

Edison



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April 10, 2014

From the Principal

Dear Edison Community,

Spring at Edison is a fun, enjoyable, energetic time for our entire community! We have so many fun events coming up in the next few months. This is a great time to get involved and celebrate the fantastic learning occurring at Edison. Check with your child's teacher or a PTA representative for opportunities to help out and make some new friends. Please join us for:

- Earth day parade on April 18 at 8:00 AM beginning on Edison's front lawn
- Health Fair on April 18 on the playground at 3:45 PM
- Author's Tea in the auditorium on April 24 at 3:45 PM
- 4th grade Regions performance on April 30 at 6:30 PM
- Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on May 2 in the auditorium at 8:00 AM
- EdFest on May 17
- 5th grade Revolutionary War Wax Museum and performance on May 22
- Field Day and Book Fair on May 23
- 3rd grade Objects in the Sky performance on May 29
- Enrichment Day on May 30
- Talent Show on June 5 in Edison's auditorium

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

Sincerely,

Sally Whitelock

Sally Whitelock, Principal

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School day:

8:40 AM - 3:30 PM

Upcoming Events:

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| April 11 | CSC meeting at 4:30 in conference room |
| April 12 | Green Team Clean Up Day at 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM |
| April 15 | PTA meeting at 3:45 at Edison |
| April 15 | Churchill's community night 11:00 AM - midnight |
| April 18 | Earth Day Parade at 8:00 AM on Edison's front lawn |
| April 18 | Health Fair at 3:45 on the playground |
| April 24 | Author's Tea at 3:45 in auditorium |
| April 25 | RIF book distribution for students |
| April 26 | Totally Tennyson Fundraiser |
| April 30 | 4th grade performance at 6:30 PM in the auditorium |
| May 1 | CSC meeting at 4:30 in the conference room |
| May 2 | Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast at 8:00 AM in auditorium |
| May 2 | First Friday on 32nd/Lowell at 5:00 – 8:00 PM |
| May 3 | Mile High 5 Community Race and Fun Run |
| May 6 | PTA meeting at 3:45 |

Spring Testing: Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS)

As Denver Public Schools embraces the Colorado Academic and Common Core State Standards, there will be new assessments aligned to the new standards. These new assessments will be online and replace the traditional paper/pencil assessments like TCAP. This April, all 4th and 5th grade students will be participating in the new CMAS assessment. This is the first year CMAS will be administered district wide. Fourth grade students will take the Social Studies CMAS while 5th grade students will take the Science CMAS, which has replaced the TCAP assessment for science. All testing will take place in the morning. Please help your child be at their best by ensuring they get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and are on time for school.

Schedule:

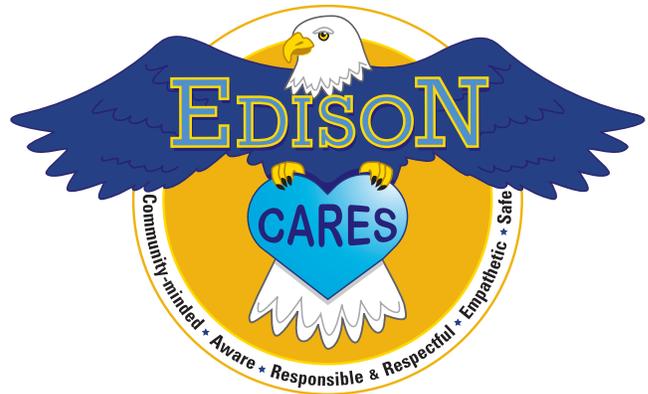
Date	Grade	Content Area Tested
April 15, 16, and 17	4	Social Studies
April 22, 23, and 24	5	Science

A Message from the Student Engagement Committee

Spring Has Sprung!!

Warmer weather can make it more difficult for children to remain focused on their academics. Please continue to monitor homework and motivation to ensure students are continuing to demonstrate responsibility and a readiness to learn. Additionally, please review school rules with your child. As always, we want all of our students to make smart and safe choices as we move towards the end of the school year. Thanks so much for your continued support!

At Edison, Every Child Succeeds!!!



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.renlearn.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.

