



Edison News Letter

MRS. BETSY PORTER PRINCIPAL

JANUARY 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1/3 Back to School
- 1/12 2nd Quarter Ends
- 1/13 No School—
Semester
Planning Day
- 1/16 No School—
Martin Luther
King Day
- 1/26 Family Night

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Edison Families and Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a wonderful break and enjoyed your Holidays. We are excited for the start of the new year.

Please be sure your students are dressed appropriately for the winter weather. If your child is in need of a winter coat, hat, or gloves you can contact the school and we will be happy to assist you. We are so fortunate to have local businesses donate these items for our students.

Fourth grade girls and boys basketball will start practicing this month. We look forward to the tournament that will be held on February 18th.

Please mark your calendar for Family Council / Family Reading Night. This will be on Thursday January 6th. Family Council begins at 5:00 and Family Reading Night is 5:30-6:30.

Mrs. Porter, Principal
217-444-3351

A Note From The Nurse...

It is officially Flu season

Helpful tips to help prevent the spread of influenza this season:

Wash your hands with soap and water often and for at least 20 seconds.

Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.

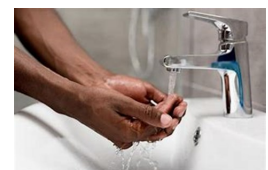
If you become sick, stay home to prevent the spread of infection. Common flu symptoms are:

Fever, Headache, Fatigue, Chills or muscle pain, Cough, Sore throat

If your child does become ill with the flu, please follow your physician's instructions on when it is safe to return to school. Students must be 24 hours free of fever without medicine.

Edison Nurses Office

217-444-3384



Pre– K News:

Welcome Back! We hope that you and your child had a wonderful holiday, but now it is back to work. This month in January your child will be working on jolly phonics letters: e, h and p. Please work with your child every day, review letters and letter sounds, play rhyming games, play counting games, and even write together. Please make sure to send hats, gloves and an extra change of clothes to school. Our unit of study will be Clothing, along with Winter and MLK Day. We will be working on kindness toward others using our Second Step social skills early learning.

Mrs. Bateman, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Smith



Kindergarten

Welcome back to school in 2023! Kindergarten will be working on identifying letters l, h, k, v, w, y, x, z, and q and their sounds. At the end of January, we will have learned all the letters of the alphabet. We will begin working on blending words and reading three-sound short vowel words. In Math, we will continue to work on comparison of length, weight, capacity and numbers to 10. Please continue practicing counting to 100 by 1's and 10's. Please remember to send a warm coat and hat/gloves with your child, as we will go out for recess when the temperature allows. Also, if your child can't fasten their coat, please have them practice this independently. Mrs. Lenstra, from the Hope Center, will begin new curriculum this week. She will focus on Random Acts of Kindness and showing others Respect. The lessons Mrs. Lenstra brings to our classroom are always of so much value and such a good reminder on how to treat others and how we handle our emotions. To finish out the month of January, we will have a visit from Miss Janet from the U of I extension office to teach us a lesson on nutrition and exercise.

Mrs. Tutwiler, Mrs. Houpt

First Grade

Happy New Year! Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Strawser are so happy to be back in the classroom and to see our students! This month, we are really kicking things into high gear. Students need to be able to read 66 words per minute before second grade and add and subtract within 20. Testing and report cards are right around the corner. Please make sure your student is practicing their "trick" words a.k.a. sight words at home each night! This month's focus is Acts of Kindness. First grade will be talking about different ways they can demonstrate kindness to others. Please encourage your child to talk to you about how they have shown or will show acts of kindness at school! Google Classroom, Google Meets, and Class Dojo are available incase we have any weather related days off of school and please make sure your child is wearing a coat, gloves, and hat to school. We will have outdoor recess time as long as the temperature is 32 degrees or higher. Thank you for your continued efforts at home! Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Strawser hope everyone has a wonderful 2023!

Mrs. Strawser, Mrs. Wagner

Second Grade

Welcome Back! We hope everyone enjoyed the winter break and spent some time reading. Parents we need you to continue quizzing your child on addition and subtraction facts through twenty. In math, we will continue Module 4 which is adding and subtracting within 200 and word problems within 100. In reading, students will read and compare selections from around the world to analyze how literature can provide insight into different cultures. Parents continue to look at the agenda book and to look in your child's book bag for homework that needs to be completed each day. Please review with your child about appropriate behavior at bus stops, on the bus, and behavior here at school...let's do our best in the New Year! Brrr....Be sure your child wears their winter coat, hat, and gloves every day.

