the Endeavour family and community grows.

As Endeavour expands, so do the opportunities to be a part of our amazing school. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the Take 5 back to school dinner and the library was full for our fist PTA meeting of the year. Within this newsletter you will see many volunteer opportunities - whether you have 10 minutes or 10 hours available. A goal of PTA is that all families feel a part of their child's educational experience. The PTA is a true partnership between our dedicated, amazing teachers and our wonderful parents. Without parent involvement, there would not be a PTA and we encourage each family to find a volunteer opportunity that is right for you. With your support, we will have a great school year!

Warm regards,
Julie Moore
President





Assuming an active role in your child's school experience may be more valuable than you think. While many factors contribute to academic achievement, students reap the benefits when parents are involved in their education. According to the US Department of Education, students with involved parents generally have higher grades and test scores, better attendance, more motivation, better self-esteem, improved graduation rates, and a greater likelihood of pursuing a post secondary education. *It's time to jump in and get involved!*

http://www.babyzone.com/toddler/toddler_development/early_education/article/get-involved-child-school



Fundraising...

BOX TOP LABELS

We all shop for groceries, sometimes two or three times a week – or more. Now turn those shopping trips into easy cash for our school, and encourage friends and relatives to do the same. Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios, Juicy Juice, Kleenex, in almost every aisle of the store. All you need to do is clip and send it to school – each one is worth 10¢ for our

As the boxtops coordinator, I will be sending home every few months a worksheet you can use – just get your kids to glue the boxtops to the worksheet and hand it back into their teacher. At the end of each month small prizes will be given out to those that have handed in 10 or more boxtops. If you lose your worksheet, then just send them into school in an envelope or Ziploc bag – please put the child's name on it otherwise I won't know who is to get prize.

At the end of the school year the classroom with the most boxtops sent in will get a classroom party; and the child who has sent in the most will get a gift card from Toys R Us. It's a very simple thing to do – last year we earned \$800 for the school! It would be great to get \$1000 this year – but I need your help in doing this. I submit the boxtops twice a year – October 31st and February 28th, so please start sending them in so I can submit as many as possible in October. Thanks for clipping those boxtops!

Jane Moreton

ENRICH ALL ASPECTS OF YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL LIFE



Help raise funds for our school. For more information, go to www.endeavourpta.com.

Campbell's Labels for Education

A great way to stay warm during our chilly fall weather is to enjoy a bowl of hot soup. Not only can you warm up your body but you can also help out Endeavour at the same time! Simply save your Campbell's Soup Labels and cut off the UPC code on the label and send them to school with your child in an envelope labeled "Campbell Soup/PTA". It's a great way for Endeavour to earn free things for the school. Labels for Education is also running a sweepstakes with a grand prize of \$25,000 worth of gear for our school. You can enter by submitting your email address once a day by 10/31/09. Go to LabelsforEducation.com for all the details and enter to win! If you have any questions regarding the program or would like to help, feel free to call Joni Schaefer at 425-513-6931.

Gift Wrap Fundraiser

This year the Endeavour PTA is partnering with Innisbrook for our Fall Fundraiser. Your child should have brought home the catalog last week with all the details on the quality products including gift-wrap, chocolates and specialty gift items. Ordering is easy at www.innisbrook.com. Place your order by October 14th through the EZ order option. This gives you free shipping as your order ships directly to Endeavour. Next, print your payment voucher and attach your check payable to Endeavour PTA and return it school with your child (credit card payments are not available through EZ ordering with the free shipping promotion). If ordering for out of area friends and family, look for the ordering option that ships directly to them (you can pay with a credit card, however, shipping charges apply). Thank you for your help with this Fundraiser!!

<http://www.endeavourpta.com>

Parents

- have you visited www.innisbrook.com and registered your child? Did you know that with just one EZ order item your child can download the Jungle Scramble game and start playing! Please take a moment to go to the website and register.

During the fundraiser, we will play our "JUNGLE GUESSING GAME." In the school gym there is a roll of Jungle Gift -Wrap. Have your student guess how many - animals, flowers, feathers on top of bird's heads, berries, eyes, beaks, ears, petals and spots on necks of giraffe are on the roll? Send your child's guess to Debbie McCallick at TheMcCallicks@gmail.com or have them write it on a slip of paper and put it in the PTA box in the office. Prizes will be awarded to the winners!



Reminder

To ensure the safety of our children, every volunteer at Endeavour is required to complete a Washington State Patrol registration form. If you completed one last year, it is still in effect for this year. Forms are available from Linda Sipos in the Endeavour front office. The District requires that this form be submitted prior to any volunteer work at the school. It takes only a few minutes to complete and is good for two years. Thanks volunteers!

