



# PANTHER TRACKS



## EDISON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

#### Monday, March 1

7th Grade Volleyball Regional @ Edison

#### Tuesday, March 2

Scholastic Bowl @ Robein

7th Grade Volleyball Regional @ Edison

#### Thursday, March 4

Scholastic Bowl @ Central Intermediate

#### Tuesday, March 9

Scholastic Bowl @ Georgetowne

8th Grade Volleyball Regional @ Edison

#### Thursday, March 11

8th Grade Volleyball Regional @ Edison

Scholastic Bowl Vs South Pekin @ Edison

#### Friday, March 12

Band/Orchestra Solo & Ensemble Contest

#### Saturday, March 13

Band/Orchestra Solo & Ensemble Contest

#### Tuesday, March 16

Scholastic Bowl Vs Morton @ Edison

#### Thursday, March 18

Parent-Teacher Conferences—**NO SCHOOL**

8-11 am Noon-3 pm 5-8 pm

#### Friday, March 19

Teacher Improvement Day—**NO SCHOOL**

#### Tuesday, March 23

Scholastic Bowl Vs DeeMack @ Edison

Junior High Band Festival @ PCHS

#### Thursday, March 25

Scholastic Bowl Vs Midwest Central @ Edison

#### Friday, March 26

Dismiss @ 2:45 for Spring Break

#### Tuesday, April 6

Classes Resume @ 8:00 am



### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



We will once again be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the Learning Center. It will arrive on March 8<sup>th</sup> and leave on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to come browse the book fair before school or during your conference. Your support means that more books can be purchased for Edison and give your student a bigger selection to choose from.

### PARENTS CORNER

### ISAT TESTING



Dear Parent,

At the beginning of March, 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,

William Heisel

Principal

#### ISAT Test Dates and Times

Tuesday, March 3- Friday,

March 6th: 8:30 am—11:15 am

Monday, March 9—Thursday,

March 12th: 8:30 am—11:15 am



### FREE PRESCHOOL, INFANT AND TODDLER SCREENING

For children Birth-5 years old (who are not yet eligible for Kindergarten)

When: March 24, 25 and 26, 2010

Call: 477-4730 for an appointment now! Don't wait!

Screening presented by: Pekin School District #108



# Edison Junior High Honor Roll



## 7<sup>TH</sup> Honors

Krystalynn Alexander  
Alyssa Barton  
Jennifer Burress  
Abigail Carroll  
Austin Cash  
Derek Cooksey  
Caitlin Cornwell  
Caitlin Downey  
Kevin Helm  
Kyle Johnson  
Austin Lair  
Alex Look  
Kody Norris  
Jayza Riley  
Emily Roat  
Blaze Schramm  
Peyton Shreffler  
Alexandra Simmons  
Zachary Timian  
Chelsi Turner



## 8<sup>TH</sup> Honors

MacKenzie Adcock  
Matthew Arrowsmith  
Erynn Boe  
Blake Bussell  
Ariel Buttrum  
Morgan Chitwood  
Ashley Cox  
Natalie Dickson  
Ben Frantz  
Ashlynn Geary  
Ciara Harper  
Elaina Hartley  
Cole Henderson  
Levi Hendrix  
Anastasia McMullen  
Andrew Morris  
Shea Perry  
Montana Robards  
Devin Thousand  
Jerod Thousand  
Savannah Young



## 7<sup>TH</sup> High Honors

Ashley Antonini  
Isaac Arseneau  
Breonna Barney  
Maddison Barra  
Michael Bianchi  
Kiersten Brandau  
Lindsey Brooks  
Skyler Broomfield  
Zeandra Bush  
Drake Bushong  
Sara Conway  
Ericca Graves  
Aaron Grimm  
Jordan Hale  
Garrett Handegan  
Danny Haynes  
Nathan Hays  
Bradley Hazelwood  
Gabriel Hernandez  
Chance Homerin  
Isabella Janssen  
Austin Jenkins  
Brian Jess  
Austin Lang  
Adriana LaRosa  
Angelica LaRosa  
Ciara Lee  
Aaron Logan  
James Lowe  
Jenna Lowe  
Trenton Mason  
Catherine McMahan  
Rachel Morrow  
Michelle Munge  
Lucas Munter  
Bryc Myers  
Elizabeth Naven  
Marissa Oesch  
Jayce Parrish



