

Edison



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From the Principal

Dear Edison Community,

As we move into the third Trimester of the 2013-14 school year, I would like to celebrate the fun, challenging, 21st century learning that is occurring at Edison on a regular basis. Though learning to read, write and solve mathematical problems are necessary in elementary school, I and the teachers at Edison also hope that the children we educate develop a love of learning and pursue interests across many content areas. Therefore, through our science and social studies units, every student has the opportunity to participate in science experiments, research, field trips and collaboration with friends on interesting projects.

Did you know...

- That the 2nd graders learned all about plants? They learned how plants grow, parts of a plant, and even grew their own plants from seeds. Check it out at: <https://sites.google.com/site/mslalas2ndgrade/classroom-pictures>
- That the 3rd graders went to the Majestic View Nature Center in the Fall and will go again in the Spring? At the center, they will learn about Colorado wildlife, life cycles, and ecosystems.
- That the 4th graders went on an overnight field trip to the Denver Discovery Camp at Grant-Humphrey's mansion? As they developed friendship skills and independence, they also learned about Colorado history, government and the economy.
- That the 5th graders studied the weather and its impact on our world? Check out the websites and power points they created at: <http://archibaldsallstars.weebly.com/announcements-blog.html> and <http://wildabout5thgrade.weebly.com/weather-projects.html>

I am so proud to be a small part of the learning and growing happening every day at Edison. It is so very enjoyable to watch children so engaged and excited about learning. Please ask your children what they are learning in school, and if you get a chance, volunteer in the classroom and experience it with us.

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events:

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| March 7 | First Friday Assembly– 2nd Trimester student awards at 12:45 and 2:45 |
| March 11, 12, 13 | 3rd-5th grade reading and writing TCAP testing |
| March 11 | Community Night at Tocabe 4:00 - 9:00 pm |
| March 12 | PTA meeting at 3:45 in Edison's conference room |
| March 13 | CSC Meeting at 4:30 PM in the conference room downstairs |
| March 18, 19, 20 | 3rd-5th grade math TCAP testing |
| March 24-28 | Spirit week at Edison |
| March 26 | Class Picture Day |
| March 28 | TCAP party at 2:00 for Edison's 3rd-5th grade students |
| March 31- April 7 | No School – Spring Break |
| April 10 | CSC meeting at 4:30 in the conference room |

Supporting Your Child with Homework

In many households and/or on some occasions, homework can be a stressful part of the evening. The following tips may help you create the most ideal homework experience for your child and ease your stress in the process.

- Designate a quiet, well-lit place for homework.
- Support your child with time management.
- Ensure the materials your child needs are available (e.g., extra paper, pencils, crayons, a dictionary).
- Be positive about homework.
- When your child has questions or asks for help, provide guidance, not answers.
- If your child shows signs of failure or frustration, provide short breaks.
- Stay informed. Communicate with your child's teacher to know the expectations and purpose of homework.

A Message from the Student Engagement Committee

TCAP (Transitional Colorado Assessment Program) has taken the place of CSAP (Colorado Student Assessment Program). This month our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be taking TCAP assessments (Reading, Writing, and Math) for 2-3 weeks throughout the month. We really encourage all parents to make sure your child is prepared for these assessments by getting a good night's sleep (8-10 hours per night), eating a healthy breakfast and being on time for school. All of our students have worked hard this year as learners and we want to make sure they "shine" on these assessments.

At Edison, Every Child Succeeds!!!

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.

PTA Corner

Ok, ok, I bet you all were expecting a St. Patrick's Day theme this month? We are LUCKY to have a great school community. Thanks teachers for donating treasures to the auction - you are our POT of GOLD. It would be a "SHAM" to say we didn't "ROCK" the family dance. The differences at Edison make us a beautiful RAINBOW. Join GREEN team. You get the idea. Instead I'm going César Chávez Day on you all. The concept that one man can make a difference is an important one we can teach our kids. Also, the idea that we care about the place where they spend so many of their hours a day may not mean much to them now, but the lesson of sticking by our community will sink in. It will! César Chávez had a persistent dedication to social justice and human dignity. A heartfelt thanks to all who are persistently dedicated to our school, and to those who want to want to do more, it's not too late! Our PTA efforts put more books in students' hands, provide enrichment opportunities for those who can't afford it, and granted funding to the school for technology and other facility improvements.