PTA Corner

Before signing on to be the PTA president, I had been to only three or four PTA meetings in five years. Despite knowing the former officers are all perfectly nice normal parents, I thought of PTA as a place where a few people do everything and that I'd get all sucked up into a bunch of drama if I showed my face at a meeting.

Instead I stuck with Green Team; they have always been their own scrappy bunch. Green Team needs some reinforcements or some of the positive changes could go away. Green Team is great for someone who wants to focus on one project and work with a small impactful team.

Last year, I was also intrigued by the excitement of joining the EdFest team. I never wanted to do it before because I didn't want to be the one asking businesses for donations for the auction, but there is such a variety of great tasks, it was actually fun. Their meetings are in the evenings at Local 46, so it's a great opportunity to get involved if you are busy during the day.

Last Spring, I went to a PTA meeting and I found that there are committee leaders for almost every task at Edison, from Teacher Appreciation, BoxTops, Literacy Night, you name it. PTA just needs officers to lead the leaders. Nearly as importantly, I discovered nobody at PTA wants drama, we're all here to help the school.

So would you like to be more involved but don't know where you'd best fit in? Tactical and practical - join Green Team. Creative and enthusiastic - join the EdFest planning committee. Any or all of the above, join PTA and consider taking a leadership position, one of the committee chairs or an officer. Just because you've attended few or zero meetings doesn't mean you aren't the right person for the job. We've got something for everyone.

Shout Out of the Month

Maybe I'm a wee biased because I bleed chartreuse for Green Team, but these gals have done so much for the school that our school has a reputation for having a massive team. Really it's just Nicole Bauman and Leslie Girten who lead the Student Green Team, Diane Graves who runs the fundraising, and Sara Nepomuceno who has just taken over the landscape subcommittee. That's all that's left of the powerhouse group that brought Edison the garden, salad bar, composting, recycling, reusable utensils in the cafeteria and many other changes that could go away without reinforcements and continued support for this group. Stay tuned for a happy hour gathering to find out more about this fun, impactful group. They need you. In the meantime, give them the lettuce leaf salute (a high five.)

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

TCAPs are over and it's time for some great events for our school and our community!



Edfest

EdFest is coming on Saturday, May 17th from 6-10pm at Local 46. A big shout out to our major Sponsors: **Local 46, Deep Eddy, Ortho in the Highlands, and Speaks Orthodontics.** Look for more sponsors next month! Tickets are \$30 and include food and 1 drink ticket. Additional drink tickets, Cornhole Tournament entry, and Heads Tails Party Wagon tickets also available for pre-sale purchase. Purchase online at <https://edisonpt.ejoinme.org/EdFest> or look for announcements about our after school ticket table. Line up those babysitters!



We still need help! Email edisonfundraising@gmail.com.

- Find a friend and **host a Class Social** (previous activities have included Kindergarten Water Wars, 1st Grade Jedi Training Camp, 4th Grade Scavenger Hunt, pool parties, park playdates...you get the idea!)
- **Volunteer** the night of the event (and get free admission!) Sign up link coming soon...
- **Have a truck/SUV?** We need a volunteer to pick up (locally) our bike racks from BikeDenver, assist with setup on May 17th and tear down/return on May 18th.
- **Sponsor!** It's not too late to become a sponsor for EdFest. We'd love to have donations for our silent auction!
- **Attend.** This event raised just under \$20,000 last year and we would love to raise even more! Support your school while enjoying the drinks and delicious food donated by our amazing Highlands eateries and playing in the Cornhole Tournament in Local's Biergarten. And don't forget about the really great silent and live auction items...Condo in Vail, brunch at Old Major, concert tickets, LoHi music fest VIP tickets, restaurants and more.
- Can't make it? **Sponsor a teacher ticket** for \$20. Teachers love to attend this fun event and parents love to socialize with Edison's AMAZING staff outside of school.

