

JOURNEYS IN ELD

AT THE CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
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Welcome from Mr. Fortin

Welcome!, Hello!, Hi!, Hallo! Greetings!

As we start our journey for the 2023-2024 school year, I would like to take a moment to inform you of a couple highlights...these include the following...

- November 1st...end of First Quarter
- November 13th...Parent Conferences with language interpreters
- November 22nd...Early Dismissal
- November 23rd - November 27th ...Thanksgiving Break
- December 9th... Breakfast with Santa at Skills Center
- December 21st...Early Dismissal
- December 22nd through January 1st...Christmas/New Year's Break
- January 4th through February 23rd...WIDA ACCESS for ELLs testing window
- January 19...end of Second Quarter
- February 19...Celebration of Unity and Parent Conferences with language interpreters

Parents are reminded that if you have any questions or concerns with your child's education here at the Charter School of Excellence, please feel free to contact me, Chris Fortin, at (814) 480-5908.



Mr. Fortin

Meet our new staff at Skills Center

We'd like to welcome some new staff to the Skills Center!

Ms. Ertsgaard, who was a building substitute last year, has been brought on to the English Language Arts Department.

Ms. Williamson is new to the Skills Center for the 2023-2024 school year and is teaching Personal Development as well as Skills and Applications.



Ms. Ertsgaard



Ms. Williamson



STUDENT ENTRIES

My name is Imaleishca Torres. I was born to Yahaira and Angel. I have two brothers and one sister. Their names are Amisadai, Gabriel, and Yahaira. My personality is very shy. I am funny and I like to talk a lot with the people that I know and am comfortable with.

My family is special to me because they are my everything. They are there when I need them or need help with something. I also have a small and cute dog. He is a mini Korqui. My extended family lives in Puerto Rico. My closest family is here in Erie with me. I see them often.

I like to hang with my best friend, Rachel, because she has been there for me in the good and bad times. We have been friends for nine years. I like to go out, hang out and vacation with my friends and family. I like that I can see my friends and have classes with some of them at school.

My goal for this school year is to graduate and receive my diploma. For the future, I would like to obtain a good job that I like. I would like to get an apartment or house to live in. I see myself in 3-5 years with a family and living somewhere else.



Imaleishca Torres

My name is Edwin Soto Diaz. I was born to Michelle Rosado and Javier Mejias. I have two brothers and one sister. I was born on December 17, 2002, in Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico. I don't know who I am named after but my middle name was the name of a Spanish rapper. I am usually nice to everyone, but people might think that i am boring.

My family is special to me because I am the youngest. I have two dogs and two fish. My one dog's name is Miracle. She is a Pitbull mix and is very sweet. My other dog's name is Poison. It is a meaner dog and he is a French bulldog. Only one of my fish has a name and it is Knuckles. It got its name because it is red with a spike like knuckles, like the Sonic Red Guy. My best friends are Joniel and Luis. They have been my friends since middle school. They are fun people and easy to get along with.

My personal goal is to graduate and have a stable job. My dream is to build my own car and compete with other famous people. I want to donate money to kids in need some day. I see myself working hard and racing with famous people in Florida. My motto is to treat other people how you want to be treated, fairly and respectfully.



Edwin Soto Diaz



ASSESSMENTS

ACCESS Testing for the 2023-2024 school year will take place in January and February. We are hopeful that our students will put forth their best effort.

We are confident that their scores will reflect the dedication each and every one has to improving their English language skills.

Please be sure your students are getting a good nights rest, eating a good breakfast and on time for school each day especially during the testing and assessment window. We have full confidence that all of our students will do their best with the upcoming state assessments.



ELD SHOWCASE

Our Celebration of Unity to celebrate and showcase our ELD students, has been moved to the February 19, 2024 Parent Teacher Conferences Day. Language Interpreters will also be here that day.

There will be International Food Sampling, Art of the Woman's Hijab, Henna, Raffle Baskets, Cookies Around the World, Flags of the World Activity, One World Tribe and more.....

This event continues to grow every year. If parents and/or students would like to volunteer or donate any cultural artifacts at the upcoming Celebration, please contact Ms. Panko via email at lpanko@phcse.org

We look forward to another successful Celebration!





HOLIDAY WORD SEARCH

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- CINCODEMAYO
- DASHAIN
- THANKSGIVING
- NEWYEARS DAY
- EIDALFITR
- HALLOWEEN
- BOXINGDAY
- RAMADAN
- KWANZAA
- EASTER
- EIDALADHA
- CHINESENEWYEAR
- HANAKKAH
- DIWALI
- NAVIDAD
- HOLI
- MAWLID

WINTER WEATHER SAFETY

- Drive safely
- Prepare your car
- Prepare your home
- Prepare for outdoor activities
- Avoid snow shoveling and snow blowing injuries
- Prevent falls this winter
- Keep a charged phone with you
- Never leave a burning candle unattended

COMMENTS, FEEDBACK, SUGGESTIONS?

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