

THE WEEKLY LEAF

Edgewood Magnet School, New Haven, Connecticut
April 15th-19th, 2019

CALENDAR

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| 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 30th | New Date for Intermediate Academy Principal's Chat, 4:30-5:00 P.M. |
| M. May 6 th | Early Dismissal @ 12:45 P.M., Staff In-Service |
| M. May 20 th | Arts Eats and Beats Week Kickoff: STEAM It Up! |
| M. May 27 th | Memorial Day, School is NOT in Session |

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH IS AN EARLY DISMISSAL DAY (12:45 PM) DUE TO THE START OF APRIL BREAK
APRIL BREAK IS MONDAY, 4/15 THROUGH FRIDAY, 4/19. ENJOY!**

MADAGASCAR: A MUSICAL ADVENTURE, JR.

It was a pleasure to watch students display their many talents in this year's production of Madagascar: A Musical Adventure, Jr. You are phenomenal!

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

Thank you to the parents who have shown support for our updated arrival/dismissal protocol. The students and staff appreciate the positive feedback.

A NOTE FROM OUR NURSE

This is a reminder that we are a nut free school, and it is important that any outside lunches that are sent in with students are nut free. Thank you for your cooperation.

PTO OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THE EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is seeking candidates for the executive board for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. Elections will be held at the May 21st PTO meeting for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like to run for office, please contact Principal Smith: shanta.smith@new-haven.k12.ct.us
The PTO is dedicated to supporting the education of children at Edgewood Creative Thinking Through STEAM Magnet School by fostering relationships among the school, parents, and teachers. Our focus is raising and distributing funds throughout the school community. If you would like more information about the responsibilities of the executive board positions, please contact us at: edgewoodmagnetpto@gmail.com

SCHOOL YARD HABITAT NEWS

Hello to all and happy spring! It is time for some spring cleaning. There will be a cleanup crew from Common Ground High School working in our school yard habitat to rake and clean up the plots to ready them for planting. Join us if you can on Saturday April 27 from 11 am to 1 pm for raking and weeding.

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>

STAFF VS STAFF BASKETBALL FUNDRAISING GAME

The Staff Vs Staff game (Edgewood Vs Beecher) was great! Thank you to all families who came out to cheer on our staff. We want to thank Mr. Bosse for coordinating this wonderful event!

UNCLE JERRY'S T'S- FUNDRAISING THAT'S FUN RAISING

Our 8th grade class is sponsoring a fundraiser to offset costs of the upcoming trip to New York City. Please help make the sale a success by placing an online order though unclejerrystees.com. All orders and payments are due on Monday, April 29th. Click on the Shop Now icon and enter our Organizational Code 51469 and the Student Name you want to credit.

Create your student/seller account and send emails to friends and family to promote this fundraiser. We also have hard copies of the fundraising flyers that were sent home with 8th grade students. Please make all checks or money orders payable to Edgewood School, and direct any questions to Mrs. Davis at Sheila.Davis@nhboe.net

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 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 PTO

Next PTO meeting is Tuesday April 23rd at 3:15 PM. We hope to see you then.

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 4/12/2019, we have had 139 days of school. Any student who has missed 13 days of school is considered chronically absent (missing 10% or more of the total school days, whether these absences are “excused” or “unexcused”). Currently, 67 students (15.2% 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.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR CAREER DAY

We are re-scheduling Career Day and will notify parents of the new day/time when it becomes available.

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:

NEW DATE! April 30th 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.

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