

Edison

A 21st Century Neighborhood School

June 2020

Sally Whitelock, Principal | Benita Cervantes, Assistant Principal | Lea Barone, Volunteer Coordinator

A message 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 in many ways, filled with events that have brought us closer together, and an interesting and worrisome year in other ways, but we got through it by supporting each other. 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, whether we provide the learning opportunities in person or remotely.

Edison values input from families - and we want to hear from you! Parents are important partners in the learning environment and community of Edison. Due to the school system moving to remote learning, DPS will not be sending out the annual DPS Family Satisfaction Survey this year. Instead, we will be holding 4 virtual Town Hall meetings. Please consider joining one of these google meetings to share: What has been successful with remote learning for your child? What have been some pitfalls during remote learning for your child? What did Edison staff do to make you feel supported, as parents, during this time? What could Edison staff have done to support you further during this time?

- May 19 at 3:30-4:30 PM - Meeting link: meet.google.com/kfs-jeud-efm
- May 20 at 9:00-10:00 AM - Meeting link: meet.google.com/jdk-ywqn-oow
- May 27 at 4:00-5:00 PM - Meeting link: meet.google.com/jfc-xusb-ugd
- May 28 at 12:00-1:00 PM - Meeting link: meet.google.com/sgr-tqch-tog

We appreciate and thank all our volunteers for the countless hours involved in so many of the behind the scenes activities such as fundraising, green team efforts, stuffing Thursday folders and attending field trips.

With the end of the year also come staff changes and family moves. I 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, I want to wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer vacation.

Sincerely,

Sally Whitelock, Principal

Mark Your Calendars:

May 26	End-of-Year Student pick-up/drop-off
May 29	Last day of school.

Mark your calendars for the Fall:

*** Please know that, at this time, we are planning on returning to in-person learning and hosting important community events in August, however, DPS will be monitoring the health and safety of our community through close communication with the public health departments throughout the summer. Beginning of year events and educational settings may need to change or be cancelled due to the pandemic. **Please watch for communication throughout the summer with this information.**

August 7	In-person registration at Edison from 9:00-3:00
August 11	Kindergarten assessment day (sign up online)
August 13	Back to School Night at 5:00 PM
August 17	First day of school for ECE and 1 st -5 th grades
August 18	First day of school for kindergarten
September 25	Eagle Run

School lunch menus can be found at:

www.schoolcafe.com/dps. Then you can log in as a guest or create an account.

If your student's bus is late in the morning or afternoon, call the Transportation Department at:

Please call 720.423.4624.

Upcoming Events

End-of-Year Pick-up/Drop-off Date – Tuesday May 26

We have scheduled a date for parents to pick up and drop off items from Edison. If you would like to pick up Lifetouch student/class pictures or personal belongings left at the school or drop off Chromebooks and cords for students leaving DPS and/or Library books, please plan on coming to Edison on **Tuesday, May 26** anytime **between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM**. We will also have small packages and art projects for 5th graders to pick up.

Please plan on the following:

- Wear a mask;
- Drive North on Quitman Street, in front of the school;
- Stay in your car;
- Let the school staff know your child's name and their teacher's name, as well as, what you need to pick up and drop off.

Virtual Town Hall Meetings

Sally Whitelock, Principal, and Benita Cervantes, Assistant Principal, have scheduled four Virtual Town Hall meetings to gather parent feedback regarding remote learning. We would greatly appreciate your feedback and thoughts as parents. Please consider joining one of these google meetings to share: What has been successful with remote learning for your child? What have been some pitfalls during remote learning for your child? What did Edison staff do to make you feel supported, as parents, during this time? What could Edison staff have done to support you further during this time?

- May 19 at 3:30-4:30 PM – Meeting link: meet.google.com/kfs-jeud-efm
- May 20 at 9:00-10:00 AM – Meeting link: meet.google.com/jdk-ywqn-oow
- May 27 at 4:00-5:00 PM – Meeting link: meet.google.com/jfc-xusb-ugd
- May 28 at 12:00-1:00 PM - Meeting link: meet.google.com/sgr-tgch-tog

ECE, Kindergarten and 5th grade continuations

In the best interest of our school communities, families and team members, DPS has made the decision to close all school buildings and campuses through July and to move to remote summer programming, with the exception of camps, which will be canceled. Additionally, community use of DPS space will not be granted for June and July this year. Therefore, there will be NO options for summer in-person continuations or parties. Teachers are currently planning virtual end of year parties, virtual field trips and virtual continuations for the last week of school. Please watch for communication from your child's teacher. THANK YOU for understanding. We can't wait to see you in-person as soon as possible.

