

# Endeavor Hall News

Endeavor Hall serves students desiring to acquire superior writing skills in the context of an academically challenging curriculum in preparation for collegiate studies and careers

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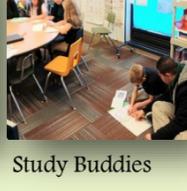
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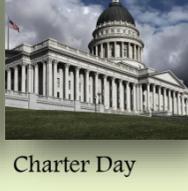
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## Letter From the Administration



Dear Parents,

In a few weeks, Endeavor Hall will be administering the second Sage Interim Assessment for 2016-2017 school year.

The Sage Interim Assessment is designed to provide teachers with students' proficiency rates of the Utah Core Standards. Allowing teachers to adjust their instruction and monitor progress throughout the year.

Students in grades 3-8 will be tested in math and language arts and students in grades 4-8 are tested in science.

During January 17-27th students will be taking the Sage Interim Assessment.

Please remember these test taking strategies:

- Get a good night's sleep
- Eat a balanced breakfast
- Read directions carefully
- Take your time

For more information please go to the following sites or contact the school.

<http://sageportal.org/>  
<http://www.schools.utah.gov/sage/>

## Calendar



### January

21	EH Open House
26	Charter Day on the Hill
27	Spirit Day

### February

9	EH Open House
20	President's Day
24	Spirit Day

## Charter Day on the Hill



Endeavor Hall will hold a special event on Thursday, January 26, 2017 to celebrate National School Choice Week. Our Civics class will represent the school at the annual Charter Day on the Hill, hosted by Utah Association of Public Charter Schools. The students will go on a tour of the Capitol Building and will then run the Endeavor Hall table in the Rotunda. Charter Day on the Hill provides an opportunity for charter schools to showcase the achievements and successes of the school, and to meet with our local legislators.

Endeavor Hall is one of more than 13,000 schools participating in National School Choice Week (January 22-28, 2017). The goal of the Week is to shine a positive spotlight on all types of education options for children—from traditional public schools to public charter schools, magnet schools, private schools, online learning and homeschooling. The event will be held at Utah State Capitol Building.

## EH Art



**Decker Holden**

*Under the Sea Fish*

Ms. Hansen's AM Kindergarten



**Jacob McCafferty**

*Color Wheel Umbrella*

1st Grade, Mrs. Westenskov



**Victoria Udiel**

*Half Face Portrait*

5th Grade, Mrs. Nash,



**William Gustave**

*Expressive Wire Sculpture*

8th Grade, Multi-Media-3D

## A Note From the Board

By Jennifer Perry

One of the greatest gifts we can give our children is that of self-worth—the knowledge that regardless of what life brings they are important and can overcome challenges. When we help our children build confidence and help them learn how to handle both success and failure we equip them to be successful throughout their lives.

When children have a strong sense of self-worth, behavior problems are minimized and educational performance is enhanced. Additional benefits of healthy self-worth include feeling valued and accepted, feeling confident that they can do what's expected, feeling proud of a job well done, thinking good things about themselves, and feeling prepared to meet everyday challenges.

The following suggestions are simple things you can do at home to help your children build self-worth.

- Help your child learn to do things, making sure you show them at first and provide ample opportunities to learn to do it correctly. This can include simple cooking activities, learning to tie their shoes, a hobby you enjoy, athletics, art, etc.
- Praise your child, but do it wisely. Praise effort rather than fixed qualities, and make sure it is sincere.
- Be a good role model. Don't put yourself down in front of your children.
- Set reasonable expectations and help your child meet them. This starts with things like small household chores and completing homework.
- Help your child learn how to fail. We all have moments in life when we fail. Knowing how to handle failure and move on is a critical life skill. Those with a healthy sense of self-worth know that everyone fails and everyone has the opportunity to keep trying.
- Don't compare your child to anyone else, or be critical of other children around you.
- Focus on strengths, not weaknesses. Help your child work to make weaknesses strengths.
- Help them find a purpose in the things they do. Encourage them to do well in school for a reason—not just because they should. Help them see the opportunities their futures can hold.

## EH Snapshot!



These two cute kindergarteners made the best of a snowy indoor recess and worked together to complete a puzzle.

## Middle School "Study Buddy" Program



Just before Christmas, a group of about 20 middle school students began working with some of our K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade students in a newly created "Study Buddy" program. The middle school students are helping the younger students every Friday, encouraging growth specifically in the areas of reading and writing. Ms. Magnavito, Mrs. McDonald, and Mrs. Gutzwiller's joint efforts have created an environment in which both the younger and older students can all benefit. Not only are great academic benefits, but students also learn social skills, build relationships across the grade levels, and work cooperatively.



The students have been engaging in shared reading time with fiction-based leveled books, followed by collaborative projects in which they write about the characters, setting, and key details from the stories. They discuss their interests with each other and with characters in the story to facilitate connections with the text.

One of the great benefits of Endeavor Hall is having Kindergarteners - 8<sup>th</sup> Graders all in one place! Amazing, multi-grade opportunities like this exist everywhere!

## EH Open House



Invite your friends and neighbors to see what Endeavor Hall is all about.

Saturday, January 21st: 9:00-11:00am

Thursday, February 9th: 9:00-11:00am

Visit classrooms. See curriculum examples. Find out about the *Writer in Residence Program*. Tour the building.

**See why writing matters!**

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