

Edison



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January 10, 2013

From the Principal

Dear Edison Community,

I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing holiday. It is hard to believe that another semester is over and we are moving into the 2nd semester of the 2012-13 school year. Though we still have half of a school year to go and teachers are continually planning engaging and challenging lessons for this year, we are also beginning to look forward to the 2013-14 school year. We do not yet have specific budget information, but we do know that due to classroom space and budget limitations, we will again have to prioritize and make difficult decisions. We are excited, however, that Denver voters approved DPS's bond and mill levy and believe this will provide us with some new opportunities. The School Leadership Team and Collaborative School Committee will meet in January and February to make budget and staffing decisions. As decisions are made, we will keep in mind the following:

- Edison is currently at 100% capacity and we are projecting an increase of about 10 students next year.
- After choice applications were completed last year, we had wait lists at all grade levels (except 5th grade).
- Currently, about 50% of Edison's students choice in and 50% come from our neighborhood.
- Edison teachers strongly believe in our curricular focus, use of technology, and focus on differentiation for all students. Professional development and collaboration are a priority in order to ensure quality instruction for all students.

As we plan for next year and as choice applications are being delivered to the school, we need to keep in mind that accurate projections help us manage our student population and budget effectively. A "Parent Projection Survey" is being sent home with your child. Please complete this and send it back to the school as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Sally Whitelock, Principal

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Secretaries:

Michelle Miller and Barbara Schrant

School day:

8:45 AM - 3:30 PM

Upcoming Events:

January 10 – CSC meeting at 4:30 in the auditorium

January 17 – PTA meeting at 3:35 in the auditorium (informal)

January 18 – Stock Show Spirit Day – wear your cowboy/cowgirl outfit to school and bring a \$1 donation to Edison's PTA

January 21-22 – No school

January 22 – Kaleidoscope Corner open to students

January 24 – School Tour at 9:30

February 7 – CSC meeting at 4:30 in auditorium

February 7 – PTA meeting at 6:00 in auditorium

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

February 14 – Kindergarten "Friendship" Performance at 2:05 in the auditorium

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

February 18 & 19 – No School

Family Dance and Teacher Treasure Silent Auction

On February 15th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Edison Elementary will be having a Family Dance in the gym as well as the Teacher Treasure Silent Auction in the auditorium. In years past, parents have bid on items for their child like attending a Rockies game with Mr. Auday, ice skating with Ms. Archibald, luncheons with their kindergarten teachers and a pottery class with Ms. Mansfield. Every teacher has a treasure up for auction! The cost of admission is \$1.00 each to attend this event. This event is for Edison families only and all students must be accompanied by an adult. Put on your boogie shoes, come dance the night away and bid on teacher treasures!

Please Prepare for the Crazy Schedules of February and March!

Happy January, everyone! It's hard to believe that we've rounded the bend already. There are approximately 100 days or so left of school!

With the beginning of the new year, we get really busy. For your planning needs, I wanted to give you all some district dates that you need to be aware of:

February 25th through March 8th is the 3rd grade TCAP reading testing window. We will be doing actual testing February 26th and 27th, with make-ups scheduled the following week. Please make sure to schedule doctor's appointments, vacations or other days off around these days. Research says that students stay more relaxed and test better in their regular classroom environment.

March 11th through April 5th (with a week off for Spring Break March 25th through March 30th) is the 3rd-5th grade writing, math, science and reading (4th and 5th grade only) TCAP testing window. Actual testing will take place on March 12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th and 21st. Once again, please make sure to schedule any appointments around these dates. The comfort that your child will feel by testing with the rest of his/her peers is worth it!

Spirit Week will be March 4th-March 8th. We will have Twin Day, Sports Jersey Day, Crazy Hair Day and more! On Friday the 8th, we'll have a TCAP pep rally with a visit from TCAP Man! Details to follow.

Spring Break this year is March 23rd-31st. Try to plan something relaxing and fun! You deserve it!

Nadine Ritchotte

Nadine Ritchotte, Assistant Principal

PTA Corner

Volunteering

Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer. ~Author Unknown

February 13th & 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, side dishes, pastas, soups, salads, dessert, breads, etc. Contact ptaedisondenver@gmail.com if you would like to sign up.

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.

-1-2 people are needed for the Family Dance silent auction (Teacher Treasures). Volunteers will need to communicate with teachers about their donation before the event, assist with auction database, set up/clean on the evening of the event and contact winning families after auction. Contact edisonfundraising@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

EdFest Team: Work on the most fun party of the year! There are many roles that need to be filled, such as securing the venue, setting up food and drink donations, live auction, advertising and more. Contact edisonfundraising@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.



Volunteer positions for the 2012-2013 school year (next year)

- PTA President, PTA Vice President, PTA Secretary, PTA Treasurer
- All PTA officer positions are opening up. Please contact ptaedisondenver@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to become an officer.
- FunServices Fundraiser Chair: appx 20 hours total from Oct-Dec (earned \$4,700)
- Fall Festival Silent Auction Chair: appx 30 hours total from Aug-Nov (earned \$3,800)
- Family Dance/Teacher Treasure Chair: appx 30 hours total from Jan-Feb
- EdFest Team: appx 30 hours total from February-May

If you have not signed up for the monthly volunteer/teacher needs email and would like to do so or if you have any questions about volunteering, please email ptaedisondenver@gmail.com.

Fundraising

February 15th - Box Tops are due

February 15th -Family Dance/Teacher Treasure Silent Auction. Join in on family fun and bid on teacher treasure items.

Ongoing Fundraisers:

- BoxTops/Labels for Education
- King Soopers Cards: purchase from Edison PTA
- Edison Online Store: <http://www.zazzle.com/edisonelementary>
- Direct Donation: Click the donate button on Edison's home page to donate.
- [SchoolStore.com](http://www.schoolstore.com): Shop online with merchants that donate a percentage of sales back to Edison. Magazine subscriptions give 50% back! \$250 earned and over \$1350 in teacher gift cards donated to date.

Please contact edisonfundraising@gmail.com with questions about fundraising.

Please join us for the next PTA meeting on January 17th at 3:35 in the auditorium.

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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