

Edison Elementary School

Where Every Student Shines

2010 – 2011 FAMILY HANDBOOK

Edison Elementary School exists to develop and inspire self-motivated lifelong learners who respect diversity, their neighbors and community. Students and the neighborhood shine through a welcoming environment that provides best practice instructional techniques for all of its programs. Students benefit from tailored support that works to challenge and optimize the potential of each student.

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**Welcome to the 2009 - 2010 School Year at
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The *Edison Family Handbook* has been designed to be a resource guide for Edison School parent/guardians and students. If you have a question that is not answered in this handbook, please call the school office.

Edison School Daily Schedule

8:00 AM	Breakfast bell
8:10 AM	Students may arrive at school
8:21 AM	First bell
8:27 AM	Tardy bell - classes begin
11:03 AM	AM Early Childhood (M-Th) dismissal
11:27 AM	Half Day Kindergarten (M-F) dismissal
11:27 AM - 12:12 PM	Lunch/Lunch Recess
12:39 PM	PM Early Childhood begins (M-Th)
3:16 PM	Class dismissal bell

The Appleton Area School District does not discriminate against pupils on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap in its educational programs or activities. Federal law prohibits discrimination based on national origin, sex, religion, or handicap.

See Appendix C
School Map

See Appendix D
School Supply List

What to do if your child comes home with head lice:

Don't panic. Anyone—adult or youngster—can get head lice. Head lice are passed from person to person by direct contact or on shared objects (combs, towels, headphones, etc.) *It has nothing to do with cleanliness and does not reflect poorly on you as a parent.* The problem is easily managed. Just follow the instructions below:

1. Check every member of the family.

Look for tiny white eggs (nits) on hair shafts, near the scalp, especially at the nape of the neck and behind the ears. Head lice are small grayish-tan insects without wings. Any family member with lice or nits must be treated.



2. Use an effective head lice treatment.

Several are available without a prescription, including NIX, Clear, R&C, and Pronto.

Follow the package directions exactly. We recommend NIX. Your child may require a 2nd treatment 7 days after the initial treatment if live lice/nits are found. A 2nd treatment is required for some products, regardless of nits.



3. Remove all nits.

Gently comb the child's hair with the special nit removal comb. No treatment is 100% effective in killing nits. Failure to remove all nits may result in chronic head lice infestation. Special nit removal combs can be helpful. Use them to remove nits, one small section at a time. After each section is completed and checked, pin pack. After all areas are completed and rechecked, rinse thoroughly. Recheck and comb daily for 1 to 2 weeks. The comb may not remove all nits. Nits may have to be removed by hand.



4. Wash clothes, bed linens, and towels.

Clothing, linen and cloth toys worn or handled by the infested individual during the 2 days before diagnosis should be washed in water hotter than 130 degrees F. and /or machine dried at the hottest setting for at least 20 minutes. Other items may be dry cleaned or sealed in a plastic bag for at least 2 weeks.

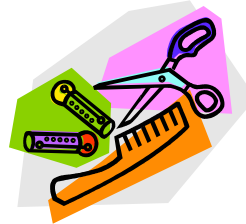


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5. Soak combs, brushes, etc. in hot water.

Combs and brushes used on infested persons should be immersed in water hotter than 130 degrees F, Lysol, rubbing alcohol, or a pediculicide for one hour.



6. Vacuum everywhere.

Floors, rugs, pillows, upholstered furniture, car seats and car upholstery should be vacuumed.



Head lice cannot survive without a human host. They cannot survive on family pets. Choose an effective treatment, use as directed, and perform the steps listed above to help eliminate head lice from your home and to help prevent their spread in the community

HOMELESS EDUCATION PROGRAM POLICY

Students of homeless individuals and unaccompanied homeless youth (youth not in the physical custody of a parent/guardian) residing in the District shall have equal access to the same free appropriate public education including comparable services, as provided to other students and youth who reside in the District. Homeless students and youth shall not be required to attend a separate school or program for homeless students and shall not be stigmatized by school personnel.

Definition of Homeless Students and Unaccompanied Youths

The term “homeless students and unaccompanied youths” means individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence due to economic hardship. It includes students and youths who are:

- Living in an emergency shelter or transitional housing.
- Abandoned in hospitals or awaiting foster care.
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camp grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations or similar settings.
- “Doubled up” living with friends or family due to the loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason.

Migratory students and unaccompanied youth (youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian) may be considered homeless if they meet the above definition.

Homeless status is determined in cooperation with parents or in the case of unaccompanied youth, the local educational agency liaison. Homeless status may be documented through a variety of Appleton Area School District (AASD) forms such as the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction PI-Q03-8 Rev. 8/05 or through direct contact with AASD staff.

