

Edison

A 21st Century Neighborhood School



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May 1, 2014

From the Principal

Dear Edison Community,

We have been very excited over the past few weeks because of some wonderful donations that Edison has received. Thanks to an anonymous donor, Edison recently purchased an ipad for each ECE and kindergarten classroom and four Chromebooks (small laptops) for each 1st and 2nd grade classroom. The teachers are already using this technology to enhance teaching and learning in their classrooms. Additionally, Edison will be installing a climbing wall in the gymnasium this week. Mr. Auday and I are thrilled to think of the new opportunities for physical education that this will provide for our students for years to come. We hope our students are as excited as we are. The last items we will purchase with this very appreciated donation are two updated water fountains. The cooled, filtered water fountains will be installed over the summer in the cafeteria and hallway outside the gym door and will have spouts to fill water bottles.

I know our community appreciates the architecture and beauty of our historic school building, however, I am also so proud to be able to provide new, 21st century resources and tools to our students. Thank you to our anonymous donor for your gifts to Edison's students and thank you to all of our parents and community members who support Edison.

Sincerely,

Sally Whitelock

Sally Whitelock, Principal

CSC Members needed:

The Collaborative School Committee is a great opportunity for parents to participate in the education of our children by supporting decision making at the school. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month from 4:30-5:30 at Edison. We are in need of two new parent CSC members for the 2014-15 school year. If you are interested in becoming a member or nominating a member, please email or talk to Sally Whitelock as soon as possible.

Leadership:

Sally Whitelock, Principal

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Eric Hamilton, Assistant Principal

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Suzy O'Dorisio, AP intern

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Secretaries:

Michelle Miller and Barbara Schrant

School day:

8:40 AM - 3:30 PM

Upcoming Events:

May 1	CSC meeting at 4:30 in the conference room
May 2	PTA/Volunteer Appreciation breakfast in the auditorium at 8:00 AM
May 2	First Friday at 32nd & Lowell 5-8pm (fundraiser to benefit Edison, Brown & Skinner)
May 5-9	Teacher Appreciation week
May 6	PTA meeting 3:45pm at Edison
May 7	Nat'l Bike to School Day
May 9	No school for students
May 9	Community Lunch at El Comino 11am-2pm (fundraiser)
May 17	EdFest 6-10pm at Local 46
May 22	5th grade Wax Museum and performance at 1:30
May 23	Field Day and Book Fair
May 26	Memorial Day – no school
May 29	Enrichment Day
May 30	3rd grade performance at 11:00 in the auditorium
June 2	Community Night at Chipotle 5-8pm to benefit Green Team
June 4	ECE Continuation at 10:00 AM
June 5	Talent Show in the auditorium
June 5	5th grade Continuation at Skinner MS at 6:00 PM
June 6	Kindergarten Continuation at 9:30

Summer Fun!

With summer vacation quickly approaching, here are some ideas about how to keep your child engaged in learning as they enjoy time away from school.

- Choose a day each week to visit your local library
- Sign-up for a summer reading program at your local library
- Take advantage of free admission days at local museums and attractions:
 - Denver Art Museum- May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, and August 2nd
 - Denver Museum of Nature and Science- June 30th and July 20th
 - Denver Botanic Gardens- August 4th
 - Denver Children's Museum- June 3rd, July 1st and August 5th (all from 4-8pm)
 - Colorado Railroad Museum- May 3rd
- Take a day trip to your nearest university campus
- Have your child write out the grocery list
- Go on a hike and record observations of nature

A Message from the Student Engagement Committee

Thank You So Very Much

The Student Engagement Committee would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of our parents and guardians for your continued support during the 2013-2014 school year.

Jane Hull indicated "At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents/guardians."

It has been such a wonderful privilege working together to engage your children in learning. Keep up the great work. Have a happy and safe summer!

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

As Jenny Jeffrey, treasurer, and I step down, we would like to extend our best wishes for success to the continuing officers, the newbies, and all of our volunteers who help support our students, teachers, and staff at Edison. It's been a great year and we met our goals of getting the PTA, as a 501c3 organization, back into compliance with the IRS, as well as creating and documenting sustainable systems with which to support the school. We have an entire toolkit to hand to the next officers. We were honored to work with our fellow board members, Sally Whitelock, Anne Spires DeLong, Christa Conrad and Juli Adams. Membership was up, fundraising was increased, our bylaws were revised to reflect our group priorities, exciting additions to the school were made, and we got to know the teachers, parents, and students better throughout the year. We'll never forget those of you whom we always knew we could count on. It's not over yet! Our remaining events will need lots of help, so please consider filling a volunteer shift, especially if you've been meaning to pitch in all year and suddenly you realize it's May already. See you around the playground, friends.