Mrs. Waterman and Mrs. Holycross



Third Grade

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed your break. In reading we are beginning to learn about important inventions throughout the years. Ask your child to tell you about how the phone has changed since the 1880's. In math we are still working on strategies to solve multiplication and division problems. We will also be working on how to apply multiplication to finding the area of shapes. Please have your child practice their multiplication facts at home. Please talk to your child about the importance of following the expectations at school. Our expectations are to be kind, be responsible and be safe. It is important that every student follows these in order to create the best learning environment for all.

Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Lewis

Fourth Grade

Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had a restful break. Let us hope 2023 is a great year for everyone. In Math we are working on geometry. We will be learning about The Middle Ages and King Arthur in Reading. Please practice reading and check agendas and homework every night.

Stay Healthy!

Mr. Rogers Mrs. R. Moore



A Note from the School Social Worker

As part of the new year, I would like to touch on the role of a school social worker & tips about when to reach out to me. School social workers have a widely varied job but in this district, social workers generally serve on the school's special education team and provide services to special education students, work on a "problem-solving" team to help with behavior or academic concerns, provide counseling, facilitate small groups, work on attendance & truancy, teach occasional lessons to whole classrooms, help provide assistance to families in need, and more.

Your student may come see me for Friday Food Bags, behavior issues, dealing with their emotions, or for a small group to work on things like friendship skills. This is not a bad thing or a punishment. It is my goal to make sure your student is as successful as possible. I will always contact parents if I have a serious concern and I send home permission slip forms for parents to sign if students will be seeing me long-term.

When should you contact me?

- You have serious concerns about your child's behavior or emotional well-being
- Your child sees me for services & you would like an update on their performance
- There is a big life change for your child (like a death in the family)
- You have questions about special education...or anything else I may be able to help with!

Mrs. Katie Brewer, LCSW

Music News

Music class is starting off strong this semester with a review of beats and rhythms in January. Once each class has developed the capacity to follow and keep beats, and to add diverse rhythms on top of them, they'll be introduced to appropriate percussion instruments that add great sounds to songs. Mr. Thompson has also been approved to provide music lessons after school to students who are interested in learning piano, guitar, or singing. For those students interested, a form will be sent home to be filled out by a parent or guardian and returned to him. Please note that transportation for students participating in after-school music lessons will not be provided.

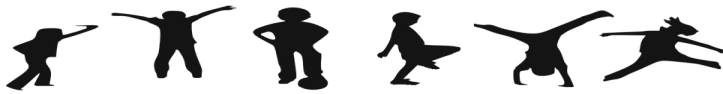
Mr. Thompson

Physical Education

I hope everyone had a great winter break! I have loved getting to know all the students at Edison Elementary this first half of the school year, I can't believe how fast it went. For the next couple weeks we are going to jump into a couple sports units. We are starting with volleyball!! We will focus on volleying skills with K-1 and playing modified volleyball games in 2nd-4th grades. After our volleyball unit we will move into

basketball, bowling, and jump rope units. Just a reminder that students will still need athletic shoes for PE days during the colder months and snowy days.

Go lifelong movers!! Ms. Malinowski



Greetings from the Edison Speech Room!

Happy New Year from the speech room! We are starting the month of January with a quick review of our sounds and language skills so that we can really push toward meeting our goals before the end of the year! One area that is helpful for all students is to focus on listening skills. We often use the words hearing and listening interchangeably, however, there is a big difference between the two words. Hearing is a sense, it is the process or function of perceiving sound. Listening is a learned skill. To listen you must pay attention to a message in order to hear it, understand it and respond to it. Listening is one of the most important skills a student needs to be successful in school. If a child is having difficulty with listening skills it can be very difficult and frustrating for them in the classroom. A large portion of classroom instruction is auditory, which means that students need to have good listening skills in order to keep up. Students who have difficulty paying attention may miss important information. Students who have difficulty remembering more than one or two directions may not be able to follow along and keep up with the class. Students also need good listening skills in order to improve their vocabulary. If you have concerns about your students' listening skills please feel free to contact me to discuss ways we may be able to help improve those skills.

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