

EDISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

March 10, 2011

A
21st Century
Neighborhood
School!

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School day:

8:45 AM -3:30 PM

Upcoming Events:

March 18

Coffee Conversation with
the Principal and AP
7:30 AM in the Library

March 23

Used Book Sale

March 25

Student Enrichment Day
CSAP Party

March 28- April 4

Spring Break

April 7

CSC Meeting at 4:30
In the conference room

April 14

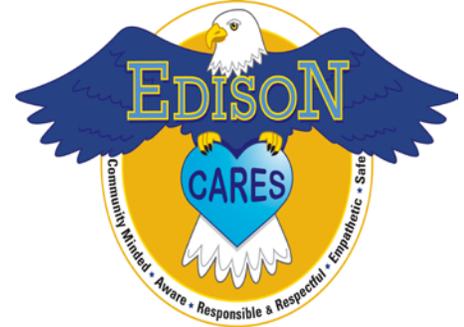
PTA meeting at 6:30
In the Library

ED Fest...A Huge Success!

Thank you to our
wonderful PTA and parent
community for planning
this wonderful
fundraising event for
Edison!

3350 Quitman St.
720-424-7780

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



Student and Teacher Achievement

Dear parents,

Third through fifth grade students at Edison and across Colorado spent the last two weeks taking the Colorado Student Achievement Performance (CSAP) exam. Though this assessment tool has its flaws, it is also the best way we currently have to assess student achievement in relation to state standards and achievement growth in relation to their prior year's performance. In addition, it is one way of measuring the instructional success within a school.

At Edison, we use a variety of assessment data to measure student achievement progress and to make instructional decisions in the classroom. In addition to the CSAP, teachers at Edison use the DPS Interim assessments, STAR early literacy, STAR reading, STAR math, Aimsweb, DRA2, as well as, unit assessments and project-based assessments. It is through on-going learning, practice, and assessment that we will continue to ensure that all of our students are growing academically and leave Edison prepared for college and careers.

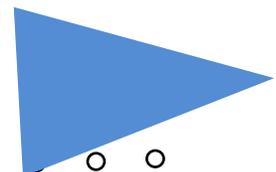
That said, the CSAP is an important measure for students, teachers and schools. We are very proud of the hard work our teachers put in to provide quality instruction and engaging lessons every day for students. We are also VERY proud of our students who demonstrated responsibility, determination, and commitment over the last two weeks when taking the CSAP tests.

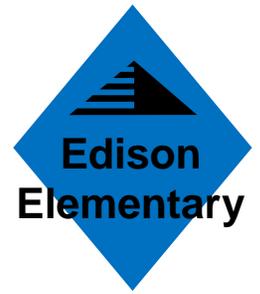
If you have a 3rd-5th grade student, please communicate to them that their commitment to school and efforts to be successful on the CSAP and all other educational endeavors will provide them with countless opportunities as they grow up. Also, please help us to celebrate our teachers and their investment in your children's future.

Sincerely,

Sally Whitelock, Principal

Nadine Ritchotte, Assistant Principal



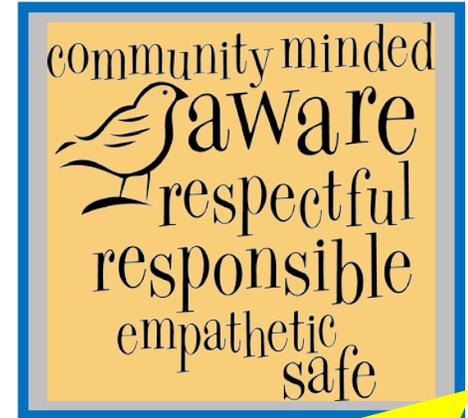


Staffing Update!

In February, Edison's budget for the 2011-12 school year was approved and with that approval, we began making staffing decisions for the 2011-12 school year. Though there are likely to be some changes in teachers at Edison for the 2011-12 school year due to retirements and teachers pursuing other career opportunities, we do have some information now.

- Due to the cut of one ECE classroom, we had to interview our ECE teachers. Lisa Hann will be teaching full-day ECE at Edison next year. Jessica Mason, sadly, will be looking for other teaching opportunities. Jessica is a wonderful teacher and we wish her the best!
- A 3rd grade teaching position has been posted. The personnel committee is in the process of interviewing for this position.
- Edison currently has 13 teachers on probationary status. These teachers are all currently on formal evaluation.
- The 2 UCD contract teacher positions (2nd grade and 3rd grade) will be interviewed for in April.

At Edison, our first priority **MUST** be the safety and learning of our students. As teacher changes occur, please know that our intentions are to secure the highest quality teaching staff that will provide students with a terrific educational experience which will result in high achievement.



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."

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.

Next Gotcha Party – March ???, 2011