



The Journey for Excellence Continues

Edison Junior High School Newsletter



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Important Calendar Dates

Thursday, November 1

Girls Basketball @ Bartonville Monroe-5:00

Thursday, November 6

Girls Basketball @ Broadmoor-4:00

Re-screening for Vision and Hearing

Fund Raiser Products delivered



Monday, November 10

Girls Basketball @ Washington Central-6:00

Boys Basketball—Canton @ Home—4:00

Tuesday, November 11

Veteran's Day—NO SCHOOL



Thursday, November 13

Girls Basketball—Hollis @ Home—4:00

Monday, November 17

Boys Basketball @ Chiddix—4:00

Girls Basketball—DeeMack @ Home—4:00

Picture Retakes

Tuesday, November 18

Girls Basketball— Washington Middle School @ Home-4:00

Boys Basketball @ Metamora -6:00

Wednesday, November 19

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 5-8 pm

Thursday, November 20

NO SCHOOL

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

12:00 noon-3:00pm & 5:00pm-8:00



Friday, November 21

No School

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 8-11 am

Saturday, November 22

#108 Boys Basketball Tournament—East Peoria

@ Home—9:00 am

Monday, November 24

#108 Boys Basketball Tournament—Morton

@ Home—4:00 pm

Tuesday, November 25

#108 Boys Basketball Tournament @ Broadmoor—6:30 pm

Reporting Student Absences

When reporting student absences to the office, please call 477-4732 press 1 at the prompt and leave the following information on our answering machine.

- Student's name
- Student's homeroom teacher and Team
- Reason for absence
- Name of person calling



Please remember it is necessary to call the school in case of an absence. Each day your child is absent we need a telephone call.

*We **NEED** to know your child is safe and with his or her parents. We also **NEED** to account for each child's absence. Please send a written note with your child when he/she returns from being absent from school. If the absence is more than three days a note from your Doctor is required.*



JUST A REMINDER!!!

School Picture Retake Day is:

November 17th



Important Calendar Dates Continued

Thursday, November 27

THANKSGIVING—NO SCHOOL

Friday, November 28

School Holiday—NO SCHOOL



Team Edison News

Congratulations to the following people who were elected to TEAM Edison for the 2008-2009 school year!

7th Graders:

Jozie Johnson
Isabel Lypayia
Drew Adam McElhaney
Brooke McKenzie
Marcus Neff
Ashley Pribble
Kendra Swisher
Savannah Young

8th Graders:

Sara Allen
Katie Barton
Abby Brennemann
Jaclyn Cakora
Brittany Calmes
Alyssa Cleaver
Tori Estes
Marissa Haley

8th Graders Cont.:

Alli Henricks
Mike Jarrin
Lauren Lugeanbeal
Dylan Lemons
Matt Neff
Cole Pyatt
Bailey Underwood
Jordan Williams

From the Desk of Mr. Heisel:

It is the start of another month at Edison and things are going well! This month I would like to update you on some of the exciting programs and events that are going on at Edison.

As you all know already the Extreme Makeover Home Edition crew came in during October. The school grounds at Edison were used as a staging area for equipment and supplies. Fourteenth Street was closed to traffic which could have caused major issues for our school. I want to thank all of the parents and students for your cooperation during this time. Very few issues came up as a result of the build and it is a credit to all of you that things went as smoothly as they did.

The second annual Panther Partners - Are You Smarter than a Junior High Student trivia night was held October 27th. It was a great night of fun for parents, staff and students! The group had such a good time that we will be planning another trivia night in the Spring. Congratulations to Dylan Lemons, Derek Rineburg, Jake Melissant, and Andrew Ogborn for their winning performance.

The Edison enrichment program was featured in an article in the Peoria Journal Star in October. The design of our enrichment program is a model for others to follow. We have had a number of visitors from other school districts that are looking to our system as a pattern for their own programs.

Congratulations to Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Powell, and Mrs. Maybanks for receiving the One Classroom at a Time grant from WHOI and CEFCU. The \$1000.00 award was given to these staff members to help fund the CPR and first aid class that they are teaching during enrichment. This class will certify all Edison students in CPR and first aid. In all over \$4,000.00 will need to be raised through donations and grant funds for this program. By the end of the year Pekin will have over 300 students that are able to assist members of the community who are in need of emergency help!