The Appleton Area School District does not discriminate against students on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental emotional or learning disability or handicap in its education programs or activities. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

Cross Reference: Student Nondiscrimination, 411.2 and 411.2 Rule
School Admissions, 420 and 420 Rule

Legal References: Wisconsin State Statute 118.13
PI9, Wisconsin Administrative Code
Title IX, Education Amendment of 1972
Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964
Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973
American with Disabilities Act of 1990
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
Civil Rights Act of 1991
McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

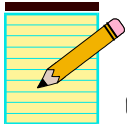
STUDENT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Supervision begins at 8:10 AM on the playground. Students should not be at school before 8:10 AM, unless the student is coming for breakfast. The school dismissal time is 3:16 PM. All parents, guardians, sitters, etc. should meet children outside on the playground at dismissal time. When waiting for your child indoors, please wait in the hall in front of the office until the dismissal bell rings. Please do not wait in the hall near your child's classroom.



STUDENT SIGN-IN AND SIGN-OUT PROCEDURES

In order to maintain a safe environment at Edison School, Sign-In/Out procedures have been established. If a student arrives at school late for any reason (appointment, oversleeping, car trouble, etc.), he/she must stop in the office immediately after entering the building to sign-in. **If possible, the parent/guardian should sign the student in at the office.** A dated and signed note or a phone call from a student's parent/guardian is required for students to leave the school grounds during the school day. **If a child needs to be picked up at school during regular school hours for any reason, the parent or guardian must stop in the office and sign them out before they can leave.** The parent or guardian should also stop in the office and sign the student back in upon return to school. This is for the safety and protection of your child.



VISITOR PARKING

Edison School has a five-minute visitor parking spot to assist parent/guardians and guests who need to come in to the building for a short period of time. The visitor's parking spot is located in the southwest portion of the staff parking lot and is labeled with a P on the blacktop. Visitors are asked to observe all "No Parking" areas of the staff parking lot, including the driveways and center aisle.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS/EMERGENCY INFORMATION

It is essential that we have current home and emergency information for students. **Please keep the office informed of address changes as well as changes in home phone number, work number, e-mail address and emergency contacts.** This helps to facilitate quick contact with families in case of illness, accident, or other emergencies. Also, if there is some confidential information regarding your child that the office should be made aware of, please let us know as soon as possible.

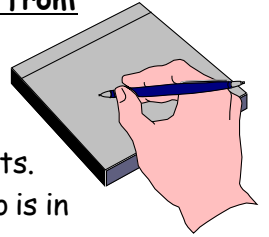


FAMILY TRIPS

For teachers to prepare for student absences (that will exceed two or more days) due to family trips, a family trip form needs to be completed by the parent/guardian for each child and submitted to the school office one week in prior to the dates of the absence. The homeroom teacher will provide assignments to be completed over the vacation. Make-up work may also be assigned when the child returns to school. Alternative assignments may need to be assigned when it would be difficult to replicate the work/activities that were completed during the student absence.

VISITORS TO EDISON SCHOOL

For the safety of the children and staff at Edison School, all visitors entering our building must sign the Visitor Sign-In Form in the Office and receive a Visitor's Badge from the school secretary. This badge must be worn at all times when a visitor is in the building. We ask that all visitors enter the building at the Meade Street entrance. We WELCOME parent/guardians and community members to visit and participate in the events of Edison School, so please do not let this formality hinder your visits. Our interest is in protecting the safety of all our students and staff by knowing who is in the building at all times.



The North Street parking lot door will be open from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. and after 3:15 p.m. The playground doors will be open only from 8:20 - 8:30 a.m.

STUDENT FEES



Nearly every public school district in Wisconsin charges student fees or user fees. These fees are used to offset the cost of classroom supplies, texts, and materials used by students throughout the school year. The Appleton Area School District also charges student fees for this purpose.

The fees charged in Appleton are \$30 for elementary, \$15.00 for **half-day** students. These costs work out to \$.16 per day, respectively, over the course of the entire school year. Although these amounts do not cover the annual cost of instructional supplies and materials, it does contribute an additional source of funding for these essential classroom materials.

LOST BOOK FEE

Occasionally students lose text or library books. Last year the Appleton Area School District students lost \$500,000 worth of textbooks alone. If students lose any books checked out to them, parents are responsible for replacement cost. Our goal is to have all books returned. Please help your child keep track of their books. Parents will be notified of lost books and billed for any not returned.

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION

The Appleton Area School District provides classroom instruction regarding alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse (ATODA) to all students in compliance with state and federal law. Parents who wish their child or children to be withdrawn from these instructional lessons and assemblies during the school year should call the school office at 832-6235.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Edison offers a breakfast program for students, staff, and parent/guardians through Aramark Food Service. Breakfast is served daily in the All-Purpose Room from 8:00 a.m. until 8:20 a.m. The cost is **\$1** for students and **\$1.50** for adults. Families whose income is below

established guidelines are eligible for reduced price or free meals. The reduced price is **30¢** for breakfast.

