

# Edison



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November 7, 2013

## From the Principal

Dear Edison Community,

One of Edison's greatest strengths is the shared commitment that teachers and parents have to work together to ensure the educational success of our students. As you know, in October teachers met with parents for parent-teacher conferences with a goal of meeting with 100% of our students' parents. In November, parents will be receiving report cards for the first Trimester. When you receive the report cards, you will notice that Denver Public Schools has made changes to the report cards to match the new standards. Denver Public Schools believes that all students deserve a high quality education that prepares them for the real world and ensures that when they graduate from high school, they will be prepared for college and career. The new standards, comprised of the Common Core State Standards and Colorado Academic Standards, will help us achieve this.

Adopted in 2010 by 45 states including Colorado, the Common Core State Standards represent a shift in education to provide a consistent and clear understanding of what students are expected to learn at each grade level in math and language arts. The Colorado Academic Standards reflect the importance of teaching the whole child, extending beyond core content subjects to include science, social studies, physical education, performance arts, visual arts and music. The new standards will challenge our students to move beyond memorization and push them to think critically—to support their conclusions with evidence, to use technology effectively, and to understand and appreciate different perspectives and cultures. Teachers and students will dig deeper into subjects and concepts for each grade level.

We encourage you, as a DPS parent, to become familiar with these new standards and to access resources you can use at home to support your children's learning and help them meet their grade level expectations. For more information about the Common Core State Standards, please visit:

- <http://www.cgcs.org>
- <http://www.pta.org>

For more information about the Colorado Academic Standards, including English Language Development Standards, (known as World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment, or WIDA Standards) please visit:

- <http://www.cde.state.co.us/StandardsAndInstruction/ColoradoStandards.asp>
- Together, we can prepare our students for college and career in the 21st century.

Sincerely,

*Sally Whitelock*

Sally Whitelock, Principal

## Leadership:

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## Secretaries:

Michelle Miller and Barbara Schrant

## School day:

8:40 AM - 3:30 PM

## Upcoming Events:

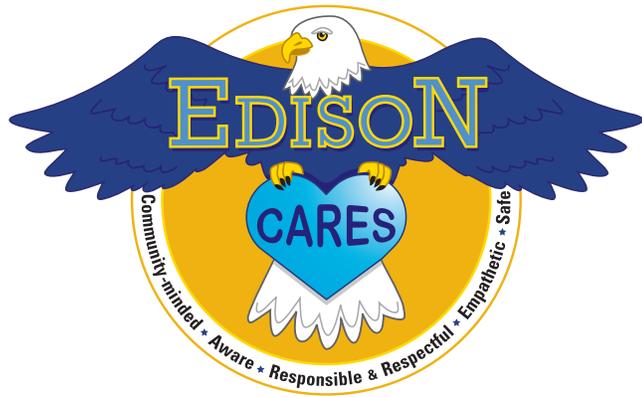
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| <b>Nov 7</b>         | CSC meeting at 4:30 in the conference room         |
| <b>Nov 11</b>        | No School – Veterans Day                           |
| <b>Nov 12</b>        | No School – Teacher planning day                   |
| <b>Nov 14</b>        | Picture make-up day                                |
| <b>Nov 15</b>        | Reading is Fundamental (books for students)        |
| <b>Nov 15</b>        | School Tour at 9:30 AM                             |
| <b>Nov 20</b>        | Build it Night at 6:15 PM                          |
| <b>Nov 21</b>        | ECE performance at 10:20 in the auditorium         |
| <b>Nov 22</b>        | Science Fair                                       |
| <b>Nov 22</b>        | Thanksgiving Lunch                                 |
| <b>Nov 25-29</b>     | No school –Thanksgiving Break                      |
| <b>Dec 5</b>         | Kindergarten Performance at 2:00 in the auditorium |
| <b>Dec 5</b>         | CSC meeting at 4:30 in the conference room         |
| <b>Dec 5</b>         | 5th grade Performance at 6:30 PM                   |
| <b>Dec 6</b>         | School Tour at 9:30 AM                             |
| <b>Dec 19</b>        | Literacy Night and Book Fair at 5:30 PM            |
| <b>Dec 23- Jan 6</b> | No School – Winter Break                           |

## Edison Science Fair

This month, Edison students will be showing off their science knowledge at our annual Science Fair! On November 22nd, students will present and display their projects for all to enjoy. Projects will be on display throughout the day in the gym. Please join us to celebrate the hard work of our Edison students!