There are a number of important events coming up in November as well! Report cards are going out on Thursday, November 6. Student led conferences are coming up on November 19th, 20th and 21st. Please be looking for information from your child's teachers regarding conferences. There will be no school on November 11 for Veteran's day, November 20 and 21 for conferences, and November 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving break. Many extra-curricular events will also be going on in November. Please check the calendar in this newsletter for dates and times.

I want to remind everyone that Mr. Allen and I want to help with any questions or concerns you may have. Please feel absolutely free to contact us if you need anything. We look forward to seeing you at conferences in November!



Bill Heisel
Edison Principal



News from Team Extreme!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

October: Mike Jarrin



November: Savannah Young

News from Enrichment Elective Classes

From the world of Edison's Enrichment Classes, our first ever Rain Gutter Regatta and it was a HUGE success! The winners are:

1st Place: Zach Rebholz

2nd Place: Sam Malik

3rd Place: Kevin Haley



Parents of 8th graders - Mark Your Calendars

All eighth graders must take placement tests at Pekin High School. Edison School is scheduled to take the tests on January 17. Some schools will be taking their tests on January 10. If your child cannot take the test on January 17, **you** must call the high school and make arrangements for him/her to take it on the 10th.

Monday, February 2, Pekin High School is hosting a meeting for parents of 8th grade students. The meeting is at 7:00 p.m. in F.M. Peterson Theatre. This is your chance to learn about Pekin High School and get your questions answered.

Thursday, February 5, Pekin High School counselors will be here to discuss program offerings with all 8th graders. They will be given information packets to take home.

Monday, February 9, the counselors will return to schedule students for their classes for fall. Students must have the information from the packets completed and brought with them to school on that day.

If possible, when the packet comes home on Thursday, sit down with your child and complete the information. Have him/her bring it back the next day and keep it in his/her locker until it is needed on Monday morning.



Congratulations 2008-2009 Edison Singers!



Jenny McClanahan
Andrew Morris
Ashley Pribble
Kelsie Litz
Tiffany Lanhardt
Tiffany Preston
Charlee Caudill
Sarah Hayes
Taylor Hasty



Cora Bolds
Kiersten McClister
Mallory Davis
Alyssa Carroll
Heather McLain
Bethany Hayes
Blake Bussell
Breann Holeman
Montana Robards

Loryn Hostetler
Maddi Barnard
Kaylee Ray
Kayla Rockhill
Alexis Meints
Katie Barton
Brittany Phillips
Anna Evans
Emily Swain
Maryia Ellwanger

Brittany Sherwood
Brittiany Steck
Daelyn Ghelardini
Jordan Williams
Kayla Jakob
Kalie Sturch
Markay Beebe
Breanna Rusterholz
Tiffany Buchanan
Gwen McIntyre
Katie Justus

Kaithryn Beich FUNDRAISER PICK UP

Thurs. Nov 6th, 2008

2:30-5:30pm

Please plan to pick up fundraiser on Nov. 6th from 2:30-5:30pm. We will try to send home with your student as much as they can carry. If you know that their order is too much for your student to take on the bus or carry home, please come in and pick up.

Scholastic Book Fair

Dear Families,

Our Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for November 17th- 21st. We invite you to share in this celebration of books and reading. Not only does the Book Fair help raise funds to purchase essential classroom and library resources, it encourages reading among our students. Please encourage your student to come visit the Book Fair. We will be open during conferences, so please come browse the fair.

Mrs. Maloney

Learning Center



Box Tops for Education

The Race is On...

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!

Save those box tops!

450 Box Tops collected this year!!!



Campbell's Labels for Education

Thanks for continuing to send labels with your children! *Please make sure that when you send the labels that the UPC bar code is included with the point value.* This has changed over the past year!



Schnucks Sign- Up Form

Schnucks is started a program where Panther Partners will earn money back from the money you spend. If you need a card see Mrs. Thompson or pick one up at the Schnucks. Please fill in the form below and return to Mrs. Thompson, she will get you signed up.

Name: _____ Schnucks card #: _____

Address: _____ (please list all #'s on back of card)

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Thank you for your support!!!

