

Edison



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February 2, 2012

From the Principal

Dear Edison Community,

February is the time of year when teachers begin thinking about 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 state is transitioning to a new test which will be administered in 2014. A new state assessment is being developed to match the new Colorado Common Core Standards which were approved by CDE.

The TCAP will be administered on the following dates:

- 3rd grade reading: February 15-16
- 3rd grade writing: March 6-7
- 4th and 5th grade reading and writing: March 6-8
- 3rd and 4th grade math: March 13-14
- 5th grade math and science: March 13-15

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 making sure your children are prepared.

At Edison, the teachers understand the importance of the TCAP in monitoring student achievement growth and assessing the performance of schools, however, we also believe that students demonstrate their understanding and knowledge in many ways. As we are beginning to instruct using the new standards, the teachers at Edison will use a body of evidence to determine student academic achievement. Teachers, therefore, are creating written assessments and project based assessments to support all of our new science and social studies standards. Also, teachers are using computer based assessments (STAR Early Literacy, STAR reading, STAR math), AR progress, student guided reading levels, student performance on math unit tests, and students' written work to monitor student progress and determine their academic needs.

As always, we greatly appreciate all the work parents do to support the education of their children.

Sincerely,

Sally Whitelock, Principal

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School day:

8:45 AM - 3:30 PM

Upcoming Events:

February 2

Community Gathering, Library, 3:30 PM

February 2

Community Forum, Auditorium, 6:00 PM

February 9

PJ Day - Wear your PJs to school and bring \$1 donation for the homeless

February 10

Valentine's Dance, Gym, 6:00 PM

February 15-16

Parent-Teacher conferences, Classrooms, 3:45-7:45 PM

February 15-16

3rd Grade Reading TCAP testing during school day

February 17

Box Tops deadline

February 20

No School – President's Day

February 21

No School – Planning day for teachers

February 23

CSC meeting, Library, 4:30

February 25

EdFest Annual Auction



EdFest is Edison's largest fundraiser of the year!

Come enjoy an evening of Mardi Gras style fun with appetizers, drinks, blackjack, silent and live auctions, and dancing.

Details: Saturday, February 25th, 2012, 6pm-11pm

Highlands Masonic Temple Center
3550 Federal Blvd

Silent auction: 6-8pm

Live auction: 8:30pm

Dancing to follow

Admission is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Each admission includes two drink vouchers.

For more information and to find a link to purchase admission tickets online, visit <http://edison.dpsk12.org/edfest/>

Bring your friends and family!

We have some fantastic items coming in!

Rockies game with Mr. Auday

Bowling with Mr. Baltz

Reserved parking spot in teacher's lot

YMCA of the Rockies

Movie nights, restaurants and more

We are still in need of donations and volunteers for the night of the event. Please email edisonfundraising@gmail.com for more information on how you can help. Money raised from this event will help bring even more technology into our classrooms.

See "EdFest Needs Your Help" on p. 3.

Community Forum Update

On Thursday, December 7, we held our most recent community forum. At the forum the Edison teachers presented a proposal, which we believe addresses many of the issues raised at the community forum meetings. Additionally, 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 Thursday, February 2 from 6:00-8:00 PM** in the auditorium at Edison. We plan to continue our discussion of quality educational programming for all. You can see the notes from all community forum discussion on the forum website at <http://edisoncommunityforum.wordpress.com/documents-to-download/>

The CSC last met on January 5 to prioritize budget and staffing decisions for the 2012-13 school year. It is possible that there will be another budget reduction for next school year, therefore, the CSC made decisions regarding the budget priorities for the school. The CSC will meet next on February 23 at 4:30 in the library (the February 9th meeting is cancelled) to discuss and approve the 2012-13 budget and staffing plan. The CSC will meet again on May 1 to discuss and approve the "All students under one roof" proposal and review progress toward UIP goals. Please visit the Edison website at <http://edison.dpsk12.org/> for CSC minutes and the 2011-12 UIP.

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.

EdFest needs your help!

All children at Edison benefit from the largest fundraising event of the year. Want to know how you can help?

Volunteer for a shift during EdFest and you will receive one free admission ticket and two free drink tickets. Volunteer tickets are limited to the shifts that are available, so sign up now!

Please visit: <http://edison.dpsk12.org/edfest> to sign up for your shift. Scroll down and click on any shift you want to help with, feel free to contact Julianne Sullivan at ptaedisondenver@gmail.com.

Check in Ticket Sales Data Entry/Check Out Clean Up

Here's an opportunity to earn funds for the school that takes almost no time at all. Just ask 10 friends to purchase tickets to EdFest and join in on the fun at this fantastic night out! Go to <http://edison.dpsk12.org/edfest> to buy your tickets today. 100% of the proceeds benefit our kids at Edison Elementary! Event questions? Call Kristi Mackenzie at 720.278.3742.

The auction team is still looking for a few amazing items that can be used during the silent or live auction. Are there any parents or friends of Edison that would be willing to donate any of the following items to EdFest?

