



Healthy Learning Academy

A Tuition-Free, Elementary Charter School

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Happy New Year!!

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES:

- * January 12th - End of first semester
- * January 15th - No school – Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday
- * January 16th - No school – teacher workday
- * January 25th - Parent involvement night – Career Night – see invite on reverse
- * January 25th - Report cards go home
- * February 8th - 100th Day of School – food drive

*Mr. Mike (Collins) now has the position of Dean of Students. In addition to his usual duties, he will be assisting Ms. Egan with student discipline and facilities management. Mrs. Matts now has the position of Lead Teacher. In addition to her usual duties, she will be assisting Mrs. Egan with staff development and teacher mentoring. Congratulations to Mr. Mike and Mrs. Matts!!

*In order to make up the “weather days” HLA will be adding 15 minutes to the school day beginning January 17th and ending March 23rd. Dismissal will be at 12:45 on Wednesdays and 2:00 the rest of the week.

*The playground is finally finished!! Thanks to everyone who supported this long-awaited addition!

*We will be having a food drive for the 100th day of school. Please see the flyer for more information.

*As we return to school, please remember the following: **Send a healthy snack and a fresh water bottle (labeled) with your children every day! Label your children’s clothing** and double check to ensure your children have all their belongings when they leave at the end of the day, or when picking up from after care.

*Cold and flu season has hit HLA hard. **Be sure your child does not return to school until they are fever/vomit/diarrhea free or have been on antibiotics for at least 24 hours.**

*We will be participating in the Five Points of Life Kids Marathon (one mile run) on Saturday, February 17th. It will be FREE to register before January 24. Even if your child has not been participating in Run Club or Morning Mile, this is a great opportunity to get them out there to walk/run one mile. All participants receive beautiful medals and t-shirts. For more information and to register your children, please visit:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Gainesville/FivePointsofLifeRaceWeekend> . Some of the children and parents may want to run the actual 5K race. We hope to have excellent school representation for this amazing community event which promotes blood and organ donation. For more information, ask any staff member.

* ***A big THANK YOU to all who are already volunteering on a regular basis!! We love and appreciate you all!** We need everyone’s help during the second half of the year. Please visit our website at www.healthylearningacademy.com, click on the Volunteer Sign Up link, and then on a tab at the top of the page for more information. We cannot continue to offer Morning Mile, Run Club, library, gardening or many of our other programs without dedicated volunteers. **If everyone could just sign up for one time slot a week or month, the burden of the work would not continue to fall on the same group of people, and everyone could easily fulfil their volunteer commitment.**

Mission Statement: To provide excellence in education with a focus on lifelong health, nutrition, and fitness for the creative mind and healthy body.