

# Edison

A 21st Century Neighborhood School



January 2019

Sally Whitelock Principal

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## A message from the Principal...

I hope everyone had a safe and fun winter holiday and a happy new year. The staff and teachers at Edison are rejuvenated and excited to be coming back to school. We have many engaging learning experiences planned for the second semester of the school year. We encourage you to ask your children what they are learning in school and we hope your children talk about the projects they do at school with you at home. I hope you are as excited as we are for the learning opportunities that are coming this Spring!

One of our school values at Edison is equity. We strive to create an inclusive environment where all children, parents and community members feel welcome and important. As part of this effort, we have invited Bill De La Cruz, a DPS expert on equity and inclusive cultures, to present at our next Parent Education Seminar. Please join us on **Thursday, January 10 at 6:00 PM** to participate in this engaging conversation about privilege, diversity and equity. The work of eliminating opportunity gaps belongs to everyone in DPS. It is important for all of us to focus on how our actions further our shared value of equity. We hope to see a large number of parents, from our multi-cultural community, at this event.

Sincerely,

Sally Whitelock, Principal

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## Mark Your Calendars:

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| January 7  | Students return to school  |
| January 10 | CSC meeting in the conference room at 4:30 PM                                |
| January 10 | <b>PTA sponsored Parent Information Seminar in the auditorium at 6:00 PM</b> |
| January 11 | Volunteer Training in the auditorium at 8:00 AM                              |
| January 11 | School Tour at 9:30 AM   |

January 15 School choice window opens up

January 15 School Choice Northwest Region Expo at North High School at 6-8 PM

January 17 Glee Club Performance "The Music Man": rehearsal at 8:00 am, performances at 9:00, 2:45 pm, & 5:30 pm in the auditorium

January 18 English Language Acquisition Parent Advisory Committee Meeting at 8:00 AM in Mr. McConnell's room

January 21 No School

January 25 Pastries with Parents at 8:00 AM in the library

January 25 School Tour at 9:30 AM

February 1 No School, teacher planning day

February 7 CSC Meeting at 4:30 PM in the conference room downstairs

February 7 PTA Meeting at 6:00 PM in the auditorium

February 8 School Tour at 9:30 AM

February 8 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Performance "Objects in the Sky" at 11:00 AM in the auditorium

February 8 Rock the Night Away Family Dance at 6:30 PM in the auditorium

February 18 No School – Presidents Day

February 21 Parent-Teacher & Student Led Conferences from 4-8 PM

February 21 Math Night and Usborne Book Fair in classrooms 4-8 PM

February 22 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Performance "Community" at 2:45 PM in the auditorium

February 22 Box Top Collection Day

February 26 Picture Day – Continuation Pictures for Grades ECE, K and 5

March 8 ECE Performance "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" at 10:20 AM in the auditorium

March 15 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Performance "Back in the Good Old Days" at 1:25 PM in the auditorium

**School lunch menus can be found at:**

<http://foodservices.dpsk12.org/whatson-menu.php>

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**Parent Education Seminar**

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community at large with resources and supports to ensure inclusive environments, which help to narrow achievement gaps.

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

After a fun last day of school before winter break, dressing in PJs and reading our favorite books, we hope that Eagle Readers are tearing through pages over Winter Break. The Read-A-Thon is moving right along and we hope you all are enjoying moments of quiet as your children read! Please encourage kids to track their reading on their Reading Log (or any other piece of paper); 200 minute multiples earn them raffle entries. We can't wait to tally up all those minutes and start awarding prizes for readers!

If you have more sponsors you would like us to contact, it's not too late to enter their info into this form: <https://goo.gl/forms/sXCghFWNDG7JNrR62>

If you or sponsors would like to complete pledge payments, head to <https://edisonpt.ejoinme.org/readathon>

A donation of \$20 can typically purchase 3-4 books - let's get some exciting new books into classrooms!

For questions, prize donations, or to assist, please email [edisonreadathon@gmail.com](mailto:edisonreadathon@gmail.com).

