

# Edison A 21st Century Neighborhood School

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## A message from the Principal...

Dear Edison Community,

It is the time of year when parents (and schools) begin planning for the next school year. The school choice process in DPS opens on **February 1**. New this year, DPS is asking all families to submit their applications online. The school choice application will be available at [schoolchoice.dpsk12.org](http://schoolchoice.dpsk12.org) when the window opens **February 1**. Parents will need either an email address or a current Parent Portal account in order to start the application. ALL ECE students, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, and students wishing to move schools need to complete a school choice application. The application **deadline is February 28 at 4:00 PM**. Edison will have computers set up in the office between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM to support any parents who would like additional support or who need technology access with the choice application process.

Edison's School Leadership Team and Collaborative School Committee are already beginning to plan for the 2018-19 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. We are excited that DPS is supporting elementary schools in funding a full-time psychologist beginning next year. 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/GPqnkYfxv7ytVNa83>

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 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students we can accept next year.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement!

Sincerely,  
Sally Whitelock, Principal

**Mark Your Calendars:**

February 2	No School, Teacher Planning Day
February 8	PTA Parent Education Seminar at 6:00 PM in the auditorium
February 9	School Tour at 9:30
February 9	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Performance “The Solar System” at 11:00 in the auditorium
February 9	Rock the Night Away Family Dance at 6:30 PM in the gym
February 14	Happy Valentine’s Day
February 15	Parent Teacher Conferences and Math Night from 4:00-8:00 PM
February 15	Community Night at Pizzeria Locale, 4:00-9:00 PM
February 16	Coffee Talk with the Principal and AP at 8:00 AM in the Library
February 19 & 20	No School
February 21	5 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Young Ameritown
February 23	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Performance “Our Living Earth” at 2:45 in the auditorium
February 23	Box Top collection date
February 23	School Tour at 9:30
March 1	CSC Meeting at 4:30 PM in the conference room
March 1	PTA meeting at 6:00 PM in the auditorium
March 2	ECE, kindergarten and 5 <sup>th</sup> grade ‘continuation’ picture day
March 2	Trimester 2 Awards ceremonies for students during the school day
March 9	English Language Acquisition Parent Advisory Committee Meeting at 8:00 AM in Mrs. Polenz’s room
March 15	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade overnight ‘Colorado’ field trip
March 16	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Performance “Our Community Then and Now” at 1:25 - auditorium
March 19-23	Spirit Week at Edison
March 22	Picture Day
March 23	Community Passions Day
March 26-30	No School – Spring Break
April 14	EdFest

### Parent Education Seminar

Please join us for our second parent education event of this year. On **February 8 at 6:00 PM** in the auditorium, our PTA has invited Brian Dino, an Educational Technology Specialist in DPS, to present on “**Raising Media Smart Kids.**” Brian will present on internet safety and “screen time” best practices. 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.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Performance – The Solar System

Please join us for our annual 3<sup>rd</sup> grade performance “Solar System” in the auditorium on February 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9 at 6:30 PM** in Edison’s gym. Students and their parents will enjoy music from our DJ. Cost is \$1 per person.

### Parent Teacher Conferences and Math Night

Please join us for Parent –Teacher Conferences on **February 15 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 cannot wait to see everyone on this engaging evening to connect students, teachers and parents to the learning going on in classrooms.

Schedule:

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

## **Community Night at Pizzeria Locale**

Please join us at Pizzeria Locale at 3484 West 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-9:00 PM, before or after Parent-Teacher conferences, for pizza...and support Edison at the same time. Mention the Edison fundraiser at the register and 50% of your purchase will be donated to Edison Elementary.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Performance – Our Living Earth**

On **February 23 at 2:45 PM**, Edison’s 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will be performing their annual “Our Living Earth”. Please join us to celebrate our students’ hard work and demonstration of their learning.

