

Edison



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April 4, 2013

From the Principal

Dear Edison Community,

Can you believe that we only have 2 more months of school left for this year? April and May are enjoyable times for the Edison community. We have so many fun events coming up in the next few months. This is a great time to get involved if possible. Check with your child's teacher or a PTA representative for opportunities to help out and make some new friends. Please join us for:

- Our TCAP party on April 5 (donations for our ice cream bar are appreciated)
- Author's Tea in the auditorium and Used Book Fair in the gym on April 18 at 4:00 PM
- Earth day parade before school on April 19
- Health Fair on April 19 on the playground at 3:45 PM
- DPS Shakespeare Festival on April 26
- Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on May 3 in the auditorium at 8:00 AM
- Enrichment Day on May 10
- Field Day on May 24

Have you registered for the DPS Parent Portal yet? If not, please do. Not only does the Parent Portal keep you updated on your child's attendance, achievement and work habits in school, but it will also be necessary for school registration on-line next year. If you do not have a Parent Portal account, please fill out the Parent Portal form and drop it in the mail or bring it to Edison's office. If you have an old IC Parent Portal account, please login to the new Parent Portal (myportal.dpsk12.org) with your IC username and password to begin using the new Parent Portal. If you have questions, please call 720-423-3658 or email dps_portalteam@dpsk12.org.

I am looking forward to a wonderful Spring. Thank you for your involvement and commitment to Edison.

Sincerely,

Sally Whitelock, Principal

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Michelle Miller and Barbara Schrant

School day:

8:45 AM - 3:30 PM

Upcoming Events:

April 4 – Class Pictures

April 4 – CSC meeting at 4:30 in auditorium

April 5 – TCAP party at Edison

April 11, 12, 18 – Fire Safety at Edison

April 11 – 3rd Grade Colorado History Performance in the auditorium at 6:30 PM

April 15 – Chipolte Fundraiser

April 18 – Author's Tea at 4:00 in auditorium

April 19 – Earth Day Parade before school

April 19 – Health Fair at 3:45 on the playground

April 26 – DPS Shakespeare Festival

April 26 – RIF book distribution for students

April 27 – Totally Tennyson Fundraiser

May 2 – CSC meeting at 4:30 in the auditorium

May 3 – PTA/Volunteer Appreciation breakfast in the auditorium at 8:00 AM

May 10 – Enrichment Day

May 24 – Field Day

Author's Tea

Come one come all to Edison's Author's Tea event on April 18th at 4pm. All Students will be showcasing a piece of writing in the auditorium for the community to enjoy. Edison students have been working really hard with their writing skills and want to show them off. Please come down to Edison's auditorium to celebrate literacy and eat a cookie...or two.

Check Your Student's AR Progress On-line

All 1st-5th grade students at Edison are working hard to achieve their AR (Accelerated Reader) goals. Parents can check their progress online at:

<https://hosted252.relearn.com/245193/homeconnect/>

The user name is your child's student ID number preceded by "DPS"; for example: DPS123456

The password is your child's date of birth formatted as: mmddyyyy. For example, if your child's birthday is January 9, 2004, the password is 01092004

Contact your child's teacher if you need assistance with the user name and password.

April and May and Testing Oh My!

As we sigh a deep breath of relief from TCAP we now begin to dive into the last two months of school. During the months of April and May, Edison students will be taking the DRA2, Writing and Math Benchmarks and STAR assessments. Teachers use this assessment data to drive their instruction and also look at every student's growth from the beginning of the year. Based on patterns of data, teachers are able to analyze standards and curriculum to ensure that students are getting the full opportunity to master each common core standard at their grade level to be ready for the next year. Because TCAP results are not posted till the end of the summer, we rely on these district assessments to gather data on our students.

Benchmark

This year 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade teachers administered Benchmark Assessments in writing and math. The primary goal of the benchmark testing is to assess how well students are progressing toward proficiency on state standards addressed by the curriculum throughout the school year. The test results provide us with detailed information for meeting the instructional needs of our students.

End of year math Interim For Kindergarten and 1st Grades:

The major purpose of these district assessments is to measure students' achievement of standards and inform instruction by sampling important learning goals throughout a grade level and measuring content in alignment with the school's curriculum. These assessments also provide summative end-of-year information that can be used in determining student mastery of the content taught at that grade level.

DRA-2

Assesses student performance in the following areas of reading proficiency: reading engagement, oral reading fluency and comprehension.

STAR

For both the Math and Reading assessments, students quickly take a 30 question test on a computer that illustrates results with how students are mastering grade-level common core standards. STAR assessments adjust to each student's distinctive responses, identifying achievement levels quickly and efficiently.

PTA Corner

Volunteering

-Assistant Talent Show Coordinator.

Join Heather Noyes (Edison parent) in preparing and running the student talent show. Preparations are starting now. This parent will be assisting Heather this year and taking it over for next year.

-The Student Engagement Committee is seeking parent involvement.

The purpose of the Student Engagement Committee is to ensure a safe, positive school culture at Edison. In addition, the committee oversees PBIS, Olweus, code of conduct, discipline, student enrichment activities and attendance issues at Edison. Please contact Nadine Ritchotte at nadine.ritchotte@dpsk12.org if you are interested.

-Little Red School House. Drop off your gently used and even beyond gently used clothing, shoes, toys, household textiles and other small household items that you no longer need. Green Team will be hosting a Red Apple Recycling fundraiser right here in our parking lot at the "Little Red Schoolhouse" for the whole month of April. The more we collect, the more money we make to go towards environmental efforts such as composting, community garden, Health Fair, recycling, xeriscaping, Student Green Team and much more. Every single item you donate will be reused, repurposed or recycled. NOT ONE THING IS THROWN IN A LANDFILL. It's super convenient and good for the environment in so many ways.

