

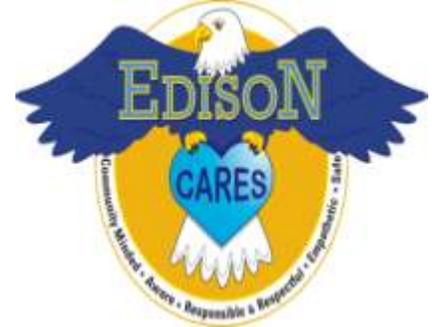
EDISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

February 17, 2011

A
21st Century
Neighborhood
School!

3350 Quitman St.
720-424-7780

Please visit our website at:
<http://edison.dpsk12.org/>



2010-2011 Budget Plan

Dear parents,

The School Leadership Team met on January 31 and the CSC met on February 14 to discuss and approve the Edison school budget for the 2011-12 school year. Though our state budget continues to be tight and is projecting cuts to public schools, DPS is working hard to limit this impact on schools, teachers and students.

We are excited to report that for the 2011-12 school year, our budget will need few changes in staffing and curriculum/teaching resources. On February 14, the CSC approved the following for the 2011-12 school year:

- Due to space we are cutting our ½ day Kindergarten and ½ day ECE programs.
 - We will have 4 full-day Kindergarten classrooms, with ½ day students in the morning, and 1 full-day ECE classroom.
 - We will continue to have four classrooms of 1st grade & 2nd grade, will increase to four 3rd grade classrooms, and will continue to have three classrooms of 4th & 5th grade.
 - We will continue to provide support to students with special needs through a full-time ESL teacher, special education teachers, an intervention teacher, a psychologist, a nurse and a special education paraprofessional.
 - We will continue to provide instruction in the library, arts and physical education through an art teacher, a music teacher, a PE teacher, and a library tech.
 - We will continue to have a Principal, Assistant Principal, 2 secretaries, and an office/health support paraprofessional.
 - We will continue to have a 7 hour/day paraprofessional in ECE and a 4 hour/day paraprofessional in each Kindergarten classroom.
 - We will continue our exceptional services to students through programming in Advanced Kindergarten, HGT, and Autism.
- Thank you to Edison's collaborative SLT and CSC in efforts to use our financial resources to best serve our students.

Sincerely,
Sally Whitelock, Principal
Nadine Ritchotte, Assistant Principal

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Assistant Principal

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Secretaries:

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School day:

8:45 AM - 3:30 PM

Upcoming Events:

February 21 & 22
No School

February 22
Parent Teacher
Conferences (as needed)
12:00-8:00

February 25
RIF book distribution

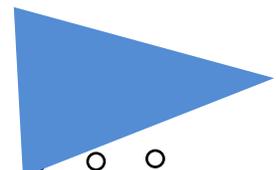
March 1-10
CSAP testing for
grades 3-5

March 3
CSC Meeting in
Conference room at 4:30

March 5
"ED FEST"
Edison Auction

March 10
PTA Meeting in auditorium
At 6:00 PM

March 23
Used Book Sale





CSAP is coming!!!

CSAP testing is right around the corner. When our students do well on their CSAPs, the students feel successful and we can do a better job of securing funding and quality staff. Below are the scheduled days for testing. Testing will take place both in the morning and in the afternoon. Please do NOT schedule vacations, doctor's appointments or anything that will interfere with your child's testing for these days. We want all of our students to be relaxed and ready to do their best during testing!

March 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd and 8 th , 9 th and 10 th	3 rd grade Writing and Math 4 th grade Reading, Writing and Math 5 th grade Reading, Writing, Math and Science
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To help your child get ready for testing:

- Please make sure that they get enough sleep!
- Please make sure that they get a healthy breakfast! We will provide snacks.
- Please make sure that they come to school on time and stay for the whole day!
- Please make sure that you talk to your children about the importance of always doing their best!

All students who are present for EVERY test and who work hard during EVERY session of testing, will earn a CSAP PARTY on March 25th, details to follow.

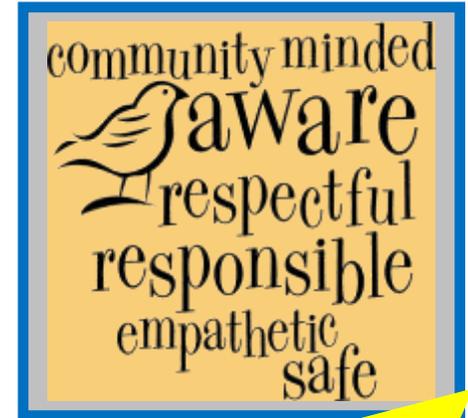
Student Enrichment Day – March 25

Woop woop! Thanks to our UCD interns, Enrichment Day is back for another year! On March 25, all students at Edison will be participating in a day of experiential learning facilitated by our teachers, paraprofessionals and parents. In the afternoon from 1:30 to 3:20, our ECE classes will pair together to provide center activities for their students. Kinder will have the Denver Zoo visit for an hour and then will do extensions from that visit in their classrooms. Primary (1st and 2nd grades) will participate in an afternoon session, also. Intermediate (3rd, 4th and 5th grades) will do their session in the morning from 9:30 to 11:30 and will have their CSAP party later that afternoon.

Your student will have lots of choices for Enrichment Day. Please take the time to help them to make a choice that suits them. Every teacher is planning a session that showcases their special passion or talent. Some paraprofessionals and parents are teaming up with teachers to share their talents. Sessions will be no bigger than 20 students and everything is about hands on learning. Teachers are in the planning stages now, but during the last week of February or the first

week of March, your child will receive a choice sheet and blurbs about open sessions. They will make first, second and third choices and bring the forms home for you to have input and to sign and bring back to school. The sign up process will be by grade level and will be first come, first serve. All children will receive their first, second or third choice.

If you would like to teach a session showcasing a special talent that you have, please contact your child's classroom teacher. All parent led sessions must have a teacher sponsor who will be in the classroom with you at all times. If your child's classroom teacher does not need help at this time, contact me (nadine_ritchotte@dpsk12.org or 720.424.7786 and we'll see if we can get you hooked up with a teacher who is still in the planning stages. Remember, all sessions are two hours long and should be all hands on activities. It is our goal for Enrichment Day that all children have the opportunity to learn something new in a small group setting and in a hands on environment. We want all teachers to have the opportunity to teach something that they love to a small group of students that they don't normally get to work with to support the continuous building of the Edison community.



Our mission at Edison Elementary is:

Edison Elementary is a collaborative learning community where 21st century skills, rigorous academics and character education ensure the development of the whole child. Every classroom promotes growth in critical thinking and reasoning, information literacy, self-direction, collaboration and invention/innovation. We celebrate curiosity and creativity in the development of life-long learners.

Check your student's AR reading on-line

All 1st-5th grade students at Edison are working hard to achieve their AR reading goals. Parents can check their progress on line at:

<https://hosted252.renlearn.com/245193/homeconnect>

Students can also practice their math facts at the same website by going to "Math Facts in a Flash."

Next Gotcha Party – February 25th, 2011