Panther Partners Parents Club

A special thanks to all of the parents and staff members who came to the second Panther Partners Parent's Night Out! If you missed our "Are You Smarter Than a Junior High Student/Trivia" night, it will be back by popular demand in the Spring!

Panther Partners is in need of a few volunteers at the concession stand during the Girls and Boys basketball games. For more information, please contact the office @ 477-4732 or email Coach Thompson @ yvonne.thompson@pekin.net



Our Next Panther Partners Parent's Night Out is scheduled for **January 8** at 6:30. The topic will be revealed in the December Newsletter!

NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) who must provide transportation to and from school **because free transportation is not available for their children** may be eligible to receive money from the state to help offset some of the cost, for example, bus fares or mileage reimbursement for private automobiles at \$0.505 per mile.

If you can answer **yes** to the following questions for the 2008-09 school year, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for providing such transportation.

- 1) Will the pupil be under the age of 21 at the close of the school year?
- 2) Is the pupil a full-time student in grades kindergarten through 12?
- 3) Does the pupil either live 1 1/2 miles or more from school or live less than 1 1/2 miles from school but **must be transported** due to a serious safety hazard approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation? (See following paragraphs.)
- 4) Does the pupil attend a school within Illinois which meets Illinois compulsory attendance laws?
- 5) Did the parent/guardian incur transportation expenses resulting from transporting the pupil to and from school?
- 6) Did the pupil not have access to transportation to and from school provided entirely at public expense?
- 7) Did the parent/guardian reside within Illinois during the time period expenses were incurred?

If you answered yes to the above questions, lived in Illinois and wish to file a claim, you must go to the school where each of your children is enrolled by June 30, 2009, to submit claim information. You may provide claim information to appropriate school personnel at your child's attendance center until June 30, 2009.

In addition, parent(s)/guardian(s) who have pupils living **less than 1 1/2 miles** from the school attended must verify that a safety hazard due to vehicular traffic exists by completing an Application for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards. Parents can obtain a copy of the Application for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards from the Office of the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the county in which they reside **except** parents residing within the City of Chicago. Chicago residents can receive a copy of the Application for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards from the Illinois State Board of Education, Division of Funding and Disbursement Services, 100 North First Street, Springfield, IL 62777. All applications for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards must be received no later than February 1, 2009, at the office from which the application was requested. Example: ISBE (Chicago residents), ROE (Illinois residents other than those residing in Chicago). The Regional Superintendent of Schools is required to send the Application to the Illinois Department of Transportation within 15 days. The Illinois Department of Transportation reviews and approves or denies the application and returns it to the Regional Superintendent of Schools within 30 days. Upon receipt of the reviewed application, the Regional Superintendent of Schools will mail it to the parent/guardian who requested the safety hazard be verified. **If the safety hazard is approved, the parent/guardian must go to the school the pupil attends to submit claim information.** Parents who received verification of a safety hazard during and after the 2005-2006 school year, whose children attend the same school and live at the same address do not have to reapply for safety hazard verification.

Once all claim information is submitted at the school, it will be transmitted electronically to the Illinois State Board of Education. If your claim information is approved, you should receive a check directly from the state for the lesser of the cost of transporting your child/children or the average per pupil reimbursement paid to public schools for transporting regular education pupils. If insufficient funds are appropriated by the General Assembly, all claims will be prorated.

If you have any questions, please call or come to the school as soon as possible.

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



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Edison Junior High School
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Pekin, Illinois 61554

**Congratulations to the 2008-2009
7th and 8th Grade Basketball Teams**

7th Grade

Tyler Ramsey
Bryce Hilst
Sean Zwicky
Levi Hendrix
Matt McClanahan
Jace Fletcher
Cole Henderson
Tristan Jackson
Robby Lange
Steven Seidell
Chase Poole
Andrew Pyatt
Conner Cordts



8th Grade

Nathan Taphorn
Andrew Ogborn
CB Reid
Tyler Wolfe
Dylan Lemons
Derek Rineberg
Jake Melissant
Braden Schults
Cole Pyatt
Tyler Rhoades
Tony Henry
Tyler Sherwood