## **Community Passions Day 2018**

Do you have a passion? Would you be interested in sharing that passion with students at Edison Elementary? Edison is hosting our first ever Passion Day on **Friday, March 23rd** and we want **YOU!** This is an opportunity for you to share with students things you are passionate about, whether that is a hobby, your job, or something you just love!

**What to Expect:** We will ask parents/community members to prepare a short presentation for students at Edison Elementary. The more interactive the better! Students will arrive in a classroom with their teacher for 15-20 minute blocks and engage in learning and fun. A lunch will be provided for a special THANKS!

**Presentation Ideas:** Teaching students how to: do karate, sing, dance, make a paint, juggle, etc. Teaching students about: science, culture, puppet shows, history, baking, your career, etc.

Still not sure that this is right for you or do you have a question? Contact Ashley Runyon at [ashley\\_runyon@dpsk12.org](mailto:ashley_runyon@dpsk12.org) or Joan Wieser at [joan\\_wieser@dpsk12.org](mailto:joan_wieser@dpsk12.org).

**We are looking forward to the BEST Passion Day yet!**

## **Eagle Read-A-Thon**

Edison Eagles read over 173,000 minutes during Winter Break! That is the equivalent of 120 days! Over 50% of our students turned in Reading Logs and the Read-A-thon committee handed out 55 raffle prizes this week. Classroom parties will be announced soon for the classes that turned in the highest number of reading logs. The top readers for each grade will be announced at the family dance on February 9th. Books for our school will be ordered in February or March!

If you or a family member pledged a flat rate, now is the time to fulfill your pledge, at <https://edisonpt.ejoinme.org/readathon> or by sending in a check.

Questions? Please contact [edisonreadathon@gmail.com](mailto:edisonreadathon@gmail.com)

## **Please be on-time for school and pick up**

As the school year goes on, it seems as if more and more students are late to school and parents are late picking students up after school. We know that emergencies happen and that we are all very busy; however, students develop strong work habits when they are young. Additionally, when students are late to school, it is hard for them to start off in a positive, non-stressful way. When parents are late picking students up, children get worried. Please help us by getting students to school before the first bell rings at 8:40 AM and being at school to pick up your children by 3:30 PM.

Beginning January 8, there will be a **\$1 per minute fee charged to parents who pick up their children after 3:45 PM in the office**. Please know that the teacher workday ends at 3:45 PM, so there is no one to watch your children after this time. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Food Pantry and Coats for Needy Families**

Thanks to a collaboration between Cub Scouts Troop 11, Bienvenidos Food Bank and Edison staff, Edison now has a small food pantry and supply of coats for students/families in need. If you or an Edison family you know is having financial difficulties and are in need of support, food or a coat for your child, please reach out to our psychologist, Dr. Gina Coffee, at [Gina\\_Coffee@dpsk12.org](mailto:Gina_Coffee@dpsk12.org). Donations of new coats and food will be accepted at any time.

## **Inside Days**

With the weather getting cold and snow on its way, 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**

Since winter is here, 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 used this school year by DPS. The goal for this delay 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. Discovery Link will provide care for their registered students from 6:30 AM until 9:40 AM when school starts. Breakfast will still be available to students as they arrive to school one hour later than usual.

**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](http://dpsk12.org), and 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, Discovery Link, 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.

## **Volunteering at Edison**

The goal of the Edison Elementary volunteer program is to assist the school in providing the best possible education for each student within a positive and caring community. If you were unable to attend one of our Parent Volunteer Trainings in the Fall, please join us on January 12 at 8:00 AM in the auditorium for our last Volunteer Training session. If you cannot attend this training opportunity, please go to the website at <http://edison.dpsk12.org/volunteering/> to read our Volunteer handbook, find information on the volunteer application, and get information on signing up to volunteer. Each year, we have many volunteers who give their time, energy and experience to help enrich the educational programs for our students. Volunteers make a difference and are an important part of our school team. Please volunteer at Edison when you can!

