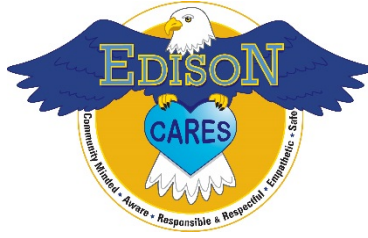


# Edison Newsletter



June 2017

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## From the Principal...

Dear Edison Community,

The school year is almost over and we are saying "so long" to our students, staff, and parents for the summer. It has been a fantastic year filled with events that have brought us closer together. We would like to thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year. We could not offer such a rich education to our students without the continuing effort and support that you all give.

We appreciate and thank all our volunteers for the countless hours involved in so many of the behind the scenes activities such as fundraising, work in the yard, assisting in the classrooms or office, and remodeling of our art room.

With the end of the year also comes staff changes and family moves. We would like to take this opportunity to wish those students and families leaving us this year all the best in their new schools and homes.

As we near the summer holidays, I want to wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer vacation.

Sincerely,  
Sally Whitelock, Principal

## Upcoming events:

May 29	No School - Memorial Day
May 30	Enrichment Day - During school day
May 31	End of 3rd Trimester Award celebration.
May 31	ECE Continuation at 9:30-10:30 AM in Edison's amphitheater
June 1	Talent Show - During school day
June 1	5th Grade Continuation at 6:00-7:00 PM at Edison's amphitheater
June 2	Kindergarten Continuation at 9:30-10:30 AM in Edison's amphitheater
June 2	Last day of school - Half day – School ends at 12:30

## Mark your calendars:

July 20-August 15	On-line registration opens through Parent Portal (see below for details)
August 10	In-person registration ONLY for families without computer access or who have moved, at Edison from 9:00-3:00 (see below for details)
August 17	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 21	First day of school for all ECE and 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade students
August 21	Meet the teacher and assessment day for kindergarten students (watch for email for sign up in August)
August 22	First day of school for kindergarten
August 31	Volunteer Training at 9:00 AM in Edison's auditorium
August 31	Volunteer Training at 4:00 PM in Edison's auditorium
September 1	Volunteer Training at 800 AM in Edison's auditorium
September 4	No School – Labor Day
September 22	First Annual Eagle Run (Run-a-thon team builder and fundraiser)

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## Enrichment Day

We are so excited this year for students to engage in learning outside of the classroom during our annual Enrichment Day on May 30. Students had a choice of many activities – please ask your children which event they will be participating in. Some students will be staying at Edison and some students will be leaving the grounds. School lunch will be served during the day for students who remain at Edison. If students need the cafeteria staff to prepare a 'to go' sack lunch, please let your child's classroom teacher know. No permission slips will be sent out. Please pay attention to the weather and which activity your child signed up for so students can dress appropriately. Whether your child goes to Shadowlight Theater or the Butterfly Pavilion or learns about optical illusions or how to draw like an artist, we are sure they will be challenged, engaged and have a lot of fun!

## Talent Show

Edison's annual talent show is a great, artistic event where students perform their talents in front of their peers. Each year, our talented students sing, dance, hoola-hoop and more! The Talent Show is scheduled for **June 1** in Edison's auditorium. All performers will perform twice, once at 9:30 for the ECE-2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes and once at 1:10 for the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

## ECE, Kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Continuations

Edison will celebrate the continuation of our ECE students, kindergarten students and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in June. These are fun and important milestones for our children. Please join us in celebrating our students' successes as they continue forward in their educational careers. **ECE continuation is scheduled for May 31 at 9:30 AM** outside in Edison's amphitheater, and **kindergarten continuation is scheduled for June 2 at 9:30 AM** outside on Edison's playground. **The 5<sup>th</sup> grade continuation will be held at the Edison Amphitheater (rain location: Edison Gym) on June 1 at 6:00 PM.**

## 2017-18 CSC Membership

The Collaborative School Committee (CSC) is a great opportunity for parents to further participate in the education of our children by supporting decision making at the school. The CSC is a collaborative committee of school leadership, teachers, parents and classified staff who meet monthly to strategically design the school's Unified Improvement Plan, analyze school data, provide guidance on and approve the school budget and staffing allocations, and advise the school leadership on school design decisions. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month from 4:30-5:30 at Edison and are open to all community members. Our parent CSC representatives for the 2017-18 school year are Anne Spires-DeLong, Allison Graham, Megan Hiltner and Kristi Guinn.

