

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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Letter From the Administration



Dear Parents,

This time of year, there is much focus on giving, and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the many ways you give to our school:

- Volunteering in our classrooms
- Helping create and maintain wonderful bulletin boards in the hallways
- Attending school and classroom events
- Copying / organizing classroom materials for teachers
- Communicating with teachers or me when there is a concern/ need or good news to be shared
- Supporting your student to have a successful experience at Endeavor Hall

The recent cold weather made me think of those who do not have a warm home to go to each night and perhaps not enough food on the table. Thank you for helping us reach our goal in the Utah Food Bank Drive. Endeavor Hall donated 548 lbs. of food this week. I know that there are families that will gratefully accept this donation.

Trudy Jack

Calendar



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15 Winter Festival

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January

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16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

No School

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EH Open House



Endeavor Hall has scheduled several open house events over the next few months. It is a great time for those who are considering enrollment at EH to see our school and experience our academic mission. Our first open house will be held on **January 12th 5-7pm**. For those that would prefer a daytime option, please come on **January 21st or February 9th 9-11am**.

Share these events with your friends and neighbors who are looking to provide a fun writing environment for their student.

EH Art



Madeleine Taylor

Review Art Project

3rd Grade - Mrs. Fox

Briana Thacker

Review Art Project

2nd Grade - Mr. Youngberg



Spirit Day



To show our school spirit during November and December, our school held a food drive for the Utah Food Bank. Thanks to your generous donations, Endeavor Hall was able to donate 548 lbs. of food!

Counseling Center

The counseling center will be holding three support groups school wide for the next 8 weeks. We have two types of groups.

1. **Social Skills:** This group is designed to help students that have a difficult time dealing with conflict
2. **Tough times:** This support group is designed for students that are experiencing chronic distress and teaches coping and resiliency skills

Groups are about 30 minutes once each week during school hours.

December Core Virtue

Charity

Fantastic 5th Grade!



UNICEF

By Abbey L.

In October Mrs. Nash's class and Mrs. Jones' class participated in trick or treat for UNICEF. Our total amount of money was \$290. It was really fun to collect and donate money to children all around the world. The money will go to help children that need things like clean water, nutrition, medicine, and immunization.

If you want to change a few things you can.

THE STAMP ACT

By Tessa S.

The Stamp Act was unfair because every single British colonist had to pay for a piece of paper every single time they bought one. They also had to pay taxes on newspapers every time they wanted to read one.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR

As part of our activities during the Revolutionary War, the students got to participate in a colonial taxation simulation. Students were chosen to be colonists, members of parliament, or King George III. The colonists were taxed on various items like water bottles, papers, pencils, etc. to show how the American colonists thought taxation without representation was unfair. The colonists felt the taxes were outrageous, but as you can see, our kings thought it was a pretty good deal!



Ancient Dwellings

Mrs. Reynolds' 6th grade class researched and built ancient dwellings.



SOAR Over the Holiday

Winter break is a great time to work on SOAR packets.

Don't forget that all family members can participate!

A Note From the Board

By Heather Sudweeks

I remember priding myself in college at Utah State University on being able to whip out an assigned paper for any various subject in a few hours and still get a good grade. Writing came naturally to me and, without much effort, I could edit, argue or the skills I learned in grade school through high school to take a topic at hand and persuade, argue or inform.

After graduating from PSU and working for a few years, I went to graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania. Soon into my first semester came the anticipated assigned persuasion paper. I worried little, as I knew my writing skills had always come to my aid in the past. I sat down the night before it was due and quickly wrote a paper on how culture affects an individual's ability to access education. My ideas were solid, I had proper supporting facts, and I even felt it was a bit clever.

The paper came back to me the next week with the grade of a D. Every paragraph had been thoroughly marked for error and suggested revisions in bright red pen. I had never seen so many marks before on something I'd worked on, and I was shocked. And angry. And pridefully indignant. In other classes, assignments also came back with lower-than-expected grades.

I eventually swallowed hard, picked my pride up off the floor and decided to learn something. Over the semester, I took the feedback from several professors, spent more time on my assignments and re-learned how to write. The effort paid off, and my academic writing improved significantly (who says you don't learn anything in grade school?!).

We, at Endeavor, understand the importance of writing well and how this contributes to college success. Some students will have natural talents toward writing, and others will need more time and instruction to develop the necessary skills. All students can become excellent writers, and our teachers are committed to delivering the instruction that will lead them there. Each individual's path will be life-long, and encouragement from parents as well as student determination will be necessary to get better and better at this most-important life skill.

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