

Edison

A 21st Century Neighborhood School

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From the Principal...

Dear Edison community,

Though we are only in February, Edison's School Leadership Team and Collaborative School Committee are already beginning to plan for the 2017-18 school year. Edison is projecting a similar enrollment next year as we have this year, so there will likely be only minimal changes in staffing and budget. That said, thanks to the mill levy and bond that were supported by Denver voters, Edison will have additional money next year to support technology, Whole Child initiatives, Early Literacy professional development, and coaching for teachers. Feedback and suggestions from parents are welcome and appreciated, especially as we begin planning for next year. Please provide feedback and/or suggestions by following this link. <https://goo.gl/forms/I84sdfmF8pLdw7xk1>.

In order to support us with planning for choice enrollment and staffing, we ask that parents please return the "Parent Projection Survey" that went home in Thursday folders. Please be as accurate as possible. We use this information to determine how many new 1st-5th grade students we can accept next year.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement!

Sally Whitelock
Principal

Upcoming events:

February 1	CSC meeting at 4:30
February 3	No School for students
February 9	Parent Education event – PTA Speaker in the auditorium at 6:00 PM
February 10	3 rd Grade Performance “Solar System” at 11:00 in the auditorium
February 10	Family Dance: 6:30 PM in the auditorium
February 10	First Friday assembly in the auditorium
February 14	Happy Valentine’s Day
February 20	No School – Presidents Day
February 23	Parent Teacher Conferences & Math Night 4:00-8:00 PM
February 24	Box Tops due at school
February 24	2 nd grade performance in the auditorium at 2:45
March 2	Picture day for ECE, Kindergarten and 5 th grade continuation pictures
March 2	PTA meeting at 3:45 PM in the auditorium
March 2	CSC meeting at 5:00 in the conference room
March 3	First Friday – 2 nd Semester awards for students in classrooms
March 17	1 st Grade Performance “Then and Now” in the auditorium at 1:25 PM
March 17	no ECE classes
March 22	Class picture day
March 27-31	No School – Spring Break

Parent Education Seminar – Bully Proofing & Growth Mindset

You asked...and we listened. Parents communicated that they would like more parent education classes at our school. Please join us for our second parent education event of this year. On **February 9 at 6:00 PM** in the auditorium, our PTA has invited Edison’s teachers to present on Bully Proofing and Growth Mindset. This FREE event is open to all parents and community members. The PTA will provide light refreshments and babysitting. We look forward to seeing you there.

3rd Grade performance “Solar System”

Please join us for our annual 3rd grade performance “Solar System” in the auditorium on February 10th at 11:00 AM to celebrate the curiosity and excitement students have experienced while studying the solar system. Can’t wait to see you there.

Rock the Night Away Family Dance

Get a little gussied up and come enjoy the Valentine’s season with the Edison community. Please join us at Edison’s annual **Rock the Night Away Family Dance** on **February 10 at 6:30 PM** in Edison’s gym. In the gym, students and their parents will enjoy the music from our DJ. Cost is \$1 per person.

Parent-Teacher Conferences/Student-led Conferences/Math Night

Please join us for Parent –Teacher Conferences on **February 23 from 4:00-8:00 PM**. Teachers will be contacting parents of students who need support academically, socially or with work habits to set up individual conferences. If parents wish to have an individual conference, please contact your child’s teacher to set it up. Students who do not need individual conferences will lead student-led-conferences with their parents to share what they are learning in school and show their parents how to play math games they learned in class. All students will receive math manipulatives to take home along with instructions for math games to play at home. We can’t wait to see everyone on this engaging evening to connect students, teachers and parents to the learning going on in classrooms.

Schedule for ECE and Kindergarten:

- 4:00-5:30 Student led conferences and math night
- 1 on 1 Parent Teacher conferences to be scheduled with teachers

Schedule for Grades 1-5:

- 4:00-6:00 Individually scheduled 1-on-1 Parent-Teacher conferences
- 6:00-8:00 Student-led conferences and math night

2nd Grade Student Performance – Sound

On **February 24 at 2:45 PM**, Edison’s 2nd grade students will be performing their annual performance “Sound”. Please join us to celebrate our students’ hard work and demonstration of their learning.

Easy Fundraising opportunities

In addition to planning wonderful community events and volunteering opportunities at Edison, Edison’s PTA fundraises for our school. We appreciate all community members that are able to support our fundraising efforts. Some easy but impactful ways to support our fundraising goals are:

- Box Tops: Please cut ‘Box Top’ coupons from the food items you purchase and send them in to the school with your children. Our next Box Top final collection date is February 24. All money raised from Box Tops goes directly to classrooms for supplies, parties, materials, and engaging activities.
- King Soopers Cards : Did you know that you can purchase a King Soopers card from our PTA and then, every time you use your card 5% of the money you spend goes back to Edison’s PTA? With this fundraising opportunity, you do not spend any additional money, but any time you buy groceries, you give back to our school. Please contact our PTA to learn more!

Eagle Read-A-Thon

The 2nd Annual Eagle Read-A-Thon was a success! We are so very proud that Edison students love to read. Eagle Readers blew last year's 65,000 minutes out of the water with over 171,000 minutes of reading! That is the equivalent of over 118 days of reading!

Currently, **Edison’s community has donated approximately \$6000 in support of our Read-A-Thon!** 100% of the money donated will go to books in classroom libraries and the school library. Teachers are looking forward to the new books we’ll be able to purchase with the funds raised. We are looking at

buying over \$6000 in new books! Sponsors who have not yet paid can pay online at edisonpta.ejoinme.org/readathon2016 or can send a check to the office made out to Edison PTA.