Volunteer spotlight

This is the section of the newsletter where we give a shout out to parents who have gone above and beyond for the school. Yes, always, big thanks families who do so much, particularly those who bid on the teacher treasures in February. However, we would be total losers not to mention the actual teachers who donated the treasures! They did not have to spend extra evenings and weekends taking our children to the museum, rock climbing, skiing, and all the other fantastic experiences they are providing. Each spot to attend tea with Ms. Larson raised over \$100. Whoa. Our teachers are our treasure. From Ms. Ahern who runs book fair, Ms. Senft who is on our PTA finance committee, Ms. Standlee who heads up the Mile Hi 5, to Mr. Auday who comes in early two days a week for running and PE club, we could go on and on. Wow, thank you Edison teachers, you are the best.

Events!

Our next newsletter won't be out until April 10 so we're cramming in a lot of fun things to put on your calendar! Huge thanks to everyone who came out to NY Pizza Pub last Tuesday! We'll be having another Community Night Tues March 11th, from 4:00 – 9:00 at Tocabe, 3536 W 44th Ave., and a joint Edison/Brown Community Night at Churchill's Public House from 11am to midnight, 1560 Boulder st.



EdFest is Coming! *Edison fundraiser

The first planning meeting is at Local 46 on Monday, 3/10 at 6:30pm. Join us to help plan the biggest fundraiser of the year. Thank you Edison family the Lennon's of Big Orange Planet for creating the EdFest 2014 logo. We will be breaking into smaller teams: Event Planning, Food/Drink, Entertainment, Marketing/Communication, Sponsorship and Auction. Bring new ideas to help us make this year's event the best!

Teacher Treasures *Edison fundraiser

This year's Teacher Treasure Auction has already raised over \$2600, but we aren't finished yet! There are still spots available to purchase for the following events:

- ECE Spa Day: Get pampered by ECE teachers Ms. Kathy and Ms. Brown at an ECE Spa Day. The ECE rooms will be transformed into a Day Spa where your child will receive a manicure and pedicure. ECE and Kinder students only please.
- Movie Date with Ms. McSherry: Join the Kindergarten teachers for a fun afternoon of pizza, popcorn and a movie on March 20th! Teachers will take the students after school into the auditorium and parents will come pick them up at 5:45.
- Pizza, Popcorn and Movie with the 2nd Grade Teachers: This party is open to 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.
- High Flyin' Fun with Ms. Cheek: "Let's Go Fly a Kite" with Mrs. Cheek at the 12th Annual Arvada Kite Festival on April 6th. 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.

Purchase online at <https://edisonpt.ejoinme.org/> TeacherTreasures or email edisonfundraising@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

Totally Tennyson *Edison fundraiser & community grant

Totally Tennyson is a huge street crawl with an 80s theme held on April 26th, culminating with a concert by Denver's premier 80s cover band, 6 Million Dollar Band. We receive 100% of tickets we sell, and tickets are on sale NOW. Please share the following link with friends, family, coworkers, etc! <http://edison.dpsk12.org/totally-tennyson/> This takes ticket buyers to Edison's Totally Tennyson page where you can make donations towards sending a teacher, purchase your own ticket, and enjoy no credit card fees! Please contact edisonptasecretary@gmail.com if you'd like to arrange a cash/check purchase. We'll be selling tickets on the playground as we get closer to the event.

Survey

Every year, EdFest raises money for a special appeal. Put in your input as to what that should be now through March 13th at this survey. We'll also be pulling ideas for the grant portion of Totally Tennyson proceeds from this survey. We want to hear from you!

Mile Hi 5 *Edison fundraiser and fitness event

Edison is thrilled to be part of the Mile High 5 Race and Fun Run again this year. You and the kids can run in a 5 mile, 5k, or 5000 foot race. To register, please see details at <http://edison.dpsk12.org/mile-high-5/> As part of our participation, Edison has been asked to run the trash/recycling component of the race. To volunteer. Please contact Cindie Standlee at Cindie_Standlee@dpsk12.org or sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044CA8A72BA13-mile>

First Fridays at 32nd/Lowell *Community event and Edison/Brown/Skinner fundraiser

Participating shops on 32nd/Lowell will have a recurring shopping event on First Fridays. In the months of March, April and May, Edison, Brown, and Skinner will receive a percentage of the combined total of sales on these Fridays. Please check out our Edison Facebook page for event details.

Next PTA Meeting * DATE CHANGE*

Please join us after school on Wednesday March 12th, at 3:45pm in the downstairs conference room. We still have the entire last trimester to do great things. Like what we're doing? Join us to make it better! Hate what we're doing? Join us to make a difference. Be the César Chávez in whatever manner you can!

The 2014-2015 DPS calendar is now out.
Parents can access it here:
<http://www.dpsk12.org/calendars>



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