



# EAGLE NEWS

**Edison Elementary School**

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*A periodic newsletter for Edison families and community supporters*

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Edison Parents and Guardians:

It's already November!!! School is in full swing with busy schedules for students in every classroom and every grade. It's almost time for your child's conference!! **Winter conferences are scheduled this year on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Edison students will be dismissed at 12:15pm which allows teachers to meet with parents from 12:30 until 3:45pm on Wednesday and Friday and until 7:30pm on Thursday evening, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see the November calendar sent out last week.**

Parent conferences are an important component of the connection between Edison Elementary and student's home to discuss academic progress, grade level state standards, homework requirements and procedures, attendance expectations, and other important information shared between the teacher, parent and student. Conferences are scheduled in November/December and March this school year to provide these two opportunities to meet with families and discuss academic progress/concerns as well as feedback and suggestions regarding improvement to include tutoring opportunities.

**Research states that Parent Involvement is one of the most important factors in increasing student achievement and decreasing behavior problems at school according to Joyce Epstein, author of School, Family, and Community Partnerships: Your Handbook for Action.** Here are some suggestions to help increase parental support:

**1. Parent Support Academically-** ensuring your child completes their daily homework with accuracy. Provide a quiet place for your child to study and complete assignments or projects without television, iPods, cell phones, interruptions, etc. Set aside at least 30 minutes of homework each night for your child.

**2. Daily Assignment Books-** Read and sign your child's assignment book and discuss their assignments with them. Look carefully at their color coded behaviors for each day (green is best!!!). Celebrate green days with your child by keeping a sticker chart on the refrigerator and setting a goal to do a fun activity together when they meet their weekly/monthly goals.

**3. Attendance-** Support Edison's School Improvement Goals of meeting 95% daily attendance by making sure your child is at school on time every day by 8:30am to eat a healthy breakfast and prepare for school. Reducing the number of doctor and dental appointments that occur during the school day and avoiding picking up your child early from school unless it's an appointment or a family emergency. Time out of the classroom results in decreased academic performance.....10 or more absences from school reduce your child's academic scores. Positive school attendance establishes a positive work ethic and daily habits for years to come!!!

**4. Communication-** Keep in contact with our school and your child's teacher by attending at least two conferences this school year, November/December and March 2012. Call your child's teacher if there are any changes or concerns you have about their academic, medical, social or emotional well being. If phone number change, please call the school at 571.1700 so we can update your child's contact numbers.

Parents, as we come into our changing weather pattern, it is important to send your child to school dressed appropriately. We will make every attempt to hold outdoor recess whenever possible and we want children to be prepared for our winter weather.



## **Congratulations**

The following students had their name drawn from our Golden Eagle's nest for the month of October. These students will enjoy Pizza with the Principals this Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Kelly Luong, Justin Tyler, Rafael Alvarez, Kenny Salter, Sativa Up, Diana Esquivel-Alvarez, Ellen Pak, Damian Wheeler

**Mrs. Rossman      Mrs. Holman**