

Edison A 21st Century Neighborhood School



October, 2021

Sally Whitelock, Principal Megan Bohanan, Assistant Principal

A message from the Principal...

We have been so excited to welcome students back into the classrooms at Edison! It sure has been a wonderful start to the school year. Even with all of the challenges and worries, our Edison community continues to stick together and support each other. I feel so fortunate to work at a school with such a great staff and supportive community.

As we continue to respond to the COVID pandemic and requirements of DPS and the Health Department, we do appreciate your flexibility and understanding. We are working very hard to follow as many health precautions (masks, social distancing while eating, disinfecting) as possible so that we can keep students in school in person. To support us with this, we are asking that family members wear masks at drop off and pick up. We are also collaborating with our fantastic PTA to plan community events that bring us together and celebrate our kiddos, while also keeping our community healthy. Thank you all for your support during these interesting times.

Also, please remember that your child's education is very, very important to us. Please try to get your children to school on time (8:30) each day. If you are keeping your child home due to illness or as a precaution, please call the attendance line (720-424-7784) each day. Please know that if students are staying home from school due to a COVID quarantine or isolation, they can get work from their teacher during this time, please communicate with your child's teacher regarding this.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Sally Whitelock, Principal

Mark Your Calendars:

To support current COVID protocols, we cannot host volunteers or in-person school tours. We will begin scheduling these again as soon as we are able.

October 1	Spirit Friday- Fun Accessory Day!
October 7	CSC meeting at 4:30 PM
October 7	PTA meeting at 6:00 PM
October 13 & 14	Family-Teacher Conferences, 3:45-7:45 PM - Virtual
October 13 & 14	Usborne Book Fair, 3:30-4:30 PM in the auditorium
October 15	No school for students
October 18	No school for students
October 29	Costume parade and Trick-or-Trunk
November 4	CSC meeting at 4:30 PM
November 4	PTA meeting at 6:00 PM
November 4	Picture make-up day
November 5	Spirit Friday
November 12	First Trimester Awards ceremony during the school day
November 18	Thanksgiving lunch at school
November 22-26	No school - Thanksgiving break
December 3	Spirit Friday

School lunch menus can be found at:

www.schoolcafe.com/dps. Then you can log in as a guest or create an account.

If you need to contact the Transportation Department with bus issues:

Please call 720.423.4624.

Upcoming Events

Eagle Run AND Direct Ask Campaign

The Eagle run was amazing! To see all the students run and smile was great. This year the Eagle Run is raising money to support small group instruction for the 2022/2023 school year. We would love to raise \$80,000 this year which will beat last year and be on par with the first year we did this very important fundraiser to help out our teachers and students at Edison.

Students will be sent home with their lap number and can then put it on their pledge sheets and collect pledges in cash, check or online until **October 11th** when all pledge sheets are due back to school.

QR code to online donation page. <https://www.edisonptadenver.org/donate>



To contribute directly to our fundraising efforts, you can give through any of these convenient methods:

- Venmo ID: @EdisonElementaryPTA
- Online at the PTA or Edison websites: <https://edisonptadenver.org> or <https://edison.dpsk12.org>
- Snail Mail or Drop Off: Edison Elementary Attn: PTA Fundraising 3350 Quitman Street Denver, CO 80212

Family-Teacher Conferences

Please sign up for a VIRTUAL family-teacher conference on either **October 13 & 14, between 3:45 and 7:45 PM**. This is a great time to find out how your child(ren) is doing in school, celebrate success and set academic and/or work habit goals for your child. We strongly believe that teachers and parents must work together, as a team, to ensure the educational success of children. We value these opportunities to collaborate with you and are looking forward to our one-on-one conferences. Please watch for sign up forms coming from your child's teacher.

Fall Costume parade and Trunk-or-Treat

Since we are unable to have large gatherings this school year, we are making an adjustment to our annual Fall Festival. This year, on Friday, **October 29**, students may wear their costumes to school day for a \$1 (or larger) donation to classroom accounts. Additionally, teachers, with the support of class parents, will set up a trick-or-treat street out of car trunks. We would like parents to donate prizes/treats to support this fun event. Cars will park on the Edison side of the street around the school and give treats out to children from their car trunks between 3:30 and 4:30. We will ask everyone to wear masks and social distance.

