

Edison

A 21st Century Neighborhood School



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December 1, 2011

From the Principal

Dear Edison Community,

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving Break with family and friends. The holidays are upon us! The teachers and staff at Edison are all very proud of the hard work we and the students have done this semester. However, we are also excited for winter vacation. It is our hope that children and families will spend their winter vacation relaxing and 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
- HAVE FUN!

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

Sincerely,

Sally Whitelock, Principal

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Sally Whitelock, Principal

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Secretaries:

Esther Martinez & Michelle Miller

School day:

8:45 AM -3:30 PM

Upcoming Events:

December 1 — Community Gathering,
Library 3:45 PM

December 1 — CSC meeting,
Library 4:30 PM

December 6-December 8 — Book Fair,
Auditorium 8:00-9:00 AM

11:00 AM-1:00 PM

3:15-5:30 PM

December 7 — Community Forum, Gym
6:00-8:00 PM

December 8 — Book Fair and Literacy
Night, 5:30-7:00 PM

December 15 — Art Show and Music
Performance for 1st and 2nd grade students,
Auditorium 6:30 PM

December 19-January 3 — No school,
Winter Break

January 5 — Community Gathering, Library
7:45-8:30 AM

CSC meeting, Library 4:30 PM

January 12 — PTA meeting, Auditorium
6:00 PM

Choice Application Process

The Choice, Kindergarten and ECE application process for DPS is changing this year. Please be aware that Choice, ECE and full-day Kindergarten applications will be available in December and January. Parents can download applications from the DPS website or pick them up in the office at Edison. The final deadline for the first round of Choice, ECE and full-day Kindergarten applications is January 31, but please get them in as soon as possible. These can be dropped off in the office at Edison.

All families that have a new address will need to provide proof of their address to the office (ie: lease, Xcel bill or Denver Water bill) by the end of January. These families may also need to complete a new choice application. If families have moved and do not complete the required paperwork, their children will be projected back to their home/neighborhood school. If you have questions, please come talk to Esther or Michelle in the office.

DPS SchoolChoice page: <http://schoolchoice.dpsk12.org/2012-13-school-year/>

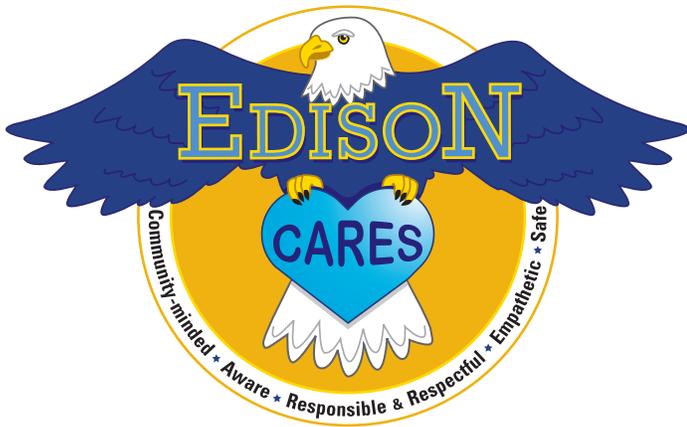
DPS SchoolChoice FAQ (English): <http://schoolchoice.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/SchoolChoice-Parent-FAQs-10-13-11.pdf>

DPS SchoolChoice FAQ (Spanish): <http://schoolchoice.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/schoolchoice-parent-FAQs-SPANISH.pdf>

Community Forum Update

On Thursday, November 17, we held our most recent community forum. At the forum, Bill Fulton facilitated a discussion regarding best ways to provide a quality education to all students who attend Edison. We hope parents and community members join us at our next Community Forum on Wednesday, December 7 from 6:00-8:00 PM in the gym at Edison. We plan to continue our discussion of school models and quality educational programming for all. You can see the notes from all community forum discussions on the forum website at <http://edisoncommunityforum.wordpress.com/documents-to-download/>

Best regards,
Bill Fulton
The Civic Canopy
bill@civiccanopy.org



The CSC last met on November 3 to discuss the 2011-12 Unified Improvement Plan. A draft UIP was approved and submitted to DPS. The CSC will meet next on December 1 at 4:30 PM in the library. Agenda items will include review of the current student achievement data and progress toward UIP goals. Please visit the Edison website at <http://edison.dpsk12.org/> for CSC minutes and the 2011-12 UIP.

