

Edison School Newsletter



NOVEMBER 2019

Important Dates:



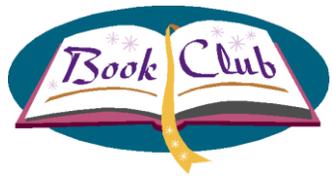
November	01	Accelerated Reader Store
	02	IMEA District Festival
	03	Daylight Savings Time ends (set clocks back one hour)
	04	Writing Club (3:00-4:00 p.m.)
	05	Choir Poinsettia Sale ends
	07	PTO Meeting (5:30 p.m.)
	11	Veterans Day activities
	13	Book Club (3:00-4:00 p.m.)
	14	Science Fair (1:00-2:00 p.m.)
	15	NO SCHOOL - Teachers Institute
	18	Midterm Week - 2 nd Quarter
		Board of Education Meeting (7:00 p.m.) MJSHS Library
	27-29	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE - The faculty and staff at Edison School want to thank all of the students and their families for a successful first quarter! We were so happy that so many of you were able to attend Parent/Teacher Conferences. Working together, faculty, staff, students and families make Edison Elementary a success! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

VETERANS DAY PLANS FOR EDISON - Edison's Veterans Day celebration is planned for November 11. A morning assembly will start at 8:00 a.m. that will include a performance by the band and choir, as well as an all-school sing-a-long. Family members and veterans are welcome to attend. Veterans may also have lunch with their students at no cost to the veteran. **Please return the RSVP, included in this newsletter, to your child's homeroom teacher by November 6 if you are planning to join us for lunch or the assembly.**

REMINDERS - Please call the school office (837-3993) by 9:00 a.m., if your child will be absent from school. If you do not have a phone, please write a note and send it with your child upon their return to school. When your child is absent and you want to pick up homework, please call the school office before 9:00 a.m. and request homework. Homework will be available by 3:00 p.m. on the bookshelf outside the main office. Please remember that your child must be fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of a fever-reducing medication) before returning to school.

LIBRARY NEWS - Book Club -- The first meeting for Edison Book Club was held on September 18 with over 60 students attending. The club is meant to encourage free reading and discussion of a wide range of books. The group generally meets twice a month. For the holiday season, the meetings are scheduled for November 13 and December 4.



Book Fair -- Thank you for supporting the Edison School Book Fair. The fair took in over \$3000 which will leave Edison a profit of almost \$800 to purchase additional books and supplies for the library. The support the community continues to show for this wonderful program is truly appreciated!

Family Reading Night -- Family Reading Night, sponsored in part by the Illinois State Library, will be held on November 21. The theme for this year's event is "It's Show Time at Your Library." The annual statewide program encourages families to read as a group to reinforce the importance of building literacy skills at a young age, but also to build family bonds. Students at Edison will be given book marks for the event.

FAMILY ACCESS INFORMATION - Parents may view student information on Family Access, a secure website offered by Macomb CUSD 185. If you need a Family Access log in and password, you must complete a Family Access Request and turn it in to the Edison School office.

NOTE - Public Act 94-994 requires all schools to notify parents that information about area sex offenders is available to the public. The following link will allow you to access that information.

<http://www.isp.state.il.us/sor/contactsor.cfm>



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION - Thank you for bringing in Box Tops! Our school goal for this year is 10,000 Box Tops (\$1,000.00). Here are some things you can do to help us meet our goal by the end of the school year:

1. Go to www.BTFE.com for products that carry the Box Top label and to download the smart phone app. 2. Ask family members if they'd save Box Tops for you too. 3. Clip and place the Box Tops in an envelope or small zip bag labeled with your teacher's name (your student's name is not necessary). 4. Place it in the collection box in the Edison lobby or have your student give it to their teacher.

Our first submission date is coming up very soon! Please get those Box Tops in!

Thank you for your support of the Box Tops program so far, and please keep clipping those Box Tops and send them our way! The class collecting the most Box Tops by the end of the year will win a prize.

THANKS! Karen Trusley-Box Tops Co-Coordinator



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MICROSOFT OFFICE IS FREE FOR STUDENTS - With the Macomb School District's Microsoft License, Microsoft is providing a complete version of the latest Microsoft Office to students in grades 4th - 12th grade free of charge to install on 5 **compatible** PCs and Macs. Watch for an email from the District with more details.

RED RIBBON WEEK ESSAY WINNERS - Congratulations to Macie Bartlow, Ingrid Jones, Nolan Kurasz, Darah McFadden, Kael Royer, Lilah Staupe, Kiara Strange, Trinity Strange, and Brooklyn Welch for being selected as Edison School's Red Ribbon Week Essay Winners! We are so proud of you!

EDISON WRITING CLUB IS RETURNING -- Students interested in creative writing are welcome to join us on the first Monday of every month from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Edison Library. We will work on a different writing activity each month, so come whenever you can. (Dates: Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 2, Apr. 6, and May 4.)



