



# The Journey for Excellence Continues

## Edison Junior High School Newsletter



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### Important Calendar

#### Dates

##### Monday, March 3

Through Friday, March 14—**ISAT Tests**

##### Tuesday, March 4

Scholastic Bowl VS Tremont—Home

8th Grade Regional Volleyball—Home

##### Wednesday, March 5

8th Grade Regional Volleyball—  
Home

##### Saturday, March 8

Band Solo and Ensemble Contest @ ICC

##### Sunday, March 9

Daylight Saving Time Begins—Spring Forward!!

##### Thursday, March 13

Report Cards

Scholastic Bowl @ Washington Central

##### Tuesday, March 18

Scholastic Bowl VS South Pekin—Home

Jr. High Band Festival @ PCHS

##### Thursday, March 20

Talent Show—Afternoon

##### Friday, March 21

**NO SCHOOL—BEGIN SPRING BREAK**



### TEAM Edison

TEAM Edison made Valentine door hangers that were delivered to the Pekin residents who receive their lunches from Meals on Wheels. We will try to make something each month that can be delivered to them.

Thanks to all the Edison students, we made approximately \$145 from the sale of "Kisses from Cupid."

The Edison Talent Show will be held Thursday afternoon, March 20. Tryouts will be held after school on Tuesday, March 11. Several acts will be selected for the talent show which will be held at the Panther Partner's meeting the evening of April 17.

Thanks to Mrs. Thompson, the Pep Assembly for the volleyball team was a great success. Team Edison thanks Mrs. Thompson for her organization as well as the staff members who participated in the volleyball games against the volleyball teams. Volleyball players would like to thank all the students who came to the game that evening when they played the Broadmoor Bruins.

**Spirit Week** will be March 17 through March 20. **Monday** will be St. Patrick's day, so the color of the day will be GREEN. **Tuesday** will be Pajama Day - students are reminded that the school dress code applies on that day and anyone dressed inappropriately will be required to change.

**Wednesday** will be Crazy Day - wear your craziest clothes or hat and fix your hair in the craziest hair style! **Thursday** will be Edison School Spirit Day - wear anything red, black, or white.

Team Edison is also planning a spring dance. The date will be April 25, hopefully with a luau theme.

**Mark your calendar!!**



### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Ceremony



The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28 at 8:00 p.m. (If we have further snow days, this date will change) Parents of graduates will receive an invitation and **two** tickets.

***This ceremony is limited to parents only.***

If an 8<sup>th</sup> grader has stepparents, additional tickets may be requested in writing. Further information will be available at a later date.

### Tazewell County Health Department News



Due to the extremely busy summer clinics TCHS is encouraging parents to get your children vaccinated this spring rather than waiting until summer. Beat the rush and avoid the long clinic lines by getting your child vaccinated now! Be sure to bring your child's current immunization record with you.

You may access the schedule of dates by visiting our website @:

<http://www.pekin.net/pekin108/schools/edison/index.shtml>

Or your child may ask for a copy in the Health Clerk Office.

## Panther Partners News

Our Next Panther Partners Parent's Night Out is scheduled for **April 17th** at 6:30 in the gym. A select group of Edison students will be performing the talent that was showcased at our Talent Show held on March 20th.



### **PARTNERS**

Our February I.S.A.T. preparation and testing evening was a true eye opener for the parents. Practice tests were taken on the computer to allow the parents the opportunity to participate in a practice test. We want to thank all parents and staff who made this evening such a wonderful success!

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### Box Tops and Campbell's Labels CONTEST

The results are in! **Congratulations to Ms. Edwards** class for collecting the most Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels!!!!



REMEMBER to continue sending the Tops and Labels with your children. We will continue collecting them throughout the school year!

*Please make sure that when you send the Campbell's Soup Labels that the UPC bar code is included with the point value.*

Thanks for your continued support in sending labels with your children!

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### Box Tops for Education

Congratulations! It's time to be proud and celebrate our school's success! Our school has earned the recognition for outstanding accomplishment in the Box Top Rewards program. We would like to thank all students, parents, educators and community members who made this possible. You have all made a difference in our school and the education of each child.

**The Race is On...**

**\$120.00 Box Tops in February!!!!**



**Box Tops for Education**

**Now is the time to begin collecting box tops. With everyone's help, we can**

**Earn Cash for Our School with Box Tops for Educations!**

It is truly easy! All we need is help from each family! Make a difference each time you go to the grocery store by purchasing your favorite General Mills brands. Clip and earn in three easy steps...

**1. Clip Box Tops**

Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite General Mills products found throughout your local grocery store.

**2. Send Box Tops to School**

Turn in your Box Tops to the office. They have volunteered to collect and count our Box Tops.

**3. Our School Earns Cash**

Twice a year, General Mills will send our school a check worth 10 cents for each Box Top redeemed.

**Make a difference for Our School every time you buy groceries by looking for Box Tops on hundreds of your favorite General Mills products such as:**

Pillsbury

Betty Crocker Cheerios

Fruit Roll-Ups Green Giant

Hamburger Helper

Totino's

Pop-Secret





## Dear Parents of Edison Students:

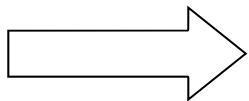
Edison School students now have an opportunity to buy a yearbook for the 2007-2008 school year. The yearbook will be a 32-page hardback book containing photos of all students and staff of Edison School, as well as photos of teams, clubs, special activities, student projects, classroom scenes, and candid shots all depicting what makes Edison School special.

