

# The PAWPRINT

## ECS PAWS Newsletter

### Quarter 3 2025-2026



## A Message from PAWS Leadership

The second quarter was packed with fun and meaningful moments at ECS!

Our PAWS community helped make Family Fun Fest and Coffee & Conversations a success, kept our staff lounges stocked, enjoyed Spirit Night at Torchy's, and surprised teachers and staff with a holiday treat cart.

What a fantastic season of connection and appreciation!

We're excited to keep the momentum going into quarter three with even more opportunities to get involved. The quarter kicks off with Spirit Day at Big Air, followed by our Giving Tree donation drive and our much-loved annual Book Fair and Art Show.

One exciting update for this year is a change to Teacher Appreciation Week. With so many end-of-year activities, we're spreading the celebration out to give our incredible teachers the recognition they deserve. Teacher Appreciation Week will take place February 9th-13th, and more details will be shared with families soon.

Thank you to our amazing ECS PAWS community for your continued support.

We're looking forward to another incredible quarter together!

Ashley Pusey, PAWS Vice President, 2025-2026

## Lunch and Recess Duty

One of the greatest ways to show your appreciation for ECS teachers is to volunteer for lunch and recess duty. It's also a great way to see your student connecting with friends and enjoying the familial community that is so cherished at ECS. Even Grandparents are welcome!

Adult volunteers simply need an annual background check and siblings can join too. Look for information coming soon about raffles and fun competitions for both students and parents. Sign up and review volunteer procedures on the school website - we can't wait to see you there!

Cafe Days is excited to welcome a new vendor on Mondays, Bites on Main! They bring a variety of new items including bacon/egg/cheese croissants, pancake bites, ciabatta sandwiches, and more!



## Upcoming Events

1/19 Spirit Night - Big Air 10am-8pm

1/23 Coffee and Conversations

1/30 Men at Work

2/9-2/13 Teacher Appreciation Week

2/9-2/13 The Giving Tree donation drive

2/27 Coffee and Conversations

3/9-3/13 PAWS Book Fair

3/11 Art Show

3/20 Coffee and Conversations

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

# ECS BOOK FAIR

MARCH 9-13



## ECS Bookfair March 9th-13th

The Scholastic Book Fair is returning: March 9th - 13th! Students will shop during the school day and we'll have parent & family shopping times available.

We can't do it without you! PAWS will need volunteers to help us during the school day, on the evening of the Art Show (March 11th) and for packing up. Please consider volunteering to help at our Book Fair. The story starts with you!

## The Giving Tree Double Points Donation Drive February 9th-13th



We're excited to continue our partnership with The Giving Tree in Wake Forest, founded in part by a parent of an Endeavor student and past PAWS President. This fundraiser is an easy way to declutter, support a local nonprofit, and raise money for our school. Donate excellent, like-new, or brand new household items to The Giving Tree and help raise funds for Endeavor! Every item earns points—and this week, donations count DOUBLE.



## Teacher Appreciation Events

PAWS welcomed teachers and staff back with a taco bar luncheon and stocked the lounge with snacks! We've got Valentines Day treat bags planned and a bagel bar to round out Teacher Appreciation Week, February 9th-13th, too!



## Spirit Night!

Join us at Big Air on 1/19 from 10am-8pm PAWS receives 50% of sales when you mention ECS at check-in.



PAWS awarded \$3000 in teacher grants this school year!



Download the Box Tops app today for a super easy way to contribute to ECS!

You can link your shopping accounts and even get rebates on items you're already shopping for!

## Volunteer Opportunities

- Cafe Days Volunteers - Support hot lunch efforts on campus and behind the scenes 2 times a month.
- Theatre Volunteers - Support the theatre department with organizing and cataloging according to your schedule.
- Lunch Duty Volunteers - Support staff and see your child during lunch and recess! This is a HUGE help to our incredible teachers!