## Edison School Newsletter
**OCTOBER 2021**

### Important Dates:

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### A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The 2021-22 school year is off to a great start! The Edison Faculty and Staff would like to thank you for your role in making our educational partnership a rewarding one and are excited about the academic growth your child will experience this year.

### JUNIOR HIGH - HIGH SCHOOL GAMES & ACTIVITIES

Edison students must be accompanied by an adult and must sit with an adult throughout the entire game or activity.

### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences are a great way to find out what your child will be learning this year and to receive an update on how the year has started. PT Conferences will be held in multiple formats: virtually (on TEAMS) or face to face this year. They will be held on Wednesday, October 27 from 5-7pm, Thursday, October 28 from 11am -7pm and Friday, October 29 from 7:30-11:30am. Please watch your email for directions for signing up for a date and time.

### VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

Due to social distancing requirements Edison will not be able to hold the assembly noted on the District calendar.
MACOMB EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (MEF) - The Macomb Educational Foundation started selling their business discount coupons in August. The coupons cost $20.00 for a sheet of 12 and may be used at Hy-Vee, Brown's Shoe Fit, Farm King, Jackson Street Market, Nelson's Clothing, No Place Like Home, Nostalgia on the Square, Princess Shoppe, and Shoe Sensation. Each coupon is worth $2.50 off a purchase of $25.00 or more. Two coupons may be used on a purchase over $50.00. You save $10.00 when all the coupons are used! Coupons are available in each school office and at participating merchants. MEF is a not-for-profit organization continuing to serve District 185 students. The coupon campaign is a major source of support for the Foundation, which funds grants for PreK through high school students. Some of these grants have included supplementary classroom materials, books, and field trips. Please consider participating so we can have another successful year. You will enjoy a savings while supporting the students of District 185.

REMINDER FROM OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT NURSE - 6th graders must have their physicals and immunizations turned in to the school nurse by Friday, October 15. Those that have not met this State requirement will be excluded from attending school on Monday, October 18. Please call 833-6330 with any questions.

HEAD LICE - Head lice is a "pesky" situation that impacts schools around the country. It can be spread from one child to another during direct head-to-head contact or by sharing of personal items such as combs, brushes, hats, or helmets. The most common symptom of head lice is itching and head scratching, particularly at night. Please help out by checking your child's head regularly and contacting the school if lice are found.

DENTAL REMINDER - All students currently in Kindergarten, 2nd, 6th, and 9th grades must have a dental examination or the waiver on file at school before May 15, 2022.

REGISTRATION FEES - If you have not paid your registration fees you may send a check to the Edison office, pay on Epay or complete a payment schedule form. Forms are available in the school office and need to be completed as soon as possible. The first payment is due October 8, 2021.

BUSES - Only eligible bus riders are allowed to ride buses and must ride their assigned bus. Changing normal bus routines should be done for emergency purposes only. The buses are not intended to transport students to play dates, birthday parties, or slumber parties. Please talk to your child about bus safety: staying seated, wearing a mask, appropriate voice level and quiet at train tracks.

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET - The FY '22 school district budget is posted on the District website and may be viewed at: http://macomb185.org/DocumentCenter/View/2121. The budget was approved by the Board of Education at its Tuesday, September 20, 2021, regular meeting, following a public hearing. Copies of the budget are available at the District Administrative Service Center, 323 West Washington Street.
FAMILY ACCESS - INFORMATION CHANGES - Guardians have the ability to keep their information up-to-date using Skyward's Family Access. The steps below can be followed to update information regarding: Home Phone Number, Work Phone Number, Cell Phone Number, Home Email, and Emergency Contact Information. To request that changes be made, log in to Family Access and click on the Student Information selection from the menu. At the top of the student information screen is a link that reads "Request Change(s) to my Child's Information." After clicking that link, select the information that you would like to request changes to. Enter the updated information in the fields and click on Save. The request then goes to the school's secretary for approval. The change will remain in red until the information has been updated by the secretary. Any questions regarding this process or other questions about Family Access can be submitted by email to familyaccess@mcusd185.org.