The cost of the yearbook this year is \$13.00. Students must order and pay for their yearbooks at school any time from **March 4** through **March 14**. They will receive their yearbooks in May. If there are any books left over in May, students may buy them on a first come, first served basis, but the cost will be \$15 and there will not be very many extras for sale. To insure that a student will have a yearbook, he or she should bring \$13.00 to the homeroom teacher during our yearbook sale time. Please note that Edison did not take any orders or collect any money for these yearbooks last fall during registration or school picture time.

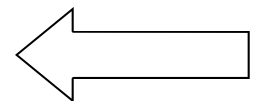
If you would like to buy a yearbook for your student but feel that it is financially difficult, please call or write a letter to our principal, Mr. Ealey, before the **March 14** order deadline. We do not want the cost to prevent an Edison student from receiving a yearbook. However, we do need to know exactly how many yearbooks to order, so make arrangements now.

We hope you and your entire family will enjoy Edison's yearbook.

Mrs. Huey



### ***WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!***



Panther Partners are looking for Mega Parent Helpers on **March 17, 2008**. Those students with perfect attendance during I.S.A.T. will be able to attend the "**Mega Event**" with their team. Volunteers will be needed during the hours of 8:00 am and Noon. If you can volunteer for even one hour, it would be appreciated! Please call the office @ 477-4732 for time availability!

### Sports Physicals



It's that time again! Sports Physicals will be offered (if no more snow days are used!) on May 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 pm, at Wilson Intermediate School. The fee for this one-time sports physical clinic will be \$5.00.

In the past, several opportunities for your child to get sports physicals occurred during the school year. Due to IESA rules, your child will now have to have a sports physical **before trying out** for that particular sport.

If you choose not to participate in this sports physical clinic, it is your responsibility to make other arrangements for your child to get this required sport physical before tryouts.

Look for additional information on our web site or by watching channel 20 for any updates!

Methodist in School Health Team

<http://www.pekin.net/pekin108/contribute/scox/index.html>



## Parents Corner: ISAT TESTING

Dear Parent,

In two weeks, Edison students will be taking the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT). ISAT provides us the opportunity to measure student progress and growth as well as drive our school's academic improvement process. You can play a vital role in the improvement process.



It is very important that your child attends all of the testing dates and performs their best on these tests. If at all possible please avoid setting appointments and/or picking up students during the testing session times and dates listed below. If your child has any appointments that will require them to miss a testing session then please notify the office in advance. This will minimize interruptions during test sessions and allow us to schedule a time for your child to make up any sessions he or she might miss during their absences.

Also, please make sure that they get plenty of rest on the nights before testing sessions and a good breakfast on test days. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and support in this matter.

Sincerely,

Leonard Ealey

Principal

Edison Junior High School



### ISAT Test Dates and Times

Tuesday, March 4- Friday,

March 7th: 8:30 am—11:15 am

Monday, March 10—Thursday,

March 13th: 8:30 am—11:15 am

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**A BIG THANK YOU** to all that have shopped at COUNTY MARKET! By using your Max Card from August - December 31<sup>st</sup>, Edison has received a Max Dollars Refund of **\$62.60**. We will receive one more Max Dollar Refund before the school year is complete. We will keep you posted!

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**Thanks to all** who sold Bergner's Community Day Booklets, especially Nancy Brennemann and Karen Pyatt, (who took time to sit at Bergner's), the Volleyball parents and teachers who **REALLY spiked** a profit!!! The Community Day Booklet Sales were \$1065.00!!!! Thanks to Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Curry for taking your time on Saturday, March 1 and selling booklets at the door!!!!



### F.Y.I.

Over Winter Break Edison received a NEW Lighting Upgrade! This Upgrade was provided through a grant which Pekin School District 108 was provided through the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation. Other schools that were upgraded where: C. B. Smith, L.E. Starke, Sunset and Willow. ***"Central Illinois Electrical Services has concluded that the electricity demand reduction from the C. B. Smith, L.E. Starke, Sunset and Willow Schools projects is 85kW. Schwarts Electric has concluded that the electricity demand reduction from the Edison School project is 53.3kW."***

On behalf of Edison Junior High School, we wish to thank the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation for their support of this project!



Principal, Mr. Ealey  
Vice Principal, Mr. Heisel  
Secretary, Mrs. Curry  
Clerk, Mrs. Pulfer



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## Eighth Grade Field Trip

This year's eighth grade field trip will be to Six Flags on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Starting Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> each eighth grade student will be given 10 points.

Each time a student has a behavioral problem they will lose points. If they lose the ten points between March 31<sup>st</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup> they will not be allowed to go on the trip. ***The cost of the Six Flags Trip will be approximately \$20.00 per student!***

The point values are:

- Room Detention            1 point
- Central Detention        2 points
- Office Referral            3 points
- ISS                            4 points
- OSS                          5 points

Out of school suspension of 5 or more days may result in exclusion from the trip. This decision will be made by school administrators.

Attendance issues will be handled on an individual basis.

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