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“As is our confidence, so is our capacity.”

–William Hazlitt

Dear Edison Middle School Family,

I am hopeful this letter finds you and your family in good health. We have started to turn the corner and are planning for next school year already. With this challenge, comes the excitement of scheduling students for next school year’s classes. If you have questions about the scheduling process, please feel free to call your student’s school counselor. As a result of our new information system (IC), students will be scheduling their classes electronically during their Language Arts Classes. This should be completed by the end of February.

I am reminded daily of the wonderful things going on at Edison MS and I want you to be a part of this excitement. We have created a Twitter account that will provide you key insights into the happenings at your school. Please follow us at <http://twitter.com/#!/GBEdisonMS>

Lastly, many of the wonderful things happening at Edison have resulted in a wonderful recognition for me. This Wisconsin State Reading Association has recognized me as the Principal of the Year. I am humbled by this recognition, but feel it is truly a celebration for our teachers, students, and parents. I want everyone to know that Edison Middle School provides a quality education that our community should be proud of. Our teachers will continue to advance their practices within the area of literacy instruction. We will not rest until ALL students are college ready!

It is our hope that your student will be able to thrive with confidence so they are prepared for high school and college. As always, if you have questions, please contact me. Thank you for your continued support and trust.

Sincerely,

Mark Smith
Principal

Special points of interest:

- The student services department works until 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of every month. You can call us at 391-2452 to schedule an appointment. Appointments will be scheduled after 3:15 pm on the following Thursdays:
- February 16, March 15, April 19, and May 17

WORKING TOGETHER WORKS

Join the Edison MS E-mail Newsletter List!

We are going GREEN!

The newsletter is going green! You will now have the ability to get the monthly newsletter e-mailed to you! (This is the last newsletter you will receive in the mail.)

What better way to stay in touch with all the exciting events happening at Edison Middle School.

All you need to do is go to the Edison MS website:

www.greenbay.k12.wi.us/Edison

On the left hand side of the page, scroll down until you see:

Join Edison MS E-mail Newsletter list

Your e-mail address:

In the blank box, add your e-mail address and click on "Go". You will automatically be added to the e-mail list.

If you don't have a computer at home and still want to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, have your student stop by the Main Office the 1st of the month to pick up a copy. Or feel free to stop by yourself and pick one up in the Main Office.



Parents/Parents/Parents/Parents/Parents

Your school district wants to hear your voice! Please consider the following questions and e-mail your ideas to Tiffany Jennings (tiffany3973@gmail.com) who is our Parent Representative for the Parent Superintendent Group. She will make sure your voice is brought to the district office.

****Knowing that \$9 million must be cut (2012/2013).....**

What programs and services are you most concerned about losing?

****Looking at our current reality.....**

Are there programs that can be scaled down or eliminated?

****Looking to the future.....**

What programs and/or services should schools be providing that would improve student achievement and/or student engagement even if it means reducing elsewhere?

****Enhancements/innovation.....**

What cost savings, revenue enhancements and/or innovations would result in increased funding for the district?

String Fling

The 23rd annual String Fling will be held at Preble High School on:

Thursday, February 9

7:00 pm

Performing along with Edison will be strings from all the Preble

quadrant elementary and middle schools.

Admission is free! Please join us!



Solo and Ensemble

All 7th and 8th grade music students will be participating in solo and ensemble on Saturday, February 25th at Preble High School. Students have chosen to do solos or small groups, are working on it during class, and will be performing for a judge on that day. Specific times will be given to students the week before the festival, so please block off that day for the festival. Please contact the music department with any questions.

WORKING TOGETHER WORKS

News from Social Studies

And the Winner is...

Jonus Lundberg III

The annual All-School Geography Bee took place on Tuesday, December 20, in the school auditorium. Forty-two of our finest students vied for the title of all-school champion. This was a double elimination bee with students answering questions in the following categories: United States Geography, U.S. Geographic Comparison, U.S. Physical Geography, Continents, World Geography, Cultural Geography, and Odd Item Out.



Left to right: Tavia Anderson, Jonus Lundberg III, Josh Estel

In a hard fought battle eighth grader Jonus Lundberg III walked away with first place. He beat out Josh Estel also an eighth grader by answering the following question correctly: Barrier Islands help shelter a nature preserve on Apalachicola Bay, an arm of what large gulf? The answer was the Gulf of Mexico. Eighth grader Tavia Anderson placed third. Jonus' next step will be to take a 70 question written geography test. Top scorers will get a chance to compete for the state championship in Madison next spring.

