



# THE WEEKLY LEAF

Edgewood Magnet School, New Haven, Connecticut  
March 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019



## CALENDAR

Sa. March 16th	PTO FUNdraiser Party, 7-9:00 P.M.
Su. March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for Submission of Online School Choice Applications
T. March 19 <sup>th</sup>	K-2 Principal's Chat @ 5:30 P.M., PTO Meeting: 6:00 P.M.
F. March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Café Edgewood
F. April 5 <sup>th</sup>	End of MP #3, Café Edgewood
F. April 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Early Dismissal @ 12:45 P.M.</b>
M. April 15 <sup>th</sup> -F. April 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>April Recess, School is NOT in Session</b>
M. April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Return from April Recess
T. April 23rd	PTO Meeting, 3:15 P.M.
Th. April 25th	Career Day

## EDGEWOOD PARENT ADVOCACY

We want to extend our thanks to Margaret Conable for testifying at the State level for additional supports for New Haven, and to Mr. and Mrs. Melnick, James Yu, and Amy Boratko for organizing a team of parents to speak with Representative Dillon and Senator Winfield to work collaboratively on behalf of New Haven students to secure resources for our schools. We sincerely appreciate your advocacy.

## K-2 PRINCIPAL'S CHAT TUESDAY, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:30 P.M.

Parents of K-2 students please join us at the Principal's Chat on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:00 P.M. in the main lobby. We will discuss topics such as pick up and drop off, Class Dojo, parent volunteer opportunities and SRBI. We look forward to seeing you.

## A MESSAGE FROM NURSE LIZ

Referrals for Physicals and updated immunizations are being sent home to all 6th grade families. All students entering the 7th grade in September 2019 are required by the State of CT to have a new Physical and updated immunizations. Physicals dated September 1st, 2018 until present time will be accepted. Please submit those required forms to the school nurse as soon as possible. Students who do not submit the required forms by the first day of 7th grade will be excluded until they do so. Thank you in advance for your compliance with this mandate.

## EDGEWOOD NIGHT OUT: A PARENT SPONSORED FUNDRAISER PARTY

When: Saturday, March 16, 2019, 7 PM – 9 PM, Where: 770 Chapel St in downtown New Haven

Buy your tickets now at <https://sites.google.com/view/edgewood-magnet-pt0/events>. Tickets will also be available at the door.

## EDGEWOOD T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE WITH OUR NEW EDGEWOOD CREATIVE THINKING THROUGH STEAM LOGO

If you would like to purchase a t-shirt with our new Edgewood logo, please do so by accessing the following link: <https://www.imagemarket.com/abf80347> We have child through adult sizes, and flyers will also go home with students. The cart for online purchases will expire on May 10th, so please scoop them up while you can!

## 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.

## **EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY COOKBOOK**

The deadline to submit a recipe to the Edgewood Community Cookbook has been extended to April 1st! Please submit a favorite recipe or two, and help us reach our goal of 50 recipes. This cookbook will celebrate the diversity of our community through food! We are asking all parents, teachers, students, and staff to participate. Please visit [www.edgewoodmagnetpto.com](http://www.edgewoodmagnetpto.com) or submit your recipe online [HERE](#). The Edgewood Community Cookbook will be available for purchase at International Night, June 6th. Thank you!

## **EDGEWOOD PTO**

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

The Edgewood School PTO invites you to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Childcare will be provided. Agenda items include the treasurer's report and departure, committee reports, the principal's update, setting up spring clean-up day, and a discussion regarding the upcoming PTO Executive Board elections. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **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.

## **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!

## **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 3/15/19 we have had 119 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, 78 students (17.5% of population) are at that benchmark. 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 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:00 P.M. (Grades K-2, Primary Academy)  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30-5:00 P.M. (Grades 3-5, Intermediate Academy)  
May 21<sup>st</sup> 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.cfktday.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)**