## Discovery Link Registration

Registration for the 2017-18 Kaleidoscope Corner before/after school day care at Edison opened on April 10 for returning families and May 9 for new families.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This was first come, first served during the registration period. If you have additional questions about waitlists or registration, please go to the Discovery Link website or contact Jennifer Gonzales, the Program Specialist at Jennifer\_Gonzales@dpsk12.org or 720-424-7824.

## Last Day of School!!

The last day of school is June 2<sup>nd</sup>. School is only a ½ day, but lunch/recess will be provided. School will be dismissed at 12:30 and all dismissal routines will remain the same. Afternoon bus schedules will run exactly three hours earlier than usual. Students will be bringing home many things, including the last report card of the year. If your child is not at school on June 2<sup>nd</sup> you can pick up the report card in the office on June 5 or 6 or after August 1.

## Registration for 2017-2018 School Year

**Online Verification for the 2017-2018 school year will take place from July 20 until August 15 at 5:00.** You must have a Parent Portal account to register/verify online. If you need to open a Parent Portal account so you can do online verification, as well as 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 June 2 if you don't have this already. If you forgot your password or you can't log in (you must log in at least once every six months to keep your account active), you can ask for help by emailing [portalteam@dpsk12.org](mailto:portalteam@dpsk12.org) or calling the portal hotline at 720.423.3163.

If you do not have computer access or your address has changed, you will need to come to Edison to complete your student's registration/verification. We'll have **registration at Edison on August 10 from 9:00-3:00**. If your address has changed please bring a new proof of address (current Xcel or water bill or lease or mortgage statement), and if your child has had additional immunizations please bring an updated record. Otherwise, all you'll need is names and phone numbers for anyone you want to be on your child's emergency/pick up list.

There are a few things that are unable to be changed/updated through Parent Portal registration. For the following, you will need to come to Edison's registration (but you can still complete the actual verification online to save yourself time while you're here):

- If you need to change emergency contact information, you will need to complete a new emergency contact form in Edison's office during registration.
- 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 at registration as well as in the office throughout the school year.
- If you need a transportation exception form, you will need to complete this during registration at Edison.

- If you need a Free/Reduced Lunch form, you will need to complete this during registration at Edison. This will be available throughout the school year as well.
- School supply lists and DPS school calendars will go home with students this year and will also be available online.
- All kindergarten students will need to sign up for an individual assessment on August 22. Kinder families will get an email with information on how to sign up for an assessment online, and can do so after getting their student's teacher's name during online registration.

## Back-to-School Night

**Back-to-school night will be Wednesday, August 17 at 5:00 PM.** Please bring a picnic dinner for your family to eat on the field starting at 5:00 and visit with other Edison families. Mrs. Whitelock will give a brief welcome to all families around 5:40 and then families can visit their student's classroom from 6:00-6:30 and again from 6:30-7:00 if they have more than one child.

## Parent Portal

DPS has an online Parent/Student Portal to make it easier to track a student's progress and plan for their future. Students can log into the Parent/Student Portal to see if they have all their assignments handed in. Parents can log into the Parent/Student Portal to check on their child's grades, attendance and test results. If you do not have a Parent Portal account, please go to [Myportal.dpsk12.org](http://Myportal.dpsk12.org) and click on *Getting Started* to set up an account.

## Changes in teaching staff for 2017-18

We are always sad when some of our teachers leave us for new adventures. Please help me thank the following teachers/staff for their investment in Edison students and our community:

- ❖ Cindy Stroschein (intervention) is retiring;
- ❖ Kate Bartista (5<sup>th</sup> grade) has resigned to focus on completion of her Master's Degree;
- ❖ Madelyn Reid (4<sup>th</sup> grade) has decided to focus on being a mom;
- ❖ Amanda Shackleton (school psychologist) got married and is moving to live with her husband out of state;
- ❖ Julie Dibiasi (autism teacher) is resigning to focus on her family and pursuing her Master's Degree;
- ❖ Emily Pitman (1<sup>st</sup> grade) has resigned to teach internationally;

