

# Edison A 21st Century Neighborhood School



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## **A message from the Principal...**

As you all know, the first day of school is right around the corner. I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer of new adventures, quality time with family and fun in the sun! Though I am now back at Edison preparing for the new school year, I did have an opportunity to travel to Nashville this summer with friends and had a wonderful time. My husband and I were also excited to get up in the mountains to camp and mountain bike. I am always so appreciative that we live in such a beautiful state.

As you begin to think about the upcoming school year, please read the information below to ensure that you have completed the required paperwork, have all the school supplies and have important dates marked on your calendar.

As always please email me at [sally\\_whitelock@dpsk12.org](mailto:sally_whitelock@dpsk12.org) or call the main office at Edison at 720-724-7780 if you have questions or need assistance.

I can't wait to see everyone at Back-to-School Night on August 15! See you all soon.

Sally Whitelock, Principal

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## **Mark Your Calendars:**

July 15-August 30  
August 8

On-line registration opens through Parent Portal (see below for details)  
In-person registration (ONLY for families who cannot complete this online) at Edison from 9:00-3:00

August 12	Meet the teacher and assessment day for kindergarten students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sign up on line at: <a href="https://edisonkindercorner.weebly.com/2019-beginning-of-the-year-kindergarten-assessment.html">https://edisonkindercorner.weebly.com/2019-beginning-of-the-year-kindergarten-assessment.html</a></li> </ul>
August 15	Back-to-School Night and Lawn Party on the south lawn of Edison at 5:00-7:00. Please bring school supplies to drop off. Please bring a picnic dinner to share as a family. The principal will welcome the community at 5:40. Teachers will present in classrooms at 6:00 and 6:30.
August 15	Registration for Before/Afterschool Enrichment classes opens up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://edisonextraenrichment.weebly.com/">https://edisonextraenrichment.weebly.com/</a></li> </ul>
August 19	First day of school for all ECE and 1st – 5th grade students
August 19	Coffee and Kleenex on playground at 8:15 for ECE parents
August 20	First day of school for kindergarten
August 20	Coffee and Kleenex on playground at 8:15 for kindergarten parents
August 28	PTA Social at Pferdsteller Park at 5:00 PM
August 29	Volunteer Training at 8:00 AM in Edison’s auditorium
September 2	No school for students, Labor Day
September 5	CSC meeting in the conference room at 4:30 PM
September 6	Volunteer Training at 8:00 AM in Edison’s auditorium
September 20	Annual Eagle Run (Run-a-thon community builder and fundraiser)
September 27	Picture Day

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## **Registration for 2019-2020 School Year**

**Annual Family Update (previously called Online Verification) for the 2019-2020 school year will take place from July 15 until August 30.** You must have a Parent Portal account to participate online. If you need to open a Parent Portal account so you can do the update and have access to other important information about your student, go to [myportal.dpsk12.org](http://myportal.dpsk12.org) and click on *Getting Started*. You will need your student’s DPS ID# to start your account, so please call the office by May 31 if you don’t know it. If you forgot your password or you cannot log in, you can get help by emailing [portalteam@dpsk12.org](mailto:portalteam@dpsk12.org) or calling the portal hotline at 720.423.3163. This year you will be able to add new emergency contacts and upload a change of address (current Xcel or water bill or lease or mortgage statement) online.

To access the Annual Family Update, go to the DPS website at <https://www.dpsk12.org/> and click on the Departments & Services tab and scroll down to SchoolChoice and Enrollment. There will be a link for Annual Family Update once it is active (on July 15). You will use your Parent Portal username and password to get in.

If you do not have computer access you will need to come to Edison to complete your student’s annual update on **August 8** from 9:00-3:00. If your child has had additional immunizations please bring an updated record.

### **Additional information:**

- If your student needs to keep medication at school you will need to pick up a new form to be filled out by a parent and physician. These will be available in the Edison office throughout the school year.
- If you need a transportation exception form, you can sign up on-line through the Parent Portal transportation tab or come in to the office at Edison to complete a form.
- All **kindergarten students** will need to sign up for an individual assessment, which will take place on **August 12**. After receiving your student’s teacher’s name on the Parent Portal in July or August, please sign up for an assessment appointment on the link provided at <https://edisonkindercorner.weebly.com/>

- We encourage parents to sign up for <https://www.myschoolbucks.com> through the Parent Portal. This will give parents the ability to pay for school lunches, field trips and school fees on-line with a credit card.
- If you need a Free/Reduced Lunch form, you can do this through <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application> or come in to the office at Edison to get a form.
- School supply lists and DPS school calendars will go home with your student's report card at the end of May and will also be available online on Edison's website at <http://edison.dpsk12.org/>.

## **Back-to-School Night**

**Back-to-school night will be Thursday, August 15 at 5:00 PM.** Please bring a picnic dinner for your family to eat on the playground/field starting at 5:00 and visit with other Edison families. Mrs. Whitelock will give a brief welcome to all families around 5:30 and then families can visit their student's classroom from 5:45-6:20 and again from 6:25-7:00 if they have more than one child.

## **My School Bucks**

We would like to encourage all parents to sign up with MySchoolBucks through your Parent Portal account. It is easier than ever to pay for school lunch meals, ECE tuition, field trips and class fees on line with MySchoolBucks.

Don't have a Parent Portal account? Go to: <https://payonline.dpsk12.org/myschoolbucks-user-guide/#1512664218979-7b61e933-6f42> for steps to create one.

