




THE WEEKLY LEAF

Edgewood Magnet School, New Haven, Connecticut
February 11-15th, 2019



CALENDAR

Sa. February 9 th	NHPS School Choice Fair @ Wilbur Cross: 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
T. February 12 th	Rescheduled Report Card Conferences: 4-6:00 PM
T. February 12 th	PTO Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
W. February 13 th	NHPS School Choice Fair @ Floyd Little Athletic Center: 6-8:00 P.M.
Th. February 14 th	Black History Assembly: 8:45 A.M. Grades 6-8; 9:30 A.M. Grades K-5
F. February 15 th	Spirit Day: Celebrate Your Culture
F. February 15 th	Early Dismissal @12:45 P.M.
M. Feb 18th- F. Feb 22 nd	School is NOT in Session, February Recess
M. February 25 th	Return from February Recess
F. March 8 th	Café Edgewood
Su. March 17 th	Deadline for Submission of School Choice Applications
T. March 19 th	K-2 Principal’s Chat @ 5:30 P.M., PTO Meeting: 6:00 P.M.
F. March 22 nd	Café Edgewood
F. April 5 th	End of MP #3, Café Edgewood
F. April 12 th	Early Dismissal @ 12:45 P.M.
M. April 15 th -F. April 19 th	April Recess, School is NOT in Session
M. April 22 nd	Return from April Recess

REPORT CARD CONFERENCES RESCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH FROM 4-6:00 P.M.
Report card conferences have been rescheduled and will take place on Tuesday, February 12th from 4-6:00 P.M. Please look for correspondence from your child’s teacher(s).

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Each day during our morning announcements we share important contributions from famous African Americans in celebration of Black History Month. We have an upcoming Black History Assembly (see announcement below) to showcase the amazing achievements of African American New Haven Notables and we hope you can join us.

BLACK HISTORY ASSEMBLY ON FEBRUARY 14TH: 8:45 A.M. for Grades 6-8, 9:30 A.M. for Grades K-5

We are pleased to host our Annual Black History Assembly on Thursday, February 14th, 2019. We will host two different sessions. The first session is at 8:45 A.M to showcase students in grades 6-8. The second assembly will occur at 9:30 A.M. and will feature K-5 students. Our focus is: “Notable contributions from members of the New Haven Community.” You will have an opportunity to see a variety of notable people, events, and organizations featured in these assemblies.

REQUEST FOR MATERIALS

We are looking for two 56 qt. Sterilite Storage boxes. If you would like to donate these items, we would be most appreciative. Please drop them off in the Main Office. Thank you.

EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY COOKBOOK

Please submit your favorite recipe to the Edgewood Community Cookbook by February 15th! Recipes can be submitted via this [Google Form](#), or on our website: www.edgewoodmagnetPTO.com.

EDGEWOOD PTO

The Edgewood School PTO invites you to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Childcare will be provided. Agenda items include budget updates, committee reports, the principal's update, and a discussion regarding security measures with our guest speaker, Chief Reddish. We look forward to seeing you there.

YALE SPANISH OPPORTUNITY

The Yale Spanish Spring Sprout Program is accepting application. Please check their website [here](#) for more information. **Their course catalog is NOW available [here](#) alongside their registration page, which is open until FEBRUARY 11th.** Any interested students should make an account to receive more information and register.

A SANCTUARY FOR WELL WOMEN OPENS IN WESTVILLE

Congratulations to Edgewood parent Julie Robbins who was featured in a recent New Haven Independent Article that can be accessed here: https://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/well_women_westville/
We wish you all of the best in this new and exciting endeavor! It is a wonderful resource for our community.

SPIRIT DAY- FEBRUARY 15TH

The Student Senate is sponsoring a Spirit Day on Friday, February 15th. The theme is: "Celebrate Your Culture." Feel free to wear T-shirts or tops that represent your own cultural heritage.

DETERMINE YOUR DESTINY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The Determine Your Destiny after school club will begin February 26th on Tuesdays 3:05 - 4:15. The goal of the program is to assist 7th and 8th graders in determining their career interests and will provide tools for life success through team building, challenges, and games. The program will run until April 30th. Flyers and applications can be obtained in room 9 (our Makerspace) and will also be sent electronically via ParentLink to families of 7th and 8th grade students. Space is limited.

