



# The Journey for Excellence Continues

## Edison Junior High School Newsletter



April 2008

### Important Calendar Dates



#### Thursday, April 3

Scholastic Bowl—DeeMack @ Home  
Track Meet @ Canton—4:30

#### Saturday, April 5

Track Meet @ Pekin High—10:00

#### Monday, April 7

Track Meet @ East Peoria- East-  
side—4:30



#### Tuesday, April 8

Track Meet @ Washington High School—4:30  
Scholastic Bowl—Georgetowne @ Home  
Annual Fine Arts Fair 6:30-8:00 pm

#### Thursday, April 10

Scholastic Bowl-St. Joseph @ Home

#### Saturday, April 12

Track Meet @ Pekin High—10:00

#### Tuesday, April 15

Scholastic Bowl @ South Pekin

#### Wednesday, April 16

Band to "Wicked" in Chicago

#### Thursday, April 17

Scholastic Bowl-Tremont @ Home  
Track Meet @ Tremont—4:30  
Panther Partners Talent Show—6:30 pm



#### Friday, April 18

East Peoria Track Invitational—5:00

#### Monday, April 21

Track Meet @ Morton High School—4:00



#### Tuesday, April 22

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#### Friday, April 25

Spring Dance at Edison 3:00-4:30

#### Saturday, May 3

Celebrate 108 @ the Dragons Dome

#### Wednesday, May 28

8th Grade Recognition Ceremony—Main  
Gym @ 8:00 pm



### Edison Singers Spring Concert Calendar

#### Tuesday, April 8

Edison Annual Fine Arts Fair 6:30—8:00 pm in the Main Gym

#### Thursday, April 17

Panther Partners 6:30-6:50 pm in the Main Gym

#### Friday, April 18

Spring Field Trip to Schramm School , Washington Intermediate and  
McDonald's for lunch

#### Saturday, May 3

Celebrate 108 @ the Dragons Dome—11:00-11:30 am  
(hand out Choir Certificates!)

#### Wednesday, May 28

8th Grade Girls Ensemble—sing at the 8th Grade Graduation  
Ceremony



### ISBE Focused Monitoring Visit

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is holding a public forum on Tuesday, **April 8, 2008** from 6:00-7:00 P.M. in the Washington Intermediate School Auditorium. All parents of students receiving special education services and other interested community members are invited. The purpose of the public forum is to gather information and ideas from parents of students receiving special education service and from others about reading instruction and student learning in Pekin District 108. For more information, please contact the Special Education Office at [477-4770](tel:477-4770) or look for the notice posted on the District 108 website.

### 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.





### 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. **ALSO, ANY ADULT THAT WOULD LIKE TO PERFORM, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE!!!!**

Snacks and Drink will be provided.

### REMEMBER TO...

Pick up Cookie Fundraiser product on Thursday, May 1, 2008! Cookies will be sent home with the student - or - if order is too large, picked up at Edison from 3:00 - 5:00 pm!

### Box Tops and Campbell's 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!

### 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 March!!!!**

#### 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



## AUGUST REGISTRATION FOR 2008-2009

### WHEN AND HOW?

Monday, August 11, 2008

10:00 - 1:00

and

4:00 - 7:00

**WATCH FOR REGISTRATION MATERIALS IN JULY!** At the end of July, each school will mail registration forms and instructions to the parents of every student in grades K-7 expected to return for the next school year. Parents may complete the forms ahead of time and bring them to registration on August 11, 2008 or mail the forms, along with a check for the registration fee, to arrive on or before registration day.

**NOTE:** If you fail to register on August 11, 2008, registrations will be accepted in each school office on the dates and times listed below. Depending upon class sizes, registration after August 11, 2008 may affect your ability to enroll in your neighborhood school. **Except for those dates and times below, school offices will be closed to the public from August 12 through August 15, 2008.**

Wednesday, August 13, 2008: 1:00 - 4:00

Friday, August 15, 2008: 8:00 - 12:00

#### HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION:

State law requires Kindergartners and new students to provide immunization records, a doctor's physical exam, a dental exam and an eye exam dated no earlier than one year prior to registration.

