




THE WEEKLY LEAF

Edgewood Magnet School, New Haven, Connecticut
September 24th-28th, 2018



CALENDAR

M. October 8 th	Columbus Day, School is NOT in Session
Th. October 11 th	Spread the Love- Anti-Cyberbullying Parent Workshop: 5:30 P.M.
F. October 12 th	Spirit Day- Hat Day
T. October 16 th	PTO Meeting: 3:15-4:15 P.M.
F. October 19 th	Café Edgewood
T. October 23 rd	8 th Grade Parent Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
F. October 26 th	STEAM Town Meeting
Th. November 1 st	Picture Day, More Information To Follow

REMINDER: POLICY REGARDING EARLY PICK-UP FROM SCHOOL

If you must pick your child up prior to our 2:50 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.

NEW HAVEN YOUTH SOCCER

New Haven Youth Soccer is in the process of recruiting more girls to play. There are several spots open for U10 Travel Team, with only one practice per week and one game on the weekend. Students who qualify are those born in 2009 and 2010 (mostly 3rd grade students). Financial Aid has been set aside specifically for this group of players. If you would like any additional information, please email: nhysregistrar@gmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM OUR STEAM COACHES

Time to clean out those garages and tool sheds! The 21st Century Maker space at Edgewood is looking for donated items. If you could please help out with the following tools we would greatly appreciate it! We are looking for new or working items such as: Sandpaper, scrap pieces of wood, old tools like electric sanders, soldering irons and hammers, small cans of stain or spray strain, and screw drivers. If you can help, please see Holly Smith or Mike Kuszpa. Items can be delivered to room 9 or to the office. We appreciate all you can do for us.

ALEXION DAY OF SERVICE

Volunteers from Alexion will be present in the building to provide teachers with STEAM workshops and to paint murals in the art room and STEAM room on Thursday, September 27th. We are happy to have them here to help us as we implement our STEAM theme.

YALE UNIVERSITY GIRLS' SCIENCE INVESTIGATIONS

The mission of Girls' Science Investigations is to motivate, empower, and interest girls in developing the skills they need to pursue careers in science. This is a free program for girls in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade interested in learning more about science. Please see their website for additional information and to sign up: <https://gsi.yale.edu/>

WELCOME MR. BERRIE

Parents of Room 5 students are invited to a Meet and Greet with Mr. Berrie on Thursday, September 27th at 5:00 P.M. We are excited to welcome Mr. Berrie to our Edgewood community!

TRANSPORTATION

All NHPS students should have received a bus card in the mail that details pickup and drop off times, along with your assigned bus location/route. It is strongly encouraged that your child gets out to his/her stop at least 10 minutes before the designated A.M. pickup time. Buses are considered “on time” if they arrive 10 minutes before OR 10 minutes after the scheduled stop time. Kindergarten and First Grade students **MUST** be met at the bus stop by an adult (older siblings attending NHPS do not have this requirement). If an adult is not at the stop, the student will be returned back to school by the bus driver. Repeated returns may result in a loss of bus privileges.

UPDATE 9/24/2018: A new policy has been set forth which requires that **all van students**, regardless of age, must be met at their stop by their parent(s). **This only applies to Edgewood students who take Van #1 or Van #2 in the afternoon.** If a parent is not outside to receive their child, the van will return that student to Edgewood. Repeat instances of return will result in a required bus suspension. Your cooperation with this mandate is necessary. Thank you.

All bus operations are handled by the Transportation Department (stops and schedules). Edgewood does not handle any bus scheduling issues. Please address specific transportation questions and requests to the following:

NHPS Transportation Department: 203.946.8418

First Student Bus Service: 203.772.0626

First Student Van Service: 203.787.7433

SCHOOL HOURS REMINDER

8:35 A.M. - 2:50 P.M. (Regular School Days) Students May Enter The Building At 8:20 A.M.

8:35 A.M. -12:45 P.M. (Early Dismissal, Half Days)

Classroom instruction begins promptly at 8:35 A.M. (Kindergarten-8th Grade). Please do not drop off your students before 8:20 A.M. unless you have enrolled them in the Before School Childcare program. If you arrive prior to 8:20 A.M. and you have night signed your child up to attend the Childcare program, you must wait with your child. Students are to enter the building through the front doors at 8:20 A.M. We do not have the staff available to supervise prior to that time.

As a reminder, K-2 parents are permitted to walk their children to the classroom and drop them off. Parents of students in grades 3-8 must abide by the “kiss and Go” policy. Please kiss your child at the door or in the front entrance and your child will walk up to the classroom unaccompanied where they will be greeted by their classroom teacher. Students in grades 7-8 will proceed directly to the cafeteria.

TARDY POLICY

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.

DISMISSAL POLICY

Please send a note to your child’s teacher on the first day of school to make them aware of your child’s regular dismissal plans. Parents are asked to remain in the hallway until the announcement is made for the dismissal of students who will be picked up. Parents of students in grades K-2 will sign out and pick up their children from the classroom, and parents of students in grades 3-5 will pick up their students from the library. Fifth through eighth grade students who are walkers or pick-ups will sign out and escort themselves out of the building. Photo identification may be required upon pick-up. Please alert the Main Office if there are any custody issues which we should be aware of as it relates to dismissal, provide the appropriate court documentation and notate it on the white card that you complete during Orientation.

Early Dismissal: The school day ends at 2:50 P.M. *Early Dismissals are strongly discouraged because it is important that students are here at school for the entire school day.* However, in the instance that an early dismissal is needed, a note/email **MUST** be sent to the school that morning indicating the reason for the pick-up, the time, and who will be picking the child up from school. If you must call over the phone to arrange a last minute pick up, we will only be allowed to inform your child of the change if you also send an email to the school secretary verifying your request.

COMMUNICATING WITH STAFF REGARDING DISMISSAL CHANGES

Please send in a note or an email to Deb Henderson (Deborah.Henderson@new-haven.k12.ct.us) if there are changes to your child's regular dismissal plans. Please send the emails in the morning and c.c. Ms. Henderson at the email address included above. In addition, if you send an email please call the school to confirm that the email has been received. We will not accept last minute changes or changes over the phone.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH

Breakfast is served daily from 8:20-8:35 A.M. at no cost to students. Lunch is also served daily at no cost to students. A monthly menu is sent home with students and it is also available at www.nhps.net. Your child may bring a bagged lunch to school if he/she prefers. **NO SODA, CANDY, OR GLASS BOTTLES ARE ALLOWED.** In addition, please refrain from sending in peanuts/peanut butter to school with your child due to food allergies.

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 Tuesday: Andrea.Rizzo@new-haven.k12.ct.us