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Staying Healthy...tis the season!

Bill MacMaster MD

Ever wish you didn't have that drippy nose or annoying cough? Find yourself missing your pals at school while being bored at home sick? There are some basic things we can all do to avoid being ill.

The Flu Season is upon us and I thought it might be helpful to review some facts. The flu is a virus that causes an estimated ~32,000,000(million) missed school days, nationwide, per year. The same survey estimates ~100,000,000(million) missed work-days per year! We also know that the Influenza virus kills ~36,000 Americans each and every year!

It can be prevented with a safe and simple vaccine that you should get once a year. Bacterial infections (like Strep, Throat) are much less common than viral infections. When we get sick it is most often due to viruses.

1. When you are sick, remember to always cough into your upper arm/elbow rather than your hand. Wash your hands frequently and also wash them before you eat. Why? Because we tend to get ill from touching things that contain germs (like a friend's hand, pencils, keyboards, door knobs, desks). One study found that viruses can live on surfaces for up to 17 days!!

2. Try to exercise and play each and every day. Exercise has been shown to give us more energy, keep stress at bay and helps our immune system ward off infections.

3. Dump that old toothbrush. The mouth is a dirty part of our body, and your toothbrush can harbor viruses and bacteria! Did you know that getting bitten by a human is worse, in terms of germs, than getting bitten by a dog?

4. If you are sick stay home, drink fluids (infections dehydrate us), and get extra sleep. If you have



The Eternal Bill MacMaster MD a fever you should stay home.

5. Eat well, with plenty of fruits and vegetables in your diet. Our body needs healthy fuel to fight off germs and to have energy to learn and be active.

6. Finally, if you are very sick or are worried about your health, remember to see your health care provider! You can get your Flu shot from them or at a local pharmacy.

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15 December - Winter sing Assembly 9am and Winter Sing Program 6:30pm

19 December-January 3rd- Winter Break

4 January- School Resumes

6 January- Treetop Classes Begin

16 January- No School: MLK Holiday

Fun Recipes For Fall.....

Pumpkin Muffins

By Celia Sherman

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 1/4 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 1/8 teaspoons ground nutmeg
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2/3 cup canola oil
- 1/2 cup water
- 3 eggs
- 1 can (15 oz) pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix)

Directions

1. Pre-heat oven to 350 F; grease any size muffin tin with butter or cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl mix both flours, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and ginger; in another bowl stir sugar, oil, water, eggs, and pumpkin; add to the flour mix; stir until moistened; fill each muffin cup about 3/4 the way full.
3. Bake for 25 minutes or until a tooth pick inserted in center comes out clean.



Scrumptious Pumpkin Muffins...Bowl not edible!

Do you have a story you would like The Edison Examiner to consider for print?

If you, our readership, have a story you would like us to consider please email Jason@treetopacademics.com

or place a note in the Treetop box in the Edison office for consideration. We will discuss your idea at our next meeting and see if we can fit it in our upcoming editions. Thanks!

Thankful Survey

By Celia Sherman

Its post-thanksgiving time! We asked kindergarteners, first graders, and second graders what they are thankful for. We got some variety of answers and some silly ones.

Here are the results:

family = 16 chocolate cake = 4
myself = 4 food = 2

a house = 2 church = 2
friends = 6 health = 1
pets = 2

So there are quite a lot of different ideas and a surprising amount of people who are thankful for chocolate cake. You should think about what you're thankful for!

Coffee, Chocolate, & Tea Fundraiser

By Tessa MacMaster

The coffee, tea, and chocolate fundraiser is when our Edison students go around their neighborhood to sell coffee from our local coffee shops right here in Eugene. Chocolate from Eugene's own Euphoria chocolate, and tea from Oolong bar that is right here a couple blocks from Edison.

The money goes to our wonderful teaching assistants so we can receive more help

in the classroom. So, when you considering your coffee order add a pound to help your students education.

We raise around \$7,000 a year for coffee tea and chocolate alone annually. That's like from \$5,000 - \$7,000 for all the fundraisers we do yearly. That's the Jog-o-thon, The Carnival, Reading Olympics, and so much more. Thanks for the support Edison community!

