

Edison



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March 7, 2013

From the Principal

Dear Edison Community,

It appears as if the cold weather and snow has finally arrived. Almost all kids love to play in the snow, making snow men and snow angels and getting out some energy, however, the fun ends quickly when they get too cold. Therefore, we would like to ask parents to assist us. When the weather is cold, please send your children to school in appropriate clothing, including coats, mittens and hats. At Edison, we strongly believe that children should participate in physical activity every day. Some days, recess is their only opportunity. So, they need to be dressed for success in the cold. PLEASE help us and send your kids to school ready for the weather.

Though we hope that children can play outside at recess every day, safety is our first concern. Therefore, we will have inside days if: it is below 20 degrees, it is very wet, it is very windy, or the playground is too icy. On these days, children will either watch movies or play quiet games.

As we all know, in Denver it can be very cold in the morning and warm by lunch time. We have noticed that our children seem to wear coats to school, wear them out to recess, and then get warm and take them off. Then, our Lost and Found gets piled up high. If your children are missing their cold weather clothing, please check our Lost and Found!

Sincerely,

Sally Whitelock, Principal

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: mmdyyyy. 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.

Leadership:

Sally Whitelock, Principal

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Nadine Ritchotte, Assistant Principal

Nadine_Ritchotte@dpsk12.org

Kali Garofoli, AP intern

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Secretaries:

Michelle Miller and Barbara Schrant

School day:

8:45 AM - 3:30 PM

Upcoming Events:

March 7 – Student Award Celebrations during the school day

March 7 – CSC meeting at 4:30 in auditorium

March 11-22 –TCAP for 3rd-5th graders

March 19 – NY Pizza Pub Community Night fundraiser for Edison

March 25-29 – No school

April 4 – Class Pictures

April 4 – CSC meeting at 4:30 in auditorium

April 4 - Chipotle Fundraiser for Green Team Composting Program

April 5 – TCAP party at Edison

April 11, 12, 18 – Fire Safety at Edison

April 18 – Author's Tea at 4:00 in auditorium

April 19 – Earth Day Parade

April 19 – Health Fair at 3:45 on the playground

PTA Corner

Volunteering

"I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back."

~Maya Angelou

-Robin Segura, Edison's Library Tech, needs help because the library will be getting new carpet! The only thing is...all of the books need to be packed up the week prior to Spring Break, beginning on March 18th and running through March 22nd and then unpacked and put back on the shelves the week of April 1st through April 5th, all during school hours. Please contact Robin Segura at roberta_segura@dpsk12.org to volunteer.

-The Student Engagement Committee is seeking parent involvement. The purpose of the Student Engagement Committee is to ensure a safe, positive school culture at Edison. In addition, the committee oversees [PBIS](#), [Olweus](#), [code of conduct](#), [discipline](#), student enrichment activities and attendance issues at Edison. Please contact Nadine Ritchotte at nadine_ritchotte@dpsk12.org if you are interested.

-Field Day, May 24th. The Edison PTA is seeking a person/persons to coordinate the Field Day concessions. This includes shopping for food with a list and funds provided by the PTA, storing food in your home, delivering the day of, managing set up/clean up, managing volunteers during their shifts and basically maintaining that all is right in the world of Field Day concessions. Please contact Julianne Sullivan at ptaedisondenver@gmail.com for further information.

-TCAP Party, April 5th @ 1:45 pm.

Volunteers are needed to scoop ice cream and toppings for students for a job well done on their TCAPS! Please contact Nadine Ritchotte at nadine_ritchotte@dpsk12.org if you would like to volunteer.

Teacher needs

-Patricia Nakata, Edison's nurse, would like donations of clothing for children to be able to change into, if needed. She is requesting only clothing that is stretchable because all children are built differently. For instance, clothing types like sweat suits, elastic waistbands, yoga type pants, stretchy materials. One boy and one girl outfit for each grade, ECE through

5th is all that she needs. Clothing must be freshly laundered and gently worn/new. DO NOT drop donations off at school. Please contact Julianne Sullivan at ptaedisondenver@gmail.com if you would like to donate a clothing item.

Fundraising

Rock the Night Away Dance and Teacher Treasure Auction: Thank you to all the families that joined in on the family fun! We would like to thank all of our volunteers that made the night such a success. Edison Elementary would like to give a huge shout out to Nostalgic Homes for their continued support, contributing for the second year in a row to make this event possible. Also, thank you to FunServices for the cookie donations that provided much needed refreshment to all those dancing feet. The Teacher Treasure Auction has raised over \$4000!!! Did you miss the event? A few spots are still available on a first come, first serve basis for Dia de los Ninos with Ms. Vigil; 4th Grade Lakeside Amusement Park Adventure; Cookies, Pizza and a Movie with 2nd Grade teachers; Parents Night Out movie with Mr. Baltz and Ms. Whitelock; Spa day with Ms. Kathy and Ms. Brown; Picnic with Ms. Kathy; Picnic with Ms. Brown. Contact edisonfundraising@gmail.com with more questions or to reserve your spot.

Upcoming fundraising events:

-Community night at:

NY Pizza Pub @ 4340 West 35th Avenue
March 19th
4:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Dine in or carry out. 25% of sales will be earned for Edison on all orders that mention EDISON when they order. Invite your neighbors and friends! Don't forget to tell NY Pizza Pub thank you for donating to Edison!

-Community night benefitting Green Team's lunchroom composting program

Chipotle @ 3600 32nd Avenue
April 4th
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Dine in or carry out. Must mention Edison when ordering.