Spirit Fridays

The first Friday of each month is Spirit Friday! Please watch for the dress up theme for each month or students can always wear their Edison colors/t-shirt to school.

Read-a-thon – COMING SOON!

Mr. Carter and the Literacy Committee will be getting kids jazzed about reading and the upcoming Read-A-Thon starting in November. Between Usborne and Scholastic Book Fairs and the Read-A-Thon, we raised about \$10,000 for books and literacy supplies last year! Next dates to remember:

- Late November/early December: Students set personal reading goals
- December 3 - Book or Story Character Day
- December 17 - Pajama Day/Read-a-Thon Kickoff
- December 17 - January 3 - Read-A-Thon

Eagle Readers read over 237,000 minutes and raised about \$10,000 during last year's Winter Break! We're hoping to break that record this year in our 7th Annual Read-A-Thon! The reader who reads the most minutes per grade will receive a prize! Plus, Eagle Readers who read at least the minimum amount suggested per grade will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win fantastic prizes! This year, our goal is to raise at least \$10,000 for more books. Our library, book room, and classroom libraries constantly need to be refreshed. We will be sending home sponsor request forms before Thanksgiving break to be returned the following week. Then, Read-A-Thon committee members will reach out to your sponsors by mail or email and share

information about the Read-A-Thon - we know it's a busy time of year for families. Eagle Readers will read over the 18 days of Winter Break and return Reading Logs when we come back to school in January.

Important Information

Testing for HGT/GT program

In DPS all kindergarten and 2nd grade students are tested for possible gifted programming. If you have a 1st or 3rd-5th grade student who you would like to be tested for HGT programming, please submit an application at:

<https://studentequity.dpsk12.org/gifted-talented/>

The deadline to apply is Oct. 15 and testing will occur in November.

Volunteering

If you wish to volunteer for Edison this school year (with the PTA, attending a field trip, in the classroom), please make sure you complete the volunteer application at:

<https://app.verifiedvolunteers.com/en/Candidates/Account/Register>

Edison T-shirts

If your child is in need of a new Edison t-shirt, you can purchase one for \$10 in the Edison office.

Are you in need of COVID testing? Please see these resources:

- School based health centers 303-602-8958
- <https://my.primary.health/l/cdphe>

My School Bucks

We would like to encourage all parents to sign up with MySchoolBucks through your Parent Portal account. It is easier than ever to pay for school lunch meals, ECE tuition, field trips and class fees online with MySchoolBucks.

Don't have a Parent Portal account? Go to:

<https://payonline.dpsk12.org/myschoolbucks-user-guide/#1512664218979-7b61e933-6f42> for steps to create one.

Mental Health Minute (Terasia Olsen, Edison School Psychologist)

Hello Edison Eagle Families!

What an amazing start to the school year with Magical Social Emotional Learning (SEL) opportunities happening EVERY day in EVERY classroom!! There is a strong relationship between academic success and social-emotional learning. As such, Mrs. Dougherty (grades 3, 4, and 5) and Mrs. Olsen (grades K, 1, and 2) are partnering with teachers to incorporate classroom SEL lessons on the five core Edison Character Traits (CARES):

Community-minded
Aware
Respectful and Responsible
Empathetic
Safe

During each lesson, we discuss the character trait using various themes, activities, and books. We strive to make these sessions as interactive as possible to allow students to stay engaged and empower them to become motivated learners, active team members, creative problem solvers, and respectful and responsible citizens.

HELPING hands, **GIVING** hearts, and **SMILING** eyes are plentiful at Edison Elementary :) !!!

Here is a peek into how Edison Eagles **SELebrate** the importance of social-emotional learning for **every** student, **every** day!!! Your Eagle has a lot to share about the following:

Be a Bucket Filler

Not a Bucket Dipper!



Stop-Think-Do the Right Thing



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOJy8-OC0iU>
<https://bucketfillers101.com/fun-bucket-jigsaw-puzzle/>

Zones of Regulation

- All feelings are ok and everyone has them. What we DO when we are in each zone is the most important part.
- Your children have been working hard on what to do when they are in the Blue, Yellow, and Red zones so they can be in the Green Zone- Happy, Calm, Feeling OK, Focused, and Ready to Learn :)
- Ask them what they know, you might get some extra tools to try yourself, like I did!

