

Edison



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May 2, 2013

From the Principal

Dear Edison Community,

Are you having Spring Fever? It is difficult when it keeps snowing! It is hard to believe that we only have 4 weeks of school left in the 2012-13 school year. As we move into May, with end-of-year assessments, fun projects, student enrichment day, field day, and continuation celebrations, I would like to appreciate the wonderful parents, community members and teachers/staff who make Edison such a great place.

Edison Elementary is a wonderful community of teachers and staff, students, parents and community members who are passionate about our school and committed to our success. I would like to personally thank every one of you for the efforts you make for our school and community every day. I so greatly appreciate the time and commitment our teachers make to build relationships with our children and to teach our students with high expectations. I would like to thank the parents who help students with homework, read with students, communicate with teachers, volunteer in the classroom and join in community events at the school. I would like to appreciate our community that donates to the school and provides us with resources to teach our children.

If you have volunteered at Edison this year, please join us for a Parent Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, May 3 at 7:45 AM in the auditorium at Edison. Thank you for all you do for your children and our school community.

Sincerely,

Sally Whitelock

Sally Whitelock, Principal

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Michelle Miller and Barbara Schrant

School day:

8:45 AM - 3:30 PM

Upcoming Events:

May 2 – CSC meeting at 4:30 in the conference room

May 3 – Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in the auditorium at 7:45 AM

May 9 – PTA meeting at 3:30 in the auditorium

May 6-10 – Teacher Appreciation week

May 10 – Enrichment Day

May 24 – Field Day

June 3 – ECE Continuation

June 3 – Kindergarten Continuation

June 4 – 5th Grade Continuation at Skinner MS at 6:00pm

June 4 – Talent Show at Edison

Mark your calendars:

August 7, 8 & 9 – 2013-14 registration dates

August 22 – Back-to-School Night and Lawn Party from 5-8PM

August 26 – First day of school

Staffing Update

Each year, the CSC and SLT examine student projections and the school budget to make staffing decisions for the school. As we make these decisions, we keep the school vision and values in mind. Therefore, with the values of collaboration, students first, equity, and accountability in mind, there will be a few changes in staffing next year.

Due to increased enrollment, bond money, and changes in peoples' lives, we will have a few changes in staffing next year.

Edison CSC and SLT have decided to eliminate the UCD contract positions. Therefore, we have hired two permanent 2nd grade teachers for next year. Please help me welcome Brooke Bushong and Megan Mohr onto our 2nd grade team for next year.

One of our special education teachers resigned in the Fall, so we have had a long term substitute supporting us. We have hired Megan Endrizzi, who was a special education paraprofessional at Edison and then student taught at Edison, as a full-time special education teacher.

Edison has a strong staff of teachers, paraprofessionals, secretaries, support staff and facility staff. We are sad to see some of our friends go, but excited for their futures and the new energetic people joining our team. If parents have any questions about staffing, please contact me at the school at 720-424-7780.

CSC needs

In addition to staffing changes, our Collaborative School Committee (CSC), which supports school-wide decision making regarding budget, staffing, professional development and school goals, is in need of two new parents for next year. If you are interested, please complete a CSC Nomination Form. We greatly need and appreciate invested, passionate, committed parents in helping us make decisions that support our vision and values.

Calling all Readers

At Edison, we believe in growing life long learners. As a part of learning, our expectation and goal is to inspire everyone to pick up a book and read every night. We are now 55% through the third semester and expect all students to make 100% of their goal by the end of the year. To support students meeting their goal, please encourage your child to take some quiet time and pick up a book and read. If you find some of your little ones struggle to read or are not motivated to read, try finding nonfiction books that interest them. All students who meet their goal at the end of the year will be celebrated through a school wide assembly. If you have any questions about your child's AR goal please contact your teacher. Happy reading!

Enrichment Day-Lots of Fun for Everyone

If you are out and about the Denver area on Friday, May 10th, look around you very carefully. You may see Edison t-shirts everywhere you venture. The Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keensburg is a destination where students will learn about wild animals that have been mistreated in captivity and how we can help. Wolff Park will be a hotbed of camping activity with kids learning how to put up a tent and survive when in the forest. Some of our students will visit the movie theatre to learn how to write movie reviews like a newspaper critic. At City Park, our future Masters golfers will learn how to tee off, chip and putt like pros with First Tee Golf.