The Eagle Read-A-Thon committee visited classrooms last week to disburse over 20 raffle prizes ranging from books, book lights, book store gift cards, reading-inspired t-shirts, and Kindle Fire tablets. We'll be announcing the top readers in each grade level at the Family Dance on February 10th. Congratulations to Ms. Archibald's, Ms. Larson's, and Ms. Telitz's classes who will be receiving Reading Celebration parties for the highest participation rates in returning their reading logs!

Personalized Learning

Personalized learning supports students in developing 21st century skills of collaboration, critical thinking and communication. It builds college and career readiness through goal setting, leadership opportunities, rigorous writing tasks, and pursuing academic interests. Edison's 3rd, 4th and 5th grade teachers are very excited to be participating in DPS's Imaginarium. Through this professional development and classroom innovation initiative, our teachers have received funding to redesign their classrooms to support student voice and choice. Additionally, teachers are adjusting instructional units to add personalized projects, using technology to enhance and differentiate learning, and encouraging students to pursue their passions. We encourage parents to ask students how their classrooms are changing and what projects students are doing in class.

Inside Days

Please be aware of the inside day policies at Edison. We really believe that students need to get outside and run around at the lunch hour. Unless it is below 20 degrees, very windy or very wet, students will go outside for recess. Please make sure your children dress accordingly every day. If students are inside for recess, they will have an opportunity to watch a movie, play board games or play calm games in the gym.

Weather Delays and Closures

We want to make sure that parents understand the DPS/Edison Weather Delay and Closure policies.

Weather Delay Schedule for Identified Schools: In the event of adverse weather conditions that would impede the Transportation Department's ability to safely access students, a ***"Weather Delay Schedule for Identified Schools"*** will be implemented this school year. The goal for this delayed schedule is to provide buses/students an additional 60 minutes to access schools that start at 8:30 a.m. or later. If DPS has a **Weather Delay, school will begin at Edison for ALL students at 9:40 AM**. Morning buses will begin pickups at bus stops 1 hour later than the normal pick up time. Kaleidoscope will provide day care for Kaleidoscope-registered students from 6:30 AM until 9:40 AM when school starts. Breakfast will still be served to students as they arrive to school.

School Closing: If schools are to be closed due to weather conditions, the district is committed to making a decision as early as possible. The decision to close is made by the Superintendent based on information provided by representatives from transportation agencies, the weather bureau, city and county law enforcement and DPS Transportation. If school is cancelled, this information will be

communicated in the following ways: local television and radio stations, dpsk12.org, the district's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

Severe Weather During School Day: DPS will closely monitor severe weather conditions and forecasts throughout the day to ensure student safety. Should severe weather begin during the school day, bus routes will run in the same order as normally followed in the afternoon. Depending on conditions, arrival times at home may be delayed. You can reach the district transportation department at 720.423.4624 for your student's bus arrival time any time it's late. After-school activities (athletic events, enrichment programs, Kaleidoscope, etc.) may be modified or cancelled as a result of the weather conditions. Edison will send IC messages to communicate school closures during the school day.

[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. Parents may also opt students out of certain assessments. If you do not have a Parent Portal account, go to myportal.dpsk12.org and click on *Getting Started*.

[PTA Corner...](#)

Upcoming Events and Ways to Support Edison

Feb 9 6pm-7pm **Parent Education Event: Growth Mindset & Bully Prevention.** You asked for it on the Parent Satisfaction Survey, and the PTA and school listened! Join us for the second in a series of Parent Education Events to learn more about the Growth Mindset focus at Edison, and Bullying Prevention. Speakers are Amanda Shackleton, school psychologist and Joan Wieser, Principal Intern. Complimentary babysitting provided by City Champions, North High School Baseball team. PTA Officer candidates announced.

Feb 10 6:30-8pm **Rock The Night Away Dance** \$1 Admission **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Free admission for volunteers and their family!** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4baaac22a3fc1-2017> We'll be announcing the top Read-A-Thon readers in each grade level at the Dance! Big thanks to our sponsors Live Urban Real Estate.

Denver Eats Card \$5 each gets you special offers from local businesses e.g. 1 free pizza from Papa Murphy's. Bring cash or checks (to Edison PTA) and a filled out order form to the Front Office. Extra order forms available from Front Office.

This year marks the return of a very special local treat — the **Edison Blend** from local roasters **Novo Coffee!** You can purchase this special coffee on the [Novo website](#) or at the Novo coffeeshop in Highlands Square (3617 West 32nd Avenue). It's not only delicious, but 35% of sales of this coffee goes right back to Edison. Thanks, Novo!

Feb 23 4pm-8pm **Student Led Conferences, Family Math Night & Teacher Treasures Silent Auction!** Join your student as they show you what they've been doing this year in class. Play math games. And bid on

the opportunities for your child to have a special experience with their favorite teachers.
Feed the **Teacher Potluck**: Sign up to bring a meal for the teachers! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4baaac22a3fc1-studentled>

Feb 24 **BoxTops** Collection due. Hand in to your Teacher. Funds go to your kids classrooms.

PTA OFFICER ELECTIONS! March 2 PTA Meeting we will be voting on the Officers for 2017-18 PTA Board.
Email ptaedisondenver@gmail.com if you would like to take on a new role at the school.

SAT MAY 20 - Mark your calendars and get that babysitter! **EDFEST** is coming!

--Edison PTA Board

Contact the PTA Officers

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