

Edison A 21st Century Neighborhood School



May 2018

Sally Whitelock, Principal

Joan Wieser, Principal Resident

A message from the Principal...

Dear Edison Community,

Can you believe that there are only four more weeks of school for this school year? Each year seems to fly by faster and faster. The end of each school year is filled with so many fun and exciting events. In the classroom, students are completing end of year assessments and projects; however, the students' memories are often made at field day, enrichment day, the talent show and continuation. Please join us at our end of year picnics, field trips, performances, exhibitions and celebrations.

I would like to thank all of the incredible parents and community members who supported our school this year. The partnership that parents have with teachers and me is one of the things that makes Edison such a fantastic school. Thank you to everyone who volunteered in classrooms, organized a community event or participated in the PTA and CSC. Additionally, it was wonderful to see such a great turnout at Edfest - I hope everyone had an enjoyable time!

Thank you for all you do to support Edison.

Sincerely,
Sally Whitelock, Principal

Mark Your Calendars:

April 28

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May 1

Community fundraiser night at La Cocinita from 4-8 PM

May 2

4th Grade Performance & Exhibition "Colorado" at 6:00 PM in auditorium

May 3	CSC Meeting at 4:30 PM in the conference room
May 3	PTA Meeting at 6:00 PM in the auditorium
May 3	Glee Club performance at 8:00 AM in the auditorium
May 4	Parent Appreciation Breakfast at 7:45 AM in the auditorium
May 7-11	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 10	ECE & kindergarten Parent Information night at 5:30 PM
May 11	English Language Acquisition Parent Advisory Committee meeting at 8:00 in Ms. Polenz's room
May 11	Field Day on the playground (grades K-5) and Book Fair in the auditorium
May 15	Reading Is Fundamental book give away
May 18	5 th grade Wax Museum at 1:30 & "Revolutionary War" performance at 3:00 PM
May 23	3 rd grade States of Matter exhibitions in classrooms at 2:55-3:20
May 24	Denver Ballet Guild Assembly in the afternoon in the auditorium
May 25	ECE Jelly Bean day
May 28	No school
May 29	Enrichment Day
May 30	Talent Show
May 30	3 rd Trimester Awards ceremony
May 30	5 th grade continuation at 6:00 PM
May 31	ECE continuation at 9:30 AM
May 31	Kindergarten continuation at 10:30
May 31	Last day of school

Parent Perception Survey

Please complete the annual DPS Parent Perception survey for Edison by May 11. All surveys are confidential and anonymous. Each household should only complete one survey. To participate, please go to <http://dpsare.com/2018.sis/> and use your the student ID number of your oldest child at Edison.

4th Grade Performance "Colorado" & Historical Coloradan Tea

Please join us at our annual 4th grade performance of "Colorado" on **May 2 at 6:00 PM** in Edison's auditorium. Edison's fourth graders have spent several months studying Colorado and preparing for this awesome performance and exhibition. Please come celebrate their learning and presentation with us.

Glee Club Performance

Please join us on Thursday, May 3 at 8:00 AM in Edison's auditorium to be entertained by our fantastic Glee Club! A big THANK YOU goes out to Cynthia O'Lane, music teacher extraordinaire, who leads this group of singers.

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Edison would not be the fantastic neighborhood school that it is without the support of our parent volunteers. If you volunteered this year on the PTA or CSC, on a field trip, stuffing Thursday folders, at a community event or in the classroom, you are invited to our annual **Parent Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, May 4 at 7:45 AM in Edison's auditorium**. Thank you for your support this year!

Teacher Appreciation Week

Please support the PTA and me in appreciating all the wonderful teachers we have at Edison. The week of May 7 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Our fantastic PTA demonstrates their support of our teachers each day during this week (THANK YOU!). Please help us and tell your student's teacher how much you appreciate them.

Field Day and Book Fair

Please join us for Field Day on **Friday, May 11 on Edison's playground** during the school day. At this annual event, students will participate in competitive and fun physical events and celebrate physical activity. Students in kindergarten, 2nd grade and 4th grade will begin at 9:15 AM and students in 1st grade, 3rd grade and 5th grade will begin at 1:15 PM. The PTA will be serving snacks and lunch for a minimal cost.

While you are at Edison for Field Day, please come in to our auditorium and purchase some new books for the summer at the Scholastic Book Fair. There will be a wonderful assortment of children's books.

5th Grade Performance - "Revolutionary War"

We would like to invite parents and family members of our 5th grade students to our annual 5th grade wax museum exhibition and "Revolutionary War" performance, on **May 18 at 1:30 in Edison's upstairs hallway and auditorium**. The 5th graders have been learning about the Revolutionary War and studying biographies and are excited to share their knowledge. Bring coins to put in a student's cup to make each wax museum exhibit come alive. The Revolutionary War performance will be at 3:00 in the auditorium. Please join us!

3rd Grade Exhibition on States of Matter

We would like to invite parents and family members of our 3rd graders to the 3rd grade exhibition on states of matter. In science, 3rd grade students have been learning about and creating projects regarding their understanding of states of matter. Please join us on May 23rd at 2:55 to celebrate.

ECE Jelly Bean Day

ECE parents, please join us at our annual ECE Jelly Bean Day (Field Day for ECE) on **May 25** from 2:00-3:00 PM on the field. Students will participate in field day types of activities at this fun event.

Enrichment Day

On **May 29**, Edison students will participate in Edison's Enrichment Day. Teachers have planned fun, engaging full-day learning opportunities like *FBI*, hot air balloons, rock climbing, cartooning, Spanish, painting, skating and more. Students get to choose their learning experience for the day. Edison's PTA fully funds Enrichment Day for all Edison students!