EDISON CARNIVAL REPORT... NEWS FLASH: IT WAS FUN!

By Ashlyn Ensminger

This year the 2016 Edison Elementary Carnival was in November and held at Edison Elementary. The carnival is run by volunteers to help raise money for special programs and extra staff. Your whole family can come to enjoy it. Stay tuned for next year's carnival.

Inside the carnival there were a variety of activities. In the gym there was a photo booth, a balloon artist, face painting, rope climbing, kids raffle and a couple more fun activities. In the library there was a cake walk where you can win really sweet treats. In the cafeteria there was pizza, carrots, drinks and ice cream from Prince Pucklers.

When I got there I was amazed of how many people showed up to help support the community.



Photo courtesy of Katie Parentice

It was completely packed in the gym. It looked hard for people to walk! I saw people from kindergarten through 5th grade plus their siblings. It was super fun! So get ready for next year.

A special thanks to all the volunteers who devoted their

time to make this year's carnival an exciting evening. This includes all the SEHS student volunteers who help each year, the Parent Council coordinators, and parent volunteers who make this fun event happen!

Awesome Edison Jokes

By Abby Ketchum
By Maya Robershaw

*Why was 6 afraid of 7?
Because 789!*

*Why did the cat do everything
the dog did?
Because it was a copy cat!*

*What do you call a person with
no body and just a nose?
Nobody knows!!*

*Why did the football coach go
to the bank?
To get his quarter back!*

*Why did the cat run away when
the witch came?
Because it was a scaredy cat!*

*What do you call a fish with no
eyes?
fsh....*

Fun Recipes for Winter Cranberry Sherbet

By Aniela Szymanski

Ingredients

- 4 cups of cranberries
- 2-1/2 cups of water
- 1-1/2 cups of sugar
- 1 teaspoon of unflavored gelatin dissolved in 1/2 cup cold water
- Juice of 2 lemons

Directions

- Cook cranberries in water until they pop.
- Strain, reserving the water.
- Smooch the cooked berries through a ricer to get rid of skins, and add the pulp to the reserved water.
- Add sugar and cook until the sugar dissolves.
- Add softened gelatin after cooled down a little.
- Add lemon juice.



Freeze solid over night.
Thaw it enough so it is soft enough to whip with hand mixer.
Freeze again. Enjoy!

Principal Perspective

Tom Horn
Edison Elementary Principal



Dear Wonderful Edison Community,

I want to thank you for allowing our faculty to be a part of your child's life. We never take

for granted the opportunity and responsibility to help them grow and learn. Each morning when we greet the children that walk through the doors of our wonderful little school, I feel so incredibly blessed to be able to see their smiles and watch them express excitement about the day ahead.

What warms my heart the most is when I see our students laughing and clearly enjoying themselves in this wonderfully caring Edison community.

At this time of year with the holiday season upon us I am reminded of what a special place we inhabit...both our

school and our larger community. This is most certainly the time of year for rejoicing and celebration. I truly hope you will have the time to spend with those people in your life that mean the most to you and enrich your life.

Please give yourself the time to recharge your spirit, and rededicate yourself to the people and causes that mean the most to you.

Also, please feel welcome in joining us for the Edison Winter sing program on December 15th at 6:30 at Edison. Your students have been working hard to prepare and would love your support and participation. See you there!

To all, happy holidays and warmest of regards!

Tom

Parent Council News

Ruth Anne McCormack
Parent Council President

****Subscribed to Edison's weekly electronic Parent Council newsletter, eNews?**

If not, go to <http://edison.4j.lane.edu/parent-council-news/sign-up-for-parent-council-e-mails/> to subscribe for the latest and greatest from Edison Parent Council!

The Parent Council holds a meeting once a month to discuss upcoming events, community needs and fun projects happening at Edison. Thomas Horn, Edison's principal, delivers an update on school-related business at each meeting. Some meetings also include guest speakers from the community.

Parent Council Meetings are an opportunity for parents to become informed about issues or changes taking place at Edison, as well as to offer a parent perspective on decisions being made. Parent Council is open to all parents. Please join us.