Enrichment Day at Edison is a much loved tradition. Our teachers get to plan a day doing something they love and would not get to do with their students otherwise. Students get to pick something close to their heart that they would like to learn about, mix it up with other children that they don't usually get to spend a lot of time with and spend the day with a different teacher, learning and traveling all around town. Enrichment Day at Edison happens twice a year, once right before Thanksgiving and once again in the spring. We are actively seeking out new ideas for things that we could learn about for next year's fall Enrichment Day. If you have a really cool career or know one of Denver's best kept secrets, we'd love to hear about it, so we can get our kids there. We'd also like to thank all parents who donate to our cause... getting students out of the building, renting buses, paying entry fees and buying materials for projects would not be possible without you!

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

Here's to all volunteers, those dedicated people who believe in all work and no pay.

~Robert Orben

Volunteering

-Mile High 5, May 4th. Volunteers are needed to work shifts for the Mile High 5. This is a requirement on Edison's part, so please consider volunteering. Even if you aren't a runner or a walker, this event is fun and family friendly. Please volunteer at the following link: <http://www.mysignup.com/edison>

-Edfest!

Volunteers are needed during EdFest on May 18th! All volunteers will receive free admission. To volunteer, please sign up at the following link: <http://www.mysignup.com/edfest2013>

- Edison PTA has a new Landscape Committee! This group is working toward a nontoxic, weed-free playground. Two Edison moms, Gretchen Wilson and Monika Krapichler, are landscape architects who donated their time and talents to design some beautiful new plantings for our school yard. Student Green Team members helped design the first bed that will be planted. We need helpers to dig up the sod and plant during our schoolyard clean-up day, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sat., May 18. During this session, volunteers will also help with garbage clean-up, spreading mulch, cleaning recycle bins and many other tasks. We're hoping for a crew of maybe 20 people to beautify our playground. Kids and whole families are welcome! Bring a water bottle! Please contact Melissa Knopper if you plan to attend: melissaknopper@gmail.com, 303-455-2312.

-Field Day, May 24th

Volunteers are needed for set up, concessions sales and cleanup for field day. Please sign up at the following link: <http://www.mysignup.com/fieldday2013>

-Scholastic Book Fair, May 23rd & May 24th

Edison auditorium. Volunteers will receive a \$5.00 voucher to be used at the book fair. Please sign up at the following link: <http://www.mysignup.com/springbookfair>

-5th Grade Continuation (4th grade parents needed)

June 4th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

It is a tradition at Edison for 4th grade parents to volunteer after the ceremony for the 5th grade continuation at Skinner Middle School. Parents are needed to set up the cookies and juice, serve the cookies and juice and then clean it up afterwards. Please contact Julianne Sullivan at ptaedisondenver@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

Teacher Needs

-Ms. Vigil has a request for the Edison garden. Volunteers are needed for a variety of gardening opportunities ranging from 1 hour a month to 2 hours per event. (Planting with kids, Enrichment Day, watering 1 hour a month during summer, harvesting with students in the fall.) Work on the 3rd Saturday during June- October in the garden. Please contact Elizabeth Vigil at elizabeth.vigil@dpsk12.org if you are interested in helping out in the garden.

Green Team Needs

Green Team students are excited to plant the new xeriscape bed they designed with the help of experts from Denver Water. The group is actively seeking plant donations for this project. In addition to asking local garden centers, they are encouraging Edison families to donate native or xeric plants from their yards. If you have plants to share, please contact Monika Krapichler: monusa@hotmail.com.

- Lavender Mist Sun Daisy-white 1 0-12" x 12"
- Blue Grama Grass-dull green, flower tan 1-2'x18"
- Fringed Sage- yellow flowers, silvery green plant, 6-15"x24"
- Prairie Winecup- magenta, 6-12"x3' Yellow Yarrow-yellow, 2'-4'x 2'
- Dragon's Blood Stonecrop- red 2-4"x12"
- Hardy Gazania-yellow, 2-4"x12" Red False Yucca-red, 3-4'x3'
- Dwarf Blue Rabbitbrush-golden yellow, 1-4'x3'
- Rocky Mountain Penstemon-blue, 30"x18"
- Sunrose- crimson red, 8-12"x18"
- Coral Canyon Twinspur-soft pink, 12-15"x12"

Fundraising

-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

This is Edison's biggest, adults only, fundraiser of the year! Come bid on awesome items, join in on the ping pong tournament, dance and have a great time, all while raising money for Edison. May 18th, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Local 46 (46th & Tennyson)

-Menchie's-Highlands (by North Highschool)

May 14th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

20% of proceeds will be donated to Edison!

-Field Day

Purchase concessions during field day from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Grilled hotdogs, chips, pickles, drinks and snacks will be available on the East playground.