Volunteer Opportunities



See page 3 for volunteer opportunities

Event calendar...

Mark those dates and be there parents!

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In a 10-year study of 20,000 teenagers, it was found that only one-fifth of parents regularly attended school functions, and that those who did were much more likely to have high-achieving students.

<http://www.greatschools.net> "What Makes a Great Parent"



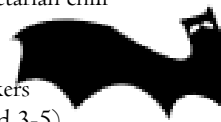
Chili Lunch!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Book Fair	6 Book Fair	7 Book Fair	8 Book Fair Pie and Cider Night 6.30 p.m.	9	10
11	12	13	14 Early Dismissal K-12 Staff Appreciation Lunch	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 School Assembly <i>Power of One</i> 9.15 a.m.	23 Pumpkin Carving Night 6.30 p.m.	24
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Place your order with Innisbrook by the 14th

On Wednesday, October 14th, the staff appreciation committee will be hosting a chili lunch for all Endeavour employees in the staff lounge. If you are able to make or purchase any of the items listed below, we would be so grateful!

- Crockpot of chili (need 6 or 7)
- Crockpot of vegetarian chili
- Vegetable tray
- Fruit tray
- Cheese and crackers
- Green salad (need 3-5)
- Dessert (could use 3 or 4)



Contact: Michelle Andres at michelle.andres@verizon.net and Kelly Waldo at kelly.waldo@verizon.net

Please drop your item off in the staff lounge by 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 14th. THANK YOU!

SCHOLASTIC

Pie and Cider Night

Pumpkin Carving Night

Fall is here, and that means the beginning of school. Fall also means it's time for our fall Scholastic Book Fair! Book Fairs are wonderful events that provides an opportunity for children to think about and select books of their own choice. The dates of our book fair are: Monday, October 5th – Thursday, the 8th. Students may shop in the mornings before school from 8:30 – 8:55. We are also open from 2:30 – 4:00 PM each day. On Thursday, October 8th, we will open in the evening from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. Please, come and join the fun!

Mr. Forge, Librarian



Join us on October 8th beginning at 6:30 following the close of the Book Fair, for "Pie and Cider Night." Enjoy a free slice of pie and hot apple cider as we officially ring in the fall season. Nothing fills and warms up the tummy like pie and hot cider! Volunteers are needed to cut and serve pie, pour cider and set up and clean up. Please contact Shyamala Gopalakrishnan at satsanshy@yahoo.com if you would like to help.

One little dog wants to find the perfect home. So he travels the world, visiting different countries to see how other dogs live. Returning to his own neighborhood, he realizes the perfect place may be at the big White House right around the corner.

sneak peek

of books featured at the Book Fair

From the tip of their forked tongues, to skin that sheds, to the rattles on certain tails, snakes have fascinating secrets. Discover some of them in this Level 2 National Geographic Kids Science Reader.



Bring your best pumpkin face design and carving tools to Pumpkin Carving Night on October 23 at 6:30. We will display all the pumpkins on stage and have a Halloween storyteller to get everyone ready for the big event on October 31st! Volunteers needed for set up and clean up. Please contact Endeavour PTA if you would like to help out at endeavour.pta@gmail.com.

Help Wanted!

If you enjoy gardening and planting beautiful flowers we could use your help! We are looking for a volunteer to help maintain and plant seasonal lowers in the three large pots located at the main office door entrance to our school. This does not require a lot of time and the results are well worth it. Contact: Kelly Waldo at kelly.waldo@verizon.net





*You may have tangible wealth untold;
caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.
Richer than I you can never be –
I had a Mother who read to me.*

The Reading Mother by
Strickland Gillilan



Who did the ghost
invite to his party?

**Answer at the
bottom of the page**



“Beauty Is...

from the desk of Mr. Forge ...

Reading as a Family

Loving to read is something we all want to encourage in our children. Reading well is an essential part of being a life-long learner. Research shows that children who have been read to are more successful in school. Reading to your children has many wonderful benefits. Children see their parents reading and embrace the idea that reading is important. Children are exposed to rich language and a variety of words, strengthening their vocabulary and helping to establish and active and creative imagination.

Here are some ideas;

- Pick an evening (or multiple evenings) to read to your child or children (try to be consistent with this - do what works for you and your family).
- Select a book that will be of interest to the whole family – not too long or too short for your child. Here are some great titles: Charlotte’s Web, by E. B. White or The Cricket in Times Square, by Garth Williams or Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, by Roald Dahl.
- Have as few distractions as possible. Don’t have the reading time right when you child’s favorite TV show is on. If you child has to choose between TV and the book, TV will win!
- Ask questions; What was happening the last time we were reading? What do you think might happen next? Why do you think “that” happened?
- Make it fun! This should be something enjoyable for all involved – even YOU!