## **Volunteer Training for Parents**

Please join us for one of our Parent Volunteer trainings on **August 29 at 8:00 AM or on September 6 at 8:00 AM.** Our Volunteer Coordinator, Lea Barone ([Lea\\_Barone@dpsk12.org](mailto:Lea_Barone@dpsk12.org)) will provide parents with information on how to complete volunteer applications, how to sign up for volunteering opportunities, and best practices for volunteers related to confidentiality, working with students, and communication with teachers.

All parents who wish to volunteer at the school in any capacity (field trips, in the classroom, on the playground, Thursday folders, etc) will need to complete a Volunteer Application. Parents can complete the Volunteer Application on line. Please note that you will need to upload your government issued ID before submitting your application.

## **Office Remodel at Edison**

I am so very excited to share that DPS remodeled Edison's front lobby and office this summer. This was part of the bond that Denver families voted to approve which has provided needed updates and improvements to schools across DPS. We had several goals for our office and lobby remodel:

- 1- Improve safety by providing office staff with direct sight of the front doors.
- 2- Provide a more welcoming and open front lobby to the school.
- 3- Provide a private staff bathroom on the first floor for educational staff.
- 4- Improve use of space in the front office for secretaries, assistant principal and principal.

Though I am very excited and the office remodel is going to look beautiful, it is not quite complete. We are so very hopeful that it will be completed prior to in-person registration, however, if it is not complete, please know that we are working hard to get it done! We can't wait to show it off!

**Let's make perfect attendance & being on time to school a priority this year!**

**Did you know....**

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

**If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!**

**Opportunities to GIVE to Edison**

There are a variety of VERY easy ways that you can donate to the Edison PTA and school, without spending a penny! Please support us any way you can!

- **Box Tops:** Collect those box tops year round and submit twice annually to help provide funds to classroom accounts for ALL teachers. The next collection date is Friday, February 22.
- **King Soopers or:** Register Edison PTA as your Community Rewards partner for King Soopers! How do I enroll? 1) Go to [www.kingsoopers.com](http://www.kingsoopers.com) 2) Sign-in to you digital account (or create one if needed); 3) Select 'Community Rewards' from the side menu; 4) Enter "Edison Elementary PTA" into the 'Find an Organization' search box; 5) Find 'Edison Elementary PTA' with address [3350 Quitman St, Denver, CO 80212](http://3350 Quitman St, Denver, CO 80212) and select 'Enroll'; 6) You're all done!

- **Amazon Smile:** What's that? You can get the benefits of Amazon Prime AND be a fund raiser at the same time! Amazon Smile provides a .05% benefit on qualifying purchases made via our link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7150820>

If you would like to donate directly to Edison's PTA or the school, some other ways include:

- **Make a Direct Donation:** You may always make a donation, either one-time or recurring, through PayPal, Venmo, Square, or a check. Check to see if your employer provides matching for qualified contributions; we are a qualified 501c3 organization!
- **Donors Choose:** Check out the many Donors Choose projects that teachers have posted on Donorschoose.org and donate. You can find all current projects through the link on Edison's home page at <http://edison.dpsk12.org/>.

We appreciate your continued support!

### **Traffic and Parking**

Safety is our first priority at Edison and this starts with drop off and pick up of students. In order to make sure that all students are safe and accounted for at all times, please keep the following in mind:

- ECE students are to be dropped off and signed-in in the classroom each morning and then picked up and signed-out at the kindergarten playground each afternoon;
- Kindergarten students are to be dropped off/picked up on the southeast side of Quitman Street and enter/exit the building with their teachers by the kindergarten playground on the South side of the school;
- 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students are dropped off/picked up on the playground on the east side of the school or on the northwest side of Perry Street in the Kiss and Go/Greet and Get lane (polka-dotted);
- School buses park on the east side of the school on the southwest side of Perry Street. Please do not park or even pull over in this area;
- The parking lot is for DPS staff ONLY, please do NOT park, drop off or pick up students in the parking lot.
- All parents/community members must enter the building through the front doors, check-in at the office and get a visitor/volunteer badge.

**Kiss and Go Lane:** Parents who do not want to park and stay with their 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students on the playground in the morning may drop off their students in the student drop off lane between 8:30 and 8:40 AM. We ask parents to NOT park in the Kiss and Go /Greet and Get lane on the northwest side of Perry Street, outside the fence by the playground/community garden.

**Greet and Get Lane:** In order to help with afternoon traffic, parents who have 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students can sign up to have their child/ren ready and waiting at the pickup area between 3:30 and 3:40 PM on the northwest side of Perry Street, by the playground/community garden. Registration forms will be available at Back-to-School night in classrooms and throughout the year in the office. The following guidelines apply:

- This is only for cars. Walkers and students of parents who park will be picked up on the playground.
- Parents should pull over on Perry Street, stay in their car, and move forward as space allows.
- Cars may only stop long enough for their child/ren to get into the car.
- Cars must continue to move and leave the parking lane immediately after picking up their children.
- Parents must pick up children at 3:30 PM. If children are not picked up by 3:40, the teacher will bring them to the office and parents will need to find parking and come in to the office to pick the students up and sign them out.
- Only adults listed on the permission slip will be able to pick students up.

- Cell phones must not be used in the Greet and Get lane and all Colorado Motor Vehicle laws (seat belts, car seats) must be observed.
- Parents wishing to use the Greet and Get lane will need to fill out a permission form and return it to their student's teacher so that the teacher will know to send the child to the Greet and Get pick up area at 3:30 PM.