




THE WEEKLY LEAF

Edgewood Magnet School, New Haven, Connecticut

May 27th-31st, 2019



CALENDAR

M. May 27 th	Memorial Day, School is NOT in Session
Th. May 30 th	Spirit Day: PJ Day
F. May 31 st	Café Edgewood
M. June 3 rd & T. June 4 th	Book Fair, 9:00 A.M.- 2:30 P.M.
W. June 5 th	Band/Chorus/Strings Concert @ Career High School, 7:00 P.M.
F. June 7 th	Spirit Day: Rainbow Day
W. June 12 th	Kindergarten 2019-2020 Pre-Orientation, 3:30-4:30 P.M.
W. June 12 th	Multicultural Night, More information to follow
Th. June 13 th	Field Day
F. June 14 th	Café Edgewood
F. June 14 th	Spirit Day: Edgewood Gear Day
F. June 14 th	End of Marking Period 4
M. June 17 th	8 th Grade Promotion Ceremony, 9:00 A.M.
T. June 18 th	Early Dismissal @ 12:45 P.M., Last day of school

MONDAY, MAY 27TH- SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION (MEMORIAL DAY)

FIELD DAY (K-6) IS THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH

Mr. Bosse and Ms. Penny are working hard to make this year's field day a great success. If you are available to volunteer, please email Mr. Bosse at Christopher.bosse@new-haven.k12.ct.us. Additionally, students go through a lot of water during this event and we would greatly appreciate your donation of bottled water to help keep our students hydrated and refreshed. Please send any donations into the Main Office. Thank you in advance for your support.

PROGRESS REPORTS FOR THE 4TH MARKING PERIOD

Progress reports for the 4th marking period will be sent home next week. Please contact your child's teacher(s) with any questions.

EDGEWOOD BOOKFAIR JUNE 3RD AND JUNE 4TH

The book fair will take place in the library from 9-2:30 on Monday, June 3rd and Tuesday, June 4th. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted.

UNITED GIRLS' CHOIR

The United Girls' Choir has announced that auditions are currently being held for girls, ages 5-17, from throughout the region. Auditions will be held throughout the spring and summer, and all interested girls are eligible to audition. No experience is necessary. Audition information and appointment dates may be obtained by calling (203) 787-1244, by sending an e-mail to info@unitedchoir.com, or by visiting <https://unitedchoir.com>. The United Girls' Choir is Connecticut's leading provider of choral ensembles for girls, with over 500 choristers in thirty-two ensembles. The program has well-established chapters based in Hamden, North Haven, Cheshire, Branford, Milford, Shelton, Madison, Clinton, and Killingworth. The program's curriculum focuses on the cultivation of leadership skills, musicianship, confidence, and musical literacy, while emphasizing the importance of sisterhood, teamwork, commitment, integrity, and respect. The United Girls' Choir has collaborated with numerous local choral groups, including the Branford Chorale, the Clinton Choral Club, the Trinity Boys' Choir, and the Yale University Glee Club, and has performed masterworks including Handel's Messiah and Vivaldi's Gloria with professional orchestras. In addition, United Girls' Choir choristers have performed in venues such as the Shubert Theater and participated in several concert tours throughout New England. The choir's mission is to enable its choristers to experience the joy of realizing their full potential, both as musicians and as human beings, while working together in a cooperative, professional environment.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Edgewood Magnet PTO would like to host an ice cream social for the whole school following the eighth grade graduation on Monday, June 17th; however, we need volunteers to help distribute ice cream. Please email edgewoodmagnetpto@gmail.com if you can help for an hour or two on June 17th between 10:00 am and 1:15 pm. Thank you!

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ACTIVITIES!

Multicultural Night is Wednesday, June 12th! The 8th grade students are hosting this event and would like parent volunteers to oversee culturally-themed activities for all attendees to participate in. Examples of activities are origami, henna tattoos, traditional games, beading, weaving, etc. If you have an activity you'd like to host, please contact the PTO at edgewoodmagnetpto@gmail.com by June 1st. Thank you!

PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

The PTO is pleased to announce that the officers for the 2019-2020 school year will be: Holly Jermyn, President; Jessica Smolinski, Vice President; Jane Rivers, Treasurer. The office of secretary will be confirmed at the PTO meeting on June 11th at 6 pm. If anyone is interested in serving as secretary please contact the PTO at edgewoodmagnetpto@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING OUR EDGEWOOD EXCELLENT EDUCATORS

May 6th-10th was Educator Appreciation Week, and our amazing PTO went above and beyond to make this such a special week for our staff. Thank you so much to Molly Wheeler and Ms. Rawlings for serving as chairpersons and providing staff with so many delicious treats. The banner in the hall is a beautiful acknowledgement of the ways our teachers have impacted students. We truly appreciate your kindness and generosity!

THE PTO THANKS YOU

The Great Give was an enormous success for the Edgewood PTO. We raised over \$2000 from 45 individual donors. Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated and encouraged their friends, families and neighbors to contribute as well. Edgewood Excellence in action - Thank you! Please attend our next meeting on May 21 at 6 pm to help us decide how to spend the money we've raised.

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/depts/parks/default.htm>

NHPS FAMILY CLIMATE SURVEY- OPEN THROUGH MAY 31ST

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. Please be sure to take this survey before our window closes on 6/1/19.

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 5/24/19, we have had 163 days of school. Any student who has missed 16 days of school is considered chronically absent (missing 10% or more of the total school days, whether these absences are "excused" or "unexcused"). Currently, 57 students (13% 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.

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.**

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

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