Breakfast money should be sent in an envelope labeled with; "Breakfast Money", your child's name, grade, and teacher's name clearly marked on it. Checks should be made payable to Appleton Area School District (AASD).

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The Appleton Area School District school lunch program is run by ARAMARK Food Service. The Aramark Food Service main office is located in the AASD Facilities and Operations Building at 531 North Morrison Street. The phone number for this office is 997-1460.



The daily student lunch price is **\$2.25**, which includes milk. An adult hot lunch is **\$3.00**. Milk can also be purchased separately at a cost of **35¢**. A peanut butter and jelly sandwich, a chef salad, or a weekly sandwich may be substituted for the daily entrée.

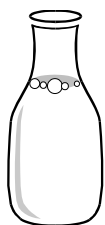
Please send all lunch money in an envelope labeled with "Lunch Money", your child's name, grade, and teacher's name clearly marked on it. Checks should be made payable to Appleton Area School District (AASD). We appreciate if payments are made in weekly or monthly installments and on the first school day of the week.

If your child will be bringing a cold lunch, please mark their name on the lunch bag or box. **If your child plans on going home for lunch, a dated and signed note of permission from the parent/guardian needs to be given to their teacher.**

If a family's income is below established guidelines, students are eligible for free or reduced prices for meals. An application form for free/reduced meals was sent to parent/guardians in a mailing from the Food Service Department and is also available in the school office. The reduced price for lunch is **40¢**.

EARLY CHILDHOOD, TITLE 1 AND KINDERGARTEN MILK PROGRAM

Edison School Early Childhood, Title 1 and Kindergarten classes participate in a milk program that offers milk for sale on a daily basis to students. Information on this program is available to parent/guardians of Early Childhood, Title 1 and Kindergarten students at registration. Families whose income is below established guidelines are eligible for free milk. Application for free milk should be made by using the Free/Reduced Meals application form, which was sent to parent/guardian in a mailing from the Food Service Department and is also available in the school office.



SAFETY DRILLS

We constantly strive to make Edison a safe place for all students and staff. We will hold fire and tornado drills to familiarize our students with our procedures. In addition to those drills, we will also be practicing in lockdown / intruder drills. While we certainly hope that we will never have a real fire, experience a tornado, or have an intruder in our building, we need to be prepared in case of any such emergency. All drills will be discussed with the students at each grade level. This will be done in such a manner that it will not frighten the younger students, and yet, will allow us to be prepared should the necessity to employ a safety procedure ever arise.



SPEED LIMIT RESTRICTIONS AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS AND OTHER LOCATIONS MARKED WITH SCHOOL CROSSING SIGNS

According to W.S.A. 346.57(4)(b), the speed limit of 15 miles per hour is restricted when passing an intersection or other location properly marked with a "school crossing" sign when any of the following conditions exist:



1. Any child is present.
2. A school crossing guard is within a crosswalk, at the intersection, or another location or, if no crosswalk exists, is in the roadway at the intersection or another location.
3. A school crossing guard is placing in or removing from the roadway at or near the intersection or another location a temporary sign or device that guides, warns, or regulates traffic.

Please note that only one child needs to be present for a violation to occur. However, a child need not be present if the school crossing guard is present and is within the crosswalk or is present even if no crosswalk exists on the roadway. Crosswalk only applies to the roadway; it does not include the sidewalk or curb. Therefore, if the crossing guard is just standing on the sidewalk with no children present, then a vehicle is not restricted to the 15 mph (unless some other law applies).

Also, there has been some confusion as to what "another location" includes. Although most, if not all crossing guards in Appleton, are stationed at intersections within a school zone, "another location" was added to cover areas where you have a school crossing that is not located at an intersection or an area that is not within a school zone but is used as a school crossing.



Does your child ride the school bus?

A handbook for rules and policies in regard to bus transportation has been developed by the Lamers Bus Company and the AASD. These will be distributed to bus riders during the first week of riding the bus and parents will be expected to return a signed sheet indicating they have read the information and discussed it with their child.

EDISON SCHOOL RULES

EDISON STUDENT CIVIL RIGHTS

- I have the right to be SAFE here. No one will hit me, kick me, punch me, or hurt me.
- I have right to be HAPPY here. No one will tease me, call me names, make fun of me or be mean to me because I am a boy or a girl, tall or short, Black or White, Asian, Native American, or Hispanic.
- I have the right to LEARN ABOUT MYSELF here. This means I will be free to express my opinions and my feelings.
- I have the right to be THE BEST PERSON I CAN BE here. This means I can ask questions and try different ways to improve myself.