SCIENCE FAIR NEWS - It is time to begin preparing for the annual Edison School Science Fair. The Science Fair will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2019. Family and friends are invited to attend from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. All projects will be displayed in the Edison School gymnasium. Students will need to bring all materials and display boards to the gym at the beginning of school on Thursday, November 14. Tables will be provided for projects to be displayed upon. However, if the project requires electricity, we ask that students bring an extension cord and/or power strip, as there are limited

electrical outlets in the gym. All projects will be displayed throughout the day in order to provide an opportunity for all Edison School students to view the displays. Students should take all projects home at the end of the school day. The Science Fair is a mandatory requirement for all sixth grade students. All fourth and fifth grade students are also encouraged to participate. Please join us at the annual Science Fair and enjoy the students' hard work and dedication. Thank you for your continued support of Edison School. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at 837-3993.

Marcy Lantz and John Jarvis - Sixth Grade Science Teachers

COLD and FLU SEASON - TIPS for PARENTS - Cold and flu season is HERE, and the Illinois Department of Public Health has asked schools to remind everyone to practice healthy habits. Parents can remind their children to:

- Cough or sneeze into a tissue and throw it away.
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into a sleeve. Avoid using one's hands.
- Clean your hands often. Use soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Get plenty of physical activity and sleep.
- Drink lots of water.
- Eat good food to stay healthy during the winter.



EDISON SCHOOL SHIRT RETURN BY 11/8

NAME						PHONE		
STYLE	14/16	SMALL	MED	LRG	XL	XXL	XXXL	SUB TOTAL
T-SHIRT 15.00						+2.00	+3.00	\$
HOODIE 25.00						+3.00	+4.00	\$
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO EDISON SCHOOL								TOTAL



Orange shirt
white / black print

Take a Vet To School Day



In honor of Veteran's Day, the 4th - 6th graders of Edison School will be participating in "Take a Vet to School Day" on **Monday, November 11, 2019**. This event is being held to help link veterans of all ages with the young people in our school and community. We are hoping to strengthen ties in our community and bring history to life in our classrooms by showing veterans how much we value their service.

Students may bring a veteran that they know to school on this day. **We ask that veterans arrive at Edison by 7:50.** We will be holding an assembly at 8:00, in which we will say the pledge, introduce the veterans, and have special performances by students.

The veterans will then go with the students to their classrooms to talk about their time serving our country. Students will interview them and learn about their experiences. **Veterans are invited to bring memorabilia and personal stories to share with the students.** Veterans will also be able to rotate through stations with their students.

The stations portion of the event will end around 10:00 for fifth and sixth grade and 10:40 for fourth grade. At that time, Veterans of fourth, fifth, and sixth graders may stay in the classrooms and participate in other Veteran's Day related activities. Veterans are invited to attend lunch/recess with their students if they wish. See lunch/recess times for fourth, fifth and sixth grades below.

If your child will be bringing a veteran to school, please sign and return the attached slip by **Wednesday, November 6**. Thank you for all your support!

Veteran's Name: _____ Student's Name: _____

Branch of the military served (please circle one):

Army Marines Coast Guard Air Force Navy

Years Served (example: 1962-1965): _____

Will your veteran be staying for lunch? (please circle one): Yes No

Fifth Grade Lunch/Recess 10:45-11:25

Sixth Grade Lunch/Recess 11:25-12:05

Fourth Grade Lunch/Recess 12:05-12:45

Edison Parent-Teacher Conference Survey Results

Fall 2019

1 = Poor, 2 = Needs Improvement, 3 = Satisfactory, 4 = Good, 5 = Excellent

In your opinion, how would you rate the parent/teacher conference(s) you attended in regard to the teacher informing you about your child's current level(s) of academic achievement and/or ability to do the school work?

99 Responses

Average Score 4.74

In your opinion, how would you rate the parent/teacher conference(s) you attended in regard to the teacher(s) informing you about your child's behavior in the classroom and/or ability to get along with other students?

98 Responses

Average Score 4.76

In your opinion, how would you rate the parent/teacher conference(s) you attended in regard to the teacher(s) informing you about how you could help your child at home?

98 Responses

Average Score 4.61

In your opinion, if you were asked to give an overall rating to the school your child attends, what would it be?

97 Responses

Average Score 4.48

In your opinion, how timely is the communication from the school/teacher(s) regarding your child's performance in the classroom?

97 Responses

Average Score 4.59

In your opinion, if you had contact with a school counselor in your child's school, how would you rate the level of service?

60 Responses

Average Score 4.53

In your opinion, if you had contact with the office staff in your child's school, how would you rate the level of service?

87 Responses

Average Score 4.34

In your opinion, if you had contact with your child's school building administrator(s), how would you rate the level of service?

67 Responses

Average Score 4.48

In your opinion, if you had contact with the school district's central office staff and/or administrator(s), how would you rate the level of service?

65 Responses

Average Score 4.42

In your opinion, if you were asked to rate the level of your child's overall instruction in the use of technology, what rate would it be?

90 Responses

Average Score 4.41

When you need to access the textbook at home, do you find yourself using the:

Hard Copy Textbook 31

Online Textbook 9

Both Hard Copy and Online 45