



The Journey for Excellence Continues

Edison Junior High School Newsletter



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Important Calendar Dates

Saturday, September 6

Baseball @ Dunlap 10:00 (DH)



Monday, September 8

8th Grade Girls Basketball tryouts 3—4:30

Tuesday, September 9

8th Grade Girls Basketball tryouts 3—4:30

Baseball @ Canton 4:00 (DH)

Thursday, September 11

Baseball @ Shade Park vs Broadmoor 4:00 (DH)

(8th Grade Parents honored)

Friday, September 12

Fund Raiser Kick Off Assembly



SWIP Day—Early Dismissal @ 11:00

Baseball @ Shade Park vs Georgetowne 4:00

Monday, September 15

Baseball @ Chillicothe 4:00 (DH)

Tuesday, September 16

Baseball Regional begins @ Shade Park

Friday, September 19

Back to School Dance 3—4:30

Monday, September 29

Panther Partner meeting (Edison Staff and ALL parents are invited) 6:30

Wednesday, October 8

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY!!!!



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
- 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.

Come visit our Website

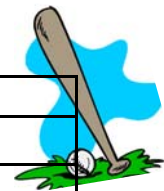
Log onto:

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

for more information about what **Amazing** things are about to happen to our Edison Junior High School Website! Further information to follow....

Congratulations to the 2008-2009 Baseball Team!

Mitchell Filarski	Tristen Clauson	Andrew Pyatt	Gabe Lance
Connor Cordts	Jace Fletcher	Chase Poole	Levi Hendrix
Tyler Wolfe	Andrew Ogborn	Ethan Bajic	Skylar Beasley
Jordan Miller	Shawn Kautz	C.B. Reid	Cole Pyatt
Kevin Haley	Nathan Taphorn		



Welcome to the New E.J.H. Teachers

Edison would like to welcome the following new staff members and student teachers:

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Jim Allen	Assistant Principal
Sarah Erickson	Art
Stacey Whitney	Team 1 Language Arts
Joy Gronewold	Team 2 Special Education

Student Teachers/Interns

Panther Partners Parents Club

We want to invite you to be part of the parents group at Edison called Panther Partners. The idea behind Panther Partners is to provide parents a greater opportunity to influence the success of the students of Edison. You can help the kids of Edison by giving of your time, your talents, or monetarily. We will also be forming parent committees for a variety of issues related to student success. For more information contact Yvonne Thompson at 477-4732 or e-mail yvonne.thompson@pekin.net

Financial Information

Dear Parents/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Pekin Public School District #108 offers healthy breakfast and lunch meals every school day. The cost for meals is \$1.35 for breakfast and \$1.85 for lunch. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced-price is \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, use the Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application which is located in the school office. Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls within the limits on the following chart:



<i>Federal Income Chart</i>			
School Year 2008 - 2009			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	19,240	1,604	370
2	25,900	2,159	499
3	32,560	2,714	627
4	39,220	3,269	755
5	45,880	3,824	883
6	52,540	4,379	1,011
7	59,200	4,934	1,139
8	65,860	5,489	1,267
Each additional person:	+6,660	+555	+129

From Principal Heisel:

Dear Parents



Welcome back to school for the 2008 and 2009 school year at Edison. First let me thank you for taking the time to read the Edison monthly newsletter. You are already showing your dedication to the success of your child. This month's message from the principals office is dedicated to the topic of helping with the success of your child during their junior high school years.

The number one way to help your child is to communicate with the school and to take an active interest in communications from the school. Numerous studies have shown the benefits of parents being involved with their child's school. Every student is provided an assignment notebook at the start of the year. The purpose of this is to help students learn organization skills, keep track of assignments, and provide information to you about what your child is doing in his or her classes. The assignment notebook also contains a section for writing notes to teachers. This tool is a valuable resource to students, parents, and teachers.

Every two weeks throughout the year your child will be bringing home grade reports from all classes. The first report will be sent home is Tuesday, September 16. We send these reports home so that you can easily check your child's progress. If you have any questions about the reports please contact us.