Upcoming School Events

- Green Team Clean Up Day 4/12: It's time to tidy up Edison's landscape and get our school looking its best. With spring's arrival, our kids are spending lots more time outside on the playgrounds and field, which means those areas have taken a beating. We need a small army of helpers to tackle the clean up job. Your hard work makes a BIG DIFFERENCE! DPS will provide a full-stocked tool truck and Edison's Green Team will provide refreshments and snacks. So, all we need is some of your time and effort. Please join us for a few hours

or the whole day. Your hard work makes a BIG DIFFERENCE!
Contact Sara Nepomuceno with questions sara@denverhoundhikers.com or sign up here to volunteer: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAAAC22A3FC1-green>

- April PTA Meeting 4/15 3:45 pm: Outside if good weather; conference room if not. Join us for elections and more! **NEW TIME, DAY, and LOCATION!**
- Earth Day Parade 4/18: Meet at the Quitman entrance of the school at 8:00 am with your best hat made from recycled materials. The winning hat will receive bragging rights and a \$20 gift card! Contact Leslie Girten with questions: girtenl@earthlink.net
- Eco-fair 4/18 4:00-5:30 pm: Edison's Green Team organizes an annual health fair and encourages students to remain healthy and drug free. At the annual Health Fair, students and parents teach students about living a healthy life through a variety of health lessons and demonstrations. To volunteer, sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAAAC22A3FC1-ecofair>
- Young Author's Tea 4/24 3:45-5:00 pm: Student authors celebrate their writing with tea and cookies at the Author's Tea each April. The Edison auditorium is transformed into a library of stories written by our student authors. Teachers set up tables of students' written work, which provides student authors opportunities to share their work with their parents and friends.
- Reading Is Fundamental book distribution 4/25: Sign up now to help disburse free books to all students <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAAAC22A3FC1-rifbook2>
- May PTA Meeting 5/6 3:45 pm: at Edison

Upcoming Community Events That Benefit Edison

- Churchill's Public House 4/15 11:00-midnight: 20% of sales split between Edison and Brown. 1560 Boulder Street.
- Totally Tennyson 4/26 4:00pm – midnight: This 80s themed street crawl is great for watching people, checking out Tennyson's businesses, and dancing to 80s cover bands. Costumes are optional!
 - To buy tickets in person: East Playground after school on **Ticket Tuesdays**
 - To buy tickets online: <https://edisonpt.ejoinme.org/>
TotallyTennyson

The 2014-2015 DPS calendar is now out.
Parents can access it here:
<http://www.dpsk12.org/calendars>

- First Fridays 32nd/Lowell 5/2 5:00-8:00 pm: Supporting businesses split 10% percent of proceeds between Edison, Brown, and Skinner <https://www.facebook.com/Lowell.32>
- Mile High 5 Community Race and Fun Run 5/3:
 - To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2014-mile-high-5-race-and-fun-run-registration-6590615709>
 - To volunteer: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044CA8A72BA13-mile>
- El Camino Community Lunch 11:00am-2:00 pm: 3628 W 32nd Ave -% back to Edison

It's not too late to get involved at Edison!

Survey

Every year, EdFest raises money for a special appeal. Put in your input as to what that should be now through March 13th at this survey. We'll also be pulling ideas for the grant portion of Totally Tennyson proceeds from this survey. We want to hear from you!

Mile High 5 *Edison fundraiser and fitness event

Edison is thrilled to be part of the Mile High 5 Race and Fun Run again this year. You and the kids can run in a 5 mile, 5k, or 5000 foot race. To register, please see details at <http://edison.dpsk12.org/mile-high-5/> As part of our participation, Edison has been asked to run the trash/recycling component of the race. To volunteer please contact Cindie Standlee at Cindie_Standlee@dpsk12.org or sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044CA8A72BA13-mile>

First Fridays at 32nd/Lowell *Community event and Edison/Brown/Skiner fundraiser

Participating shops on 32nd/Lowell will have a recurring shopping event on First Fridays. In the months of March, April and May, Edison, Brown and Skinner will receive a percentage of the total sales on these Fridays. Please check out our Edison Facebook page for event details.

Next PTA Meeting * DATE CHANGE*

Please join us after school on Wednesday March 12th, at 3:45pm in the downstairs conference room. We still have the entire last trimester to do great things. Like what we're doing? Join us to make it better! Hate what we're doing? Join us to make a difference. Be the César Chávez in whatever manner you can!

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