

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 25 & 26
- 3rd grade writing and math – March 11, 12, 18, 19
- 4th grade reading, writing, math – March 11, 12, 13, 18, 19
- 5th grade reading, writing, math – March 11, 12, 13, 18, 19

Additionally, students in 4th and 5th grade will be taking the new Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS). This computer-based assessment will be administered to 4th graders to assess their knowledge of Social Studies and to 5th graders to assess their knowledge of Science. The CMAS assessment window is:

- 4th grade Social Studies/5th grade Science: April 14-May 2

In order to provide students with the opportunity to do their very best on these assessments, we need parent support. Please support us by:

- Refraining from taking vacations/keeping students out of school during these dates
- Talking with your students about focusing well and doing their very best on the tests
- Ensuring that your students get a good night sleep and get a good breakfast
- Encouraging your children

At Edison, the teachers understand the importance of TCAP and CMAS in monitoring student achievement and assessing the performance of schools; however, we 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 Reader, 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,

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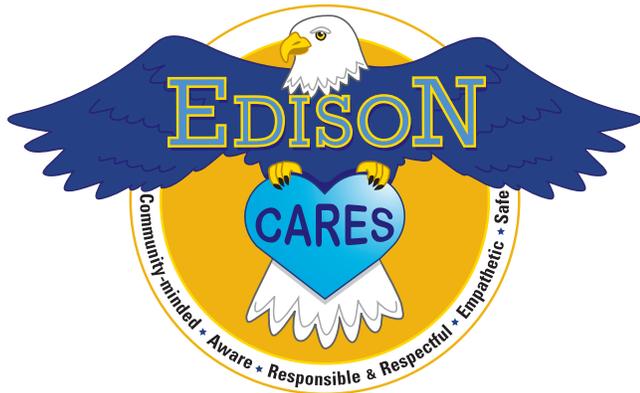
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Upcoming Events:

- Feb 7** Rock the Night Away Family Dance at 6:00 PM in the gym
- Feb 7** ELA PAC meeting at 5:00 in the cafeteria
- Feb 7** Love Is In The Square kickoff (community event)
- Feb 13** CSC Meeting at 4:30 PM in the conference room downstairs
- Feb 14** Happy Valentine's Day
- Feb 14** Box Top Collection
- Feb 17** No School – President's Day
- Feb 18** No School
- Feb 18** Parent Teacher Conferences from 4:00-8:00 in classrooms, as needed
- Feb 19** PTA meeting 6pm at Zooks Coffee Shop
- Feb 25** NY Pizza Pub Fundraiser
- Feb 25 & 26** 3rd grade reading TCAP
- Feb 28** 2nd Grade Performance at 2:45 in the auditorium
- March 6** CSC Meeting at 4:30 PM in the conference room downstairs

Family Dance and Teacher Treasure Silent Auction

On Friday, February 7th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Edison Elementary PTA will be hosting their annual Rock the Night Away Family Dance in the gym! Don't miss the chance to show off your dance moves. The cost of admission is \$1.00 per person. This event is for Edison families only and all students must be accompanied by an adult. This same evening, the Teacher Treasure Silent Auction will be occurring in the auditorium. There will be many exciting and engaging outings brought to you by Edison teachers to be won by the highest bidder. This year, students can look forward to ski lessons, High Tea at the Brown Palace, movie dates, rock climbing, kite flying, roller skating, and a trip to the zoo among many other wonderful items! So come dance the night away, bid on teacher treasures and enjoy time with other Edison families! We look forward to seeing you there.



ELA-PAC

¡Vengan a Celebrar el Año Nuevo a lo Chino durante nuestra reunión ELA-PAC! Nos reuniremos el viernes 7 de febrero a las 5:30 en el salón 107 para una presentación por unos estudiantes. También aprenderemos del sistema de seguridad que las escuelas DPS tiene para asegurarse que su estudiante está protegido y salvo cuando él/ella está en la escuela. Después iremos al baile de la escuela!

Come Celebrate the Chinese New Year with us at our ELA-PAC. We'll meet on February 7th at 5:30 in Mrs. Vigil's Room, Room 107, for a student read-aloud about the Chinese New Year and we'll learn about DPS security measures that keep our students safe while at school. We will then join the School Dance!

A Message from the Student Engagement Committee

Do You Have New Contact Information?

