



EAGLE NEWS

Edison Elementary School

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A periodic newsletter for Edison families and community supporters

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♦ Renee Rossman, Principal ~ Connie Holman, Assistant Principal

Edison parents and students;

It's hard to imagine where September went.....fall is here, we're hard at work in school, immersed in our schedules and helping your child in reading, math, writing, science, music, physical education, nutrition and library/resources classes. Your child's schedule is full from 9:00-3:30 with appropriate level instruction based on their academic needs. It's important that all students are at their instructional levels when learning in large or small groups and we constantly look at student assessments and classroom assignments to place students in the appropriate group.

At Edison, we provide numerous opportunities for students to receive instruction in core curriculum for 60-90 minutes each day in math and reading. Some students need more time and support than that and would benefit from small group instruction either before or after school at least 2-3 days each week. **If you have a child in the 4th or 5th grade this year and who took the MSP test last year, you will be receiving their scores at home which indicate if they met the standards in each curricular area (reading, math, writing, science).** We will be identifying students who did not meet the standard and who scored at a level 1 or a level 2 and inviting students to attend am and pm learning groups to receive academic support from 8:00-8:30 or 3:30-4:00pm several days each week.

By the middle of October, you will receive a note from your child's teacher indicating **whether they qualify for this extended learning opportunity this school year.** Students who are chosen to attend must maintain good attendance and work hard to improve their academics, especially in math. When you receive the note, please sign, date and return to your child's teacher. We are looking forward to providing more time during the school day to help students to be successful and more confident in their schoolwork. We also hope you will encourage your child to study and complete their homework every night, to read a book or more each month, to improve attendance by being at school on time each day and by being prepared to learn by getting enough sleep every night. These criteria are important to develop positive habits early in life in preparation for middle school, high school, college, or the workplace. We appreciate your continued support to Edison Elementary.....the best school in Tacoma.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Rossman



(over for more important information)

CAMBODIAN

ធ្វើក្លាបមកជាមួយនេះគឺជាឯកសារដ៏សំខាន់មកពីសាលារៀនរបស់កូនអ្នក ។ សូមមេត្តារកគេដូចម្តេចក៏ប្រែឯកសារនេះឲ្យអ្នក ។ សូមអរគុណ ។

KOREAN

귀댁 자녀의 학교에서 보내 드리는 본 서류는 중요합니다. 자녀에게 서류에 있는 내용을 설명해 달라고 하십시오. 감사합니다.

Attached is an important document from your child's school. Please have this document translated for you. Thank you.

LAOTIAN

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RUSSIAN

В приложениях Вы найдете важный документ из школы, где учится Ваш ребенок. Пожалуйста, попросите, чтобы Вам его перевели. Спасибо!

SPANISH

Adjunto encontrará un documento importante de la escuela de su hijo/a. Si corresponde, sírvase pedir que se lo traduzcan. Muchas gracias.

VIETNAMESE

Kèm theo đây là giấy tờ quan trọng của nhà trường con em quý vị. Xin hãy nhờ người giỏi thích những giấy tờ này cho quý vị. Cảm ơn.



Photographing & Videoing during school functions

As we now live in the era of social media, new and different challenges arise around pictures and videos taken at school or at school events. We love that you support your student and want to capture memories for the future. However, it is important to be mindful that not all families are comfortable with having images of their child posted online. Also, it is important to remember that there are some circumstances where posting images of students and staff online without their advanced knowledge or permission could inadvertently put someone in danger. For example, a family or staff member could be attempting to keep their current location or worksite private because of domestic violence or stalking issues. For both of these reasons, please don't post photos or videos taken at school or at school events on social media sites unless you have permission from the families of other students or staff who also appear in the photos or videos. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



Attendance Expectations

Attendance is a major factor in academic excellence. Most of what students learn academically and socially requires that they be in the classroom for the instruction. For this reason, please try to schedule appointments and vacations during non school time. If medical and/or dental appointments are scheduled during the school day, students will be expected to bring a doctor's note for documentation. The office staff have legal authority to determine which absences are 'excused' & 'unexcused' (State law – the 'BECCA BILL' RCW28A.225.010 – requires schools to report to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, any student with more than 5 unexcused absences in a month or 10 in a year.)



Before & After School

There are specific guidelines we ask that families follow when dropping off students in the morning and picking them up in the afternoon. When dropping off

students between 8:30 & 8:55, please do not accompany them past the chain in the front hall. Students know to go to the lunchroom for breakfast OR to the gym to line-up.

It creates a 'traffic jam' when too many adults and students are waiting at the doors to the lunchroom & gym, making it hard for teachers to escort their classes to the classroom to begin the day.

After school, kindergarten classes AND Mrs. Kirby's class exit the building through the south end to meet parents, ALL other classes exit through the north end and walk to the fence to meet parents. Please make plans to meet your student(s) in those places. Students are asked not to go through the front hall unless they have been instructed by their teacher to wait in the office. Please DO NOT wait for your student on the playground – this creates a safety issues as our busses drive through the playground to exit.

Occasionally plans change and students need to be informed of how to get home. Please contact the office as soon as possible, preferably before 3:00, to let us know – we can then pass the information on to the student and teacher. For student safety, Durham Bus Company is not allowed to release students once they have gotten on the bus.