PTO Needs YOU! Parents of Edison School students are invited to join the Edison School PTO. Meetings are held online at 5:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. An email will be sent with a link to the meeting. Edison School PTO funds field trips, classroom projects and initiatives and special school-wide programs. Parents and volunteers are needed to ensure the organization remains an active and viable part of the school. For more information about these programs or to volunteer, contact the Edison School Office at (309)837-3993 or attend the next PTO meeting.

HOMEWORK REQUESTS - On days when your child is absent, please request homework early in the day (preferably when you call to report your child's absence). Requested homework is placed at the office window at the end of the school day until 4:00 p.m.

HOMEWORK POLICY - Completed assignments are to be turned in upon arrival in the classroom. Work completed after the time of assignment collection will receive no higher than 72% credit. No credit will be given for assignments turned in two or more days late. Students who have been absent have a day to make up work per each school day missed. (Example - 3 days absent would allow 3 days to complete work.) If your child is simply waiting for a doctor's note of negative test result they should continue to work from home and then turn in completed work when they return to school.

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN - This is to notify you that Macomb Community Unit School District #185 has submitted its Management Plan prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA, 40 CFR 763) for Edison School. The inspection/management plan is available for public review in the Administrative Office and in the Principal’s Office.

HALLOWEEN - This year, due to our COVID precautions and social distancing protocols, Edison will NOT be having Halloween celebrations. Students will not wear costumes to school or in online meetings, we are unable to have treats brought in from home and we will not have a parade. We are so sad about this, as I am sure you and your child are!
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 left lane. The right lane will be reserved for bus drop off and staff members to access their parking lot. Cars will pull all the way to the north end of the building. There is a sidewalk next to the left lane. As parents file in and get to the curve that begins in front of the building, the sidewalk begins. All students within the drop off zone will exit on the driver's side of the car onto the sidewalk. 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 driveway 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. The circle drive is for buses 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.

DIGITAL BACKPACK! Flyers for community activities will now be posted and displayed in the Digital Backpack on the District’s website. You can access Digital Backpack four ways:

- Click on the icon on the https://macomb185.org/ homepage
- Check www.macomb185.org/digitalbackpack periodically
- Access the Digital Backpack through the link in your school’s newsletter
- Sign up to receive an email and/or text notification when flyers are posted
  - Go to https://macomb185.org/
  - Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Notify Me
  - Enter your email address and choose email notification, text notification (enter your cell number when prompted), or both
  - Scroll down to News Flash and click on the 📧 or 📱 next to Digital Backpack to choose email or text notifications
  - Respond to the confirmation email and/or text to complete notification set up
  - Please remember to set your spam blocker to allow mail from listserv@civicplus.com
  - You may unsubscribe at any time

To Submit a Flyer for Posting:

Email your Word, PDF or JPEG format flyer (preferably one page) to Lisa Mooney at mooneyl@mcusd185.org

If approved, your flyer will be posted in the Digital Backpack. You will receive an email notifying you the flyer has been posted and containing a link so you can view the post.
HOW DO I FIND OUT WHAT 'S GOING ON?

The possibilities are endless!

1. **Subscribe to Notify Me** on the Macomb School District [website](http://www.macomb185.org). By subscribing, information will be delivered via email or text message to you. **Directions** on how to sign up are located on the website [www.macomb185.org](http://www.macomb185.org).

2. **Check out the district website** [www.maconb185.org](http://www.maconb185.org) everything that is going on in the entire district is posted there including current events, **lunch menus**, building newsletters, photos, **ePay**, **sporting events**, NewsFlash and much, much more!

3. **Facebook**! We have our own Facebook page! Search Macomb 185 Schools

4. **Check out the Digital Backpack**. All school district and community flyers are placed in the digital backpack on the website instead of by paper in backpacks.

5. **Want to know what is going on in your child's classroom??** Check out their teacher's **eBoard**.

6. **Skyward** - allows you to view your child's information, report card, attendance, lunch account, school announcements and other helpful information. If you have not received your login and password please contact the school.

7. **Skylert** is the School District's broadcast service that sends important alerts. Your contact information pulls from Skyward. To receive text messages, each family member must sign into their **Skyward** account and enter the cell phone number in the Text Message field. See the [website](http://www.macomb185.org) for more information.