Technology Update...

DPS has decided to allow DPS students to hold on to school Chromebooks through the summer to support learning over the summer. If you are moving or your child will NOT be attending Edison (or a local Middle School) in August, please plan to return the technology on May 26. Additionally, please know that, because the school year is almost over, we will not be distributing/replacing any student technology this school year.

It is our hope that Edison students and families are taking good care of Edison's Chromebooks and will continue to be mindful that we use these learning tools all year in the classroom and do not have the budget to replace these. It is important that:

- Students continue to take care of Chromebooks by working at a table or desk, carrying the Chromebook with the lid closed, storing the Chromebook in a safe location, keeping Chromebooks away from food and drinks, etc.
- Student should understand that all Edison technology policies and expectations continue during remote learning and summer time. Students may not use technology to treat people in unkind ways, disrupt learning, or search for/view inappropriate content on the internet. If this is occurring, we will ask parents to take the technology away from students and may have to remove it from your household. Please support us with supervising students using technology. If parents need support with this, please reach out to Sally Whitelock at Sally_Whitelock@dpsk12.org
- If students are having problems with technology, we can attempt to support you remotely. Please reach out to Sally Whitelock at Sally_Whitelock@dpsk12.org or Benita Cervantes at Benita_Cervantes@dpsk12.org

Discovery Link

Discovery Link is gearing up for the 2020-2021 school year! On June 1st all families can register for the program. Additionally, new families are welcome to sign up for School Care Works before June 1st to make the registration process easier on June 1st. July 1st will be the day for families to pick their family managed calendar.

Please go to the following links for more information regarding Discovery Link and Discovery Link registration.

<https://discoverylink.dpsk12.org/school-year-2020-2021-registration-information/>

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17X40QknGu3Vkp2Kn8uOk2S72zsKp6MebyiBrt7d5FY/edit>

Purchase School Supplies in Advance to save Money and Time

We are excited to announce that Edison will continue to provide the option for parents to purchase school supplies online for the 2020/2021 school year. Education Products, Inc or "EPI" will be our supplier and you will be able to **order your supplies online beginning May 26** until June 16. We will send out a message with instructions on how to order May 26.

We are hopeful that the fall will include classroom time at the school; however, if remote learning is our only option in the fall, you will still need school supplies. Each order is packed individually with your student's name on their pack and delivered to the school. All school supply packs include hand sanitizer, tissue, and disinfectant wipes to help keep our classrooms germ free.

No shopping in stores, no bringing supplies to school!

Registration for 2020-2021 School Year

Annual Family Update (previously called Online Verification) for the 2020-21 school year will take place from May 1- May 31 and again from July 20 until August 13. 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** and click on *Getting Started*. You will need your student's DPS ID# to start your account. If you forgot your password or you can't log in, you can get help by emailing portalteam@dpsk12.org or calling the portal hotline at 720.423.3163. If you don't know your student's ID# you can email Michelle Miller in the office at michelle_miller@dpsk12.org or Barbara Schrant at maria_schrant@dpsk12.org.

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 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 under Register during both active periods. You will use your Parent Portal username and password to get in. Only the parent listed as the first emergency contact in the primary household in IC can do AFU.

If you do not have computer access you will need to come to Edison to complete your student's annual update on **August 7** 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 or you can email Michelle and she can send you a copy.

- If you need a transportation exception form, go to this link:
<http://thecommons.dpsk12.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&ModuleInstanceID=2480&ViewID=7b97f7ed-8e5e-4120-848f-a8b4987d588f&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=2703&PageID=676>.
- All **kindergarten students** will need to sign up for an individual assessment which will take place on **August 11**. 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>.
- If you need to sign up for Discovery Link, before and/or after school care, please go to the following website:
<https://discoverylink.dpsk12.org/https-docs-google-com-document-d-17x40qkngu3vkpd2kn8uok2s72zskp6mebyibrt7d5fy-edit/>
- School supply lists and DPS school calendars are available online on Edison's website at <http://edison.dpsk12.org/>.
- If it's time to renew your volunteer background check (renewal is required every year) go to: <https://app.verifiedvolunteers.com/en/Candidates/Account/Register>.

