

The Edison Examiner
Edison's Student newspaper
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Edison Examiner's Extra
Special 90th Anniversary
Edition!

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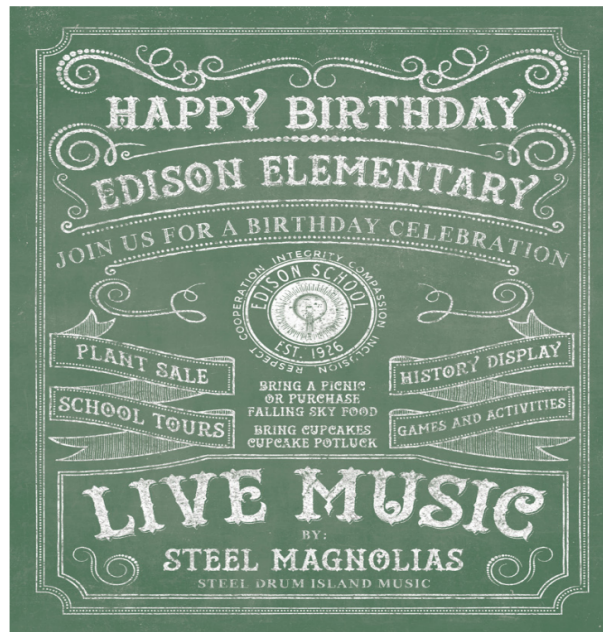
Edison's 90th Anniversary!

Edison Elementary in Eugene, Oregon is hosting it's 90th Birthday Celebration on June 3rd 2017! This festive celebration is from 11-2pm at Edison Elementary school where live music, food, school tours, a plant sale, games and activities, and a history display will be available for the community to enjoy. Come and invite your friends for this once in a lifetime event! You only turn 90 once!

Falling Sky will provide food to purchase at Edison or bring your own picnic to enjoy on the back lawn, and don't forget to bring cupcakes for the cupcake potluck!

Live music provided by Steel Magnolias Steel Drum Band and standard favorites by Edison's own Eddie Schmidt!

The school will be open for viewing with a display of Edison's unique community history and game/activities. Live plants and **limited-edition Edison 90th Anniversary T-shirts** will be available for purchase - get them before they're gone!



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Who Was Thomas EDISON

Thomas Edison is known as America's greatest inventor with over 1000 patents to his name. Some of these inventions started entire branches of industry and have their important place in the technological advancements that we see today. Our school's namesake has invented none other than the phonograph (an old fasion device used to record sound and play it back), the Kinetograph (a motion picture camera), alkaline storage batteries, and what he's most famous for; the first long lasting light bulb. That's why our school's logo often includes a light bulb.

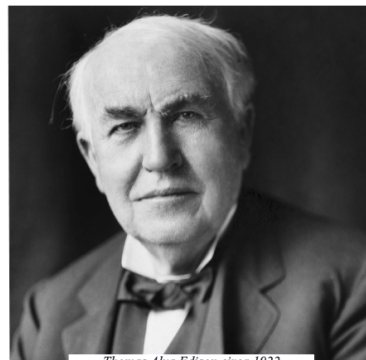
Thomas Edison was born on February 11, 1847 in Millan, Ohio and he died October 18 1931 at age 84 in West Orange, New Jersey. He was married twice and had 6 children. He was raised in Port Huron, Michigan and he was the youngest of 7 children. Thomas Edison had hearing problems at an early age as a result of scarlet fever and multiple ear infections.

Edison was mostly schooled at home after attending 12 weeks of public school when he was 7 years old. His entrepreneurial effort started at an early age selling newspapers of his own making called the *Grand Trunk Herald*. This was the beginning of Edison's acumen as a businessman, which eventually led him to found 14 companies throughout his career, including General Electric, one of the world's largest companies.

This is about the time where Edison also

started conducting experiments. His success and good fortune led him to invent a new synchronizing stock ticker, which gave him enough money to set up a small labratory and manufacturing facility to pursue his inventions.

Edison's ability to invent in developing industries of the time and his quick business sense to create profit made him a world famous inventor with such early inventions as the phonograph. His early success and reputation as a first-rate inventor led to the Edison Illuminating Company and his desire to perfect the first commercially practical incandescent lightbulb. His legacy as an industrialist, businessman, and inventor are unsurpassed in American history.