What Zone Are You In?			
Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
Sick Sad Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad/Angry Mean Yelling/Hitting Disgusted Out of Control

The Green Zone

- The green zone is used to describe when you're in a calm state of alertness.
- Being in the green zone means you are calm, focused, happy, or ready to learn. This is predominantly the state you want your child to be in.
- It's also the state most needed in the classroom in order to learn.

The Yellow Zone

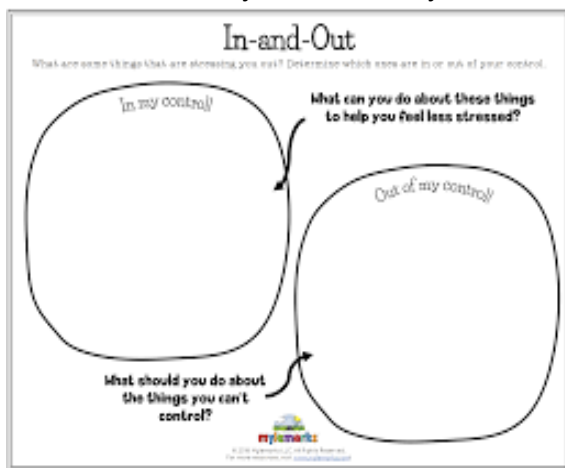
- The yellow zone describes when you have a heightened sense of alertness. This isn't always a bad thing, and you typically still have some control when you're in the yellow zone.
- Being in the yellow means you may feel frustrated, anxious or nervous. But, it could also mean you're feeling excited, silly, or hyper – which is okay in the right situations.

The Red Zone

- The red zone describes an extremely heightened state of intense emotions. When a person reaches the red zone, they're no longer in control of their emotions or reactions.
- This is the zone kids are in during meltdowns.
- Being in the red zone means you're feeling anger, rage, terror, or complete devastation and feel out of control.

The Blue Zone

- The blue zone, on the other hand, is used when a person is feeling low states of alertness or arousal.
- When you're in the blue zone you may be feeling down – sad, sick, tired, or bored. You're still in control, as you are in the yellow zone, but with low energy emotions.



Book **SElections** from the Denver Public Library

<https://kids.denverlibrary.org/blog/k-3/books-social-emotional-and-academic-learning>

Traffic and Parking

Safety is our first priority at Edison and this starts with drop off and pick up of students. In order to make sure that all students are safe and accounted for at all times, please keep the following in mind:

- ECE students are to be dropped off and signed-in in the classroom each morning and then picked up and signed-out at the kindergarten playground each afternoon;
- Kindergarten students are to be dropped off/picked up on the southeast side of Quitman Street and enter/exit the building with their teachers by the kindergarten playground on the south side of the school;
- 1st-5th grade students are dropped off/picked up on the playground on the east side of the school or on the northwest side of Perry Street in the Kiss and Go/Greet and Get lane (polka-dotted);
- School buses park on the east side of the school on the southwest side of Perry Street. Please do not park or even pull over in this area;
- The parking lot is for DPS staff ONLY, please do NOT park, drop off or pick up students in the parking lot.
- All parents/community members must enter the building through the front doors, check-in at the office and get a visitor/volunteer badge.

Kiss and Go Lane: Parents who do not want to park and stay with their 1st-5th grade students on the playground in the morning may drop off their students in the student drop off lane between 8:30 AM and 8:40 AM. **We ask parents to NOT park in the Kiss and Go /Greet and Get lane** on the northwest side of Perry Street, outside the fence by the playground/community garden.

Greet and Get Lane: In order to help with afternoon traffic, parents who have 1st-5th grade students can sign up to have their child/ren ready and waiting at the pickup area at 3:30 PM on the northwest side of Perry Street, by the playground/community garden. Registration forms are available throughout the year in the office. The following guidelines apply:

- This is only for cars. Walkers and students of parents who park will be picked up on the playground.
- Parents should pull over on Perry Street, stay in their car, and move forward as space allows.
- Cars may only stop long enough for their child/ren to get into the car.
- **Cars must continue to move and leave the parking lane immediately after picking up their children.**
- Parents must pick up children at 3:30 PM. If children are not picked up on time, the teacher will bring them to the office and parents will need to find parking and come into the office to pick the students up and sign them out.
- Only adults listed on the permission slip will be able to pick students up.
- Cell phones must not be used in the Greet and Get lane and all Colorado Motor Vehicle laws (seat belts, car seats) must be observed.
- Parents wishing to use the Greet and Get lane will need to fill out a permission form and return it to their student's teacher so that the teacher will know to send the child to the Greet and Get pick up area at 3:30 PM.

