




THE WEEKLY LEAF

Edgewood Magnet School, New Haven, Connecticut
March 4-8th, 2019



CALENDAR

W. March 6th	Step Up Night for 5th Grade students/families: 5:30 P.M.
F. March 8 th	Café Edgewood
Su. March 10th	Edgewood band marches in the NH Parade
Sa. March 16th	PTO FUNdraiser Party, 7-9:00 P.M.
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
T. April 23rd	PTO Meeting, 3:15 P.M.
Th. April 25th	Career Day

EDGEWOOD CONCERT BAND TO MARCH IN NEW HAVEN ST.PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

On Sunday March 10th, our awesome band led by Mr. P will once again be marching in the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's day parade. The parade starts at 1:30pm and the band will march on Chapel Street from the Yale/St. Raphael's Hospital down to the Green. The band will be paying tribute to Aretha Franklin this year. Please come and support Edgewood at the parade!

EDGEWOOD NIGHT OUT: A FUNDRAISER PARTY TO BENEFIT THE PTO

When: Saturday, March 16, 2019, 7 PM – 9 PM, Where: 770 Chapel St in downtown New Haven
Let's put the FUN back in fundraising! Leave the kids at home, and come get to know other Edgewood parents, teachers and staff at a casual evening gathering. Tickets include all drinks and snacks. Suggested donation is \$25/person, but please pay what you can. Every little bit will help us toward our fundraising goal. All are welcome! (Please note this event is 21+.) Buy your tickets now at <https://sites.google.com/view/edgewood-magnet-pt0/events>. Tickets will also be available at the door.

NHPS FAMILY CLIMATE SURVEY

We invite all Edgewood families to complete the "NHPS Family Climate Survey" which can be accessed through the following link: <http://surveys.panoramaed.com/newhaven/edgewoodschool>
We value your feedback and thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts.

STEP UP DAY

Greetings Parents of Fifth Grade students,
Please join the Edgewood Creative Thinking Through STEAM Magnet School sixth grade teachers for a Parent STEP UP night on March 6th. During this night, you will learn about the transition from grade five to grade six. In addition, the teachers will share the highlights of grade six as well as new and exciting events and opportunities scheduled to occur during the upcoming school year. Please join us on March 6th at 5:30 pm in the grade six classrooms. We look forward to seeing you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADVOCACY

We want to extend our appreciation to Edgewood Parent Matthew Higbee for writing a letter to Senator Winfield in support of increased funding for New Haven Public Schools. We appreciate your advocacy efforts on behalf of NHPS students.

BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION

We want to thank all of the families and community members who joined us in our Annual Black History Celebration. Students enjoyed showcasing their learning as they paid tribute to various notables such as: Dr. Comer, William Lanson and Fred Parris and the Five Satins. Students performed songs such as, "Saints Go Marching In," and "Each of Us," and researched a variety of historical time periods such as the 1940's (Jazz Music) and the 1960's (Power of Civil Disobedience). This was a memorable event!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND EDGEWOOD PARENT

Mike Pinto was appointed at Monday's Board of Education Meeting as the new Chief Operating Officer (COO) for New Haven Public Schools. He is also the parent of a 5th grade Edgewood Student. His appointment to this position was featured in a recent New Haven Independent Article:

https://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/mike_pinto_will_clark/

We wish him the best in this new endeavor!

BEHAVIORAL CELEBRATIONS

We are pleased to share that our rate of student suspension has decreased considerably throughout the second and third marking periods. In December, we did not have any student suspensions. In January, we had one suspension out of 442 enrolled students. We are excited about the levels of student engagement within our classrooms and the corresponding decrease in suspension rates, and hope that we are able to continue celebrating these behavioral successes!

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.

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.

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 and applications are still being accepted.

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

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.

EDGEWOOD PTO

Edgewood Community Cookbook- Please contribute your favorite recipe!

Dear Edgewood Community, the PTO is creating a Community Cookbook to be published and sold this upcoming spring. All families, staff and faculty are encouraged to contribute. This is a fundraising effort to support diversity and inclusion initiatives at our school. Please share your favorite recipe! You can do so by filling out our online recipe form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1eVNMu6PUPcZyMLUzIammF0IJKw-L4k1BO_w_P1r86dw/edit

OR visit our website, www.edgewoodmagnetpto.com and fill out the recipe form on our main page. Thank you!

Next PTO meeting is Tuesday March 19th at 6:00 P.M.

The Edgewood School PTO invites you to attend the next meeting on March 19th at 6:00 P.M.

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 2/11/2019 we have had 111 days of school. Any student who has missed 11 days of school is considered chronically absent (missing 10% or more of the total school days, whether these absences are "excused" or "unexcused"). Currently, 18.4% of students are at that benchmark. This is up from 17.4% in January and 16.2% just before December 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)

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found items are located on the banister in the cafeteria. We will donate all lost and found items monthly.

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>

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

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