



# Edison School Newsletter



## DECEMBER 2019 - JANUARY 2020

### Important Dates:



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| December | 02    | Writing Club (3:00-4:00 p.m.)   |
|          | 04    | Book Club (3:00-4:00 p.m.)  |
|          | 05    | Poinsettia Distribution (2:00-5:00 p.m.) Fellheimer<br>PTO Meeting (5:30 p.m.)                          |
|          | 07    | WIU Holiday Festival of Choirs (2:00/7:30 p.m.) St. Paul's  |
|          | 09    | Grade 6 Winter Choral Concert (6:00 p.m.) Fellheimer<br>6 <sup>th</sup> grade Call Time (5:45 p.m.)     |
|          | 16    | Board of Education Meeting (7:00 p.m.) MJSHS Library  |
|          | 17    | Grades 6-8 Holiday Band Concert (7:00 p.m.) Fellheimer<br>6 <sup>th</sup> grade Call Time (6:45 p.m.)   |
|          | 19    | DARE Graduation (1:15 p.m.) Gym   |
|          | 20    | Classroom Holiday Parties and Sing-a-long   |
| December | 23 -- | January 3-- NO SCHOOL - WINTER VACATION   |
|          | 03    | Registration payment due  |
| January  | 06    | SCHOOL RESUMES<br>Writing Club (3:00-4:00 p.m.)   |
|          | 09    | PTO Meeting (5:30 p.m.)   |
|          | 10    | End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter  |
|          | 15    | Book Club (3:00-4:00 p.m.)  |
|          | 17    | School Improvement Day (Edison dismisses at 12:25 p.m.)<br>Report Cards (posted)                        |
|          | 20    | NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday<br>(observed)  |
|          | 21    | Awards Assemblies (8:45 a.m.-6 <sup>th</sup> , 9:15 a.m.-5 <sup>th</sup> , 10:15 a.m.-4 <sup>th</sup> ) |
|          | 24    | Accelerated Reader Store  |
|          | 27    | Board of Education Meeting (7:00 p.m.) MJSHS Library  |
|          | 29    | Book Club (3:00-4:00 p.m.)  |



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
FROM EDISON SCHOOL  
FACULTY AND STAFF**



**REGISTRATION FEES** - If you are paying registration fees on a Payment Schedule, the first payment was due October 4, 2019; the second payment is due January 3, 2020; and the third payment will be due March 2, 2020. If fee payments are delinquent and no attempt is made to pay or make arrangements for payment by March 2, 2020, delinquent fees will be turned over for legal action.



**WEATHER-RELATED DISMISSALS** – Please make plans with your children now for weather-related early dismissal days. We will be unable to handle the hundreds of phone messages that may come in, so prior planning will assure your children of what to do in case of an emergency school closing. Also, remind your children to dress warmly for outdoor recess activities (hat, gloves, coat, boots). Please listen to the following radio/tv stations for a school cancellation report: WJEQ-FM 102.7, WKAI-FM 100.0, WIUM-FM 91.3, KHQA-TV and WGEM-TV. If the weather becomes questionable during the day, please listen to your radio for cancellation of school, games or practices. The Skylert system will contact parents/guardians at all numbers provided with information on school closings/early dismissals.

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION



### *Traffic procedures during beginning and dismissal times -*

To ensure students' safety during morning drop off and dismissal times at Edison, it is extremely important to remember to follow the procedures. During the morning drop off cars will use the inside lane only (the lane on the interior lawn side with the flag pole). The outside lane will be reserved for bus drop off and staff members to access their parking lot. Cars will pull all the way around to the north end of the building. There is a yellow "sidewalk" painted next to the inside lane nearest to the lawn's edge. As parents file in and get to the curve that begins in front of the building, the yellow sidewalk begins. All students within the drop off zone will exit on the driver's side of the car onto the yellow painted area. Students will then walk on this path to the crosswalk in front of the main entrance and cross the drive from there. There will be a crossing guard at that location to ensure all students cross the drive area safely. ***Please do not drop off students on the west side of Pearl Street.*** It is ***too dangerous*** for students to cross the street during drop off times. Students are to walk up the sidewalk to school. The circle drive is for busses only between 2:30-3:00 p.m. Cars may use the circle drive until 2:30 p.m. Students are picked up by parents along Pearl Street and the side streets. Please be courteous to all other drivers ***and alert to all children who are crossing the streets near Edison School.*** ***Please DO NOT pass other cars in the circle drive.*** Thank you for your cooperation.