This year's participants included: Tavia Anderson, Colton Armijo, Katie Boucher, Erika Brandsma, Johnny Carrasquillo, Kyle Chandler, Ben Christl, Bryn Cozzens, Cory Cunningham, Tom Danielski, Katie Darling, Michael Doine, Logan Doll, Josh Estel, Nicole Goska, Rebecca Goska, Megan Hovde, Zachery Kacmarynski, Mason Lukas, Jonas Lundberg III, Evan Metcalf, Megan Metzler, Alexis Otradovec, Evelyn Parma, Cassie Raguse, Verence Ramos, Tyler Renier, Jorge Rodriguez, Casey Roeser, Max Rondeau, Tyler Salfai, Haley Siegworth, Ty Smukowski, Robbie Spofford, Taylor Thomas, Dylan Tilot, Alex Timm, Megan Voelker, Cami Wery, Alexis Wiegert, Dylon Winter, Faith Zalec.



EDISON EDGE

Be Safe. Be Responsible. Be Respectful. Be Friendly.

PBIS Update for January

In our November newsletter, we reported how the Edison student-body had achieved a 97% compliance rate with all school rules. In early December, our Social Studies teachers did a lesson to share the good news and remind students of the importance of being safe, being responsible, being respectful, and being friendly. This lesson was very well received by our student body. In fact, our students are doing such a great job with respect and compliance that we are going to celebrate on Friday, February 3rd with an end of semester celebration after school. Students have been given information about respect and compliance over announcements since the beginning of January. When teachers and staff see students being respectful and complying with school rules, the students are receiving special Ice Blue Eagle Eye tickets. When a student collects fifteen of them, they turn them into their seventh hour teacher to receive an invitation/parent permission form to the Semester Incentive Celebration. Once students arrive, there will be raffles, food for purchase with Eagle Eyes as the currency, and lots of activities. It's free fun for having the Edison Edge. Please, encourage your child to participate in this activity with a circle of great friends.

Weekly raffles using Eagle Eyes continue to be very popular at Edison. We've enjoyed listening to Mr. Wiebel **"draw those names!"** each and every Friday. It's a wonderful way to end the week. Our positive students make Edison a great place to be.

Until the next PBIS update, please remind your child to wear their ID badge to school on a daily basis, and thank you for staying informed by reading this newsletter each month.

Student Services NEWS

Phone Number 391-2452

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT'S NEW IN GREEN BAY!

Our current middle school students will have much to look forward to in the upcoming years in high school. There are so many options that we felt it would be worth the time to explain a few of them.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Program is a pre-university high school program which offers classes designed to teach students responsible citizenship while being taught by teachers who have received special instruction themselves. There is the opportunity to earn college credit in the IB program. There are six academic subjects presented within the philosophy of the IB program: Language; Individuals and Societies; Mathematics and Computer Science; The Arts; Experimental Sciences; and Second Language. The six IB requirements meet the district and state graduation requirements. The IB Program in Green Bay is currently located at West High School and is available for students with junior or senior standing.

John Dewey Academy of Learning (JDAL)

The John Dewey Academy of Learning (JDAL) is Green Bay's first Charter School. JDAL offers a choice for 8th – 12th grade students in the Green Bay Area School District. The mission of the JDAL is to provide students with a rigorous project-based curriculum and a safe, caring community in which to learn. A minimum of 23 credits are needed to graduate. At JDAL, logging hours of learning and performance earns credits. Learning at JDAL will culminate with a Capstone Project which is career-focused. The typical daily schedule is from 7:45am to 3:30pm with academic blocks for math and English language literacy, in addition to project based learning times. The JDAL is located at 1420 Harvey Street on the 3rd floor of the SS Peter and Paul School Building.

Online Courses

The Green Bay Area School District provides many middle and high school students the opportunity to take online courses during the school year. Student participation is coordinated by the District's Alternative Education Program and courses are provided through NE Wisconsin Online Network(NEWON) and the Wisconsin eSchool Network (WEN).

