

# The PAWPRINT

## ECS PAWS Newsletter

Quarter 4 2025-2026

### A Message from PAWS Leadership

Happy Fourth Quarter, ECS Families!

The third quarter was filled with fun, connection, and meaningful moments here at ECS. Our PAWS community truly helped make Quarter 3 a memorable one! Teacher Appreciation Week, held February 9th-13th, left our incredible staff feeling valued and celebrated. Teachers and staff enjoyed sweet treats and heartfelt notes from students. Thanks to your generosity, our staff lounges stayed well stocked, and we even hosted a festive St. Patrick's Day treat table! Other highlights included Spirit Day at Panera Bread, our Giving Tree donation drive, and our much-loved annual Book Fair and Art Show with the framing fundraiser.

We're excited to carry this momentum into Quarter 4 with upcoming PAWS-supported events like the Anne Frank Cultural Arts program, Field Day, and many volunteer opportunities to get involved. More details will be shared with families soon. We appreciate all that our ECS PAWS community does and can't wait to finish the year strong together. Here's to an amazing fourth quarter!

Krissy Fox  
PAWS President, 2025-2026



### Alumni Scholarship

PAWS is pleased to offer a scholarship to a well-rounded graduating senior pursuing higher education at a two or four year college or university or technical/vocational institute. Two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded.

All applications are reviewed anonymously by an impartial selection committee and are evaluated on the following criteria: academic and other achievement, extra-curricular activities, letter of recommendation, essay submission, community involvement, leadership and overall quality of application.

### Field Day

Field Day is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for Friday, May 22nd and keep an eye out for a signup genius to volunteer and cheer on your student. We have exciting new activities and games for this year! We can't wait!



### Upcoming Events

- 4/17 Cultural Performance
- 4/24 Coffee and Conversations
- 5/1 Alumni Scholarship Application Due
- 5/1 Stride for the Pride
- 5/15 Coffee and Conversations
- 5/22 Field Day
- 6/3 Men at Work
- 6/5 Last Day of School

## Volunteer Spotlight: Erica Germano



My way of giving back to Endeavor, other than through monetary donations, is by volunteering my time for lunchtime sessions. I have 2 children who attend Endeavor.

Kaiya is in 4th grade and Kendall is in Kindergarten. We have been attending Endeavor from the very beginning when Kaiya started in Kindergarten.

There are many reasons why I volunteer my time for lunchtime sessions. The time allows me to directly support my children in an academic setting along with support to the staff and school community. It helps build trust and relationships with school staff, administrators, and other parents. Allows the staff a break away from their class to focus on themselves, gives themselves breathing room during the day, reduces any additional workload from having to monitor students during lunch/recess, and gives them the extra time to prep and/or work on class assignments, grading, etc which will in turn, make them more effective during school instruction. Volunteering allows me to see and observe my children in their daily school environment and how they interact with peers and staff. I feel this small amount of time during lunch provides quality time to connect with my children. I strongly feel that with my volunteering, my children can gain a sense of motivation and pride seeing me involved at their school. I hope the volunteering I do will and is creating positive values and morals within my children, boosting their self confidence, and being a good role model.



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## Bright Star Theatre presents: The Story of Anne Frank

PAWS is excited to welcome Bright Stars Children Theatre on April 17 for a special performance of The Story of Anne Frank. The PAWS Cultural Arts Committee is proud to provide this meaningful opportunity for our 4th through 8th grade students to experience this powerful story brought to life.



## Staff Appreciation Events

PAWS welcomed teachers and staff back with a luncheon and will stock the lounges with snacks! We've got a coffee cart planned and a delicious staff breakfast to finish out the year as well!

Congratulations to our Lunch Duty Raffle Winners- Josh Cleary and Emily Carvajal! Thank you to all the volunteers that continue to make our school community feel like family!



## 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!