




# THE WEEKLY LEAF

Edgewood Magnet School, New Haven, Connecticut  
December 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2018



## CALENDAR

T. December 18 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Meeting, 3:15 P.M.
T. December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Grades 3-5 Principal's Chat, 4:30-5:00 P.M.
Th. December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Concert, 7:30 P.M.
F. December 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Early Dismissal @12:45, Holiday Recess</b>
M. December 24 <sup>th</sup> -T. January 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Holiday Recess, School is NOT in Session</b>
F. January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Café Edgewood
F. January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Spirit Day
M. January 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Early Dismissal @12:45, Staff In-Service Training</b>
F. January 18 <sup>th</sup>	End of Marking Period #2
M. January 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>School is NOT in Session, M.L. King's Birthday</b>
F. January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Café Edgewood
W. January 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Early Dismissal @12:45, K-8 Report Card Conferences</b>
F. February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Café Edgewood

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>: EARLY DISMISSAL (12:45 P.M., HOLIDAY RECESS BEGINS)**  
**SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION DEC. 24<sup>TH</sup>-JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

### JAZZ BAND PERFORMANCE AT BOE MEETING

Congratulations to our talented Jazz Band students for their performance at last week's Board of Education meeting!

### 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/1eVNMu6PUUpCzYmLUzIammF0IJKw-L4k1BO\\_w\\_P1r86dw/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1eVNMu6PUUpCzYmLUzIammF0IJKw-L4k1BO_w_P1r86dw/edit)

OR visit our website, [www.edgewoodmagnetpto.com](http://www.edgewoodmagnetpto.com) and fill out the recipe form on our main page. Thank you!

### Next PTO meeting is Tuesday December 18th at 3:15!

The Edgewood School PTO invites you to attend the next meeting on December 18, 2018, from 3:15 P.M.-4:15 P.M. Childcare will be provided. Discussion topics will include budget updates, website updates, committee reports, and outside maintenance at Edgewood. Please attend.

### 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](mailto: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 12/7/18, we have had 64 days of school. Any student who has missed 6 days of school is considered chronically absent (missing 10% or more of the total school days, whether these absences are "excused" or "unexcused"). Currently, 17.1% of our total Edgewood student population has met that threshold and is considered chronically absent.

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 December 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.

### **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ESSAY CONTEST**

Senator Murphy invites elementary, middle, and high school students from across Connecticut to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by submitting essays that reflect on Dr. King's dream and their own aspirations as well as the importance of what Dr. King means to them.

Open to students K-12, essays should be no more than 500 words for high school students (grades 9-12), 300 words for middle school students (grades 6-8), and 100-200 for elementary school students (grades K-5). Pictures are optional for elementary school submissions. Please submit essays to the following link: <http://bit.ly/MLKEssay> or send hard copies to Senator Murphy's Hartford Office at 120 Huyshope Avenue Suite 401 Hartford, CT 06106 Attn: Zach Dendas  
If you have any questions about the contest please reach out to [MLK\\_Essay@murphy.senate.gov](mailto:MLK_Essay@murphy.senate.gov)

### **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:

- December 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:00 P.M. (Grades 3-5, Intermediate Academy)
- January 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:00 P.M. (Grades 6-8, Junior Academy)
- 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 the Main Office or 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.

#### **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](mailto:Andrea.Rizzo@new-haven.k12.ct.us)**