Thomas Alva Edison circa 1922

Whats happening at Edison

3 June - Edison 90th B-Day Party!
16 June - No School-Grading Day
??June - 5th grade promotion
22 June - Last Day of School
23 June-5 September - Summer Break
6 September - 1st Day of School



SAVE THE DATE

Edison 90th Celebration!
Saturday June 3rd 11am-2pm

Brief History of Edison Elementary

Reprinted from SUNA website, Edited

Edison School, built in 1926, has been the centerpiece of the South University neighborhood since it opened its door to 150 students. Edison is the oldest school building in Eugene still housing classrooms for 4J District students.

Originally, Edison was a very basic design no library, no cafeteria or kitchen, no stage or auditorium, no administrative office or nursing station. No play structures, grass or trees.

The original design of the school was simple: eight classrooms forming a U-shape surrounding what today is the gymnasium. That gym area began as nothing more than a roofed-over dirt floor. Only half the current playground was developed when Edison opened; the other half included an old house foundation. There was no paved 23rd Avenue, only a muddy road that was often impassable in the winter.

The original classrooms were built to serve up to 40 students. The early Edison School had six grade levels, but no kindergarten. Through the volunteer efforts by the PTA, kindergarten was offered in the 1950s and then by 4J following a district wide election in the 1960's. While kindergarten was only



Edison Elementary (center) taken 1929

offered half day for many years due to district budget cuts, starting the fall of 2015 kindergarten has become a full time regular part of the entire 4J curriculum.

By the 1940's, increasing enrollment brought the addition of basement classrooms beneath the original three wings. The gym was enclosed and given a proper flooring. The 1950's brought even more students ready to study at Edison. Westward expansion from 1951-53 added two more classrooms as well as the library, cafeteria, kitchen, storeroom, nurse's office and auditorium.

A final spurt of growth in the 1960's added space to the south side of the building, creating more room for the library as well as additional classrooms. Edison reached its peak enrollment of more than 400 students during this time.

Generations of school children made a beeline after school to the "Little School Store" just across the street, on the northwest corner of 22nd and Emerald. The store operated from about 1926-1970.

(Pictures from SUNA website)



How did Edison get its name?

The Eugene School District asked the public for suggestions for the new school's name in 1926. The overwhelming favorite was Thomas Alva Edison, the great inventor of the early 20th century. Here (Right) is a letter Thomas Edison sent to the school thanking them for naming the school in his honor. Currently, there are many schools all over the United States still named in his honor!

The School in 2016/2017

In the 2016/2017 school year, Historic Edison School is still a thriving 4j public school with approximately 380 wonderful students, serving grades Kindergarten through 5th.

Edison is the quintessential "neighborhood school" with 85% neighborhood student attendance, approximately 70% of which bike or walk to school. Edison has and continues to educate generations of neighbors, including our principal.

Edison is a strong thriving school with several community events and fundraisers each year. There is an active volunteer parent group supporting the school, students, and it's teachers. Parents, and parent support has continued to be the secret to Edison's ongoing success. Physical Education and Music continue to be a part of the Edison curriculum and experience.

Springtime brings Ocean Week at Edison, where the whole school "goes underwater" for its marine science special events and curriculum, including field trips and in-house activities. Annually, there are a host of student activities and opportunities from the annual jog-a-thon fundraiser, to artist-in-residence programs, to extra-curricular

after-school opportunities. Edison continues to be a diverse place of learning where opportunities and enrichment positively contribute to the student body.

Edison students grow in an environment that follow the school values of **Cooperation, Compassion, Integrity, Inclusion, and Respect**. You can see these values are an important part of the school emblem and are infused in everything students do. At Edison, we care deeply about educating future citizens of the world, and our curriculum and activity choices reflect this value. Our mission is to provide an educational experience that prepares all students to be competent, compassionate, contributing members of the Edison community and inspired global citizens.

"The greatest invention in the world is the mind of a child"
~Thomas Edison

You can always find out more about Edison, or help support your neighborhood school at www.edison.4j.lane.edu.

From the Laboratory of Thomas A. Edison
Orange, New Jersey
November 22, 1926

*Mr. C.W. Mullins, Chairman
1774 Lincoln
Eugene, Oregon*

Dear Mr. Mullins:

It affords me much gratification to learn that one of your new school buildings has been named in my honor. I greatly appreciate the high compliment and thank you for (the) letter and your program which was enclosed therewith.

*Very truly yours,
Thomas A. Edison*