If you or any of your emergency contacts have recently changed phone numbers, addresses, or email accounts, please make sure you have notified the school office. It is extremely important that this information is kept up to date so that we can reach you in the event of an emergency or if your child becomes ill at school. Thank you for your attention regarding this matter.

At Edison, Every Child Succeeds!

The 2014-2015 DPS calendar is now out. Parents can access it here:

<http://www.dpsk12.org/calendars>

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

It's February and LOVE is in the air. Being the season of love, if we've learned nothing else from that nautical vessel symbolizing the emotion, the Love Boat, we know one thing. Love is exciting and new. So what's new with the Edison PTA? This year we will celebrate the Year of the Horse and the Chinese New Year with fortune cookies donated by the Ke family for the Family Dance on February 7. We will also have more of our NEW beautiful spirit shirts (many sizes sold out at Literacy Night) available at the dance. Last month we had an evening PTA meeting at the unique Denver Puppet Theater, home to Zook's Coffee. Many brought their kids, who played with the puppets and sat at the craft table while we hammered out some business. After reviewing the survey results, the members voted against a school wide directory and for participating in the Mile High Five and Totally Tennyson. We modified our bylaws so that teachers will pay less for their PTA membership, and two family members may join together at a discount next year. The most exciting and new news of all is that we voted to apply our matching campaign funds (\$2000) to the \$20,000 received from our much adored anonymous donor so that Edison can purchase technology for the primary grades, two new fountains which can fill your students' bottles with filtered water, and a state of the art climbing wall in the gym. So if you want your voice heard at the next PTA meeting, these are the types of juicy topics we tackle at our vibrant and dynamic meetings. Like Captain Stubing, I say "come aboard, we're expecting you."

That's the Power of Love

We're projected to raise over \$1,000 from Boxtops this year. Guess what, that means someone collects, trims, sorts, counts and bundles 10,000 little pieces of cardboard. Who is this cyber clipper? The one, the only, Alex Cisney. Do Alex a solid, if you haven't turned yours in yet. Trim them down and consider stapling them in sets of 10 or 50. Alex has come through for us time and time again, doing many jobs dependably well. Another volunteer that makes our hearts go pitter pat is Elise Edwards. She automated the directory data collection, organized Literacy Night, and is on a team with Alex Cisney and Ms. Vigil to make our school dance one to remember. Last but not least, we'd like to announce that the wind beneath our wings, Anne Spires DeLong, will be recognized by the Colorado PTA this month. Anne will be honored at a ceremony in celebration of her efforts to increase positive communication within our school, setting up the BigTent group, utilizing Facebook in an effective manner, and relentlessly hounding parents to join PTA to the point where we have record numbers. Congratulate Anne with a high five, but as those of us who know her well are familiar with, she cringes during hugs.



The FAMILY DANCE is Friday February 7th!!! This year we will celebrate the Year of the Horse and the Chinese New Year with fortune cookies donated by the Ke family. LIVE Urban Real Estate Realtors and Edison moms Lauren Eddy and June Schlesinger are big sponsors of the dance, and deserve a special shout out this month. Wondering what this dance is all about? The whole family is welcome to come, and dress code is anything goes. \$1 admission per person over age 3. New this year is that songs can be requested from the DJ for \$1 each! We'll have snacks and drinks for sale, and our Teacher Treasures will be up for Silent Auction this night only. See below for the auction catalog. We will also have more of our NEW beautiful spirit shirts available at the dance. More sizes have been reordered since their debut at Literacy Night. \$15 organic fitted; \$12 square traditional cut.

**Volunteers get FREE admission for their whole family! Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/1dOEKKh>

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

You may not be asked/asking for a conference, but all of our teachers will be at school on Feb 18th, and we are asking for help in feeding them dinner. They LOVED the fall conference dinners. If you are able to bring a dish, please sign up here: <http://bit.ly/1k8O2gx>

FEBRUARY PTA MEETING and ONGOING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

February 19th, 6:00pm, 3156 W 38th Ave. There's still plenty of time to be involved, whether you'd like to take on a Board position (President or Treasurer) next year, or if you just like to hang back and just get more info. Membership is ongoing, and we'd really love to get more representation that shows the diversity of our school. 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.

EDFEST!

EdFest is not too far away! We could use some volunteers to help plan this event. Please email Kristi Mackenzie at edisonfundraising@gmail.com if you'd like to be put on the list. You can also join the EdFest subgroup on the Edison Family Forum: <http://www.bigtent.com/groups/edfamdenver>, our all-school chat group.