Courses in Middle School Can Meet High School Graduation Requirements

High school credit will be awarded to middle school students for taking equivalent high school courses at the middle school and for courses taken at the high school while enrolled in grades 6-8. This credit can count toward the district graduation requirement of 22 credits. Most common courses for high school credit in middle school include Advanced Algebra I; Advanced Geometry; Health; and World Language.

If you should have additional questions or would like more information in any of these areas, please call our Student Services office at 391-2542.

Edison Parent Network

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Support Parent Network ... Join Today!

The Edison Parent Network Mission Statement is to create and support opportunities for parent and student engagement at Edison Middle School.

Do you want to learn more about the volunteer opportunities at Edison Middle School? If so, think about attending the next Parent Network Meeting on Thursday, February 2 from 6pm – 7pm in the Library Media Center. Students are also welcome! We value your feedback!

Thank you for your
continued support.
You make the difference!

Join Edison Middle School Email List

Interested in helping Edison Middle School go green? Edison is in the process of collecting email addresses. Access the website and enter your email address on the bottom left hand corner of the main screen. Parents will be able to receive this newsletter in an electronic format.

Principal of the Year Award

Parent Network would like to congratulate Principal Mark Smith and the staff of Edison Middle School on their recent achievement! Mr. Smith received Principal of the Year award by the Wisconsin State Reading Association! Thank you for all that you do each and every day for our students!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PARENT NETWORK MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6:00PM – 7:00PM

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER (LMC)

7TH GRADE PARTY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

2:45PM – 4:30PM

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD REGARDING ITEMS NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT.

OPEN SWIM NIGHT AT EDISON

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

6:00PM – 8:00PM

EDISON MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT AT THE KROC

WATCH FOR AN UPCOMING DATE AND TIME FOR THIS EVENT

Follow Edison on Twitter

Edison Middle School has a Twitter account! Parents are able to create a free twitter account by accessing www.twitter.com. In order to create a twitter account, you will need to enter your full name, email address, a user name and password.

Once the user ID and password are created, you will receive an email from Twitter asking that you click on a link to finish the account set up. When this is complete, Parents can access the “@Connect” icon and type @GBEdisonMS in the space provided. This will allow you to begin following Edison Middle School.

Edison Open Swim Night

The Parent Network will be hosting an Open Swim Night on Friday, March 2nd from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Lifeguards will be on duty at the event. This event is open to all Edison family members. Stop by and enjoy some pool fun!

Parent Network is requesting donations of bottled water. If you can donate, please drop the water off at the Main Office prior to the event. If you have questions about this event, please contact Stephanie Macedo at stephona-ta@sbcglobal.net.

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Dates are subject to change.

Students should listen to the morning announcements for the latest information.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Late Start 8:35 am	2 Parent Network Meeting 7th/8th GBB Red Smith Red Team Home, White Team Away	3 PBIS Incentive
6	7 Wrestling Lombardi/Edison @ Bay View 7th/8th GBB Luxemburg-Casco White Team Home, Red Team Away	8	9	10 7th Grade Party
13 7th/8th GBB Denmark Red Team Home, White Team Away	14 Wrestling Edison/Washington @ West DePere	15	16 Student Services Open Late 7th/8th GBB Franklin White Team Home, Red Team Away	17 Edison Early Release (Edison Only) 12:35 pm
20	21 Wrestling Franklin/Denmark @ Edison	22	23 Forensics Meet	24 Dodgeball Tournament 25 Solo Ensemble
27	28 Wrestling Edison @ DePere	29 Late Start 8:35 am		

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			1 <i>Parent Network Meeting</i>	2 <i>Show Choir Jazz Band Solo Ensemble Family Open Swim 6-8 pm</i>
5	6 <i>Parent Teacher Conferences Evening</i>	7	8 <i>Parent Teacher Conferences Afternoon—No School</i>	9 <i>No School</i>
12 <i>Parent Teacher Conferences Evening</i>	13	14	15 <i>Student Services Open Late</i>	16 <i>Dinner and A Movie</i>
19	20 <i>Choir 3—Honors Choir Concert 7:00 pm West High School</i>	21	22 <i>Talent Show</i>	23
26 <i>Spring Break</i>	27 <i>Spring Break</i>	28 <i>Spring Break</i>	29 <i>Spring Break</i>	30 <i>Spring Break</i>