YALE PATHWAYS SCHOLARS SUMMER PROGRAM

Please view the following link to access the Yale Pathways Scholars Summer Program application. This is a free two-week summer science day program for 100 local high school students. Students have the opportunity to select from a variety of STEM workshops, collaboratively designed and taught by Yale faculty and graduate students:
<https://pathwayssummerscholars.yale.edu/>

ADDITIONAL YALE PROGRAMS

Stem Mentors At Yale: College Decision Panel. 2/24/19 from 1-3:00 P.M. Registration:
https://yalesurvey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eexHkCKRI9Ym4dv

SheCode: Girls Learn Programming with Yale Students. Registration:
https://yalesurvey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7ULXICR7A1wfjHD

Science on Saturdays: How Do Animals Remember? Using Microscopic Worms to Understand Memory. Open to the public. Registration: <https://onhsa.yale.edu/programs/science-saturdays>

PARKING REMINDERS

Please refrain from dropping off, picking up, or parking in the front bus lane. This impacts the timely arrival and departure of our buses in addition to creating safety concerns. Furthermore, ensure that any street parking outside of the bus lane does not obstruct neighboring driveways. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOLYARD HABITAT- SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Our School Yard Habitat is in need of some assistance. If you have a chainsaw and can come one day this week and give about a half hour of your time it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Holly Smith at holly.smith@new-haven.k12.ct.us if you can help.

SUPPORTING POSITIVE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Timely, daily attendance is critical to academic success. As a school, the rating we obtain from the State is based off of key attendance benchmarks, and we aim to exceed the District's goal of 95% attendance. We also know that there is a strong correlation between high learning outcomes and positive school attendance. As of 2/8/19 we have had 101 days of school. Any student who has missed 10 days of school is considered chronically absent (missing 10% or more of the total school days, whether these absences are "excused" or "unexcused"). Currently, 19.4% of our students meet that threshold. That's up from 17.4% on 1/18 and 16.2% just before winter break. Let's work together to bring this rate into single digits.

Edgewood's Attendance Committee meets on a regular basis to review student attendance. If a child's attendance record indicates that he/she is in danger of being chronically absent, a representative from the school will reach out to parents to

schedule an attendance hearing in January to review all absences and discuss ways to decrease rates of absenteeism to enhance student outcomes. A referral to outside agencies may occur if attendance rates continue to meet or exceed the State's criteria, thus impacting the child's ability to receive valuable instruction due to chronic absenteeism. We look to partner with families as we strive to Elevate Edgewood Excellence through positive school attendance.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR CAREER DAY

We are starting to coordinate plans for our annual Career Day. The tentative date for this event is Thursday, April 25th, 2019 from 9:00-11:30 A.M. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet members of the community and learn about various careers. If you or anyone you know might be interested in presenting, please contact Mike Kuszpa (Michael.kuszpa@new-haven.k12.ct.us).

DRIVING THROUGH EDGEWOOD LANE

Please refrain from driving through our back alley, aka "Edgewood Lane," at all times, including before and after school hours. Children should not be dropped off in this lane. Your strict adherence to this is expected for the safety and well-being of our students.

PRINCIPAL'S CHATS

The dates for upcoming Principal's chats are as follows:

March 19th from 5:30-6:00 P.M. (Grades K-2, Primary Academy)

April 23rd from 4:30-5:00 P.M. (Grades 3-5, Intermediate Academy)

May 21st from 5:30-6:00 P.M. (Grades 6-8, Junior Academy)

BIG Y EDUCATION EXPRESS

Please visit the following link to find out more about ways you can help Edgewood earn free supplies! Our school's information is as follows:

Edgewood Elementary School

School ID: 5515 <https://www.bigy.com/rs/EducationExpress>

A NOTE REGARDING TARDY ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

The expectation is for all students to arrive to school on time. A student will be considered tardy if he/she arrives after 8:35 A.M. Repeated tardiness will be referred to our Truancy Department. Immediate remediation will be required to ensure that students receive maximum instruction. Parents who arrive with their child(ren) after 8:35 A.M. will not be permitted to walk their child(ren) to the class for safety reasons. All students entering after 8:35 A.M. must go to the Main Office to obtain a pass and walk to their classes without a parent escort.

REMINDER: POLICY REGARDING EARLY PICK-UP FROM SCHOOL

If you must pick your child up prior to our 2:50 P.M. dismissal time, we will call your child(ren) down to the Main Office once you arrive. Students will not be called over the loud speaker during PM announcements. Please make every attempt to avoid an early pick-up, as this disrupts the learning process. This is a firm policy, and no exceptions will be made. If an early pick-up is absolutely necessary, please make every effort to provide as much notice as possible by calling Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Rizzo, and the Main Office and emailing Ms. Henderson: deborah.henderson@new-haven.k12.ct.us. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

SAFETY POLICY

You have entrusted your child to our care and we take that very seriously. Please go directly to the Main Office when you enter our building to sign-in. Absolutely no parent will be allowed to enter a classroom without a visitor pass from the Main Office during the school day. In addition, parent visitations for the classrooms must be pre-arranged between the teacher and the parent to avoid disruptions to the learning environment.

HEALTH UPDATES

Elizabeth Araujo is our school nurse. She is in the building daily. State law mandates that all students be properly immunized and receive a physical before entering kindergarten and grade seven. In addition, all students entering from out-of-state must have a physical before entering school. New Haven public school medical forms may be obtained from the school nurse, the New Haven Health Department, or your child's Pediatrician's office.

Please send all Weekly Leaf announcements to Ms. Rizzo by Wednesday: Andrea.Rizzo@new-haven.k12.ct.us