EDISON STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- I have the responsibility to follow the Edison Civil Rights.
- I have the responsibility to help others follow the Edison Civil Rights.
- I have the responsibility to be a good example so that everyone who sees me will know I am proud to be a student at Edison Elementary School.



PLAYGROUND RULES

All students are to observe the following rules for safe play on Edison's playground:

- No tackling or grabbing others' clothing,
- No pushing or shoving,
- No fighting or swearing,
- Respect for supervisors is expected at all times,
- On the swings:
 - Sit on your bottom.
 - Don't swing from side to side.
 - No "duck unders".
 - Never jump out of a moving swing.



WINTER PLAYGROUND RULES

- No snowball throwing.
- No sliding on the ice.
- Protect snow sculptures and forts.



- Shake off all snow from clothing before coming in to school; stomp snow off boots.
- Put all winter clothing away in coat rack area neatly.

LUNCHROOM RULES

We feel it is important that students practice appropriate social interaction at lunch time. Students are encouraged to talk quietly with their peers at their table, remain seated and raise their hand if they need assistance. When the end of lunch bell rings (11:47 & 12:07) students are expected to be silent, finish their meal and line up when called. Students talking during this short silent time may lose a recess time.

Other rules include

- Hands and feet to oneself.
- No throwing of food or other objects.
- No sharing of food.
- Use quiet voices.
- Silence when instructed.

EDISON UNITES

Edison Unites is our character building program organized and planned by our School Climate Committee. Edison Unites focuses on school wide assemblies that focus on character and on school-wide initiatives such as hallway behaviors, politeness and accountability.

The Edison Unites Accountability Program includes the possibility of students being assigned a detention. There are three levels of infractions students can be given; Level 1 infractions are related to school rule violations, Level 2 infractions relate to student interaction and communication, Level 3 infractions deal with respect to peers and adults. Students given a three point infraction have an automatic detention.

If a student is given an infraction, an infraction slip is completed by a staff member. The child is expected to bring a duplicate copy home to be signed by an adult (this is an important communication expectation) and returned to school. Three point infractions are often accompanied by a phone call to the parents from the staff member issuing the infraction.

Detentions are intended to be short and to give the child an opportunity to focus on identifying and correcting their behavior. They are served at lunch recess time and students complete a "Think About It" sheet during the detention. The detention staff person then reviews the "Think About It" sheet with the child and offers guidance to the child.

- Primary Students serve detentions from 11:47 to 12:07
- Intermediate Students eat lunch at 11:27 and serve detentions at 11:47 to 12:07

APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ANIMALS IN SCHOOL POLICY

Appleton Area School District recognizes that animals have educational value in the school setting, but only under conditions that ensure the safety and well being of the students, staff, and the animal. **Prior approval must be received from the principal before any animals are brought into the school.** Animals in school shall be planned and approved in accordance with established procedures.



Resident animals will only be allowed in the building after an allergy information survey of staff and students who will be in contact with the resident animal is completed and indicates that there are no allergy concerns. From time to time, there is a request for an animal visitation to the school. The same guidelines as those considered when approving a resident animal will be taken into consideration when approving any animal visitation.

Animals that will not be allowed in the school building are as follows: poisonous animals, reptiles and amphibians, wild-dog hybrids, stray animals, baby chicks and ducks, and psittacine birds.

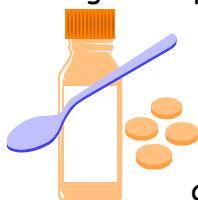
TOYS AND VALUABLES

In order to limit the risk of theft and to maintain a learning environment free of distraction, please keep toys, valuables, cell phones, and good jewelry at home. This includes trading cards, stuffed animals, stereo headsets, CD players, I-pod's, electronic games, etc. Your help with this is appreciated.



SELF MEDICATION - ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Although it is permitted and sometimes necessary for students to carry and administer their own medication, it is not recommended for elementary age students. If a parent/guardian wants their child to possess medication for self-administration, the parent/guardian should contact the school nurse to discuss this. Due to a change in state law and district policy, asthma inhalers and controlled substances (such as Ritalin, Adderall and Codeine) need parent/guardian and physician authorization in order to be self-administered. Authorization forms are available in the school office. Please contact our School Nurse if you have any questions.



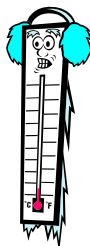
LOST AND FOUND

If your child is missing something, please check the lost and found bins located in the first and second floor stairway alcove. We will clean out the lost and found periodically and following Parent / Teacher conferences. Items that remain in the lost and found for an extended time are laundered and donated to the Health Room or local charitable organizations.



