

Edison

A 21st Century Neighborhood School



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Sally Whitelock Principal

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A message from the Principal...

Dear Edison Community,

At Edison, we work hard to provide rigorous academics and character education to ensure the development of the whole child. To that end, teachers at Edison provide Personalized Learning for students in order to ensure that our diverse student body is highly engaged and academically challenged throughout the day. Personalized Learning is a broad term used to describe the following instructional strategies:

- Project Based Learning - a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging and complex question, problem, or challenge.
- Learning Profiles & Personal Learning Plans - a student's Learning Profile is the complete picture of his/her learning preferences, strengths, and challenges and is shaped by the categories of learning style, intelligence preference, culture, and gender. Learning Profiles are used to support students in developing a Personal Learning Plan in which students set and monitor learning goals.
- Cooperative Learning - a successful teaching strategy in which small teams, each with students of different levels of ability, use a variety of learning activities to improve their understanding of a topic/subject.
- Differentiated Instruction - a framework or philosophy for effective teaching that involves providing different students with different avenues to learning (often in the same classroom) in terms of acquiring content and making sense of ideas.
- Opportunities for Choice and Voice - classroom environments and instruction that offer pedagogy, curriculum, and learning environments to meet the individual student's needs. The experience is tailored to learning preferences and the specific interests of different learners.

We believe that providing these opportunities to students will build a love of learning and a growth mindset. Please partner with us by talking to your children about what they are learning at school and encouraging them to pursue their passions and interests.

Sincerely,

Sally Whitelock, Principal

Mark Your Calendars:

- March 4 No School – Teacher Planning Day
- March 5-8 Dr. Seuss Read Across America week - Tues: Fox in Socks (crazy sock day), Wed: Wacky Wednesday (Crazy hat/hair day), Thur: Oh the Places You'll Go (College/Career day), Fri: I am not Going to Get up Today (PJ day)
- March 7 CSC Meeting at 4:30 PM in the conference room downstairs
- March 7 PTA Meeting at 6:00 PM in the auditorium
- March 8 ECE Performance “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” at 10:20 AM in the auditorium
- March 15 1st Grade Performance “Back in the Good Old Days” at 1:25 PM in the auditorium
- March 21 Picture Day – individual and class pictures
- March 21 Community Culture and Passions Potluck Celebration 5:30-7:00 PM
- March 22 Culture and Passions Day during the school day
- March 25-29 Spring Break – No School
- April 4 & 5 5th grade field trip to Balarat
- April 4 & 5 4th grade overnight Colorado field trip
- April 4 CSC Meeting at 4:30 PM in the conference room downstairs
- April 4 PTA Meeting at 6:00 PM in the auditorium
- April 8-19 CMAS testing for 3rd, 4th, 5th grade students
- April 9 Reading Is Fundamental distribution of books to students
- April 19 GOES Health Fair at 3:45 – 4:30 PM
- April 29 No School for students – Teacher planning day
- May 8 National Bike to School Day

School lunch menus can be found at:

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

Dr. Suess Read Across America Week

During the week of March 5-8, students will dress up each day in celebration of a Dr. Suess book and the fun of reading...

- Tuesday: Fox in Socks Day (crazy socks day)
- Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday (Crazy hat/hair day)
- Thursday: Oh the Places You'll Go (College/Career day)
- Friday: I am Not Going to Get Up Today (PJ day)

ECE Performance "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle"

Please join us for our annual ECE performance "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" in the auditorium on March 8th at 10:20 AM.

1st Grade Performance "Back in the Good Old Days"

Please join us for our annual 1st grade performance "Our Community Then and Now" in the auditorium on March 15th at 1:25 PM to celebrate the curiosity and excitement students have experienced while studying how communities change over time. Can't wait to see you there!

Community Culture and Passions Potluck Celebration

Please join us from 5:30-7:00 PM on Thursday, March 21 to celebrate the wonderful, diverse Edison community. Please bring a potluck food item that is important to your family tradition or culture. Edison families will have an opportunity to sample food from the potluck, participate in a craft activity, and enjoy a culture get-to-know-you game. Students will perform dances in the gym. Lastly, we hope families enjoy the 'culture museum' in the hallways.

Culture and Passions Day 2019

Culture and Passions Day will be on Friday, March 22 and will have a theme of pursuing passions in in order to connect people in respectful and compassionate ways. During the school day, students will visit several classrooms to learn about various cultures, experience different careers and hear about personal passions.

Bridges of Cultural Understanding is a traveling exhibit in which the Mizel Museum teaches cross-cultural understanding through an interactive presentation of themes and rituals from around the world. Mobile cases, which will be in Edison's auditorium in March, hold a wide array of cultural objects that invite students to explore commonalities and differences among various traditions. Each exhibit includes presentations by museum educators.

Understanding more about the different stories and practices of people will help students understand that we are all part of the human family with the responsibility to practice the Golden Rule and repair the world, a concept in Jewish culture known as tikkun olam.

Mental Health Minute (by Dr. Coffee, Edison School Psychologist, gina_coffee@dpsk12.org)

Self-Injury Awareness Day is on 3/1, and resources regarding self-injury are available on the Safe2Tell Colorado website: <https://safe2tell.org/?q=self-injury-and-cutting>.

Please also feel free to **join me at Edison's April PTA meeting (4/4 at 6pm)** for an informational session about keeping children safe. I look forward to seeing you then!

Inside Days

With the cold weather and possibility of snow at this time of year, 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.

A Message from our PTA...

Hello Edison Families-

Please support the Edison PTA with our exciting fundraising and volunteering efforts this semester.

Volunteers Needed:

Culture and Passions Day

We need volunteers! Edison is hosting our Passion Day on ***Friday, March 22nd*** 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! Contact Ashley Runyon at ashley_runyon@dpsk12.org if you are interested in presenting.

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 at 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 303-725-4679

Secretary – Katie Malarkey edisonptasecretary@gmail.com

VP - Chris Campbell and Lynda Lastowka edisonvpdenver@gmail.com

Treasurer – Ben Latham edisonptatreasurer@gmail.com

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 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, 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;
- 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. These forms are available in the office.