-Totally Tennyson

April 27th

4:00 pm

Tickets can be purchased on Facebook at the following link:

https://www.facebook.com/TotallyTennyson/app_416040218433879

-The Mile High 5

The Mile High 5 offers a quality 5 mile, 5k, and 5,000 ft race, which is open to competitive and recreational runners/walkers. The proceeds from the race go to benefit partnering Northwest Denver schools, including Edison.

Sloan's Lake (NE Corner of Sloan's Lake off W. Byron Place)

May 4th

7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

To sign up for the race and for more details, please follow this link: <http://milehigh5race.eventbrite.com/>

-EdFest is coming! The date has been set for Saturday, May 18th from 6pm-10pm at Local 46. How can you help?

- Join the EdFest team!
- Become a Sponsor- Thank you Denver Hound Hikers and Sunnyside Landscape Solutions!
- 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!



The Edison PTA would like to welcome Jennifer Wolf as next year's Edison Elementary PTA President and Anne Spires DeLong as Edison's PTA Secretary for the 2013-2014 school year! Who will join them in filling the Vice President and Treasurer seats? PTA positions open for the 2013-2014 school year:

Vice President

Manages the Edison Fundraising email
Works with Fundraiser Chairs and auction teams
Assists President

Treasurer (works from home; great for a working parent)

Writing reimbursement checks, enrichment checks, school checks, etc.
Taxes-files appropriate taxes
Managing finances-maintains a spreadsheet of expenditures and income
Budget-creates budget each year and monitors spending to maintain budget

PTA membership-submits all members to COPTA

COPTA compliance-submits all required forms to COPTA on time
By-Laws-updates bylaws as needed
Manages classroom/club accounts/accuracy of enrichment scholarship account
Thank you to everyone below, who has signed on for next year and chosen to continue on in assisting Edison with its many needs throughout the school year!

Filled positions:

President- Jennifer Wolf
Secretary- Anne Spires DeLong
Edison Community Nights Chairs – Dana Johnson & Amanda Gleaton
Newsletter Chair - Lisa Meeks
Edison EXTRA Coordinator - Lisa Meeks
Big Zukes Weigh In - Heather Gregg
Mile High 5 - Cindie Standlee

King Soopers Gift cards – MaryAnn DiMaria
Beyond the Blackboard workbooks- MaryAnn DiMaria
Highland Street Fair- Dana Johnson and Amanda Gleaton
Totally Tennyson - Dana Johnson, Amanda Gleaton, Anne Spires DeLong
BoxTop Coordinator - Deb Keller
Donors Choose Coordinator - Anne Spires DeLong
RIF - Bill Untiedt & David Ahern
Scholastic Book Fair - Karin Ahern
Scholarship Coordinator - Brigid Bungam
Thursday folder flyer copier & Distributor – Jennifer Olenwine

Want to help? There are still tasks for the taking! The Edison PTA plays a key role in filling funding gaps for the school's needs, assisting with communication to the parents, hosting school events for students and their families, finding volunteers for teachers and so much more! Please see below for how you can help your child's school.

Smaller Positions Available: (contact ptaedisondenver@gmail.com for any questions or sign up)

EdFest Team (Jan-May): Many roles to fill. (Party planner, marketing, auction, food and beverages, entertainment)
Biggest fundraiser of the year. Adult only party. *Super fun.*

Auction Team (year round): coordinates donations for Fall Festival silent auction, February Teacher Treasures, EdFest live auction.

Fall Festival Manager (Sept/Oct-appx 25 hrs): coordinates the Fall Festival with teachers on their activities, maps out location of booths, makes ticket and treat purchases, directs set up and clean up.

FunServices Fundraiser Coordinator (Oct-Dec- appx 15 hrs): communicates with fundraising company and coordinates catalog fundraiser sale with Edison community. Raised \$4,700 for school.

Chinook Book (Sept-Oct- appx 10 hrs): communicate with Chinook Book and Edison community during fundraiser
Community Sponsorship team (year round): finds sponsors for events. Great for a working parent.

Concession Guru (Oct & May- appx 5 hours each event): purchases and assists with setup of Fall Festival and Field Day concessions.

Rock the Night Away Chair (Jan/Feb- appx 15 hrs): Hire DJ, oversees decoration volunteers, bake sale. Would be manageable for working parent to coordinate.

Build it Night (Nov- appx 6 hrs): coordinates event with Home Depot, sets up the night of and cleans up. Easy for working parent to coordinate. Great job for a dad or grandpa!!

Staff Appreciation Chair (year round, variable): purchase gifts for Christmas/Support Staff Appreciation/Teacher Appreciation, coordinates P/T Conferences dinner

Literacy Night Chair (Dec- appx 10 hrs): makes cookie and juice purchase, coordinates with the staff on their needs for Literacy Night, setting up the night of the event, coordinates bell stringing

Online school supply coordinator (Apr-Aug, appx 15 hrs): organizes school supply order in the spring for August delivery

Directory coordinator (August-mid October, appx 20 hrs.): collect parent/student/class data, design and format the school directory and work with printer.

Health Fair Team (Feb-April- appx 30 hrs): sets up Health Fair in April (vendors, food trucks)

Green Team: Edison's Green Team is always seeking new members, to continue Edison's green theme!

Landscape Committee (year round- 4-6 hrs per month): coordinates playground spruce ups, seeks out ways to maintain Edison's "green" landscape

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