Edison's Enrichment Day a Great Success!!!

November 22, 2011 will go down in history as a great day for the students and teachers of Edison! Ask any student and they will tell you that they had a blast and learned a lot. Students studied airplanes and learned about the physics of flying at Wings Across the Rockies; experienced some real life Colorado history by mining at the Argo Mine; created board games and learned about probability; visited Ocean Journey and got to experience the biology in our oceans...these are just a sampling of some of the standards based experiential learning activities that our students were able to participate in.

To create interest in Enrichment Day for adults, teachers were encouraged to pick a topic to share with students that they had some passion about. They created a hands on learning experience for students that included field trips, guest speakers and/or projects. Students were given a multitude of choices for experiential learning and all got their first or second choice. Students were not aware of which teacher was teaching what and were not allowed to collaborate with friends so that they actually chose what topic they wanted to learn about, rather than picking what class their friends or favorite teacher was in. Grade levels were mixed so that 1st and 2nd graders got to work together as did 3rd through 5th graders.

If you haven't heard about your child's Enrichment Day activities, please ask them. Kids were so enthusiastic about their learning experiences! Thanks to all of you for paying the participation fee for Enrichment Day! With that money, we were able to purchase supplies, get guest speakers, reserve buses for transportation and pay entry fees into field trips. Our next Enrichment Day is scheduled for May 11th. Please contact Nadine Ritchotte (nadine_ritchotte@dpsk12.org) if you wish to volunteer or to help a teacher plan an experiential learning day in May.

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.

Here's What You Might Have Missed In The Eagles Roost Blog!

[Amazing Groupon – Buy \\$10 Gift Card And Get \\$50 For Edison!!!!](#)

November 28, 2011

[Troy Allen's Art Show!](#)

November 22, 2011

[Donorschoose – A Way To Give To Edison!](#)

November 22, 2011

[Community Forum Update From Bill](#)

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[Don't Miss It...This Friday, Nov 18Th – Dps Community Night With Avs](#)

November 16, 2011

[Community Forum – Thursday, 6:00-8:00 Pm](#)

November 16, 2011

[Scrip Orders Are Due Tomorrow!](#)

November 14, 2011

[Pj Day – A Successful Community Minded Event!](#)

November 14, 2011

[Dps School Start Date Survey](#)

November 11, 2011

[Tomorrow \(Wed 11/9\) Is Pj Day And Big Time Edison Family Fun Night!](#)

November 8, 2011

[Edison Fundraiser At Big Time Trampoline – Nov. 9 – 6-8 Pm](#)

November 7, 2011

[Community Forum – November 17, 6:00-8:00 Pm](#)

November 7, 2011

[Fun Community Events At Edison!](#)

November 5, 2011

[Door To Door Organics](#)

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[Box Tops Update](#)

November 2, 2011

[Build-It Night](#)

November 1, 2011

Little Red School House

What is That Little Red School House?

On Wednesday October 20, 2010, Edison Elementary became one big step greener! Some of you may have noticed the Little Red School House in between our garden plots and the pumpkin patch walk. That mini-edifice is a repository for used clothes, towels, and shoes. Really, anything made of cloth or that was once worn is donate-able.

Did you know that if we lined up 10 of our kids, 65% of what they are wearing would end up in a landfill? Did you know that 100% of what those 10 kids are wearing can be re-used as clothing, or recycled into rags than can be used for cleaning? And that during the process of sorting and recycling, local jobs in Denver are created, and those items are kept out of landfill?

Please give generously to our Little Red School House. All clothes, shoes, and rags will be sorted for usability right here in Denver, providing local jobs. NOTHING goes to landfill. 65% of the clothing in the United States goes to landfills. That's thousands of tons of clothing that could otherwise be used over and over again.

The folks who manage and own The Little Red School House will be visiting Edison to teach their message of recycle, reuse, and rethink. Please thank your Green Team members for making this additional educational opportunity a reality for our kids and our community!

For additional information, please visit Red Apple Recycling.



Red Apple Recycling will take ANY type of clean clothing or shoes. Items may be new or preowned.

In addition, we also accept the following:

- Sheets and pillow cases including flannel-type.
- Terry towels, robes, and any kind of turkish toweling.
- Huck towel or dish towels.
- COTTON or LINEN table clothes.
- Clean bedding, quilts, and drapes
- *Limited sporting equipment.