Kellee Sullivan, Principal

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**VACATION TIME AND STUDENT ABSENTEEISM** – We understand that parents cannot always plan their vacations around the school calendar; however, while many vacations can provide worthwhile educational experiences, children do miss out on valuable school time. Any days missed due to vacation are counted as absences. Many of the classroom experiences cannot be made up through homework. In addition, teachers find it difficult and time consuming to plan homework in advance of vacation time when lesson plans are often adjusted on a daily basis. Most teachers would prefer to give out the homework assignments when the child returns. The child does have one day to do

make up work for each day missed. However, some routine assignments, such as spelling can be done in advance. We ask for your cooperation in keeping the children in school as much as possible and your understanding when all assignments cannot be given in advance. Thank you for being our educational partner.

**APPOINTMENTS** – If you need to take your child during the day for an appointment, please send a note to the teacher. It is helpful if the teacher knows ahead of time when your child will be leaving. Thank you.

**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 contact the Edison School Office.

**BUDGET** - The Macomb School District Annual Budget is available on the district website. Go to <http://www.macomb185.org> and click on the District menu to select District Financial Reports. Then click on Macomb CUSD 185 Budget. Those wishing to view a printed copy may visit the Edison School office.

**P.T.O. NEWS** - The Edison School P.T.O. will be meeting on Thursday, December 5 and Thursday, January 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Edison Library. We have a great group of volunteers who help with Accelerated Reader Shop, candy sales, box tops, and many other activities. We greatly appreciate our P.T.O. members and invite others to join!

**A BIG THANK YOU** to the Edison School PTO and to all the parents who brought in treats for the teachers and staff during Parent-Teacher Conferences. The goodies were much appreciated by all!

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** - Thank you for sending in your box tops--and please keep them coming! We are hoping to collect 10,000 box tops (\$1000.00) for Edison School this year. Here are some things you can do to help us finish the year strong and meet our goal:



1. Clip and place the box tops in an envelope or small ziploc bag. Label it with the teacher's name or room so your student's classroom can be credited. (Your student's name is not necessary.)
2. Have your student place it in the collection box in the Edison lobby or give it to their teacher.
3. Ask family members to save Box Tops for you too!
4. You can also go to [www.BTFE.com](http://www.BTFE.com) for products that carry the box top label and to download the smart phone app.
5. Scan your receipt after shopping (you will need to have the Box Tops app) and Edison School will receive the credit for your purchases.

Thank you for supporting Edison School by collecting BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!

*Karen Trusley & Sandy McFadden, Box Tops Co-Coordinators*

**DENTAL EXAMINATIONS REQUIRED** - The Illinois Department of Public Health is requiring that a dental examination be completed before May 15, 2020 for children in Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. All students in Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades MUST have the examination or the waiver on file at school before May 15, 2020.



**NOTE FROM THE DISTRICT NURSE** - If your child has a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, persistent cough, or severe congestion, keep him/her home. We want all our children to be as healthy as possible, and when we have ill children at school, it only spreads and more children end up sick. Prevention is the key. Use antimicrobial soap and hand sanitizers when soap is not available. Any child who has a fever is to stay home at least 24 hours after the fever is gone. Please do not give fever reducing medicine and then send children to school if they have a fever. They will still be in the contagious stage of illness.

**SKYWARD MOBILE ACCESS** - Free for any Skyward user - Administrator, Teacher, Parent, or Student. You now have access to your information anywhere you go! Check students' grades and attendance records; view student schedule information; find food service information. This is compatible with most mobile devices, including iOS, Android, Blackberry, and Windows Mobile. Apps may be located at iTunes, Google Play, and/or Amazon Appstore.



**"No person has the right to rain on your dreams."**

**-Martin Luther King, Jr.**



**RECOMMENDED WINTER ATTIRE** - During the winter months, Edison students will be going outside for recess to get fresh air as often as possible. These winter clothing guidelines were developed by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency in cooperation with the National Weather Service and the American Red Cross:

Wear loose fitting, lightweight, warm clothing in several layers (the trapped air between the layers insulates). Layers can be removed to avoid perspiration and subsequent chill.

Wear outer garments that are tightly woven, water repellent and hooded.

Wear a hat (half of body heat is lost through the top of the head).

Wear mittens that are snug at the wrist. Mittens offer better protection. Gloves allow your fingers to cool much faster than mittens do.

Cover the mouth and nose with scarves to help protect lungs from cold air.

Attempt to keep your feet as dry as possible. Wear wool socks. (We suggest boots, too!)