



PANTHER TRACKS

Edison Junior High School Newsletter



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Important Calendar Dates

Monday, October 5

Girls Basketball @ Broadmoor —4:00

PAC Meeting @ 5:30

Tuesday, October 6

Girls Basketball— Parkview @ Home—4:30

Wednesday, October 7

School Pictures



Thursday, October 8

Girls Basketball— Dunlap Valley @ home 4:15

Friday, October 9

SWIP Day—Early Dismissal-11:00

Monday, October 12

Columbus Day— NO SCHOOL



Tuesday, October 13

Girls Basketball— Chaddix @ Home—4:30

Two Weeks Grade Reports go Home

Thursday, October 15

Girls Basketball— Washington Central @ Home—4:00

Monday, October 19

Girls Basketball @ Illini Central —4:30

Tuesday, October 20

Girls Basketball—St. Joseph @ Home—4:30

Monday, October 26

Panther Partners Meeting—6:30

Tuesday, October 27

Girls Basketball @ Morton —4:30

2 Week Grade Reports go home



Thursday, October 29

Girls Basketball @ East Peoria—4:00

Friday, October 30

1st Grading Period ends

Student Council Dance



DON'T FORGET: PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES ON NOVEMBER 19-20!

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.*

News from the Health Clerk:



In an effort to ensure the health of all students and staff we will be enforcing the CDC's recommendation that your student be fever free for 24 hours, **without the aid of fever reducers**, before they may return to school. If necessary, we will be checking temperatures of student who were sent home or absent from school because of fever.

Please keep your child home if they experience vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, swollen glands, excessive coughing or a temperature greater than 100.

With our combined efforts we will have more children at school learning, instead of home sick. Thank you for your help.

JUST A REMINDER!!!

**School Picture Day is:
October 7th!**





EJHS sends a Thank You to Firehouse Pizza and Subway



for donating certificates to the school to give to those students who have done a good job in their work, with their grades, and in their positive participation. Parents please be sure to ask your child/children if they have received a coupon yet and continue to encourage them to do a good job so you can have a night out of the kitchen as well !



Boys Basketball Tryouts



Coach Norman will have a meeting with the boys the week of October 12th.

Tryouts are scheduled for October 19th.

ALL BOYS WILL NEED A CURRENT PHYSICAL TO TRY OUT!!!

Must have a C average or better to try out

Attitude and behavior **will be checked** in the classroom



Team ZEALOUS (formally know as Team 2) NEWS!

Congratulations to the October Team ZEALOUS Student of the Month:

Nathan Craig



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...

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.

Save those box tops!



Miss. Hays—Music Teacher

What is Choir?

"Edison Singers" is the name of the mixed boys and girls, 7th and 8th grade choir of approximately 35-75 singers. The singers have to audition to be a part of this organization. Singers are chosen if they can match pitch.

Choir auditions were Wednesday, September 30th during 5th hour in the music room.

Choir participation goes from October until the first week of May. Singers must be eligible and get good grades and stay out of trouble to remain in this organization. Choir will perform the National Anthem and school song at 2-3 boys and girls home basketball games, sing in a Christmas band/choir concert, perform a Christmas tour in Pekin, perform at various Pekin locations throughout the school year and sing at the Annual Edison Jr. High Fine Arts Fair in the spring.

Choir practices are during the school day for one hour on Wednesdays from 1:43-2:45 p.m. in the main gym.



What is the choir curriculum?

Singers learn to read choir music, how to interpret music literature, proper vocal techniques for singing, develop listening skills that are needed to sing in a group, and develop intonation skills for blending and pitch. Singers will learn to sing in 2-4 part harmonies and what singing in different parts means. Singers will learn what it means and what it feels like to perform and what proper performance etiquette is. By performing, singers will develop self-pride and motivation. The positive social-emotional aspects of being in this organization and performing are endless.

Give Blood = Give Life



Did you know that a one time blood donation can save up to three lives? The Red Cross, in a partnership with CB Smith and Edison, is having a Blood Drive in the red gym here at Edison on October 29th from 2 to 6pm. Please call the school at 477-4732 to make an appointment. Your EJHS student will be coming home with appointment cards that can be turned into the school on October 13th. First time donors and regular blood donors are welcome.

October is Diversity Awareness Month. Help the American Red Cross ensure a stable and diverse blood supply by making an appointment to donate blood or encouraging others to become blood donors. To donate blood, participants must be at least 17 years old, have a weight of at least 110 pounds, have good general health, and it must have been 56 days since their last whole blood or 112 days since their last double red cell donation. There are more health history requirements. For more information, please call 1800-GIVE-LIFE and press option 6 to speak to a donor health consultant.



Panther Partners

The next Panther Partner meeting will take place

Monday, October 26, 2009, 6:30 pm.

More information will follow!



Congratulations to the 2008-2009 Edison Speech Team!