## Thanksgiving Lunch

You are invited to join your child(ren) for Thanksgiving Lunch in the Edison Cafeteria! On November 22, a delicious turkey dinner will be served, dessert and all! Look for a detailed schedule closer to the date. We hope you can join us!



## A Message From The Student Engagement Committee

T. G. F. F. F. (Thank Goodness For First Friday)

Did You Know?

On the "First Friday" of every month, as a school wide initiative, Edison is coming together as a school community to deepen students' understanding of our school's core values which are:

- Students First
- Integrity
- Collaboration
- Equity
- Accountability
- Fun
- Community
- Respect

On First Friday please ask your child to identify the core value highlighted during our assembly and encourage them to live the value both at home and school.

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.

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# PTA Corner

## Message From Madame President

How do we measure success as a PTA? Is it by how much money we raise? If that's the case, then we're continuing on the successful trajectory set in place by PTA volunteers in the past. Our Fun Services sales increased, the Fall Festival silent auction raised more money (almost \$6,000, up from \$4,000), and the Fall Festival ticket sales put more money (over \$7,000) in your teachers' classroom funds than ever before. As much fun as it was to stroll into the bank with sacks of cash to deposit, it was equally as fun to take a moment to look around at Fall Festival and see all the families having fun together. Earlier in the month, our award-winning float turned heads at the North HS Homecoming Parade. Recently, patrons of Local 46 said to themselves, "Who are all of those dozens of productive engaged people?"; who would ever guess it was a PTA meeting? Ahh, smell that? That's the scent of community. It's thick in the halls of Edison, it sticks to your clothes and your shoes, it helps you feel like you are building something important for your children. In addition to the many fabulous families who helped with classroom activities, we had over 40 excellent volunteers make Fall Festival a success, 10 at Taste of Highlands, 30 at registration and the lawn party, and many parents cooked rave worthy meals for teachers during conferences; in all, over 100 volunteer shifts have been filled so far. We have other opportunities for you to inhale that community fragrance this month at RIF, Build It Night and the Science Fair. PTA can't do this without you; it takes a village, people. Thank you, Village People.

## RIF Book Distribution

Edison has a long-standing tradition of putting books into the hands of its students at no cost. This program, under the auspices of RIF, or Reading is FUNdamental, was formerly funded by the government, but has since lost that funding. A grant from Invest Together, from money raised by Totally Tennyson 3, is paying for the books.

We need some volunteers to set up, distribute books, and clean up. Any questions, please contact Julianne Sullivan, RIF Coordinator, at [juliannemichelle77@hotmail.com](mailto:juliannemichelle77@hotmail.com)

Sign up here:

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

## Lost And Found

Remember that picture of Lisa Archuleta, our Facilities Director, buried in the Lost and Found last spring? The beast is growing again! Please check for your child's clothes, accessories and lunch gear in the Lost and Found. Items will be donated soon!

## PTA Membership

You can still impact our school by joining the PTA. Dues are \$10 and are good through Sept 30, 2014. You may stop by the Edison office to fill out the dues envelope and submit your yearly dues. Please email Anne Spires DeLong, PTA secretary and acting Membership Chair, at [edisonptasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:edisonptasecretary@gmail.com), if you'd like to arrange payment or with any questions.

There are NO PTA Meetings in December. The next meeting is January 15th, but worker bees keep moving right along. We'd love more volunteers interested in being on the Directory Standards, Green Team Events, Communications and EdFest Planning committees. Likewise, if you are interested in pursuing an officer role next year, it's a great idea to start shadowing. Sound like a good match for you or someone you know? Let us know!

