

Edison



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December 5, 2013

From the Principal

Dear Edison Community,

I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable Thanksgiving break with family and friends. The teachers at Edison are all very proud of the hard work we and the students have done so far this year. Please ask your students what they have learned about...

- Kindergarteners: coming to school and being a good friend; trees
- First Graders: animals and their habitats
- Second Graders: plants; communities
- Third Graders: life cycles; justice
- Fourth Graders: ecosystems; energy
- Fifth Graders: human bodies, mixtures of matter

We are also excited for winter vacation. It is our hope that children and families will spend their winter vacation enjoying each other. Families, social events, celebrations and traditions are an important part of growing up and building strong communities. Though we encourage children to continue reading over the holidays, we also encourage them to make wonderful memories. If you and your children are looking for fun, educational opportunities over the winter break, please consider:

- Read Accelerated Reader books and plan to take a quiz when you return
- Visit the Children's Museum or Denver Museum of Nature and Science
- Visit Ocean Journey
- Go skiing, snowboarding, or snowshoeing
- Have a family game night
- Make holiday cookies or a gingerbread house
- Volunteer for a local non-profit

We hope that all of our children and families have a very happy holiday.

Sincerely,

Sally Whitelock

Sally Whitelock, Principal

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School day:

8:40 AM - 3:30 PM

Upcoming Events:

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| Dec 5 | Kindergarten Performance at 2:00 in the auditorium |
| Dec 5 | CSC meeting at 4:30 in the conference room |
| Dec 5 | 5 th grade performance at 6:30 PM in the auditorium |
| Dec 6 | School Tours at 9:30 Am |
| Dec 7 | DPS Regional School Fair at North HS 10:00-12:00 |
| Dec 19 | ELA Parent Meeting at 5:00 PM in the lunchroom |
| Dec 17-19 | Scholastic Book Fair in the auditorium |
| Dec 19 | Literacy Night at 5:30 PM |
| Dec 20 | School Tour at 9:30 |
| Dec 23-Jan 6 | No School. Happy Holidays |
| Jan 9 | CSC meeting at 4:30 in the conference room |
| Jan 10 | School Tour at 9:30 |
| Jan 15 | PTA meeting at 6:00 PM at Local 46 |
| Jan 15 | Build It Night 6:30 to 8:00 in the cafeteria |

Literacy Night

Edison's Annual Family Literacy Night is just around the corner! Please join us on Thursday, December 19th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm for a spectacular evening filled with literacy and fun! Listen to readings of *The Polar Express* and other winter favorites that celebrate holidays from around the world. Join in the fun and participate in a variety of classroom literacy activities. Round out your evening with a bit of shopping at the Scholastic Book Fair. Students may wear their pajamas and bring a blanket. We look forward to seeing you all!

ELA-PAC

Por favor venga a nuestra reunion ELA-PAC el 19 de diciembre de 5-5:30 en el comedor de la escuela con la Señora Vigil. Por favor recuerde su platillo para compartir.

Please join us for our ELA-PAC meeting on December 19th from 5:00-5:30 in the school lunchroom with Mrs. Vigil. Please remember to bring a delicious dish to share at our potluck.

A Message From The Student Engagement Committee

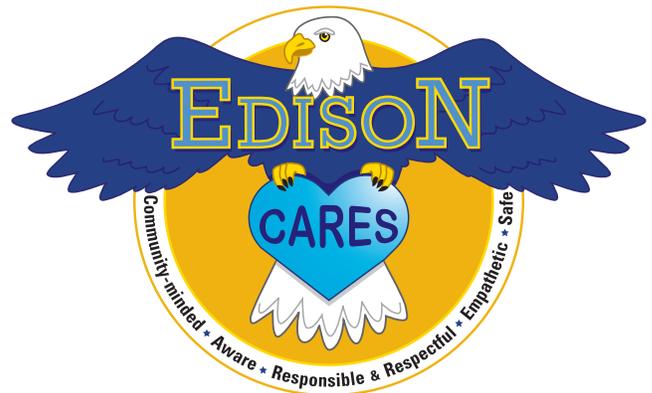
Tapping Into Inner Wealth

Did You Know?

In order to make certain that all students are actively engaged in the learning process and acquire the values necessary to be GREAT citizens, Edison teachers are tapping into inner wealth. Teachers are exploring concepts from "The Inner Wealth Initiative—The Nurtured Heart Approach for Educators" Written by Tom Grove, Howard Glasser, and Melissa Block. According to the authors some characteristics of inner wealth are:

- Trust in ourselves
 - The ability to solve problems
 - The ability to listen well and value what others have to say
 - Being organized enough to finish things
 - Being creative, reflective, expressive
 - Being truthful
 - Taking responsibility for what we do or do not do
 - Showing integrity and making honorable choices
 - Making intelligent decisions
 - Being responsive and connected to what a situation calls for
- Please help us help your child OWN these characteristics!!!