Back-to-School Night

Back-to-school night is currently scheduled for Thursday, August 13 at 5:00 PM. Please bring a picnic dinner for your family and visit with other Edison families on the playground/field starting at 5:00. 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.

Please know that, at this time, we are planning on returning to in-person learning and hosting important community events in August, however, DPS will be monitoring the health and safety of our community through close communication with the public health departments throughout the summer. Beginning of year events and educational settings may need to change or be cancelled due to the pandemic. **Please watch for communication throughout the summer with this information.**

A Message from our PTA...

What a year we have had! We want to thank you for all of your support and encouragement for 2019-2020. Although this year didn't end the way we imagined, we did have some celebrations with our initiation of Online School Supply, Eagle Run and the Fund PARAs campaign. We also had a great community event in Fall Fest and Build-It Night. There are not enough words to express how thankful we are for every one of our members, volunteers and donors. We ask A LOT from the Edison Community and you never fail to jump in and give.

Next school year will certainly present lots of new challenges due to COVID19. We thank you in advance for your continued support of Edison and our students.

--Edison PTA Board

In-coming PTA Board:

Thank you to our parents who stepped up to serve on the 2020-21 PTA Board! We are still seeking a President to lead the board. If you are able to help out and keep our school community moving forward, with the help of a great board support team, please reach out to our current President, Jessica Maddy-Key for more information.

- President - OPEN position
- VP - Valerie Recore
- Secretary - Tara Littell and Laura Clark
- Treasurer - Jen Cutter Maloney
- Membership - Holly Murtaugh

Out-going PTA Board:

President - Jessica Maddy-Key ptaedisondenver@gmail.com

Secretary – Holly Murtaugh edisonptasecretary@gmail.com

Treasurer – Ben Latham edisonptatreasurer@gmail.com

Connect with us online or through social media at:

Facebook – Edison Elementary Denver

Instagram - @edisonelementarydenver

Online - <http://edison.dpsk12.org>

Important Information

Changes in teaching staff for 2020-21

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

- Aaryn Manning will be moving to be closer to her family and to pursue an exciting job opportunity. We will miss her greatly, but are excited for her and wish her the best.
- Jan Slama has accepted a teacher leader position at another school, as he works towards his career move into leadership. He will also be missed, but will be fantastic as a teacher leader.

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

- Kaylee Case will be moving into 2nd grade.
- Valerie Lovato will be moving to kindergarten.
- Amanda Sullivan will be joining us in our 4th and 5th grade literacy team. She comes to us from California and has many years of experience.

We are super excited about the instructional teams we have built for next year and can't wait for our new teachers to join our team next year.

2020-21 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 2020-21 school year are Andrew Crossley, Jane Reimer, Catherine Salguero and Hannah Koski.

Mental Health Minute

By Dr. Coffee, Edison School Psychologist, gina_coffee@dpsk12.org

Mental Health

With the summer break just around the corner, children often experience a range of emotions as they may anticipate the fun and flexibility they'll have in the upcoming months, miss their friends and teachers, feel anxious about the changes in structure and routine, and look forward to (and also feel nervous about) the upcoming year. The Child Mind Institute offers several tips for supporting your child's mental health during the summer months: <https://childmind.org/article/strategies-for-a-successful-summer-break/>. In addition, this parent toolkit also offers additional tips to support structure: <https://www.parenttoolkit.com/health-and-wellness/news/mental-health/promoting-psychological-well-being-in-your-kids-this-summer-the-importance-of-structure>.

Additional summer supports include At-Home Activities prepared by DPS (<https://www.dpsk12.org/coronavirus/at-home-activities/>) as well as these various mindfulness apps.

Breathe, Think, Do with Sesame: [iTunes: Free](#) [Android: Free](#)

With sections for both parents and children, this Sesame Street app teaches young kids how to calm down and solve everyday challenges. Children will enjoy the interactive "play time" with a Sesame Street monster, and parents can view educational tools to help them manage their child's anxieties or anger issues.