Please help me support our current teachers who are changing positions and welcome our new teachers into our building:

- ❖ Ashley Runyon will be our new 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher;
- ❖ Andrea Cleek was hired as our full time 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher;
- ❖ Lauren Johnson was hired as our new 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher;
- ❖ Kaylee Case will be our new kindergarten teacher;
- ❖ Kate Strasser will be our new special education teacher;
- ❖ Sarah Mooney will be our new autism teacher;
- ❖ Gina Coffee will be our new school psychologist.
- ❖ Krysten Kamps will be our 1 year kindergarten teacher, replacing Sarah Palmer for one year while she is on maternity leave;
- ❖ LeighAnn McSherry and Jackie Novak will be job sharing a kindergarten position (each working 2.5 days per week);
- ❖ Emily Overbeck will move from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher to 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher;
- ❖ Cindie Tomcho will move from full time special education teacher to half-time special education teacher and half-time PBIS coach,
- ❖ Megan Mohr will move from intervention teacher/coach to a full time intervention teacher,
- ❖ Megan Bohanan will move from full time special education teacher to special education teacher/coach,
- ❖ Giselle Polenz will move from full time ESL teacher to ESL/intervention teacher;

## End of year Student Achievement Data

At the end of each school year, teachers at Edison assess students reading and math skills. Teachers use this data to evaluate current effectiveness of curriculum and instruction, determine which students will need to receive intervention or enrichment in the Fall, and to inform parents of student achievement. We are very proud of the high level of achievement and achievement growth at Edison this year! The May 2017 achievement data for Edison is as follows:

### Guided Reading levels:

- ❖ Kindergarten: 96% of students at/above grade level
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> grade: 88% of students at/above grade level
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 92% of students at/above grade level
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: 86% of students at/above grade level
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> grade: 87% of students at/above grade level
- ❖ 5<sup>th</sup> grade: 88% of students at/above grade level

### STAR Reading levels:

- ❖ Kindergarten: 78% of students at/above grade level; Overall Median Growth percentile of 57
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> grade: 85% of students at/above grade level; Overall Median Growth percentile of 79
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 85% of students at/above grade level; Overall Median Growth percentile of 73
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: 74% of students at/above grade level; Overall Median Growth percentile of 62
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> grade: 66% of students at/above grade level; Overall Median Growth percentile of 60
- ❖ 5<sup>th</sup> grade: 75% of students at/above grade level; Overall Median Growth percentile of 60

### STAR Math levels:

- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> grade: 85% of students at/above grade level; Overall Median Growth percentile of 83
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 92% of students at/above grade level; Overall Median Growth percentile of 76
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: 80% of students at/above grade level; Overall Median Growth percentile of 70
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> grade: 67% of students at/above grade level; Overall Median Growth percentile of 43
- ❖ 5<sup>th</sup> grade: 74% of students at/above grade level; Overall Median Growth percentile of 56

\*\* Median Growth Percentile is a single number which best describes where the middle of the distribution of all of the Student Growth Percentiles (SGP) lies within a grade level. A Student Growth Percentile (SGP) describes a student's growth by examining their current achievement relative to their academic peers or peers that scored similar to them on previous assessments. Typically, 'low' growth is below 40, 'moderate' growth is 40-60, and 'high' growth is above 60.

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## PTA Corner...

### EdFest Success!

We raised over \$22,000 to support Edison PTA's programs! Massive thanks to all of our attendees, volunteers, fundraising team, and sponsors: Speaks Orthodontics, Orthodontics In The Highlands, Pinot's Palette, Highland Smiles, Big Orange Planet Web Design and Development, our MC Matthew Kowal of the Reals, and of course, Local 46.

If you have an outstanding balance or would like to purchase the few remaining auction items, head over to <https://edisonpt.ejoinme.org/EdFestPayments>

## Your 2017-18 PTA Officers

Quin Galt – President – [ptaedisondenver@gmail.com](mailto:ptaedisondenver@gmail.com)

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Jessica Key – Fundraising Chair – [edisonfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:edisonfundraising@gmail.com)

HUGE thanks to retiring PTA Officers Kristi Guinn, Brian Ripley and Alex Cisney. We wish the new team all the best! We wish the new team all the best!

Happy summer - see you all at Back to School Night,

--Edison PTA Board