




THE WEEKLY LEAF

Edgewood Magnet School, New Haven, Connecticut
December 10th-14th, 2018



CALENDAR

M. December 10 th	Jazz Band Performance at BOE meeting, scheduled to start at 5:30 P.M.
Th. December 13 th	Picture Retake Day
F. December 14 th	Café Edgewood
F. December 14 th	Junior Academy Winter Snowflake Dance, 6:00-8:00 P.M.
F. December 14 th	Spirit Day- College Day
T. December 18 th	PTO Meeting, 3:15 P.M.
T. December 18 th	Grades 3-5 Principal's Chat, 4:30-5:00 P.M.
Th. December 20 th	Holiday Concert, 7:30 P.M.
F. December 21 st	Early Dismissal @12:45, Holiday Recess
M. December 24 th -T. January 1 st	Holiday Recess, School is NOT in Session

JAZZ BAND PERFORMANCE AT BOE MEETING

We are pleased to announce that our talented Edgewood Jazz Band students will perform at the Board of Education Meeting on December 10th, 2018!

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

If you would like to retake your picture (or if you were absent for our first picture day), picture retakes will occur on Thursday, December 13th on stage from 9-11am. Any student who wishes to have his/her photo retaken must bring their previously issued photos on the 13th. Ms. Rawlings will call down students from classrooms (K-4 from 9-10am, and 5-8 from 10-11am).

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.

JUNIOR ACADEMY WINTER SNOWFLAKE DANCE

The Junior Academy welcomes students in grades 6-8 to attend the Winter Snowflake Dance on Friday, December 14th from 6-8:00 P.M. Tickets will be sold in advance (those may be purchased from Ms. Davis Tuesday the 11th-Friday the 14th), or can be purchased at the door. The cost is \$5.00. We look forward to this exciting evening with our Middle School students.

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

EDGEWOOD MAGNET PTO

Thank you to all donors who generously gave on Giving Tuesday! Your donations help to fund all PTO events and programs at the school which helps to build our Edgewood community.

It's now easier than ever to learn about the PTO. Our website has a new, easy to remember address. Go to www.edgewoodmagnetpto.com to find information about what the PTO is doing this year, and how you can get involved. You can support the mission of the PTO by making a financial contribution right from the website. Please join us in person for our next meeting on December 18th at 3:15 pm.

FREE EVENT AT YALE PEABODY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1-3:00 P.M

At this free event (includes admission to the Peabody Museum for non-Yale affiliates), we invite families to come and hear the story of Pu Zhelong, one of China's first 'citizen scientists' who taught peasants in Mao Zedong's Communist China how to forgo pesticides and instead use parasitic wasps to control the moths that were decimating crops and contributing to China's widespread famine. Author Sigrid Schmalzer will read the children's book and children ages 3+ will have the opportunity to participate in a traditional Chinese papercraft activity with book illustrator Melanie Linden Chan. Light refreshments provided. Registration required: www.bit.ly/moth-and-wasp Questions? E-mail angel.hsu@yale.edu

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:

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