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.

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PTA Corner

Message From The Leader of The Pack

For my older son, this is his last year at Edison. It is bittersweet to think that his days spent at his home-away-from-home are coming to an end in another semester. We actually didn't come to this school until part way into his second year in DPS. Gasp! We started at another school in the neighborhood, a school that is still near and dear to my heart, but at the time wasn't suiting my son's needs. It was an emotional decision; I had been occasionally volunteering at that school even before I had children, since 1993! Any other reasons I chose the other school over Edison at first? Well, one of the members of the online group, Highlands Mommies, arranged for some of us to tour both schools as a group. At the time Edison was a good school with an established reputation, but I didn't get the warm fuzzies, to be honest. The other school was up and coming and it felt like a place where the community would make a difference, turn the place around, be the scrappy "under dogs." Once we switched to Edison, it took some time to realize...it's also awesome being one of the top dogs. It still takes lots of effort to stay on top; there is always plenty of work to be done. The thing is, nobody cheers as loudly for the big dog. However, we should often and with enthusiasm because we need new parents to choose our school if we want to stay strong. We need their energy, their ideas- we need their top pups. So when your neighbors ask you about Edison, go ahead, pat yourself on the back. We've all earned the praise, and you've made this a great place, too! When you see someone on Highlands Mommies ask which school to choose, throw us a treat. Wag, wag!

Volunteers!

This month, PTA would like to give a big shout out to our Community Events Coordinators, Amanda Gleaton and Dana Johnson. We love that these two gals decided to buddy up and share the job. So far this year, Edison earned \$1085 at the Taste of Highlands, \$550 at the Big Time Jump night, \$644 at NY Pizza Pub, and we'll have more good news soon on the Timbuk Toys fundraiser. The best part of these events? We all get to know each other better as we volunteer, jump together, or stuff our faces! Amanda and Dana, or AmanDana, are also part of the upcoming Eating for Education restaurant series, which will benefit Edison and Brown. Stay tuned for more details!

Another dynamic duo, Mary Klute and Juli Adams, took on the leviathan called Fun Services. Mary wanted to help, but works full time, so Juli offered to do the tasks that needed to be done during the day. Brilliant! Together they helped Edison raise about \$9,000. Booyah!

These pairs of parents proved that if you are in a pickle, but want to participate, perhaps partner with a pal. Positively peachy!

Still, none of this would be possible without you all signing up for shifts and signing checks. Let's hear it for Team Edison!

Events

Literacy Night – 12/19 PTA and Parents support reading with children who wear their PJ's to school for a fun evening and watch Polar Express in the Gym. We will need some volunteers. Sign up here: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0F4BAAAC22A3FC1-literacy

Scholastic Book Fair – 12/17-12/19 Stock up on books to read over Winter Break. We will need some volunteers. Sign up here: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0F4BAAAC22A3FC1-december

Green Team

Edison's Green Team is looking to expand its programming and activities to the lower elementary grades (K-2). The Green Team has turned Edison into a model of sustainability by implementing recycling and composting, using re-usable lunch trays, bringing a community garden onto the property and by going COMPLETELY pesticide/herbicide-free. However, we want to do more!

We see a huge opportunity in engaging Edison's lower elementary kids in the Green Team mission. We are looking for parents who would be interested in creating a Little Green Team program. The idea would be to combine Edison CARES values with those of the Green Team: sustainability, community-building, and overall awareness of "green" living at Edison.

Please call or email me if you would like more information or to discuss some ideas. I do afternoon pick-up most days and we could just chat after school.

Come on! Let's create something something fun & green for our kids.

Sincerely,

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PTA Membership and Meetings

You can still impact our school by joining the PTA. We welcome and encourage input, feedback, and ideas from ALL of our Edison community, regardless of PTA membership status, but if you would like to vote on any issues or spending, you must be a member. Dues are \$10 and are good through Sept 30, 2014. Please email Anne Spires DeLong, PTA secretary and acting Membership Chair, at edisonptasecretary@gmail.com, if you'd like to arrange payment or with any questions. You may also stop in at the office to fill out a membership form and pay dues.

There are NO PTA Meetings in December. The next meeting is January 15th, and we are most likely moving the location from Local 46 to another area – stay tuned! If you are interested in pursuing an officer role next year, it's a great idea to start shadowing. Sound like a good match for you or someone you know? Let us know!