



# THE WEEKLY LEAF

Edgewood Magnet School, New Haven, Connecticut  
June 10th-14th 2019



## CALENDAR

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| T. June 11 <sup>th</sup>  | PTO Meeting, 6:00 P.M.   |
| W. June 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Kindergarten 2019-2020 Pre-Orientation, 3:30-4:30 P.M.                   |
| W. June 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Multicultural Night, 6:00-8:00 PM (flyer attached to ParentLink Message) |
| Th. June 13 <sup>th</sup> | Field Day  |
| F. June 14 <sup>th</sup>  | Special Café Edgewood: Farewell to Principal Smith                       |
| F. June 14 <sup>th</sup>  | Spirit Day: Edgewood Gear Day  |
| F. June 14 <sup>th</sup>  | End of Marking Period 4  |
| M. June 17 <sup>th</sup>  | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony, 9:00 A.M.                      |
| T. June 18 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Early Dismissal @ 12:45 P.M., Last day of school</b>                  |

## SPECIAL CAFÉ EDGEWOOD: FAREWELL TO PRINCIPAL SMITH

On Friday, June 14th, the PTO invites you to attend a very special Cafe Edgewood. This is an opportunity for parents to gather in celebration of Principal Smith's tenure at Edgewood. Please come express your thanks, wish her well in her new position, and send her off in "Edgewood Excellence" style. The Cafe will be open from 8:20 to 9:00.

## 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The link to the 2019-2020 school calendar can be accessed by clicking here: <http://www.nhps.net/node/90>

## PTO MEETING, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 P.M.

Please join us for the last PTO meeting of the year on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Childcare will be provided. Agenda items include voting on new funding requests, PTO Secretary election, the principal's update, and the year-in-review and annual financial reports.

## FIELD DAY (K-6) IS THURSDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>

Mr. Bosse and Ms. Penny are working hard to make this year's field day a great success. If you are available to volunteer, please email Mr. Bosse at [Christopher.bosse@new-haven.k12.ct.us](mailto:Christopher.bosse@new-haven.k12.ct.us). Additionally, students go through a lot of water during this event and we would greatly appreciate your donation of bottled water to help keep our students hydrated and refreshed. Please send any donations into the Main Office. Thank you in advance for your support.

## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM NURSE LIZ

All medications will need to be picked up by an adult on June 14, 17 or 18 (half day) during school hours. All "Medication Authorization Forms" expire on the last day of school June 18, 2019. New forms completed and signed by your child's doctor/ provider will be required for next school year 2019-2020. Medications cannot be administered without having these required forms completed. Medication pick up notices were sent home with students June 6, 2019.

## PLEASE REFRAIN FROM SENDING STUDENTS IN WITH BODY SPRAYS

This is a reminder to please refrain from sending students into school with body sprays (i.e. Axe sprays, body mists, etc). We have a staff member who is allergic to fragrances and want to make sure that students are not spraying perfumes or body sprays in the school building. Thank you for your understanding.

## UNITED GIRLS' CHOIR

The United Girls' Choir has announced that auditions are currently being held for girls, ages 5-17, from throughout the region. Auditions will be held throughout the spring and summer, and all interested girls are eligible to audition. No experience is necessary. Audition information and appointment dates may be obtained by calling (203) 787-1244, by

sending an e-mail to [info@unitedchoir.com](mailto:info@unitedchoir.com), or by visiting <https://unitedchoir.com>. The United Girls' Choir is Connecticut's leading provider of choral ensembles for girls, with over 500 choristers in thirty-two ensembles. The program has well-established chapters based in Hamden, North Haven, Cheshire, Branford, Milford, Shelton, Madison, Clinton, and Killingworth. The program's curriculum focuses on the cultivation of leadership skills, musicianship, confidence, and musical literacy, while emphasizing the importance of sisterhood, teamwork, commitment, integrity, and respect. The United Girls' Choir has collaborated with numerous local choral groups, including the Branford Chorale, the Clinton Choral Club, the Trinity Boys' Choir, and the Yale University Glee Club, and has performed masterworks including Handel's Messiah and Vivaldi's Gloria with professional orchestras. In addition, United Girls' Choir choristers have performed in venues such as the Shubert Theater and participated in several concert tours throughout New England. The choir's mission is to enable its choristers to experience the joy of realizing their full potential, both as musicians and as human beings, while working together in a cooperative, professional environment.

## **NEW HAVEN PARKS AND RECREATION SPRING ACTIVITIES**

Check out the New Haven Parks and Recreation website for a variety of exciting activities! Registration information is included on their page: <https://www.newhavenct.gov/gov/depts/parks/default.htm>

## **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.

## **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 6/07/19, we have had 173 days of school. Any student who has missed 17 days of school is considered chronically absent (missing 10% or more of the total school days, whether these absences are "excused" or "unexcused"). Currently, 58 students (13% of population) are at that benchmark. **Let us 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 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.

## **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.**

## **NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY**

Mrs. Rogers can use some helping hands in the library for the following tasks:

- Book Check-Out Tues & Thurs 8:30 - 9:00 A.M. Use the following link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4baaa92ca3fd0-edgewood>
- She can also use extra hands to file books. E-mail her directly to set-up a time that works best for you (below).
- We are collecting electronics for dollars. Select price lists: <https://www.cfktoday.com/>
- We also collect print toner for dollars. Details: <http://www.fundingfactory.com/qualifying-list-detail.aspx>

Thanks in advance for all your support. Ms. Rogers' email address is: [kim.rogers@nhboe.net](mailto:kim.rogers@nhboe.net)

## **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](mailto: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.

**Please send all Weekly Leaf announcements to Ms. Rizzo by Wednesday: [Andrea.Rizzo@new-haven.k12.ct.us](mailto:Andrea.Rizzo@new-haven.k12.ct.us)**