OUTSIDE/INSIDE RECESS

The Appleton Area School District follows the Federal Meteorological Service's wind chill chart in determining whether recess will be held outside or inside during the winter months. **When wind chills fall into the darkly shaded area, we will have inside recess.** Edison does have a weather station on the roof to measure temperature and wind speed.



New Wind Chill Chart

Wind (mph)

Calmm	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
40	36	34	32	30	29	28	28	27	26	26	25	25
35	31	27	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	19	18	17
30	25	21	19	17	16	15	14	13	12	12	11	10
25	19	15	13	11	9	8	7	6	5	4	4	3
20	13	9	6	4	3	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-3	-4
15	7	3	0	-2	-4	-5	-7	-8	-9	-10	-11	-11
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-40	-57	-66	-71	-74	-78	-80	-82	-84	-86	-88	-89	-91
-45	-63	-72	-77	-81	-84	-87	-89	-91	-93	-95	-97	-98

Temperature (°F)

Frostbite occurs in 15 minutes or less

Students are kept inside for recess when it is raining outside.

INCLEMENT WEATHER BEFORE SCHOOL

If the wind chill falls into the darkly shaded area of the chart or if it is raining, the students are directed to come in the building before school instead of playing on the playground. Signs are posted on the playground doors indicating if students should come "IN" or stay "OUT". If students are directed to come in:

- Students in **K, 1, 2, and 3** gather in the K-1 hallway, entering the building through the west playground doors.
- Students in **4, 5, and 6** gather in the gym hallway, entering the building through the east playground doors.

$$\text{Wind Chill (°F)} = 35.74 + 0.6215T - 35.75(V^{0.16}) + 0.4275T(V^{0.16})$$

Where, T = Air Temperature (°F)
V = Wind Speed (mph)

WINTER CLOTHING



As the weather gets colder, students should come to school dressed appropriately. For recess, students are expected to wear a winter coat, hat, and mittens or gloves. To play in the snow, students should wear boots and snow pants. Please label all winter clothing clearly with your child's name.

PHONE - ALERT SYSTEM

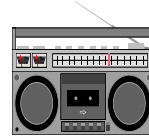
Edison will be using an automated phone call system "Phone - Alert" that allows us to call all Edison Families with messages and announcements. From time to time a recorded message will be sent informing you of upcoming important events or special announcements. Our primary communication tool will continue to be our website (<http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/edison/>) & mailgrams but the "phone - alert" system is a timely tool to quickly contact all Edison families with the same message.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In cases of bad weather, dangerous road conditions, or other school emergencies, school closings, delays, or early dismissals will be announced.

The Appleton Area School District uses the following TV and radio stations to inform families of such schedule changes as quickly and widely as possible:

1150 AM	105.7 FM	WHBY/WAPL
1280 AM	96.9 FM	WNAM/WUSW
1490 AM	103.9 FM	WOSH/WVBO
1050 AM	91.9 FM	WSGC/WEMI
1360 AM	101.1 FM	WGEE/WIXX
	93.5 FM	WOZZ
	94.3 FM	WROE
	107.1 FM	KFIZ/CNN
CHANNEL 2	CABLE CHANNEL 3	WBAY - TV
CHANNEL 5	CABLE CHANNEL 6	WFRV - TV
CHANNEL 11	CABLE CHANNEL 12	WLUK - TV



Please avoid calling district or school offices during such emergency situations. This seriously disrupts our phone lines and makes it difficult to make vital outgoing calls.

EARLY DISMISSALS

In the event of severe winter weather, Appleton Schools may close early. The announcement of an early dismissal will be aired on the radio and television stations listed above. Parent/guardians need to complete an "Early Dismissal Plan" form. The plan will indicate contact people and procedures your child should follow. Edison Staff will follow the plan in the event of early dismissal.



BIKE RIDERS

If your child will be riding a bike to school, please send a bike lock with them to use. Bike racks are located on the Eldorado Court Circle sidewalk area. Students should walk their bikes on school grounds. Students are encouraged to wear bike helmets when on their bikes.



SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS & ROLLERBLADES

Students are encouraged to use the healthiest means possible to get to and from school each day. For many that means riding a scooter, skate board or rollerblades. Students should wear helmets and please remind students to refrain from riding there scooter, skate boards and other rolling devices on school grounds.

EDISON COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES

GOLDENROD POLICY

The Edison School staff recognizes how difficult it is to keep track of all the papers that come home from school, church, scouts, sport teams, and numerous other activities in which children participate. We have an aid that we hope will be helpful to families. **All papers coming home with an Edison child that needs to be returned to school will be printed on goldenrod colored paper.** It is bright, bold gold, so it is hard to miss.