Colton Penning  
Jack Peters  
Raymond Phillips  
John Pirelli  
Matthew Plack  
Shane Rhoades  
Jordan Ries  
Jenna Rittenhouse  
Annika Rockhill  
Alex Schwarz  
Melissa Sciortino  
Taylor Sellers  
Jared Snoble  
Destinee Southerland  
Marlea Thielbar  
Hannah Thomason  
Bailey Tindall  
Madison Vestal  
Stephen Watts  
Molly Whiting  
Ethan Williams  
Cory Willmon



## 8<sup>TH</sup> High Honors

Austin Adams  
Selena Ascencio  
Ericka Ash  
Christel Brewer  
Alyssa Carroll  
Charlene Caudill  
Kristopher Clark  
Haley Coffey  
Conner Cordts  
Nathan Craig  
Christopher Dalton  
Mallory Davis  
Alyssa Fabry  
Mitchell Filarski  
Jace Fletcher  
Loren Garber  
Brennan Glidewell



Boyd Harmon  
Sarah Hayes  
Bryce Hilst  
Alexandra Howdyshell  
Abigail Jordan  
Morgan Kennedy  
Robert Lange  
Lauren Lewis  
Isabel LyPayia  
Sam Malik  
Devon McClanahan  
Ian McClanahan  
Jenny McClanahan  
Braden Messmer  
Richard Moss, III  
Chase Poole  
Ashley Pribble  
Jacob Rahn  
Tyler Ramsey  
Zachary Rebholz  
Mitchell Sandlin  
Danielle Schubert  
Nathan See  
Natalie Stewart  
Brooke Svendsen  
Kendra Swisher  
Logan Welchman  
Feather Williams  
Sean Zwicky



## YEARBOOK SALE COMING IN MARCH



2010 Edison yearbooks will go on sale March 8. Students may bring \$15.00 to Edison any time from March 8 through March 22 to guarantee that they will receive a yearbook in May. Students may bring \$15 cash or a check made out to Edison. Please note that we did NOT take any orders or money for yearbooks in the fall. 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 raised to \$16.00.

The yearbook will be a 32-page hardback book containing photos of all students and staff at Edison School, as well as photos of teams, clubs, special activities, student projects, classroom scenes, and candid shots. Parents, 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. Heisel, before the March 22 deadline. We do not want the cost to prevent an Edison student from receiving a yearbook. However, we need to know by March 22 to make those arrangements.

We hope Edison students and their families enjoy the 2010 Edison yearbook.



## SPELLING BEE NEWS

The following students represented their Language Arts classes in the EJHS Spelling Bee:

### Team Wolf Pack

Bradley Hazelwood  
Garrett Handegan  
Josh Menne  
Zach Wyant  
Lindsey Brooks  
Eli Wood

### Team Zealous

Haylee Benassi  
Robby Lange  
Sam Malik  
Harmony Smith  
Blake Hutter

### Team Oranges

Olivia Bennett  
Anthony Brownfield  
Mitchell McCafferty  
Catherine McMahan  
Charlee Caudill  
Taylor Hasty

### Team Fantastic 4

Isabel LyPayia  
Austin Adams  
Zach Rebholz  
Kendra Swisher  
Alyssa Fabry  
Carter Bastean



All twenty-three spellers did a very good job!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the winners of the EJHS Spelling Bee!

1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner: *Isabel LyPayia*

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner: *Haylee Benassi*

*Isabel LyPayia and Haylee Benassi* represented EJHS in the District Spelling Bee.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Isabel LyPayia**, who won the District Spelling Bee!!!!

