

Edison

A 21st Century Neighborhood School



May 2019

Sally Whitelock Principal

Benita Cervantes, Assistant Principal

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 even faster than the previous ones. 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.

Edison values input from families - and we want to hear from you! Parents are important partners in the learning environment and community of Edison. In order to learn more about student and family experiences at Edison, we are asking for your feedback via the annual DPS Family Satisfaction Survey, which will be administered online this year. This survey helps us understand how our school is supporting your student's needs and the results will be included in our School Performance Framework (SPF) rating. These surveys are anonymous and confidential. We will not see individual responses, only the total and averages at the school level. To participate, please complete the survey on line (a link will be emailed as soon as the survey opens). Each household should only fill out one survey. **To ensure that you will receive the survey, please check that your contact information is updated in Parent Portal.** Results will be posted at this website after responses are collected and analyzed: <https://assessments.dpsk12.org/family-student-surveys/> We greatly appreciate your feedback and look forward to learning from your input.

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.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement!

Sally Whitelock, Principal

Mark Your Calendars:

- May 1 4th grade performance "Colorado" and exhibition at 6:00 PM
- May 2 CSC Meeting at 4:30 PM in the conference room downstairs
- May 3 Parent Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast at 7:45 AM in Edison's auditorium
- May 4 Edfest 'Underground' Edison PTA Fundraiser at 7:00-11:00 PM at the Elk's Club at 2475 W. 26th Ave.
- May 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 8 National Bike to School Day
- May 9 PTA meeting at 6:00-7:30 PM @ the Garage (community center by Highlands UMC)
- May 9 Scholastic Book Fair in the auditorium from 8:00-8:45 and 3:30-4:30
- May 10 Scholastic Book Fair in the auditorium from 8:00-4:00
- May 10 Field Day during the school day
- May 13-17 Spirit Week (Monday: PJ day, Tuesday: Crazy Hair day, Wednesday: Hat day, Thursday: Backward day, Friday: Sports day)
- May 16 New ECE & Kindergarten parent information night at 6:00 PM in the auditorium
- May 17 5th grade wax museum and Revolutionary War performance in the afternoon
- May 24 ECE Jelly bean day
- May 28 Enrichment day
- May 29 Talent Show
- May 30 5th Grade continuation at 6:00 PM at Skinner MS
- May 31 ECE continuation at Edison at 9:30 AM
- May 31 Kindergarten continuation at Edison at 10:30 AM
- May 31 Last day of school. School ends at 12:30

Mark your calendars for the Fall:

- August 8 In-person registration at Edison from 9:00-3:00
- August 12 Kindergarten assessment day (sign up online)
- August 15 Back to School Night at 5:00 PM
- August 19 First day of school for ECE and 1st-5th grades
- August 20 First day of school for kindergarten
- September 20 Eagle Run

School lunch menus can be found at:

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

Parent Perception Survey

Please complete the annual DPS Parent Perception survey for Edison between May 6 and May 31. All surveys are confidential and anonymous. Each household should only complete one survey. To participate, please watch for an email with the link to the survey and use the student ID number of your oldest child at Edison. Thank you in advance for your feedback!

4th Grade Performance “Colorado” & Historical Coloradan Tea

Please join us at our annual 4th grade performance of “Colorado” on **May 1 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.

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 3 at 7:45 AM in Edison’s auditorium**. Thank you for your support this year!

Edfest Underground

Edison's 'Edfest Underground', our annual adult only fundraiser and community celebration, is scheduled for Saturday, May 4 at 7:00-11:00 PM at the Elk's Club at 2475 W. 26th Ave. in Denver. All parents and community member are invited! Please plan to join us for this fun community celebration and raise money for Edison’s PTA at the same time. Register for entry now (password is ‘Speakeagle’). Live Auction items vault has been unlocked. Silent Auction items go up for preview and bid on Saturday, April 27th. Check it out now: <https://www.accelevents.com/e/EdFest>

Volunteer to earn an extra ticket for the Grand Prize Union Station Raffle! Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4baaac22a3fc1-edfest4>

Teacher Appreciation Week

Please help us thank the fantastic educators at Edison by letting them know how much you appreciate them! Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10.