While it is impossible to list all examples of what will be printed on goldenrod, a few of the most common are field trip permission slips, requests for volunteer assistance, and other similar situations. The goldenrod color is an **ALERT** to you, that a response is expected or needed. So be on the lookout for these goldenrod sheets.

MAILGRAM THURSDAY

The Mailgram will contain notices, permission forms and other information on school activities. While each family should be checking their children's backpacks every evening, it is especially essential that they be checked on Thursdays.



While Mailgram Thursday is the rule of thumb, it may be necessary, due to deadlines and timeliness, to send some items home on another day. We will, however, make every attempt to stick to the Thursday "take home".

FAMILY MESSENGER

In an effort to conserve paper, one all-school note or message will be distributed per family. The family "messenger" will be the family's youngest child at Edison.

EDISON FAMILY NEWSLETTER

The Edison Family Newsletter is one means of communication between the school and home. The Newsletter will be published every other Thursday. The Newsletter will be available on the Edison Website (<http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/edison/>). If you request a paper copy, it will be sent home with the youngest child in the family. The deadline for submitting items is the Tuesday prior to publication. Look for PTA news inside.

PARENT/GUARDIAN Meet and Greet

We are having a "Meet and Greet Night" on August 31st this year. We hope the "Meet and Greet Night" will allow families the chance to visit with their child's teacher and let the students have a chance to see their new classrooms before the first day of school. "Meet and Greet Night", Tuesday, August 31st from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.



PARENT/GUARDIAN/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES

These conferences, held twice a year, are designed so that specific suggestions and questions about the individual student can be explored. Appointment sheets, starting times, and dates are sent home before each conference. The fall conferences are scheduled at Edison for Monday, October 19 from 5:00p.m. to 7:30p.m., Thursday, October 21 from 5:00p.m. to 7:30p.m. and Monday, October 25 from 4:00p.m. to 6:30p.m. The spring conferences are scheduled at Edison for Tuesday, March 15 from 5:00p.m. to 7:30p.m., Thursday, March 17 from 5:00p.m. to 7:30p.m. and Monday, March 21 from 4:00p.m. to 6:30p.m.



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PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports will be sent home in student Mailgrams in late January and early June. Distribution dates will be published in the Edison Family Newsletter

PARENT/COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES UNITED FOR READING SUCCESS (UFRS)

UFRS is a first grade tutorial program that focuses on increasing students' reading achievement. The main goal is to bring students to grade level in reading by the end of the school year. Community volunteers are recruited and receive extensive training. The program runs from October to May with students receiving over 70 hours of one-on-one instruction from the volunteer tutors. The strategies used by the tutors reinforce the first grade reading program.



LAWRENCE ASSISTANCE REACHES YOUTH (LARY)

Lawrence University students volunteer their time to mentor Edison students who have been recommended for this wonderful mentorship program. Lawrence students are available to meet with Edison students for about an hour each week at school and also, with parent/guardian permission, outside of school.



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

The Edison Parent Teacher Association seeks to promote and advance the educational programs and purposes of Edison School. The PTA provides support and funding for a wide variety of curricular and co-curricular activities and projects.



Edison parent/guardians and teachers are encouraged to join the Edison PTA by completing the membership form, which was distributed at Registration. Membership fees for the 2010-2011 school year are \$7.50 per person and \$14 per couple.

PTA / LUNCH DAD'S

The Edison PTA established a wonderful way for fathers to be involved in their child's school day. It is called "Lunch Dad's". "Lunch Dad's" allows fathers to come to Edison during their child's / children's lunch hour, to eat lunch and to play at lunch recess with them. The children love it and it is very flexible for the Dad's! Please look for announcements for "Lunch Dad's" participation.

READING WITH ADULT PARTNERS (RAP)

This program encourages independent reading at home as well as partners adult volunteers with children for a variety of reading adventures in school. If you are interested in being a RAP reader, please contact Edison's Reading Specialist, Mary Powell.



PARENT/GUARDIAN INVOLVEMENT

Parent/guardians are invited to become involved in the education of their children at Edison School. There are many opportunities for parental involvement such as volunteering in the classroom, attending Parent-Teacher Conferences and other special programs, chaperoning field trips, and by becoming a member of the Edison PTA. We have a form that you can indicate your interest areas for volunteering. Edison is certainly a better school with all parent/guardians involved!



EDISON PROGRAMS

EDUCATION FOR HEALTHY KIDS

Edison is the only five time winner of the Governor's School Health Award in the state of Wisconsin (new category - platinum, three gold, and one silver). Our Education for Healthy Kids Committee (EHK) is composed of teachers and parents. They attend a day and a half workshop each August to learn about children's health concerns. They also develop a plan for our school to implement in the upcoming school year. If you have an interest in Healthy Kids please become an EHK volunteer.

