

Edison



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From the Principal

Dear Edison Community,

February is the time of year when teachers begin thinking about the state standardized assessments. This year, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) is requiring all 3rd-5th grade students to take the TCAP (formerly CSAP) which stands for the Transitional Colorado Assessment Program. The TCAP will be administered the following dates:

- 3rd grade reading – February 26 & 27
- 3rd grade writing and math – March 12, 13, 19, 20
- 4th grade reading, writing, math – March 12, 13, 14, 19, 20
- 5th grade reading, writing, math, science – March 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21

In order to provide students with the opportunity to do their very best on these assessments, we need parent support. We are requesting that parents try very hard not to take vacations or keep students out of school during this time period. Also, please talk with your students about focusing well and doing their very best. Lastly, students who get a good night sleep, get a good breakfast, and are calm, perform better on tests. Please support us with helping your children be prepared and encourage them to do their best on these assessments.

At Edison, the teachers understand the importance of TCAP in monitoring student achievement and assessing the performance of schools, however, we also believe that students demonstrate their understanding and knowledge in many ways. Therefore, at Edison, we use a body of evidence to assess student learning. We are very proud that students demonstrate their learning through completion of written assignments, projects and presentations. Students monitor their own learning with Accelerated Learner, Math Facts in a Flash, and personal goal setting. Additionally, student learning growth is continually monitored using classroom tests, guided reading levels, STAR reading, STAR early literacy and STAR math. Lastly, it is our hope that students love learning. So, as we approach the testing season, please help us in celebrating learning.

Sincerely,

Sally Whitelock, Principal

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School day:

8:45 AM - 3:30 PM

Upcoming Events:

February 7 – PJ day

February 7 – PTA meeting at 6:30 in auditorium

February 14 – CSC meeting at 4:30 in auditorium

February 13 & 20 – Parent Teacher Conferences 3:45-7:45

February 14 – Kindergarten “Friendship” Performance in auditorium at 2:05

February 15 – Rock the Night Away Family Dance at 6:30 in the gym

February 18 & 19 – No School

February 26 & 27 – 3rd grade reading TCAP

March 4-8 – Spirit Week

March 7 – CSC meeting at 4:30 in auditorium

March 15 – Used Book Fair

Kickoff Meeting for 2013 Edison Community Garden

Please join us for our Edison Community Garden parent information and planning meeting. If you are interested in using one of the plots at the Edison Community Garden, a limited number of plots will be available.

Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Edison School Cafeteria

Contact: Betsy Daniel at (303) 433-0818 or betsy1951@gmail.com if you are interested and cannot attend the meeting.

Calling all Kiddos...Eat Your Breakfast So You can Use Your Brains!

Mornings are hectic for most families before school. Things are rushed and food is the last thing on the mind while the clock ticks faster towards that tardy bell. Studies show that children who eat breakfast have better concentration during the school day than their peers. They also perform better on tests. As children enter the school, it may be hours before lunchtime arrives and therefore it is important to have a full stomach rather than facing a battery of work at school without any fuel.

Here are a couple of quick and healthy breakfast ideas:

1. $\frac{3}{4}$ Cup of cream of wheat with $\frac{1}{2}$ sliced banana on top. Serve with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of milk, and two turkey sausage links.
2. 1 Whole-wheat bagel toasted, topped with 2 teaspoons peanut butter. Sprinkle a few raisins on top. Serve with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange juice and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of no-sugar added apple sauce.
3. $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup oatmeal, topped with raisins or cranberries. Serve with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk and 1 slice whole-wheat toast topped with an all-fruit spread.
4. Raisin toast, topped with 1 teaspoon margarine and sprinkled with cinnamon. Serve with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup applesauce or cottage cheese and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of milk.
5. 1 Hardboiled egg, served with $\frac{1}{2}$ toasted whole wheat bagel, topped with finely shredded cheddar cheese. Serve with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange juice.
6. 1 Small container of fruit yogurt. Serve with two turkey sausage links, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange juice and 1 toasted bagel topped with 1 teaspoon margarine.

