

THE WEEKLY LEAF

Edgewood Magnet School, New Haven, Connecticut
March 25-29, 2019

CALENDAR

F. April 5 th	End of MP #3, Café Edgewood
F. April 5 th	Edgewood Drama Club Performance @ 7PM Career HS See below for more
Sa. April 6 th	Edgewood Drama Club Performance @ 2PM Career HS See below for more
F. April 12 th	Early Dismissal @ 12:45 P.M.
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., Intermediate Academy Principal Chat 4:30-5PM
Th. April 25th	Career Day
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

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>

MADAGASCAR: A MUSICAL ADVENTURE, JR. APRIL 5TH @ 7PM AND APRIL 6TH @2 PM, CAREER HS

Edgewood After-school DRAMA CLUB is proud to present **Madagascar: A Musical Adventure, Jr.**

Join the fun during this wild adventure, based on the DreamWorks Animation motion picture. Performances are Friday, April 5th at 7:00 pm, and Saturday, April 6th at 2:00 pm at Career High School. Advance tickets will be available for purchase during lunch waves from Ms. Tawanna. Tickets are \$7 in advance (\$10 at the door). Please make checks payable to Edgewood Drama Club.

EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY COOKBOOK

We Need Your Recipes NOW! The Edgewood Community Cookbook is in danger of being cancelled because we have not received enough recipes. We've extended the deadline until **April 1** in the hopes that we can make it happen. That means we need you (yes, YOU!) to go to your recipe book right now and submit your favorite. Fill in [THIS FORM](#) or send a photo of the recipe to edgewoodmagnetpto@gmail.com and we'll do the typing. Please contribute today to help make our cookbook a reality! P.S. If you have already submitted a recipe, we'd be happy to have another! The Edgewood Community Cookbook will be available for purchase at International Night, June 6th. Thank you!

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 PARENT ADVOCACY

We want to extend our thanks to Margaret Conable for testifying at the State level for additional supports for New Haven, and to Mr. and Mrs. Melnick, James Yu, and Amy Boratko for organizing a team of parents to speak with Representative Dillon and Senator Winfield to work collaboratively on behalf of New Haven students to secure resources for our schools. We sincerely appreciate your advocacy.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADVOCACY

We want to extend our appreciation to Edgewood Parent Matthew Higbee for writing a letter to Senator Winfield in support of increased funding for New Haven Public Schools. We appreciate your advocacy efforts on behalf of NHPS students.

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 3/23/19 we have had 124 days of school. Any student who has missed 12 days of school is considered chronically absent (missing 10% or more of the total school days, whether these absences are “excused” or “unexcused”). Currently, 66 students (15% of population) are at that benchmark. Let’s 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 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:

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 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