Scholastic Book Fair

Did you know that reading 20 minutes a day with your child is the best investment your family can make in their future? Research shows that children who read just 20 minutes per day score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests. Come to the Book Fair to stock up on books your child will love reading and ignite your home reading habits.

The Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for Thursday, May 9 from 8:00-8:45 AM and 3:30-4:30 PM and on Friday, May 10 from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM in the auditorium. Please plan to get great deals on kids' favorite books, just in time for summer reading!

Our book fair has a new digital payment option 'eWallet' so no cash is needed on the day of the book fair. Simply set up an account and have funds immediately available for your kids to show at the book fair. To get started, visit our school's book fair page at: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/edison23>. Then create an account, add funds and shop. If you can't make it to the book fair in person, no problem, parents can also shop online through the same link!

We need volunteers to support the book fair – Please sign up at
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4FAEA72DA7F58-edison>

May 7 at 4:00 – set up for the fair.

May 10, 8:00-4:00 – sell books to very enthusiastic readers!

May 10 at 4:00 – take down and put away.

If you'd like to help sell books you must submit the paperwork for an FBI background check since you'd be handling money. You can get the paperwork in the office and should do so by April 15 to be sure there is time to get it processed.

This is a really fun event that kids love – come see for yourself!!

Field Day

Please join us for Field Day on **Friday, May 10 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.

We need volunteers for PTA Concessions! Sign-up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4baaac22a3fc1-field4>

Spirit Week

We would like to invite students to show their Edison school spirit the week of May 13-17 during "Spirit Week." Dress up days include:

Monday: PJ day

Tuesday: Crazy Hair day

Wednesday: Hat day

Thursday: Backward day

Friday: Sports day

ECE and kindergarten Information Night

In order to support ECE and kindergarten parents and children in starting the ECE and kindergarten year successfully and well informed, we would like to invite you to our ECE and Kindergarten Information Meeting on **May 16 at 6:00 PM in Edison's auditorium.**

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 17 at 1:30 in Edison's upstairs hallway and 3:00 in the 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!

ECE Jelly Bean Day

ECE parents, please join us at our annual ECE Jelly Bean Day (Field Day for ECE) on **May 24** 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 28**, Edison students will participate in Edison's Enrichment Day. Teachers have planned fun, engaging full-day learning opportunities like: *FBI*, hot air balloons, painting, skating, Celestial Seasoning, Butterfly Pavilion, photography 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 3rd-5th grade 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 29** 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.

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 at Skinner MS on **May 30 at 6:00 PM.**

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

Mental Health

May is Mental Health Month 2019, and National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day is on 5/9. To learn more about Mental Health Month and download a toolkit with helpful mental health resources, please visit the Mental Health America website: <http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/may>. In addition, during the month of May, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Edison students will be completing a spring screening of their social-emotional health.

Safety

Thank you to those who attended our April informational session about keeping children safe – it was a pleasure chatting with you! This month, I will be sending home a handout with additional safety information for your records. In addition, please 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>.

A Message from our PTA...

Hello Edison Families-

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

Danger Zone! (of being cancelled)

Field Day Concessions - **It's not too late, we can save this PTA Event.** We sell concessions during Field Day to raise money, yes, but also, parents save time on packing lunches AND most importantly, the kiddos love the treat of a hot dog and chips Al Fresco. But we can't do it without volunteers, sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4baaac22a3fc1-field4>

Exhaustion Nearing! (of our current Planning Team)

EdFest Underground - Our Adults only celebration needs volunteers! Please sign-up for a shift AND earn yourself a free Raffle ticket to our Grand Prize Union Station raffle. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4baaac22a3fc1-edfest4>

Last PTA Meeting/Board Vacancies

Come celebrate the end of the year with us at our last PTA Meeting of the year on **May 9th @ The Garage from 6-7:30 PM** (the community center associated with Highlands United Methodist Church). We are hoping for good weather so we can throw open the doors and gather round. We will have simple activities for kiddos and light snacks and beverages for all. We are hoping you will be open to chatting with us and let us know what went well with PTA this year, how we can encourage more volunteers and what you want from PTA going forward.

*No elections due to lack of nominations received

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
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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:** 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](http://www.kingsoopers.com) and select 'Enroll'; 6) You're all done!
- **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](http://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.