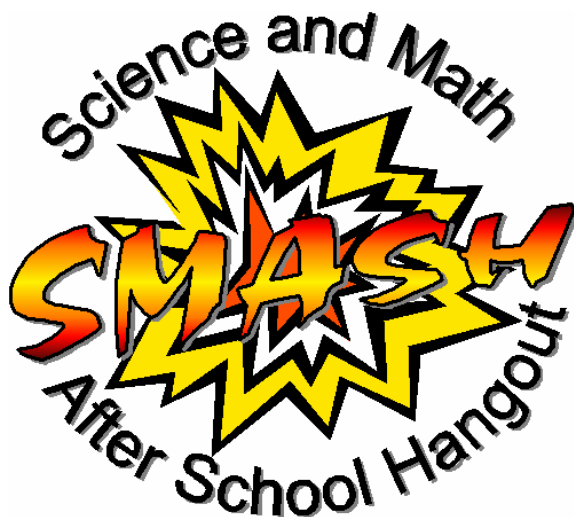
Panther Partners parents nights are another great way to learn more about Edison and the opportunities we offer to you and your child. The first Panther Partners night is on September 29th at 6:30. The first Panther Partners night will provide information about extracurricular and academic opportunities for students and parents. There is no cost to participate in the activities.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions, comments, or concerns about your child.

Sincerely

Bill Heisel

Edison Principal



SMASH (Science and Math After School Hangout) has replaced IMSA this year as the after school program for students who are interested in math and science. SMASH is open to any student who wishes there was more time in class for the "fun" stuff in math and science. The program meets on Thursdays from 3:00 to 5:00. During this time we are able to do experiments that there are not time to do in class. Some examples of things we have done in the past are a CSI Unit, walking out a scale model of the universe, launching soda bottle rockets, and building a kaleidoscope. There will be an informational meeting coming up on September 25th at 5:00 for anyone interested. Look for a flyer to be coming out in your science or math classrooms for more information.

Parent's Corner

Two Week Progress Reports

This year your child will be given a progress report from all classes every other week. A schedule of dates that the reports will be sent home can be found in the Student/Parent handbook. Please take the time to go over the progress reports with your child. If you have any questions please contact your child's homeroom teacher.



Communication between School and Home

Any time you have a questions or concern, please feel free to contact your child's homeroom teacher, team members or the office. We are willing to help in any way to ensure your child has a successful year.

You may contact the school by:



Phone: 477-4732

Note within your child's assignment notebook

Email: remember to use the first name.last name (all lower case) then @pekin.net

EX: bill.heisel@pekin.net to contact Mr. Heisel, School Principal

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.

SCHOOL
is
COOL!
AT
Schnucks

GET 50 
(\$5 value)
BONUS BOX TOPS
when you **BUY 10** participating
Box Tops for Education products
in a single shopping visit between 9/14/08 and 9/23/08.
Bonus Box Tops certificate will be printed on checkout coupon.

Save those box tops!

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



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**PANTHERS PARTNERS PARENTS
 NIGHT OUT!**



Please join us for the first Panther Partners parents night out. Our first night is a meet and greet with the teachers and activity sponsors. We will be sharing information about extra-curricular and academic opportunities for you and your child. The Panther Partners meetings are not a traditional parents club meeting. Panther Partners parents night are much more interactive and fun! There is no cost to participate in these activities!

Please plan to join us on the 29th at 6:30

Congratulations to the 2008-2009

Edison Cheerleaders

Emily Holcomb	Bailey Underwood
Tianna Lutz	Amanda Dickey
Jessica Chasco	Cambria Brill
Abby Jordan	Taylor Hasty
Mallory Davis	Alyssa Carroll
Jenny McClanahan	McKenzie Adcock



Congratulations to the 2008-2009

Edison Pom Pons

Haley Benassi	Morgan Chitwood
Brooke Svendsen	Abby Brennemann
Jaclyn Cakora	Allie Henricks
Gwen McIntyre	Lanie Owsley
Cassidy Savage	Brittany Sherwood
Kalie Sturch	Renee Taylor