-TCAP Party, April 5th @ 1:45 pm.

Volunteers are needed to scoop ice cream and help with lawn games for students for a job well done on their TCAPS! Please contact Nadine Ritchotte at nadine_ritchotte@dpsk12.org if you would like to volunteer.

-Health Fair, April 19th. Volunteers are needed to set up, help run and clean up Edison's Health Fair. Please contact Jennifer Wolf at edisongreenteam@gmail.com with any questions. Please volunteer at the following link: <http://www.mysignup.com/edisonhealthfair>

-RIF, April 26th. Volunteers are needed to assist at the RIF distribution. Please sign up at the following link: <http://www.mysignup.com/springrif>

- It's Silly Recycled Hat Time. The hats are back! The Student Green Team invites all Edison students to celebrate Earth Week with the annual Silly Recycled Hat Contest and Parade from 8-8:40 a.m. on Friday, April 26th. Families are encouraged to get creative and craft a silly hat out of recycled items you find around the house. Judging will begin outside the front doors on Quitman at 8 a.m. Ms. Whitelock, Ms. R and Mr. Balz will be the judges. The winner will receive \$20. After the contest, we will parade around the block. Please bring homemade signs that express your love for the earth. Contact: Melissa Knopper, melissaknopper@gmail.com, 303-455-2312.

- Mile High 5, May 4th. Volunteers are needed to work shifts for the Mile High 5. This is a requirement on Edison's part, so please consider volunteering. Even if you aren't a runner or a walker, this event is fun and family friendly. Please volunteer at the following link: <http://www.mysignup.com/edison>

- Dig in the Dirt With Us. Did you know Edison PTA has a new Landscape Committee? This group is working toward a nontoxic, weed-free playground. Two Edison moms, Gretchen Wilson and Monika Krapichler, are landscape architects who donated their time and talents to design some beautiful new plantings for our school yard. Student Green Team members helped design the first bed that will be planted. We need helpers to dig up the sod and plant during our schoolyard clean-up day, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sat., May 18. During this session, volunteers will also help with garbage clean-up, spreading mulch, cleaning recycle bins and many other tasks. We're hoping for a crew of maybe 20 people to beautify our playground. Kids and whole families are welcome! Please contact Melissa Knopper if you plan to attend: melissaknopper@gmail.com, 303-455-2312

-Field Day, May 24th. The Edison PTA is seeking a person/persons to coordinate the Field Day concessions. This includes shopping for food with a list and funds provided by the PTA, storing food in your home, delivering the day of, managing set up/clean up, managing volunteers during their shifts and basically maintaining that all is right in the world of Field Day concessions. Please contact Julianne Sullivan at ptaedisondenver@gmail.com for further information.

Teacher needs

-Patricia Nakata, Edison's nurse, would like donations of clothing for children to be able to change into, if needed. She is requesting only clothing that is stretchable because all children are built differently. For instance, clothing types like sweat suits, elastic waistbands, yoga type pants, stretchy materials. One boy and one girl outfit for each grade, ECE through 5th is all that she needs. Clothing must be freshly laundered and gently worn/new. DO NOT drop donations off at school. Please contact Julianne Sullivan at ptaedisondenver@gmail.com if you would like to donate a clothing item and you will be provided an address for drop off.



Fundraising

-Chipotle Community Night benefitting Green Team's lunchroom composting program

Chipotle @ 3600 32nd Avenue

April 15th 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Dine in or carry out. Must mention Edison when ordering.

- Edison Students: Put your talents on display. Join the Earth Day art sale. Green Team and Vida Salon are teaming up again to have an Earth Day art sale. Art teacher Kelly Mansfield will have first graders make watercolor paintings with a water conservation theme: "What Water Means to Me." Other Edison students are also welcome to create their own water-themed art at home and submit it to Ms. Mansfield by Friday, April 12th. Then, on Earth Day, Monday April 22, 5-7 p.m. Vida Salon (3390 W. 32nd Ave., next to Three Dogs Tavern) will transform itself into an art gallery. All of the Edison artwork will be on display. Proud parents, grandparents and neighbors can purchase their favorite child's painting by making a donation of any amount. Twenty-percent of the proceeds from the art sale will help the Edison Green Team pay for the school's cafeteria composting program. The remainder will go to Western Resource Advocates, a Boulder nonprofit that promotes water conservation. Ms. Mansfield needs a few parent volunteers to help frame the artwork. Contact Melissa Knopper, melissaknopper@gmail.com or 303-455-2312

-Totally Tennyson

April 27th 4:00 pm

Tickets can be purchased on Facebook at the following link: https://www.facebook.com/TotallyTennyson/app_416040218433879

-The Mile High 5

The Mile High 5 offers a quality 5 mile, 5k, and 5,000 ft race, which is open to competitive and recreational runners/walkers. The proceeds from the race go to benefit partnering Northwest Denver schools, including Edison.

Sloan's Lake (NE Corner of Sloan's Lake off W. Byron Place)

May 4th 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

To sign up for the race and for more details, please follow this link: <http://milehigh5race.eventbrite.com/>

EdFest

-EdFest is coming! The date has been set for Saturday, May 18th from 6pm-10pm at Local 46. How can you help?

- Join the EdFest team!
- Become a Sponsor - Thank you Denver Hound Hikers and Sunnyside Landscape Solutions!
- Donate a BIG TICKET item for the Live Auction
- Donate food or drink for the event
- Volunteer the night of the event (free admission)
- ATTEND!

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