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Team Wolf Pack: *Austin Cash*

Team Zealous: *Derek Cooksey*

Team Oranges: *Natalie Barnd*

Team Fantastic 4: *Sean Zwicky*

## EDISON TRACK SEASON TO BEGIN AND SOON!

The first 2009-2010 Track Meet will be held April 10th, at the Pekin High School...

Students wishing to try out for track will need a *current sports physical* and a **C average** to participate.

More information will be coming home soon!

## PEKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

The Pekin Public Library has an upcoming event that might be of some interest to the Edison student body. A Teen Book Group will meet Thursday, March 8, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. The March selection will be *Mister Monday* by Garth Nix. The discussion will take place in the Library Community Room. Please register and pick up books at the Reference Desk.

For further times and dates of Teen Book Group and other teen activities, please visit the Pekin Public Library's website at: <http://www.pekinpubliclibrary.org>

## **EDISON CAN HELP PEKIN FAMILIES**

Edison has adopted the month of March to collect food for the **Pekin Union Mission**. The Pekin Union Mission's Food Bank services over 600 underprivileged families in the Pekin community area. Also with more and more families struggling in these trying times, the demand of our services are increasing. Due to the rapid increase of families needing our assistance, we are asking organizations within the community to help us with a month long canned food drive. The Pekin Union Mission will be reaching out to 12 organizations in the community in hope that for one month out of the year they will provide a canned food drive, in which all faculty and students will be able to contribute donations. We will provide all bins and do period pick-ups when bins are full.

The food bank is open every Tuesday and Friday from 9 am - 11:30 am. We allow one person per household to come in every two weeks. If any persons are needing our assistance they must have a drivers license and fill out the proper paperwork to receive food. If you have any further questions, please contact me at [309-346-0724](tel:309-346-0724) or [jenos5@hotmail.com](mailto:jenos5@hotmail.com).

Thank you,

Joshua Enos

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## **TALENT SHOW SPONSORED BY THE BUILDERS CLUB**

The Talent show is coming up! The Talent Show will be held on the afternoon of Thursday March 26th. Talent Show acts must audition during the first week of March at a time to be announced soon. Acts can be no longer than 5 minutes. Any entertaining talents are accepted. Lip sync acts will not be accepted. Any talented students or staff should start preparing for auditions!!!!

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## **EDISON HELPS HAITI**

Coach Thompson is taking donations for the Red Cross in Haiti to help take care of Haitians after the terrible disaster. A one dollar donation will get you a free bracelet or keychain. Bracelets and key chains were made by the jewelry making enrichment group. Let's show Haiti how much Edison cares. A special thank you goes out to Natalie Barnd who created over 100 bracelets for helping Haiti. **Natalie Barnd ROCKS!!!!**

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## **NEWS FROM MRS. HOFFMAN**

From the start of the school year, our school's Social Emotional Behavioral Committee has created a system that acknowledges students who exhibit positive behavior on a consistent basis. There was an assembly on February 9<sup>th</sup> to kick off the start of this system which is based around the ROCKS behavior expectations. To learn more please visit the Edison website to view our Rock'n Break video which was shown to students and explains the process.

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## **SKYWARD PARENT ACCESS COMING IN APRIL**

We are excited to announce that Skyward Parent Access will be available to the parent(s) of 7th & 8th grade students in April!

Parent Access is a secure Internet based website that will allow you to easily keep track of your student's grades, attendance, lunch accounts, fees and activities! Watch for more information on Parent Access in March!

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## **YOUNG AUTHORS DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

Congratulations to Isabel LyPayia, Taylor Sellers, Kendra Swisher and Catherine McMahn! Their books were selected as the Edison Junior High representatives for the Young Authors District Conference.

All other books submitted will be on display in the Learning Center.

Thank you to all who participated!!!