Stop, Breathe, and Think Kids Mindfulness App:

<https://apps.apple.com/us/developer/stop-breathe-think/id1151955214>

Calm: [iTunes: Free](#) [Android: Free](#)

There are many mindfulness apps for kids about practicing meditation, but if you're looking for one that does that, while also focusing on relaxation and sleep, don't look any further than Calm. Their "Sleep Stories" function tells tales to help users fall asleep easier.

Daniel Tiger's Grr-ific Feelings: [iTunes: \\$2.99](#) [Android: \\$2.99](#)

Children suffering from stress and anxiety often have a difficult time expressing their feelings. PBS's Daniel Tiger teaches children how to calm down when angry, celebrate proud moments, and relax with music and activities.

HelloMind: [iTunes: Free with in-app purchases](#) [Android: Free with in-app purchases](#)

Young worriers can significantly benefit from HelloMind, an app which helps change negative thought patterns. Children can choose treatments based on whatever is bothering them. Examples include low self-esteem, needing courage, or being afraid to stick up for one's self.

Safety Resources

Throughout the summer months, please also be aware that Safe2Tell Colorado not only provides a safety reporting system where you can anonymously report anything that concerns or threatens you, your friends, your family, or your community (hotline: 1-877-542-7233), but also offers an online parent resource center with

information about safety topics such as suicide and youth, bullying, and trauma:

<https://safe2tell.org/?q=parents>.

If you are having a mental health emergency, call 911 or go to the Emergency Room.

Colorado Crisis and Support Line: 1.844.493.8255, <https://coloradocrisiservices.org/>

- Walk In Clinic: (no appointment necessary)

National Suicide Hotline: 1.800.273.TALK or text: 839863

Mobile Crisis – Denver Health and Hospital: 303.602.7220

Trevor Project (LGBTQ+): 1.866.488.7386

For student safety concerns please contact the DPS Department of Safety at **720-423-3911**.

When risk is imminent, please call 911.

As a **parent**, if you become aware a child is experiencing suicidal thoughts or making threatening statements:

· Contact DPD Non-Emergency line at 720-913-2000 to request a welfare check and/or to report the threat/concern.

· You may make a Safe2Tell report using the website (safe2tell.org), call the hotline at 1-877-542-7233, or use the online app.

DPS COVID-19 Resources

COVID-19 Resources for Families & Students: <https://www.dpsk12.org/coronavirus/>

COVID-19 helpline available 24/7: 720-424-4357, CoronavirusInfo@dpsk12.org

Please contact the FACE helpline at 720-423-3054 for general resources or referral questions. This helpline will be available during normal business hours.

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;
- 1st-5th 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 1st-5th 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 1st-5th 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.

Opportunities to GIVE to Edison

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

Direct Ask Campaign: The Edison PTA asks all Edison families to strive to support Edison and the Edison PTA with as much of a contribution as possible each year. We know every family is different, however we hope families will consider a donation as generous as possible. Our goal is 100% family participation. Families can make a one-time donation or split into recurring monthly donations.

To contribute, you can give through any of these convenient methods:

- Venmo ID: @EdisonElementaryPTA
- Online at the PTA or Edison websites: <https://edisonptadenver.org> or <https://edison.dpsk12.org>.
- Snail Mail or Drop Off: Edison Elementary, Attn: PTA Fundraising, 3350 Quitman Street, Denver, CO 80212

**Check to see if your employer provides matching of qualified contributions made; we are a qualified 501c3 organization!

King Soopers Rewards: Register Edison PTA as your Community Rewards partner for King Soopers!

How do I enroll? 1) Go to www.kingsoopers.com 2) Sign-in to your 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 and select 'Enroll'; 6) You're all done!

Box Tops: The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state of the art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earning on line at: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>

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/>.

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

Skate City

Our school is happy to help support small businesses, as Skate City will be offering their Membership Cards for our students and families at a discounted rate. With a \$5 membership card (\$12 at the facility), any child or adult can skate for just **\$1 admission** during any public skating session ***through the end of 2020!*** You will also receive \$5 loaded on to your gamecard upon entry each time you use your membership card. Should this interest you, all you would need to do is click the link below and make sure to select the school name, as \$1.50 for each card purchased will go back to the school!

<https://form.jotform.com/SkateCityColorado/membership-cards-2020>

We appreciate your continued support!