Jennifer Wolf, PTA President

VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUT

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up, EdFest, and it wouldn't be possible without this amazing team. It's not too late to help super event organizers Kristi MacKenzie and Sarah Knapp raise over \$20,000. The last meeting is Wednesday, May 7th, 6:30pm, at Local 46. A big thanks to the other gals who help make it happen: Jen Ibanez, Lisa Fentress, Karla Kimrey, Kim Adams, Jenny Jeffrey, Christa Conrad, MaryAnn DiMaria, Jen Olenwine, Anne Spires DeLong, Angela Guzdar, Jill St. John and Kristi Guinn.

You are the wind beneath the school's Eagle wings.



EDISON AND COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS:

We raised over \$4000 from our Totally Tennyson ticket sales! Huge thanks to all who attended, donated to send our rockin' staff, and forwarded on our ticket widget to friends!

Mile High 5

May 3rd is quickly upon us. Good luck to all of our Edison racers! For non-runners, please help us fulfill our volunteer commitment by signing up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044CA8A72BA13-mile>

Teacher Appreciation Week

Show your teachers how much they've impacted your children's lives the week of May 5th-9th.

FINAL PTA Meeting of the Year

Join us for our very last PTA meeting this school year on Tuesday May 6th at 3:45pm. We're holding elections for the President, and it's not too late to join to cast your vote, or to nominate yourself. We're still looking for Auction/Fundraising Chairs for next year. We're not reinventing the wheel, so you'll have great systems in place.

Jennifer Wolf is too modest! Give her a hearty high 5 for her hard work this year keeping the ship running smoothly and on course. And, I'm totally outing her as a FIRST PLACE WINNER in the Totally Tennyson Sci Fi Costume Contest. She and her husband Jason rocked the stage as Mad Max Mel Gibson and Tina Turner from Beyond Thunderdome. She'll be a hard act to follow, but we DO need another hero!

Edison Community Lunch

We don't have school on May 9th, so come on down to El Camino at 32nd/Lowell from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Edison will receive 25% of all food and drink purchases, as well as 100% of the first \$200 of gift certificates!

EdFest

Have you bought your EdFest tickets yet? It's on May 17th at Local 46!

Tickets are \$30 and include food and 1 drink ticket. Additional drink tickets and entry fees for the Cornhole Tournament and Heads & Tails game are also available. You may purchase your tickets online at <https://edisonpt.ejoinme.org/EdFest> or on the east playground after school May 6th-8th and 13th-15th.

A HUGE thank you for this year's sponsors!

Level 1- Local 46, Deep Eddy Vodka, Fire on the Mountain, Orthodontics in the Highlands, Speaks Orthodontics

Level 2- Classic Wines, Dulce Vida Organic Tequila, Jesus Orozco with Kentwood Homes, Old Major, Pinot's Palette, Sierra Nevada Beer, Sushi Bay, Sweet Cow

Level 3- Big Orange Planet, Bike Denver, Denver Hound Hikers, Happy Cakes, Highland Square Merchants, Live Nation, Studio Como, 5280 Paparazzi

Here's a sneak peak at some of the exciting auction items: Vail condo, Broncos tickets, Old Major tasting, Motley Crue tickets, hot air balloon ride, kickball tournament, wakeboarding with the Wolfs, crab boil from Jax, photography session, Party Bus, Hotel Monaco, custom painted cornhole sets, reserved parking spots, Newton Street progressive party, and more!

We still need your help....

Volunteer the night of EdFest. Sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0F4BAAAC22A3FC1-edfest

Volunteer to host a class social. We need ECE, Kinder, 4th and 5th grade hosts.

The 2014-2015 DPS calendar is now out.

Parents can access it here:

<http://www.dpsk12.org/calendars>

Class Social Hosts Wanted:

Edison families (usually 1-3) volunteer to host a class social. Each grade needs a host. The Class Socials will be available for auction at EdFest. Hosts decide the date they would like the socials to take place, the activity, and the number of children who can attend. Costs- Hosts pay for the activity including supplies. Examples- Water Wars, Cup Cake Decorating, Star Wars Party, Pool Party, Picnic. Please Contact Jill St. John if you are willing to host a social. 303-524-0674 or jillstjohn@me.com

Field Day

Please help us man our concession booth during Field Day on May 23rd!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAAAC22A3FC1-field>

Scholastic Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fair is back, and EVERYTHING is 50% off! Stock up for summer reading. This is the same day as Field Day. Please help man the fair by signing up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAAAC22A3FC1-spring2>

Edison Community Night

Join us on June 2nd at Chipotle on 32nd/Lowell from 5-8pm for a night to benefit our Green Team. Look for a flyer soon!

Last Day of School

To celebrate all the hard work students, families, teachers and staff have done this year, we're bringing the Sweet Cow MooMobile to Edison. Look for it to arrive shortly after noon, just in time for early dismissal. Sweet Cow is generously donating 10% of the profits back to us.

Stay in touch

The Edison Big Tent group will be maintained over the summer. No need to change your grade's subgroup; we will magically change the names over to the appropriate grade level on or around June 15th. You can join any time! <http://www.bigtent.com/groups/edfamdenver>

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