### **DPS School Choice starts January 15**

At Denver Public Schools, everything we do is directed toward our goal of having Great Schools in Every Neighborhood. School Choice plays a key role in attaining that goal. Any DPS student who wants to attend a school other than their automatically assigned neighborhood school can take part in School Choice. Round 1 of School Choice for 2019-20 runs from January 15 to February 15 at 4:00 PM. You can fill out the School Choice form online (there will be no paper applications) using your DPS Parent Portal username and password. For additional information about the School Choice process, please go to <http://schoolchoice.dpsk12.org/>

In addition to students who wish to choice out of their boundary school, *all* 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and *all* ECE students *must* submit an application.

### **Volunteer Training for Parents**

If you would like to volunteer at Edison and would like to learn more about volunteering expectations and opportunities, please join us at our next Parent Volunteer training on **January 11 at 8:00 AM** in the auditorium. We 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 only if you have a gmail account. Please note that you will need to

upload your government issued ID before submitting your application. Otherwise please get an application in the office.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1r6ckwAYrnf89Sm0s795\\_C6Cz-2c2ILZ\\_/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1r6ckwAYrnf89Sm0s795_C6Cz-2c2ILZ_/view)

## **Pastries with Parents**

Edison's Principal and Assistant Principal would like to invite students and their parents for pastries in the library on Friday, January 25 at 8:00 AM. Please join us for informal conversations about anything on your mind.

## **Inside Days**

With the cold weather and possibility of 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.

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

Hello Edison Families-

Happy New Year! Please support the Edison PTA with our exciting fundraising and volunteering efforts this semester.

### **Every Student Counts campaign:**

The Edison PTA 'Every Student Counts' campaign is a new direct ask campaign for the 2019-20 school year. The purpose of this campaign is to support the needs of Edison Elementary in providing hands on support to all of its teachers and every child through the use of paraprofessionals in the classrooms. It is further to provide assistance to the Edison Elementary staff and PTA by enabling the hiring of a part-time volunteer coordinator. Our goal is to raise \$35,000. For more information please go to <https://edisonptadenver.org/index.php/fundraising/donate/>

### **Volunteers Needed:**

#### ***Rock the Night Away Coordinator***

Job Description: The coordinator sets the dance theme, finds sponsors to pay for the DJ and books the DJ, works with Ms. Loehr for kid decorations, makes flyers and organizes dance volunteers for ticket sales, concessions and activities. Rock The Night Away is on Feb 8, 2019 in the gym and auditorium. Email Jessica Maddy-Key at [ptaedisondenver@gmail.com](mailto:ptaedisondenver@gmail.com) if you would like to take the lead on this FUN all-school party!

#### ***EdFest Team and Sponsors***

EdFest is our Edison Adult Only Party. The party is in April but planning starts in January. Please join the team or sponsor the event by emailing Lynda Lastowka or Chris Campbell [edisonvpdenver@gmail.com](mailto:edisonvpdenver@gmail.com)

**Connect with us online or through social media at:**

Facebook – Edison Elementary Denver  
Instagram - @edison elementarydenver  
Online - <http://edison.dpsk12.org>

**PTA Board:**

President - Jessica Maddy-Key [ptaedisondenver@gmail.com](mailto:ptaedisondenver@gmail.com) 303-725-4679  
Secretary – Katie Malarkey [edisonptasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:edisonptasecretary@gmail.com)  
VP - Chris Campbell and Lynda Lastowka [edisonvpdenver@gmail.com](mailto:edisonvpdenver@gmail.com)  
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**Weather Delays and Closures**

Since winter is right around the corner, 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. 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, 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.

**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 Safeway cards:** Purchase a pre-loaded gift card for \$10. **Before** the cashier rings you up, ask them to add money to your card, then pay with it. *5% of reloads come back to the PTA General Fund.*
- **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 AM 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 at 3:30 PM on the northwest side of

Perry Street, by the playground/community garden. Registration forms are available 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 on time, 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. These forms are available in the office.