Kylie Fryman

Katie Cornwell

Kiersten McClister

Harmony Smith

Christina Fink

Catherine McMahan

Paige Stout

David Trail

Jack Peters



The Speech contest will be **Friday, Nov. 13th** at Oak Grove School in Bartonville



Congratulations to the 2009-2010 Boys Baseball Team



Tyler Billingsley
Mitch Filarski
Chance Homerin
Colton Penning

Drake Bushong
Jace Fletcher
Brian Jess
Chase Poole
Steven Seidell

Tristan Clauson
Nathan Hays
Dylan Kesselmayer
Andrew Pyatt
Jared Snoble

Conner Cordts
Levi Hendrix
Gabe Lance
Blaze Schramm



Congratulations to the 2009-2010 Cheerleaders and Pom Pon Teams



Cheerleaders

McKenzie Adcock
Cambria Brill
Alyssa Carroll
Mallory Davis
Taylor Hasty
Abby Jordan
Jenny McClanahan
Morgan Kennedy
Peyton Shreffler
Jill Crabtree
Molly Whiting
Rachel Thorne



Pom Poms

Cierra Harper
Kelsie Litz
Marissa Oesch
Hannah Thomason
Ashley Antonini
Kerstin Faichney
Chelsi Turner
Jenna Rittenhouse
Abbey Carroll
Taylor Sellers
Krystalynn Alexander
Marlea Thielbar
Haleigh Ogborn
Astoria Powell



Congratulations to the 2009-2010 Girls Basketball Teams!

7th Grade Team:

Jenna Rittenhouse
Vicki Lamb
Caitlin Cornwell
Liz Naven
Ericca Graves
Jenna Lowe
Hannah Thomason
Jordan Durham
Emily Roat
Brittany Stanton
Zeandra Bush
Shanna Perry
Catherine McMahan

Head Coach: **Angie Flannigan**

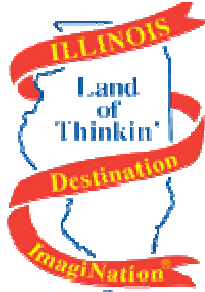
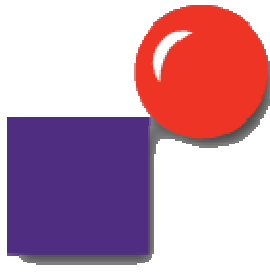


8th Grade Team:

Natalie Dickson
Haylee Benassi
Kendra Swisher
Brooke Svendsen
Madi Rhoades
Morgan Chitwood
Ashleigh White
Lauren Lewis
Sydney Maston
Bethany Hayes
Morgan Weaver
Ashley Pribble
Bri Sturdivant



Managers: Selena Ascencio and Kirsten McClister



Illinois DestinationImagiNation®

Creativity ★ Teamwork ★ Problem Solving

We are looking for students willing to make new friends, be team players, tackle a challenge, think on their feet and have a "GRAND TIME" in the process.

**COME TO THE 'DESTINATION IMAGINATION' INFORMATIONAL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH AT 7:00 P.M. AT WASHINGTON INTERMEDIATE
SCHOOL'S AUDITORIUM. LEARN ABOUT THIS WORLD-WIDE PROBLEM SOLVING
PROGRAM AND MEET YOUR SCHOOL SPONSOR.**

**THIS MEETING IS FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS
FROM BROADMOOR, EDISON, WILSON AND WASHINGTON SCHOOLS.**

**INFORMATIONAL PACKETS WILL BE HANDED OUT TO ALL STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE.
PLEASE CONTACT MRS. DARNELL (477-4700 EXT. 2106) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS
PROGRAM BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.**

Student ID Card Check Procedures

Dear Parents,

This year, we are going to check student ID cards every day in homeroom. We are asking each homeroom teacher to check student IDs at the beginning of the day. Our daily procedure is as follows:

- Each day in homeroom, your child's homeroom teacher will check to see that your child has his/her ID card.
- Each teacher will keep record of students who don't have their ID card.
- The first time a student does not have their ID card, in a school week; he/she will receive a warning. Each time after the first, they will be issued a central detention as a consequence. We will "reset" the consequences at the beginning of each week. For example if your child does not have their ID card on a Tuesday, they will receive a warning. If they remember it Wednesday, but forget it on Thursday or Friday, then they will receive two central detentions.

Students who have lost their ID cards will be allowed to purchase one during homeroom, but will still receive a warning/consequence.

In addition to our card check policy, we ask you to remind your child to take care of their card. Cards that are defaced or broken will not work in our card readers and must be replaced at your child's expense. Students can purchase a new ID card in our Learning Center at a cost of \$2 per card.

Our goal is to ensure that students are prepared for book check-out, internet usage, and lunch payment at the beginning of each school day. If you have any questions about our ID card policy, please contact me here at Edison.

Regards,

Jim Allen, Asst. Principal