State law requires 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students to provide a dental exam dated no earlier than one year prior to registration.

State law requires 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to provide immunization records, a doctor's physical exam and a dental exam dated no earlier than one year prior to registration.

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#### **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>



# Edison Junior High Honor Roll

## Third Nine

### 8th grade High Honors

Carmen Abney  
Sarah Bates  
Kayleigh Bruns  
Dalton Calvin  
Megan Campbell  
Maddison Carr  
Taylor Clark  
Kaitlyn Cleaver  
Summer Connett  
Ashlee Crawford  
Abigail DaWalt  
Matthew Denning  
Taylor Fitzanko  
Dona Garmann  
Allison Ginger  
Emanda Goldman-Dewitt  
Martina Harker  
Stephanie Harris  
Nikolet Haynes  
Duncan Holcomb  
Farrah Holt  
Victoria Howdyshell  
Austin Hyatt  
Emily Johnson  
Montana Jones  
Mario LaBanca  
Taylor Lamberson  
Williams Lypayia  
Lace Marsden  
Ryan Massey  
Daniel McKenzie  
Troy Mosiman  
Alexander Nievar  
Jerri O'Rourke  
Cassandra Philips  
Clinton Pyatt  
Michaela Quilty  
Trevor Reay  
Colin Reese  
Sara Rendina  
Kyle Rife



### 8th grade High Honors

Kelsi Rogers  
Breann Scheiner  
Stefanie Schrieber  
Tessa Schroeder  
Courtney Sellers  
Leah Jo Shelton  
Juliana Shirey-Coon  
Jacob Shreffler  
Abigail Steger  
Jaime Switzer  
Danielle Towne  
Carah Wallen  
Janelle Wamsley  
Nola Weatherhead  
Lindzey Wheeler  
Taylor Williams  
Emily Wymore



### 7th grade High Honors

Adrianna Alexander  
Sara Allen  
Lane Andrews  
Skylar Beasley  
Abby Brenneman  
Lyle Bright  
Tiffany Buchanan  
Jaclyn Cakora  
Mason Clemons  
Ryan Gerrietts  
Daelyn Ghelardini  
Kayla Golden  
Arianna Haines  
Emily Holcomb  
Loryn Hostetler  
Codey Keyster  
Dylan Lemons  
Tianna Lutz



### 7th grade High Honors

#### Continued:

Brandon Mabis  
Tyler McAllister  
Alexis Meints  
Jacob Melissant  
Ryan Nelson  
Christian Ohnemus  
Cole Pyatt  
Christopher Reid  
Deven Ries  
Derek Rineberg  
Garret Robbins  
Allie Runyon  
Cassidy Savage  
Brittany Sherwood  
Trent Spanos  
Dylan Stoehr  
Kalie Sturch  
Nathan Taphorn  
Renee Taylor  
Zachary Taylor  
Devon Teufel  
Miranda Williams

### 8th grade Honors

Samantha Bennett  
Anthony Carr  
Taylor Chitwood  
Emily Cooney  
Amber Dowding  
Elizabeth Green  
Anthony Henderson  
Layla Hinderliter  
Joshua Hittle  
Chase Hutter  
Lauren Jess  
Kansas Kleiber  
Jeffrey LaFary  
Shelby Lohnes  
Joshua McCloud  
Jade Parrish  
Jesse Stauffer  
Alyssa Stewart  
Dereka Stout  
Logan Winkler  
Adam Wissman



### 7th grade Honors

Christopher Braman  
Amanda Dickey  
David Dunn  
Marissa Eldert  
Anna Evans  
Alexis Grubb  
Shawn Kautz  
Gwendolyn McIntyre  
Kiara Meischner  
Isaac Milhime  
Andrew Ogborn  
Caleb Powell  
Kaylee Ray  
Braden Schultz  
Tyler Sherwood  
Jack Sperry  
Katie Squire  
Bailey Underwood  
Jordan Williams  
Zachary Wineburner  
Curtis Wolfe



**AWESOME!**

**FANTASTIC!**



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HIGH SCHOOL**  
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**Check-Out Pekin Community High School Courses through the Dragon Pride Event**

Pekin Community High School is inviting all Pekin Junior High, Intermediate, and Primary school students and parents to attend this year's Dragon Pride event. Dragon Pride is a recognition program that features student displays, projects, and performances from various courses throughout the high school. Eighth grade students and their parents are particularly encouraged to attend as this is a tremendous opportunity to attain a glimpse at the broad showcase of course offerings available at the high school.