What we do NOT accept:

- -Household goods including computers.
- -TV's, and other large electronic devices.
- -Furniture, appliances, nor fixtures.
- -Toys, books, nor luggage.

Please!!

Help us regarding these items-leaving items that we currently cannot accept incurs costly overhead that simply subtracts funding for schools. We also suggest bagging your donation to protect the items. (This also speeds handling time.) Feel free to call if you have items to donate that are not listed above.

*If you would like to donate sporting items such as bicycles, snow boards, etc that do not fit through the drop door, please contact us and we will arrange for a pick-up.

Connect with Us

 edison.dpsk12.org

 twitter.com/edisondenver

 facebook.com/EdisonElementary

 <http://edison.dpsk12.org/?feed=rss2>

PTA Corner

Many events that your children enjoy at school would not be possible without volunteers. Volunteers are needed for the following upcoming events:

Stringing Bells for Literacy Night Prior to December 8th

String yarn through jingle bells

Book Fair

December 5th – 8th

Auditorium

December 5th set up shift:

3:30 pm - completed (5)

Go to the following link to sign up for the December 5th set up shift:

<http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=edisonbookfair5thsetup>

December 6th & 7th shifts:

8:00 am – 9:00 am (3)

11:00 am – 1:00 pm (3)

3:15 pm – 5:30 pm (3)

Go to the following link to sign up for the December 6th shifts:

<http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=edisonbookfair6th>

Go to the following link to sign up for the December 7th shifts:

<http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=edisonbookfair7th>

December 8th Literacy Night shifts:

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm (4)

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm (4)

Go to the following link to sign up for the December 8th, Literacy Night shifts:

<http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=edisonbookfair8thliteracynight>

December 8th Literacy Night take down shift:

8:00 pm – 8:30 (5)

Go to the following link to sign up for the December 8th, Literacy Night take down shift:

<http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=edisonbookfair8thliteracynighttakedown>

**All volunteers will receive a \$5.00 gift certificate to use towards purchases at the fair.

Valentine's Dance

February 10th

Gym

-3:30 pm Decorate

-8:00 pm Clean Up

EdFest

February 25th

Masonic Temple

-Join the Auction Committee

-Work a shift during the event (more details to come)

The following are upcoming fundraisers for Edison. Funds that are raised by the PTA are used to purchase t-shirts, Thursday Folders, field trip transportation, RIF books, teacher needs, school needs, Enrichment Scholarships and so much more!

Pasquini's Fundraiser

December 7th

2400 West 32nd Avenue

Denver, CO 80211

11:00 am – 10:00 pm

-20% of all Edison sales for the day, including gift card purchases. Sorry, they will not accept payment with gift cards for this promotion.

2012 Greater Highlands Local Deal Book

Place orders by December 9th

Pick up on the East playground on December 13th & 15th

-Each book is \$20.00 and \$8.00 from each book will go to Edison. Please visit <http://localdealbook.com/get-a-copy/edison/> for more information and to place your order.

Chinook Book

December 13th & 15th for pickup on the East Playground

-Each book is \$20.00 and 60% is donated back to Edison. To place your order, send an email to edisonfundraising@gmail.com. Please visit <http://den.chinookbook.net/> for more information.

Scrip Order Deadline

December 18th

Scrip orders can be made online at www.shopwithscrip.com using the enrollment code 9613C34626883. Checks, made payable to Edison PTA, can be left in the office or online payments made with Presto Pay. Now is a great time to purchase gift cards for your holiday shopping! Don't forget teacher and coworker gifts.

2nd Box Tops Deadline

February 17th

Keep clipping those BoxTops!

EdFest

February 25th

Masonic Temple

3550 Federal Boulevard

Denver, CO 80211

This is an event that you will not want to miss! Line up your babysitters, as this is an adult only event. If you, or anyone you know, can help provide a discounted or free service from the following wish list, please contact: edisonfundraising@gmail.com.

- Printing company connection
- Restaurant connections to donate food the night of the event
- Wine distributors or breweries to donate alcohol for the night of the event
- Donations of big ticket items, such as, condos, hotel stays, spa packages, sporting events

Door to Door Organics

10% of sales

Please visit the following link to set up your account:

https://colorado.doortodoororganics.com/signup.php?invite_id=1690

Please contact ptaedisondenver@gmail.com to volunteer, for further information or to be added to the volunteer/teacher request email list.