We have been so lucky the past few years to have the University of Oregon classes highly involved in our beloved school garden. They have helped maintain it impeccably and worked on improving it by building the tasting room. Unfortunately, we will be losing these benefits as the UO is making changes to their classes.

Nancy Unruh and Sarah McKrola, our kindergarten teachers, are working together to create a Parent team to help maintain it. This was discussed at the last Parent Council meeting in November where we had a brainstorming session for ideas for Parent or community involvement.

If anyone is interested in being part of this new team, or has resources for community groups that might take our garden under their wings, please contact Nancy or Sarah.

The garden has become such an integral part of our Edison community, it would be wonderful to see it continue to grow and thrive.

The Hamburger Song....musical notes not included (you'll have to ask Maya & Abby!)

By Abby Ketchum & Maya Robershaw

You see a hamburger, hamburger,
hamburger, you want to eat it, eat it,
eat it.

Baby eating a hamburger, baby eating
a hamburger, baby eating a ham-
burger!

Yummy in my tummy! Baby eating
a hamburger, yeah!

Ketchup, pickles, cheeeeeeese! Oh
yeah.

Baby eating a hamburger, baby eat-
ing a hamburger, baby eating a ham-
burger, yummy in my tummy, yeah.
Oh yeah! Oh yeah.

She likes the bun, she likes the patty.
Mustard and tomatoes! Yummy in my
tummy! Lettuce and onions. Ham-
burger, the baby likes it.

Do you like it? If you don't, the
baby will eat it all.

Baby eating a hamburger, baby
eating a hamburger. Yummy in my
tummy! Baby eating a hamburger,
hamburger. Yummy, yummy, yummy,
yummy!

Baby eating a hamburger, baby eat-
ing a hamburger, baby eating a ham-
burger. HAMBURGER. Oh yeah!

We still solemnly swear we're
up to no good!

Riddle: A rooster lays an egg on
the top of a barn roof. Which
way does it roll: North, East,
West or South?

Answer: We're not going to
tell you! If you think about it
there is one word in the riddle
that doesn't belong...If you are
stumped, ask someone!

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for Edison students

* And for everyone else who
makes our time here at Edison
great!

Jenny Vondracek: Edison's 1st Grade Teacher

Tessa MacMaster, Grace Howells

We asked Jenny Vondracek some questions; she's
the 4th grade teacher that switched to 1st grade this
year. Here are some of her answers.

Q: How has the transition been from 4th to 1st grade?

A: It was a challenge at first, 4th graders are much
more independent than 1st graders. It's a lot more in-
volved but I can understand their needs more.

Q: What up-coming events are you excited for?

A: Two big things, releasing our salmon that we have
been growing in our classroom. I did that with my
4th graders last year and it's amazing how different
and the same they are. We're also making ginger bread
houses for the Holiday season, I've never done that
before and I'm so excited for it.

Q: What do you like most about your classroom?

A: For the first time I painted my bulletin boards
bright yellow, I love it. It feels very me and more like
my own. I have seen that the kids love the bright col-
ors.

Q: What interest/hobbies do you have outside of
school?

A: I love to read with a nice cup of tea, hike is a
great pass time, and I absolutely love to run, you will
probably see me running around your neighborhood.

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach and why?

A: I love to teach reading and writing, because I love
to read and I love books. It's so amazing to watch them
make connections to the characters their reading about
in their story's.

Q: What do you like most about teaching?

A: I love the relationships I develop with the kids. I
also love to see those light bulb moments when they
learn something. The milestones make everything I do
worthwhile.

Q: If a kid were to not understand a question, how
would you help them?

A: I think I would try to be with them one on one,
so they would have my full attention. With so many
students in my class its hard to account for everyone's
needs but I try very hard

Q: What do you want your students to remember
about you and or you class?

A: I would want them to remember that they learned
a lot but still had fun along the way. I want them to in
10 years think I remember that one teacher Jenny that
helped so much.



Jenny with her daughter, Kate



Part of the 1st grade Salmon curriculum Artwork in the hallway
outside the 1st grade rooms...



More 1st grade Salmon Artwork.... "Fry grow to become smolt"