CLASSROOM BUDDIES

This program matches new students with a "Buddy" from their classroom. Buddies help students who are new to Edison, make a smooth transition into their new school. A Classroom Buddy is also available for other students who may need a "buddy" during the school year. The students who are chosen to be Classroom Buddies in each room have a genuine interest in helping others.



PRIMARY LUNCH HELPERS

This program matches 5th and 6th grade students with a K, 1st, or 2nd grade classroom to assist students in the lunchroom, in the transition to recess, and on the playground. The 5th or 6th graders are nominated by their classroom teacher for this opportunity.



GEOGRAPHY BEE

Edison students in grades 4, 5, and 6 will have the opportunity to compete in the Edison School Geography Bee in December.

SPELLING BEE

Edison students in grades 4, 5, and 6 will have the opportunity to compete in the Edison School Spelling Bee in January. Those who qualify will represent Edison School at the Roosevelt Middle School Bee and, possibly, other regional, state, and national spelling competitions.



INTRAMURALS



This program is for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students and involves participation in sport and non-sport-related large group activities. Intramurals consist of a morning walking/running club and an after school intramural activities from September to March. Intramurals will be held on Tuesday morning from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. and after school on Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. More information will be sent home with 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students the first week of school.

PEER MEDIATION

Peer Mediation is used when two students are having difficulty solving a problem on their own, and they request to be mediated by two trained Peer Mediators. Fifth and sixth grade Peer Mediators are trained to help the students who are having a problem, come to a mutual agreement to solve their problem in a peaceful manner.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 who choose to participate in the "Battle of the Books" will form teams, read from a list of 20 titles of chapter books, picture books, and nonfiction books. They will then prepare for a competition that will be held in February to answer the most questions correctly about these books.

The top team from Edison will have the opportunity to compete with "Battle of the Books" teams from across the state.

SAFETY PATROL

Students in grades 5 and 6 can be a part of the Safety Patrol program. Students sign up in September and participate as a Safety Patrol member for the entire



school year. Each student patrols and assists as a crossing guard on the corner of Meade and Franklin Streets. Safety Patrol members also assist in the lunchroom and hallways during the lunch hour.



FIELD DAY

Field Day will be held at Edison in the spring from 9:00 am till 3:00 pm. For Field Day, students participate in a dozen or more different outdoor activity stations on the playground under the direction of staff members and volunteers. Parent Volunteers are needed to help with Field Day. Information will be sent home closer to the date. Field Day is sponsored by the Edison PTA.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART/HOOPS FOR HEART

Students in grade 4, 5, and 6 have the opportunity to participate in Jump Rope for Heart in February and Hoops for Heart (grade 6 only) in March to raise funds for the American Heart Association. These programs are coordinated by the Edison physical education teacher.

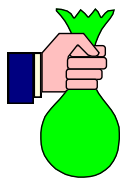


PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

- **2010 - 2011 PTA Board Members**

Amy Flom, Co-President	832-1352
Jackie Gonzalez, Co-President	738-9868
Shannon Keller, Co-Vice President	730-8162
Kristy Schomisch, Co-Vice President	996-0978
Jennifer Lace, Treasurer	830-4035
Courtney Lace-Thompson, Secretary	830-6447

- **PTA Fund Raisers**



PTA Fund Raiser: The PTA fundraiser will be a "Knowledge-A-Thon" held early in 2011 - date to be determined. Knowledge-A-Thon raises money by having students get pledges and answer questions. The PTA will need adult volunteers to help. Look for more information in the upcoming school newsletter issues.

Target "Take Charge of Education" Visa Card: When you register for a Visa card at Target, designate Edison School as your "Take Charge of Education" recipient. One percent of credit card purchases at Target and 0.5 percent of all other credit card purchases will be donated to Edison School.

Education Express Gas: Every time you buy gas at any Express Convenience Center, U.S. Oil will donate 2 cents per gallon to the school. Receipt collection envelopes are available in the school office.

Box Tops for Education: We will again participate in this Box Tops fundraiser. Please cut out the Box Tops for Education coupon located on the box top on any General Mills product and send it to school. We will receive 10¢ for every box top and a \$50 bonus for every 750 box tops collected. Please place box tops in the collection box located outside the office or send

the box tops to school with your child.

Schwann's Home Delivery: Schwann's is a home delivery service that brings first quality prepared frozen foods right to your door. In an effort to help our school, Schwann's will donate a percentage of all sales to Edison. Please talk to your delivery person for details on getting signed up.



• PTA Programs



Classroom Representative: Each classroom has a representative who is responsible for coordinating volunteers for various activities.

Athletic Recreation Coordinator: The Coordinator dispenses information about the Appleton Park and Recreation Department activities, recruits coaches, and sets up teams for various sports. Please contact Appleton Park and Recreation Department if you are interested in coaching.