(recipes by Jennifer O'Donnell)

A Challenge to Us All - Embracing TCAP as a Measure of Edison's Excellence

Greetings, everyone!

It's just about that time of year again - TCAP testing is coming up for 3rd grade in February and 3rd, 4th and 5th in March. We understand this is tough time of year for everyone - students, teachers and parents - and would like to try to create a culture of celebration and determination during testing. To do that, we've planned some things to build spirit and commitment for our students and teachers and to add some fun and laughs into the weeks preceding and following testing. Here are some of our ideas:

- **Monday, February 25th**, the day before TCAP testing begins for third grade, we'll have an Edison Spirit Assembly with inspirational music from Edison's band or choir, a visit from TCAP Man and TCAP Woman and lots of testing tips and spirit building activities.
- Spirit Week for the whole school will occur the week of March 4th through 8th. Kids will dress up to show their school spirit throughout the week. The dress up days are as follows:
 - **Monday:** Crazy Socks and Hat Day
 - **Tuesday:** Dress as Your Favorite Book Character Day
 - **Wednesday:** Twin Day
 - **Thursday:** Inside/Out Day
 - **Friday:** Favorite Sports Team Jersey and Crazy Hair Day
- **Friday, March 8th**, the day before TCAP begins for 4th and 5th grade, we'll have an Edison Spirit Assembly with inspirational music from Edison's band or choir, a visit from TCAP Man and Woman and lots of testing tips and spirit building activities.
- **Friday, April 5th** will be the date of our TCAP Celebration. All students who have been in attendance for all TCAP sessions and who have worked hard and shown lots of effort will get to attend. We'll have Minute to Win It games, ice cream sundaes and field activities for all students who meet these expectations. Please keep an eye out for volunteer sign ups in Thursday folders as the day gets closer. We'll be looking for donations of ice cream sundae toppings and people to volunteer to help us out the day of the party.

It is our goal to make the TCAP seem like a challenge for students, rather than just something that they have to do. We have complete faith in our kids and know they can be successful. Please help us by talking to them and building their confidence. We are hoping, with our directed focus on reading and writing for learning this year and our push toward critical thinking, that we can show great growth of Edison's TCAP scores. It is our goal to move Edison beyond being the good school that we are to a school of excellence. Our kids will be the measure of our success.

PTA Corner

Volunteering

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better.

It’s not.” ~ Dr. Seuss

February 13th and February 20th:

Volunteers are needed to provide a dish for the two nights of parent teacher conferences. You can choose one night or both, but we need a lot of food to feed 40 people, so please consider providing a dish. We need main dishes, vegetarian dishes, side dishes, pastas, soups, salads, dessert, breads, etc. Contact ptaedisondenver@gmail.com if you would like to provide a dish.

February 15th: Volunteers are needed to decorate the gym for the Family Dance after school. Decorations will be provided by the PTA. Volunteers are also needed to clean up after the dance. Please contact ptaedisondenver@gmail.com if you would like to assist.

February 15th: Door monitors are needed to collect the admission fees for the Rock the Night Away Family Dance. To sign up please visit: <http://www.mysignup.com/familydanceadmissions>

February 15th: Volunteers are needed to monitor the auction tables during the Teacher Treasure Silent Auction. To volunteer, please visit: <http://www.mysignup.com/auctiontablemonitor>

February 15th: Volunteers are needed to sell cookies and drinks during the dance. To volunteer, please visit: <http://www.mysignup.com/cookiesales>

EdFest Team: Work on the most fun party of the year! Contact edisonfundraising@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

Fundraising

Box Tops are due: February 15th

Rock the Night Away Family Dance and Teacher Treasure Silent Auction: February 15th from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

NY Pizza Pub community night: March 19th

EdFest: The date has been set for Saturday, May 18th from 6pm-10pm at Local 46.

- Join the EdFest team! We need help planning the party and Live Auction.
- Become a Sponsor
- 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!



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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