[A Message from our PTA...](#)

The Edison PTA is excited about the 2021/2022 school year! We have seen so many of your volunteers for committees this year. We are in the process of contacting everyone for their committees. Look for an email from your board chair this month.

If you have volunteered for a committee, DPS does require a background check.

<https://app.sterlingvolunteers.com/en/Candidates/Account/Register>

Edison Code: **e9x8to9**

We would like to welcome three new members to our board!

Marc Ring: VP

Hilary Frank: Secretary

Mat Merkow: Membership

[Edison Guardian Meetups:](#)

As a way to connect our community, the PTA is going to be holding guardian meetups throughout the year at local restaurants. It will be by grade. At this time we are looking to have them on Wednesdays 4-6pm, look at social media and Thursday emails for more information.

[Join the PTA:](#)

Get on our mailing list to be the first to be updated on issues and events coming to Edison. Be educated on what is going on in the school and community. Plus, you can vote on issues that come before the PTA. Don't worry, just because you join the PTA....doesn't mean we will make you do things...we always like volunteers, but we love our community more.

You can register for membership online at the PTA's website - www.edisonPTADenver.org

[Edison PTA Website:](#)

Go to our re-designed webpage to see all the committees we have that you can help with throughout the year. Sign ups for the committees are on the website.

www.EdisonPTADenver.org

[PTA Meetings will continue to be virtual, so come and join us!](#)

Our next meetings are October 7 and November 4 at 6:00 PM

Our PTA Bylaws will be voted on at the November 4th meeting.

[To contribute directly to our fundraising efforts](#), you can give through any of these convenient methods:

- Venmo ID: @EdisonElementaryPTA
- Online at the PTA or Edison websites: <https://edisonptadenver.org> or <https://edison.dpsk12.org>
- Snail Mail or Drop Off:
 - Edison Elementary
 - Attn: PTA Fundraising
 - 3350 Quitman Street
 - Denver, CO 80212

Thank you for being a valued part of the Edison Community!

Connect with us online or through social media at:

Facebook – Edison Elementary Denver
Instagram - @edison elementarydenver
Online - <https://edisonptadenver.org/>

PTA Board:

President: Tara Littell ptaedisondenver@gmail.com

Vice President: Marc Ring edisonvpdenver@gmail.com

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Secretary: Hilary Frank edisonptasecretary@gmail.com

Membership: Mat Merkow membershipedisonpta@gmail.com

Opportunities to GIVE to Edison

There are a variety of VERY easy ways that you can donate to the Edison PTA and school, without spending a penny! Please support us any way you can!

King Soopers Rewards: Register Edison PTA as your Community Rewards partner for King Soopers!

How do I enroll? 1) Go to www.kingsoopers.com 2) Sign-in to your digital account (or create one if needed); 3) Select 'Community Rewards' from the side menu; 4) Enter "Edison Elementary PTA" into the 'Find an Organization' search box; 5) Find 'Edison Elementary PTA' with address [3350 Quitman St, Denver, CO 80212](#) and select 'Enroll'; 6) You're all done!

Amazon Smile: What's that? You can get the benefits of Amazon Prime AND be a fundraiser at the same time?! AmazonSmile provides a .05% benefit on qualifying purchases made via our link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7150820>

If you would like to donate directly to Edison PTA or the school, some other ways include:

Make a Direct Donation: You may always make a donation, either one-time or recurring through PayPal, Venmo, Square, or a check. Check to see if your employer provides matching of qualified contributions made; we are a qualified 501c3 organization!

- Venmo ID: @EdisonElementaryPTA
- Online at the PTA or Edison websites: <https://edisonptadenver.org> or <https://edison.dpsk12.org>
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Donors Choose: Check out the many Donors Choose projects that teachers have posted on Donorschoose.org and donate. You can find all current projects through the link on Edison's home page at <http://edison.dpsk12.org/>.

We appreciate your continued support!