Directory: PTA volunteers work with the school secretary in putting together the information for the Edison School Directory. This Directory lists student names, parent/guardian names, and phone numbers by classroom.



Doughnuts for Dad/Muffins for Mom: Come in with your child and share donuts/muffins before school begins. Dates are set in advance and parent/guardians will be notified of those dates in the Edison Family Newsletter.

Membership: A PTA volunteer heads up the membership drive throughout the school year. This person works closely with the PTA Treasurer.

PTA Bulletin Board: Edison families will be kept up to date about PTA business through postings on the PTA Bulletin Board located around the corner from the front display case, outside of the staff lounge.

Picture Day: Edison students will have their pictures taken on September 14th (Make-up Day - October 12). This event is sponsored by the City-Wide PTA.

Programs/Lyceums: These special enrichment programs, usually an hour in length, are presented during the school day for the entire student body. The programs are drawn from a wide range of areas - folk music, ballet, science, opera, just to name a few.

School Tool Box Program: Parent/guardians are offered the opportunity to purchase their child's school supplies through this program. Order forms are distributed in the spring and the Supply Boxes are picked up at Registration.

School Shirts: A volunteer coordinates the sale of sweatshirts and T-shirts with the Edison logo. Watch for flyers!

Staff Appreciation Week: Volunteers plan and implement various fun activities for the teachers during this week in May.

Sunshine Fund: Cards are given to staff for various life events, such as babies, marriage, hospitalizations, family deaths, etc.

Teacher Conference Dinners: Volunteers are needed to prepare dinner for our teachers before the long conference evenings.





PICTURE DAY

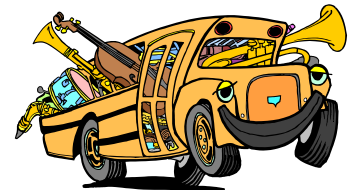
Picture Day will be **Tuesday, September 14, 2010**. Picture Retake day will be held on Tuesday, October 12. **Information about how to order picture packages will be sent home in the first Thursday Mailgram.**

SCHOOL YEARBOOK

School yearbooks will again be offered for sale this year. Students will have the opportunity to get their yearbook signed by Edison students and staff during an all-school yearbook signing in June. Please thank a PTA member for this wonderful service to our community.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are routinely scheduled to enrich classroom studies. A parent/guardian consent form is sent home on goldenrod paper prior to each trip. A fee may be requested from each student to help defray transportation or admission costs. **Due to supervision and insurance reasons, younger siblings are not allowed to attend field trips when a parent/guardian chaperones the trip. Parents wishing to chaperone' need to have a current background check on file (needed every three years).**



YMCA SCHOOL AGE CARE



YMCA School Age Care offers children 5-12 years old the opportunity to enjoy their out-of-school hours by providing them with fun age-appropriate activities that will enhance their creativity and build their self-esteem. The program, which is based at Edison School, is available from school dismissal (3:16 P.M.) until 6:00 P.M. For more information, please call the YMCA Child Care Registrar's Office at 954-7641 for registration information.

2010-2011 DATES TO REMEMBER

August 4, 2010	2:00 - 6:00 p.m.	2010-11 Registration
August 6, 2010	9:00 - 1:00 p.m.	2010-11 Registration
August 10, 2010	11:00 - 3:00 p.m.	2010-11 Registration
August 31, 2010	4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Meet & Greet Open House
September 1, 2010	8:27 a.m.	First day of school
September 6, 2010		No School - Labor Day
September 14, 2010		Picture Day
October 12, 2010		Picture Re-Take Day
October 19, 2010	5:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Parent Teacher Conference
October 21, 2010	5:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Parent Teacher Conference
October 22, 2010		No School PM/Staff Development
October 25, 2010	4:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Parent Teacher Conference

October 27, 2010		No School PM
October 28 & 29, 2010		No School
November 24, 2010		No School PM
November 25 & 26 2010		No School Thanksgiving Break
December 23, 2010		No School PM
December 24 - 31, 2010		No School Winter Break
January 3, 2011	8:27 a.m.	Classes Resume
March 15, 2011	5:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Parent Teacher Conference
March 17, 2011	5:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Parent Teacher Conferences
March 18, 2011		No School PM
March 21, 2011	4:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Parent Teacher Conference
March 25, 2011		No School PM
March 28 - April 1, 2011		No School Spring Break
April 4, 2011	8:27 a.m.	Classes Resume
April 22, 2011		No School
April 25, 2011		No School Staff Development
May 20, 2011		No school PM
May 27, 2011		No School PM
May 30, 2011		No School Memorial Day
June 3, 2011		Last Day of School - 9:50 a.m. dismissal