## **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:** Please check your pantries and cut off all "Box Tops" that you find. Send them to school with your children before **February 23**. Box Tops are sent in to "Box Tops for Education" two times per year. All the money donated from participating companies goes directly to teachers for use in classrooms.
- **King Soopers or Safeway cards:** Please purchase a King Soopers or Safeway card from Edison's PTA. Cards can be purchased at PTA meetings or from the secretaries in Edison's office. Each card is \$10 and comes with \$10 on it. Then, each time you shop, load additional money onto the card prior to the clerk ringing up your groceries. Then, pay with the King Soopers/Safeway card. Edison PTA will receive \$5 from King Soopers/Safeway for each \$100 you spend.
- **Amazon Smile:** Sign up for "Amazon Smile" on Amazon (there is a link from Edison's home page) and choose Edison Elementary PTA as your choice for donations. Each time you purchase from Amazon, make sure you sign in with Amazon Smile. Amazon will then donate a percentage of your purchase to Edison.

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

- **Make a direct donation:** Go to Edison's website at <http://edison.dpsk12.org/> and click on the "Donate" button. You can donate any amount you choose directly to our PTA.
- **Donors Choose:** Check out the many Donors Choose projects that teachers have posted on Donorschoose.org and donate to any cause that you think will benefit your child and our community. You can find all current projects through the link on Edison's home page at <http://edison.dpsk12.org/>.
- Edison has partnered with Recycling Advantage to collect printer cartridges, cell phones, laptops and tablets for recycling. This will be a year-round fundraiser, so you can drop stuff off any time. All funds raised go toward supporting Green Team events and programs.

We appreciate your continued support!

## **Traffic and Parking**

Safety is our first priority at Edison and this starts with the 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 every time they enter the building.

**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 are available 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. Forms are available in the office.

## **A Message from our PTA...**

The Edison PTA greatly appreciates all the support and involvement from our parent community. We have many more fantastic events coming up in February and March. We welcome and appreciate everyone that is able to get involved.

### **Feb 8 - 6 pm-7 pm - Parent Education Event - *Raising Media Smart Kids: Tips on Managing Family Media Use & Internet Safety***

Please join us to learn tips on *raising media smart kids*, including managing family media use, choosing appropriate media, filtering home internet, limiting exposure on social media, and using safe district homework sites.

### **Feb 9 - 6:30-8 pm - Rock The Night Away Dance**

\$1 Admission. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Free admission for volunteers and their family! Volunteers will be entered in a raffle to win a local gift certificate! Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAAAC22A3FC1-2018>  
We will be announcing the top Read-A-Thon readers in each grade level at the dance! Big thanks to our sponsors Live Urban Real Estate.

### **Feb 15 - 4pm-8pm - Student Led Conferences**

Family Math Night & Teacher Treasures Silent Auction! Join your student as they show you what they have been doing this year in class. Play math games. While you are here, do NOT forget to bid on opportunities for your child to have a special experience with their favorite teachers.

**Feb 15 - 4pm-9pm – Dine Out at Pizzeria Locale:**

No time to make dinner on student led conference night? Head on over to Pizzeria Locale before or after the conferences and 50% of proceeds will be donated to Edison.

**Feb 15- Feed the Teacher Potluck**

Sign up to bring a meal for the teachers!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4baaac22a3fc1-studentled1>

**Feb 23 - Box Tops Collection due**

Please turn in Box Tops to your child's teacher. All funds go to your kids classrooms.

**March 1 - PTA OFFICER NOMINATIONS at PTA meeting**

During the PTA meeting, we will be taking nominations for Officers for 2017-18 PTA Board.

Email [ptaedisondenver@gmail.com](mailto:ptaedisondenver@gmail.com) if you would like to take on a new role at the school.

**Sat April 14**

Mark your calendars and get that babysitter! **EDFEST** is coming!

**PTA Leadership:**

President - Kurt Wolff

VP - Jessica Key

Secretary – Katie Malarkey

Treasurer - Chris Campbell