Talent Show

Edison's annual talent show is a great, artistic event where students perform their talents in front of their peers. Each year, our talented students sing, dance, hoola-hoop and more! The Talent Show is scheduled for **May 30** in Edison's auditorium. All acts will perform in both the morning and afternoon. Students will perform for ECE-2nd graders at 9:10 and 3rd-5th graders at 1:10.

Students who wish to try out for the talent show need to return the sign-up form by May 1. Tryouts will be held on field day when kids are not participating outside. Students will be notified of their tryout time. They must bring their music to tryouts and will need to practice at home. Student costumes must be appropriate (no spaghetti straps, clothes that show your belly, short shorts/skirts).

ECE, Kindergarten and 5th Grade Continuations

Edison will celebrate the continuation of our ECE students, kindergarten students and 5th grade students in late May. These are fun and important milestones for our children. Please join us in celebrating our students' successes as they continue forward in their educational careers.

- **ECE continuation is scheduled for May 31 at 9:30 AM** outside in Edison's amphitheater;
- **Kindergarten continuation is scheduled for May 31 at 10:30 AM** outside in Edison's amphitheater;
- **5th grade continuation** will be in Edison's amphitheater **on May 30 at 6:00 PM.**

Enrichment Program Feedback

The mission of the Edison Enrichment Before and After School Classes and Clubs are to help each child develop his or her full potential through extensions of our school day, through connections to their passions and to create unique enrichment experiences. We are committed to excellence in each program we provide. We respectfully request your time and ask that you complete this survey to assist us in knowing how you feel and your children were served this school year and what areas you feel that we could improve upon. If you would like to offer any additional feedback, please do not hesitate to contact me at amanda_swift@dpsk12.org. Thank you in advance. Link to our google form: <https://goo.gl/forms/sQf9Bc6Hvw7YPGW33>

Sincerely, Amanda Swift, After-School Coordinator

CSC

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. Everyone is welcome to attend CSC meetings, however, decisions are made by committee members. Meetings are typically held the first Thursday of the month at 4:30. There is an opportunity for parents to share concerns and celebrate during the open forum.

There are four parent representatives who are nominated/elected to the CSC. Each CSC parent representative serves for two years. **We are currently in need of one new CSC members for the 2018-19 school year.** A few parents have been nominated for our open CSC position for next year. CSC voting ballots will go home in Thursday folders on May 3. Please complete the form and return it to the school by May 11.

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 the day 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. Donations of new coats and food will be accepted at any time.

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. 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. There will not be another collection date this year but please save them for next year!

- **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 when you shop. 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;
- 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 every time they enter the building.

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 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 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 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. 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 welcome and appreciate everyone that is able to get involved. May is a busy time, and summer break is just around the corner. Take some time out this Thursday, May 3 from 6-7 p.m, in the auditorium to help us wrap up a great school year at our final PTA Meeting. Our agenda includes a little final business and a celebration of YOU, our wonderful volunteers. PTA does a lot of good at Edison and none of it would happen without you. As always, free childcare is provided.

May PTA meeting:

We will have our last PTA meeting of the year on May 3 from 6:00-7:00 PM in Edison's auditorium. During this time, we will celebrate our volunteers.

Edison Community Night:

Please support Edison PTA by dining out at our newest Community Partner, La Cocinita, on May 1st from 4-8 pm. Bring the flyer from the Thursday folder, show this screen on your smart phone or tell the cashier that you are supporting Edison and 20% of your purchase will be donated to Edison Elementary PTA. P.S. It's also BOGO Taco Tuesday! Thank you for your support!

Field Day and Book Fair:

Please join us! Field Day is right around the corner on Friday, May 11. While you are at Edison, visit the Scholastic Book fair in the auditorium - ALL ITEMS ARE BUY ONE GET ONE!
Please sign up to help during the day.

Volunteer to grill or sell CONCESSIONS at <http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0F4BAAAC22A3FC1-field3> in the East playground during our fantastic FIELD DAY.

Volunteer to sell books for summer break at the concurrent Scholastic Book Fair in the auditorium at the online fair homepage: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/edisonelementaryspringbogo>

Volunteer Sign-up Page: <https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/signup/CcsxfokhE>

RIF Volunteers:

The spring RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) distribution takes place on Tuesday, May 15, and every Edison student gets a free book. It is a fun event for kids and adults — please sign up for set-up on Monday afternoon May 14 or distribution throughout the day on Tuesday, May 15 at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4baaac22a3fc1-rifbook1>

4th grade families- we need volunteers to help with 5th grade continuation:

Please sign up to help! <http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0F4BAAAC22A3FC1-fifth3>

EdFest 2018:

Thank you to our wonderful Edison community for making EdFest 2018 another great celebration! This annual adult's only event is always so much fun and a great fundraiser. But most importantly a great night out! Thank you to all who attended and made this year's event so fantastic! Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who made the event possible, this event could not have occurred without your help. Finally, thank you to our community sponsors and donors whose support allows us to put on this event. Look forward to seeing you attend next year! We would love your feedback on this year's event (even if you didn't attend!). Please take 5-minutes to take a quick feedback survey so we can make next year's event bigger, better and brighter! <http://bit.ly/2HqeG5V>

Save Our Silverware!

During lunchtime at Edison, please remind and encourage your students to place their used silverware in the proper cleaning bin in the Edison cafeteria (it is located near the recycling station).

--Edison PTA Board

PTA Leadership:

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