Bid on these Teacher Treasures at the Rock the Night Away Family Dance!

Friday February 7th 6pm - 8pm

ECE

Spa Day with Ms. Brown and Ms. Kathy

Join Ms. Brown and Ms. Kathy for a day of pampering at the ECE SPA . Your child will receive a manicure and pedicure. We will transform the ECE room into a Day Spa for this service. Spots are limited to ECE and Kindergarten students. Maximum 6 students.

Kindergarten

Movie Date Ms. McSherry, Ms. Berard, Ms. Jackie and Ms. Palmer

The top 5 bidders from each class will join the Kindergarten teachers for a fun afternoon of pizza, popcorn and a movie! Teachers will take the students after school into the auditorium and parents will come pick them up at 5:45.

1st Grade

A Picnic in City Park with Ms. Freeh

Join Ms. Freeh for an afternoon picnic in City Park! Mark your calendars for early summer... 5 lucky students will meet Ms. Freeh at City Park for 2 hours of food and fun! We will play games, explore their HUGE playgrounds and enjoy picnic treats.

Denver Museum of Nature and Science with Ms. Pitman

Spend the day among the dinosaurs, bones, gems and solar system at DMNS. Ms. Pitman and Mrs. C will guide 6 students through the museum, watch an Imax movie, and eat lunch on April 26th. Parents will drop off their child at 9:45 at the museum and will return to pick them up at 1pm.

Learn to ski at Loveland with Ms. Strochein for 4 people!

The winner of this package will be able to choose a 4 hour lesson for a Family of Four or Four Children- hot cocoa, snacks and lift tickets are included! You will need to provide ski rentals and transportation to/from Loveland Ski area for an 8:30am start. Preferable dates 2/22, 2/23, 3/1, or 3/2. Alternative dates possible.

High Tea at the Brown Palace with Ms. Larson

The 2 highest bidders will join Ms. Larson for High Tea at the Brown Palace on Sunday, Feb 16th from 2:30-4pm. This is open to Kinder-5th graders. Parents will drop off/pick up at Edison.

2nd Grade

The 2nd grade teachers invite you for Pizza, Popcorn and Movie!

This party is open to the top 30 bidders from 2nd and 3rd

grades. On Friday, March 14th, join the 2nd grade teachers and enjoy some snacks, pizza, a movie and end the night by decorating cupcakes! Parents will need to drop off their student to the auditorium at 4pm and pick up at 7:30.

3rd Grade

Zoo with Ms. Mathews

The lucky bidder gets to choose a morning in June at the Denver Zoo with Ms. Mathews or a December evening at Zoo Lights with Ms. Mathews. Parents must provide transportation to and from the zoo. The winning bidder may choose to attend alone or with a friend. Participants must be at least 7 years old, please. As a bonus, this auction item also includes a photo collage souvenir made by Ms. Mathews from her photography of the zoo trip.

Bowling with Baltz

Five lucky students will join Mr. Baltz at Elitch Lanes on May 10th. Parents will need to drop off their child at Elitch Lanes at 1pm.

High Flyin' Fun with Mrs. Cheek

"Let's Go Fly a Kite" with Mrs. Cheek at the 12th Annual Arvada Kite Festival. Parents will drop off their child at the Stenger Soccer Complex in Arvada where they will join Mr. and Mrs. Cheek for an afternoon of kite flying, musical entertainment, lunch and fun festival activities. Pick up at 3pm.

4th Grade

Skate City with Ms. Swift, Ms. Burkenheim and Ms. Bisceglia

Get ready to boogie on wheels at Skate City with the 4th grade teachers! The top 3 bidders from each class will meet at Skate City in Arvada for a night of fun during the week of April 14th.

5th Grade

Ice Skating at Apex with Ms. Archibald

Three lucky bidders will get some skating time on the ice at Arvada's Apex Center and some helpful hints from Ms. Archibald. Date TBD

Specials/Extras

Rock Climbing with Ms. Wales

Two lucky winners will join Ms. Wales at Rock'n and Jam'n Indoor Climbing Gym for a rock climbing adventure! Date TBD.

Day at the Gym with Mr. Auday

Top 2 bidders will join Mr. Auday for a day of working out at the gym and hanging out at the Cherry Creek Athletic Club pool. Early summer date.