- Condo in the mountains or ANYWHERE for a few days or a week
- Tickets to sporting events or theater events
- Cruiser bikes, scooters or any other fun transportation

In order to ensure that EdFest guests have safe options after the party, we would love to see if anyone has connections with a taxi service, shuttle service or security officer to patrol the parking lot.

Excitement is brewing in the classrooms. Have your kids mentioned the grade socials? Each grade is working on auctioning off an event for the ENTIRE grade. Want your kids to participate? Make sure to bid on items like:

- ECE Princess and Pirates Piñata social
- 3rd grade Water Wars at the Wolf's
- Ask your teacher how you can help support your grade's social... so FUN!

Teachers have been busy bees, coordinating their contributions for EdFest. Would your kiddos like to join any of these activities?

- Mrs. Mansfield - trip to the Art Museum with 4 students
- Mr. Auday - Rockies game
- Mr. Baltz - Bowling for 4 students
- Ms. Strofnus - Tea Party
- Mr. Baltz & Ms. Whitelock - host a PJ/Movie night at Edison for 50 students!!
- Ms. Freeh - Doing a picnic at City Park for 5 kiddos. Picnic lunch provided and outdoor games for 2 hours
- Mrs. Courtney Keys - In-home theater and dinner party for 6 students. Transportation to house, parents provide pick up transportation
- Mrs. Courtney Keys (#2) High tea at home - Tea, scones, and savory treats served. Tea for any student and a parent on a Saturday afternoon. Up to 20 total
- Mr. McCrea - Nuggets games with 3 students
- Ms. Archibald - Ice Skating at the Apex Center for 3 students
- Ms. R (Nadine) - Big Time Trampoline fun afternoon for 5 students.

Thank you to all of the following sponsors for your support!!!



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[Edison Students show off their math talents at Math Matters Contest!](#)

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[Upcoming events and deadlines at Edison](#)

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[Read & Romp Denver 2012!](#)

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[PJ Day – Help us donate to help end homelessness in Denver!](#)

January 23, 2012

[Tickets For Sale: EdFest Fundraising Auction, Saturday Feb 25th!](#)

January 16, 2012

[2 Ways 2 Earn from BoxTops](#)

January 9, 2012

[AAE Solar fundraiser for Edison!](#)

January 9, 2012

PTA Corner

Listed below are volunteer opportunities, fundraisers and teacher needs:

Valentine's Dance

February 10th

Gym

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Volunteers and treats needed

- Bake sale items
- Bake sale shifts (6:00 pm to 8:00 pm)

Scrip Order Deadline

February 12th

This will be the last order of the year, so stock up on gift cards for Mother's Day, Father's Day and Teacher's year end gifts! The \$100 GAP/Banana Republic/Old Navy card is running a 16% rebate bonus. That's \$16 back to Edison for every purchase!

If you purchase a King Soopers card, you will be able to reload it whenever at King Soopers and Edison will continue to receive a 5% rebate for all reloaded amounts.

Need to create an account? Go to www.shopwithscrip.com and use Enrollment Code: 9613C34626883. Drop off a check (payable to Edison PTA) at the office with your order printout or use PrestoPay online to make a direct withdrawal from your checking account (small convenience fee applies).

Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 15th & 16th

Interested in cooking a hot meal for the teachers and staff on the evening of the parent/teacher conferences? Or would you be interested in providing a dish for the meal?

Please contact Julianne at ptaedisondenver@gmail.com.

2nd Box Tops Deadline

February 17th

Keep clipping those BoxTops!

EdFest

February 25th

Masonic Temple

6:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Volunteers needed & Tickets for sale
Please visit <http://edison.dpsk12.org/edfest/> to purchase your tickets or sign up to volunteer the night of the event. All volunteers will receive free admission and two drink tickets!

Kyle's Kitchen

Now through February 28th

Head on over to Kyle's Kitchen located at 4018 Tennyson Street for breakfast or lunch and mention that you are from Edison. Kyle will donate 10% of your sale to the Edison Eagles Book Club.

Used Book Sale

March 22nd

Auditorium

Volunteers and books needed

Please visit the following link to sign up for a shift: <http://www1.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=edisonusedbooksale>

Edison Earnings Store

Drop off box is in front of the office.
Donations are needed for the Edison Earnings store.

Chinook Books and the Greater Highlands Local Deal Books \$20.00

To place your order, send an email to edisonfundraising@gmail.com.

Door to Door Organics

- 10% of sales go to Edison

Please visit the following link to set up your account:

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

Kelly Mansfield is in need of donations for the art room

Drop off box is in the office.

Small cardboard containers or inserts, single ply cardboard sheets, cardboard towel tubes, wooden shapes for building, fabric not being used, cotton stuffing, buttons and small paint shirts for primary students.

Please contact ptaedisondenver@gmail.com for further information

Get Your Ed On!

Edison's new online store opens Friday February 3rd. The store features tons of new Edison swag, including t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, bags, mugs and much, much more!

PTA receives 15% of every sale and 100% of that goes directly to enrich our kids' Edison experience including funding the Edison Earnings store for students at school.

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