Reading is an adventure –
enjoy the journey!

Mr. Forge



*Make school a
priority in your
household! Commit
to excellence in
attendance. Your
child’s future
depends on it!*

EducationWorld.com

**Next
PTA
Parent Night and
General Meeting**

November 19th at 6:30 in the Library.
Check the PTA website and watch your
email for more information.

Money Matters

"PTA has received \$6,823 in donations so far and has paid several miscellaneous expenses. Donations and company matches are on track to meet what we estimate to receive this year. We currently have a \$36,565 budget, including expenses budgeted for technology improvement and teacher grants. We are optimistic that in addition to the donation campaign, the fall fundraiser will bring in about 7,000 in income."



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2009-2010
*Reflections Art
Program*

It is that time of the year again to help support your child in the participation of our annual Reflections Art program/contest sponsored by your PTA. Reflections is a program that encourages children to express themselves through art as it relates to this year’s theme, *“Beauty is...”* This can be done in six different categories: Literature, Visual Arts, Photography, Musical Composition, Dance/Choreography and Film/Video. Students may participate in more than one category, as long as each entry has its own entry form. All ideas and actual work must belong to your student. Parents, teachers, friends and relatives should not assist other than to provide materials, help the child understand the rules and help to fill out entry forms. Every child who participates in Reflections will be recognized for their talent. Your child will have a letter coming home with details on how to enter the contest. If you have any questions, please contact our Reflections Chair, Edith Ross, at eithrossphoto@yahoo.com. We wish your students lots of fun utilizing their creativity and imagination!

*The more that you
read, the more
things you will
know. The more
that you learn, the
more places you’ll
go.”*
Dr. Suess



Answer to the riddle above:
Anyone he could dig up



**THIS MONTH IN
WORLD HISTORY**

October 31, 1941

Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed after 14 years of work. The memorial contains 60 foot tall sculptures of the heads of Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt- representing America's founding, political philosophy, preservation, and expansion and conservation.

www.historynet.com/today_in_history

We are happy to have you!

- Mrs. Wilson (1/2nd Grade Split)
- Mrs. Scanes (2nd Grade)
- Mrs. Lyle (4th Grade)
- Mrs. Vanderport (5th Grade)

welcome to all our new teachers!

Mrs. Scanes **In The Spotlight...**

I have a son Dylan in the 6th grade and a daughter Danielle in the 4th grade. I have a Masters degree in teaching from City University. I have been a dietician and a safety officer for a large company and then had a career change four years ago into teaching. I love teaching! I have been in the Mukilteo School District for student teaching at Horizon, taught at Fairmount and Horizon and have subbed in every school in Mukilteo including preschool and high school. I love elementary the best! My family started a vineyard two years ago in Yakima and we spend a lot of family time working on the grapes. I volunteer for Providence Hospital to support the Children's Foundation. My favorite book for kids is "Free To Be You and Me". I love reading kids books! I love all kinds of foods and flavors, really! My favorite drink is vanilla lattes. I am so looking forward to enjoying my awesome 2nd graders at Endeavour and am so happy to be here. Thank you!

Mary Scanes

**Harbour Pointe Middle School Music Boosters
Dinner Auction**

Harbour Pointe Middle School Music Boosters Association 12th annual dinner auction will be Saturday, November 21st, 2009 , starting at 5:00pm at the Nile Golf and Country Club in Mountlake Terrace. This year's theme is **Feelin' Groovy**. This is a great way to support Mukilteo music programs and have fun, too. The evening includes dinner, quality silent and live auctions and entertainment by Harbour Pointe's award winning musical groups. Proceeds from the auction benefit HPMS choir, orchestra and band programs, providing such things as instruments, competition fees, transportation expenses, clinicians, and scholarships. Tickets are \$42.50 per person. Tables seat ten and can be reserved for groups of friends or family at a cost of \$425 per table. To purchase tickets please visit www.hpmusicboosters.com. For questions, to make a donation or to volunteer, please call Debbie Montgomery at 425-308-3556 or email auktion@hpmusicboosters.com. Come and let your inner hippie groove to the good vibes.



Thank You!

Jersey Mike's Subs in Mukilteo generously donated platters of their delicious sandwiches for our last PTA meeting. We appreciate their continued support of Endeavour and our community. We encourage Endeavour families to show your gratitude by stopping by for lunch or dinner and saying 'thanks' for everything you do for our school! Jersey Mike's is located at 11815 Mukilteo Speedway (between Azteca and McDonalds).



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