



Edison Elementary

“Educating Students for a Bright Future”

MR. MARK GOODWIN, PRINCIPAL

DECEMBER 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 6 Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm
- 12 Family Council @ 5:30 pm
- 12 PTA Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 14 Winter Concert @ Edison
9:00 am & 6:00 pm
- 19 End of Second Quarter/1st Semester
- 20 Semester Closing Day—No School
12/21—1/2

Winter Break

1/3 School Resumes



A Note from the Principal...

The Winter Concert will be held at Edison on Thursday, December 14. Parents are welcome to attend the 9:00 a.m. show or the 6:00 p.m. show. We hope to see you there!

Edison students and staff would like to wish everyone an enjoyable holiday season and Happy New Year!

ATTENDANCE LAND

Attendance is very important for both academic and social-emotional reasons. Please make sure your child is at school every day in order to get the most out of their education. A missed school day is a lost opportunity for your student to learn.

*October Perfect Attendance Winners were...
Yuri Taylor and Talea Reynolds*

*They won a free McDonald's Lunch!
Congratulations!*



1st Quarter Perfect Attendance Winner was...

Lanay Jenkins



She won a tablet!
Congratulations
Lanay!!

KINDERGARTEN

It's hard to believe it is December!! Kindergarten students have been learning many new things in Phonics and Math. In Reading/Phonics, please be sure to practice those letters/sounds and new sight words. Students can continue sounding out C-V-C (consonant-vowel-consonant) words. In Math, have children count EVERYDAY. Our end of the year goal is to count to the number 100 and we would love it if they could go beyond 100! Have children practice recognizing the numbers 1-20, especially the "teen" numbers. If you haven't sent back the skating in P.E. permission slip and \$5, please return them, so your child can skate in P.E. We have lots of exciting activities planned for Christmas in kindergarten. We hope to see you at the Winter Concert on Thursday, December 14 at Edison Gymnasium. Edison Kindergarten wishes all our students and families a great holiday break and we will see you in 2018!!



Mrs. Strader & Mrs. Tutwiler

FIRST GRADE

We have been working very hard in math on addition and subtraction. Your child should be able to add and subtract numbers to 10 very quickly. When working with larger numbers up to 20, your child should be able to use one of the many strategies we have learned to arrive at the correct answer. Ask your child to sing to you the doubles rap and the making 10 song.

In reading, we are continuing to work on reading fiction and nonfiction stories. We are identifying characters, setting and plot in fictional works and identifying the main idea and details in nonfiction works. We are expanding our sight words list and should be able to fluently read about 30 words per minute at this time in first grade.

In December we will learn a lot about penguins and even write an informative paper about them.

We wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season!

Mrs. Crane and Mrs. Winland

SECOND GRADE

Second graders are reading, reading, reading! Please listen to your child read and discuss their library book so they can take an accelerated reader test on it. Each child has a monthly goal of taking six A.R. tests with a 100% score to receive the Book-It pizza coupon. In reading, we are learning about plants and animals in their habitats. Next, we will learn about how different characters in a story have different points of view. In math, we will be using different strategies to subtract within 100. We are also learning about Christmas traditions and preparing for our holiday program on December 14th. Please make sure your child wears a warm coat, hat, and gloves to school. Remember, school supplies make great stocking stuffers. Have a happy holiday!

Mrs. Neil & Mrs. Waterman



THIRD GRADE

We have been working hard on earning dojo points by following directions quickly and quietly, making our dear teacher happy, raising our hand to talk, using helpful hands and words, making smart choices, and using inside voices! Please continue to encourage your student to do his/her personal best.

We are currently in the middle of Unit 3 in reading. We are learning about animal adaptations and will be learning to write a short research paper. In math we are beginning to learn about the relationship between multiplication and division. Students should still continue to practice their facts.

The holiday program will be December 14 at 6:00. We hope to see many of you there!

Mrs. Moore & Mrs. Sparling

FOURTH GRADE

It's hard to believe that it's already December. The 4th Grade is hard at work learning our multiplication facts. A set of flashcards would make a nice small present. In reading we will focus on observing nature. We're very excited for this unit, since nature is all around us. We will also be working on ecosystems in Science. This will help us when we go to Outdoor School in May. We have made great gains in our reading rate this semester. Our focus will be on understanding what we read. Please continue to work on reading 20 minutes each night with your child.



Have a great Christmas Break and we look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Mr. Rogers & Ms. Thomason

DECEMBER MATH CHALLENGE

I just visited the North Pole on the Polar Express. While I was there, I saw a combination of 40 elves and reindeer. Together I saw 110 legs. How many elves do you think I saw?

If you add up all of the gifts from The 12 Days of Christmas, how many would one receive? A partridge in a pear tree, two turtle doves, three French hens, four calling birds, five golden rings, six geese a-laying, seven swans a-swimming, eight maids a-milking, nine ladies dancing, ten Lords a-leaping, eleven pipers piping, and twelve drummers drumming.



PBIS

Edison school is continuing to use this positive intervention system to catch students who demonstrate general school expectations – Be here – Be ready to learn – Be responsible – and show **Respect for self** by participating actively in their learning, **Respect for others** by working quietly and using kind words, **Respect for property** by being neat and orderly in our building. Using Classroom DOJO we keep track of positive and negative behaviors. All parents are welcome to join your students' Classroom DOJO, ask your teacher for details. Our next celebration will be in December, look for pictures in next month's newsletter! Please continue to encourage your student to display positive behavior every day.

Mrs. Wilson, Social Worker

Holiday Food Baskets

Parents, please keep in mind Edison School Holiday Food Basket collection began Monday, November 27th. A flyer was sent home with ideas of what to donate at each grade level. Your child may bring items for food baskets up to December 13th. Edison School staff appreciates any donation you are able to provide. The grade level with the most donations will receive a Jocko's pizza party.



Following are suggestions for each grade level which should give us a balance of food for each basket.

Kindergarten: canned fruit, canned juice, drink boxes, pancake and biscuit mixes, granola bars

Grade 1: canned vegetables, peanut butter, cereal, pop tarts, fruit snacks, cereal

Grade 2: Kool-Aid, pickles, catsup, mustard, olives, salad dressing, jelly, jiffy mix

Grade 3: stuffing, noodles, rice, spaghetti, dried beans, macaroni, mixes (cakes, brownies, breads)

Grade 4: tuna, crackers, potatoes, baking supplies (flour, sugar), pudding, jello

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL IN THE CLASSROOM

Each week your student is participating in Second Step Lessons provided by their teacher. The curriculum is a social-emotional learning curriculum that teaches learning skills, empathy, **emotion management, and problem-solving skills. The students have used this program for a couple years now so the language used is familiar to them. Please ask them what skills they are learning in Second Step!**

For the month of November our Character Counts word is RESPECT! Being respectful helps everyone feel welcome and safe. When we act respectfully, we listen carefully to each other, help each other, and try to understand how someone else feels. When we speak respectfully, we use friendly words and say please and thank you. We don't call other people names. Help your student think about how you can act and speak in respectful ways in the classroom, hallway, lunchroom, and out at recess.

In December we will not be having a Character Counts lesson but it will be replaced by requirements for Erin's Law. A letter was sent home with each student on November 17th. If you have questions or concerns please call Mrs. Wilson @ 444-3364.