Dragon Pride will be held on May 1, 2008 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM in the Hawkins Gym.

This is an open house event where those who attend can come and go as they please. However, there will be a short student award presentation at 7:40.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Huey at 347-4101.

## Counselor Corner

A big thank you to several Edison students who are volunteering their time to be peer tutors. During enrichment time, the tutors are matched up with another junior high student in order to help get work completed, help with organizational skills and help raise grades. We have seen much success this year as these students seek to support their fellow classmates.

The peer tutors include:

Sarah Bates

C.B. Reid

Mario LeBanca

Cassidy Savage

Daelyn Ghelardini

Tiffany Buchanan

Cassandra Philips

Lindsey Wheeler

Farrah Holt

Dakota Forbis

Dalton Calvin

Carah Wallen

Ryan Gerrietts

Abby Brennemann

Devon Teufel

Kendra Amick

Brittany Sherwood

Adam Wissman

Terri O'Rourke

Steven Rice

Danielle Towne

Jordan Abegg

Holly Connor

Kelsi Rogers

Lauren Jess



Thanks



### A Note from Miss. Hallam:

I would like to take a moment to focus on a very important word. That word is harassment. The very definition of the word is depressing: to worry someone by repeated attacks, to tire out, to trouble, to annoy continually, to badger. Oftentimes, we think our words are meaningless and without power. I often hear "oh, I was just joking," or "I didn't mean to hurt anybody" or "she/he does it all the time to me" or "everybody says stuff like that." Could you be the one that is different and refuses to attack someone with your words? Could you be the one that refuses to take sides in an argument? Could you be known as the one who builds people up instead of tearing them down? Could you be the one who stops a rumor by refusing to spread it? These are all difficult challenges for both students and adults. Can you imagine the positive difference that would overwhelm Edison if we as a school refused to attack with our words by harassment, by put-downs and by gossip and rumors? Could this start with you?



### The Snake that Poisons Everybody

It topples governments, wrecks marriages, ruins careers, destroys reputations, causes heartaches, nightmares, indigestion; produces suspicion, gives grief, causes innocent people to cry in their pillows. Even its name hisses. It's called gossip. Office gossip, shop gossip, party gossip, school gossip. It makes headlines and headaches. Before you repeat a story, ask yourself: Is it true? Is it fair? Is it necessary? Is it kind? If not, don't say a word.



## Congratulation to the 2008 Edison Track Team:

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Track Team

Sara Allen  
Emily Bozarth  
Brittany Calmes  
Alysa Carle  
Lexi Grubb  
Miranda Hobbs  
Kristen Julien  
Lauren Lugeanbeal  
Alexis Meints  
Kaylee Ray  
Brittany Sherwood  
Renee Taylor



### Boys Track Team

Jesse Emert  
Dan McKenzie  
Clint Pyatt  
Matt Denning  
Seth Henderson  
Jacob Shreffler  
Steven Rice  
Drew Tarrant  
Mike Jarrin  
Curtis Wolfe  
Cole Pyatt  
Dylan Lemons  
Josh Gordan  
Blake Stout  
Jack Sperry  
Darion Gossick  
Tyler Rhoades  
Tyler Wolfe  
Tyler Sherwood  
Deven Ries



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Kelsey Armstrong  
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Nola Weatherhead



**Coaches: Jerry Norman, Shelly Bitner, and Joe Viola**

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## Congratulations to the P.C.H.S. 2008-2009 Pom/Dance Team Members From Edison!!!!

Montana Jones



Abbey Steger

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

**APRIL SHOWERS  
BRING  
MAY FLOWERS...**

Pekin Public Schools District 108  
Edison Junior High School  
501 Washington Street  
Pekin, Illinois 61554

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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 \$15.00 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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