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Welcome Back Edition!

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Welcome Back Edison Community!

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If you are new or returning to our great school, welcome to Edison Elementary for the 2018/19 school year! Since the 1926 opening, and for 93 years, Edison has been, and continues to be, a quintessential neighborhood school for 4j students.

The coming year will be busy with lots of Edison news and fun ways for parents to get involved. We encourage parents to stay connected so you know about all the upcoming fundraisers and community events, as they happen. A great way to be involved is through Parent Council. See below for news from Edison's parent organization.

Please take the time to read this edition and watch for The Edison Examiner throughout the year. We will try to keep parents informed about important community and school related content. More about the student-run Edison newspaper can be found at www.treetopacademics.com.



Please take note of important upcoming Edison related dates in the What's Happening in Edison section to the right of this article. We hope that all students have an excellent time at Edison as the school year gets started! Welcome!

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5 September - 1st Day of School
19 September - Parent Council Mtg.
11 October - No-School Prof Dev.
12 October - No School In-Service
16 October - Parent Council Mtg.
8-9 November - No-School Conferences
12 November - No School Veteran's Day
22-23 Nov. - No School Thanksgiving
26 November - Resume School

4j School Bond: What it means for Edison

As many of you know, 4j is asking the Eugene voters to pass a \$319.3M bond on the November 6th ballot. A new school for Edison is on this bond. So is a new Camas Ridge Elementary and North Eugene High School. \$319M over 10 years is a 'big ask,' but it also involves repairs, curriculum, technology, buses, and other necessary capital projects.

4j has approximately one billion dollars in capital projects. Over two-thirds of that will have to be addressed in future bonds as bonds are the only way for school districts to address these needs.

Edison has been strongly considered to be on a bond since before the last bond cycle. During the last bond measure, Edison was passed over for a rebuild, but also escaped closure and re-placement of its students.

There has been careful planning and advocating over many years by Edison parents and community members to get Edison placed on the current bond under as favorable conditions as possible. If you are in support of Edison continuing to be a neighborhood school, on-site, now is the time to support this effort.

For those new to the issue, there are likely many questions about details of a 'New Edison'. Details about redesign, placement of students during the rebuild, etc. have not been decided by 4j, nor will they be until after the bond is passed. This will most likely take some time and be publicly discussed by the school board. After the bond is passed, we fully expect parents and the surrounding community to continue advocating and giving input for a safe, sustainable, on-site Edison.

First, and foremost, voters must pass the school bond on November 6th in order for Edison to get a new school. Without it, the future of Edison would be unclear. Of course, the school bond is about more than just Edison and involves all 4j students, but this particular bond does impact Edison students directly. This is why it is especially important for Edison parents to be informed about the particulars of the bond 4j is asking voters to pass this November.

If you would like to get involved in helping pass the school bond, please read the article from Joy Marshall from Stand for Children.

The Edison Examiner

The Edison Examiner is a student run newspaper designed to be a source of Edison information for parents, and a publishing platform for student contributors. The Examiner features a full range of subjects Edison students and the greater community may find interesting. The publication is written, administrated, and sponsored by Treetop Academics through our after-school programs. Edison will email parents a color PDF of each edition and limited paper copies can be found at school.

A downloadable copy of every issue can also be found at www.TreetopAcademics.com

* Interested in becoming a student Editor?

The Examiner needs student Editors to help design, become contributing writers, and investigative journalists. This opportunity is for students 3rd-5th grade and is an after-school class through Treetop Academics. If you are interested, please sign up through our registration page on the Treetop website.

* Making a guest contribution?

The Examiner will include and publish student guest contributions. Please take into consideration your target audience & appropriate subject matter.

Guest Contributions will need to be emailed to Jason@treetopacademics.com for consideration. If you have an idea, Go for it!

Passing the 4J School bond needs parent help!

Edison friends,

Local education advocacy organization **Stand for Children** is planning the neighborhood outreach for the 4J School Bond. To pass this important bond and build a safe school for your kids, we'll need face-to-face conversations, via door to door canvassing, visiting schools and attendance at neighborhood meetings.



To get involved and help pass the School Bond or just learn more please join us at the following:

First Congregational Church,
1050 E. 23rd

Stand for Children Back to School Kick-off

**Saturday, September 22,
10-11:30am**

Volunteer door/door & talk to Edison neighbors

Sat, Sept 22, 11:30am-12:30

Sat, Oct 20, 9:30am – Edison

Sunday, Oct 28, 10am – Edison

For more information contact Stand for Children Coordinator Joy Marshall at jmarshall@stand.org

If you want to help build a safe school for our neighborhood kids we are asking that you please vote yes for the 4J Bond measure.

Many of our school buildings are unsafe and in disrepair. They are sorely inadequate for modern education and require major rebuilds and remodels. Being the oldest building in the district, none is more in need than Edison. **We have to fix this for our kids!**

Funds received from this bond will help every school in the District in some way. It will replace three aging school buildings (including Edison,) address overcrowding, renovate facilities, improve school safety & security, improve facility equity & access, support career technical education, replace aging buses, adopt curriculum, modernize technology, and provide critical maintenance.

No-School Day Hackathons!



JOIN THE HACKATHON!

Treetop Academics is hosting **eight** STEM focused on-site no-school day events to coordinate with the Edison conference, in-service, professional development, and grading days.

The Edison Hackathon is an exploratory time for students in a fun directed environment perfect for a useful and educational no-school day.

Care options available from 8am-6pm. Choose the time you need.

Please visit us online at www.treetopacademics.com for further details.

Oct 11 Oct 12 Nov 8 Nov 9

Feb 1 March 15 May 3 June 14

Costumes optional!

Parent Council News

Ann Craig
Parent Council President

Welcome back to Edison!

Edison Parent Council is one of the ways Edison is a great school! Parent Council helps produce student and family experiences that add value to your child's education and builds community. Parent Council meets monthly to learn about school news and activities, divide the workload, and share ideas.

Parent Council Meets at the Edison Library on the third Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8:00 p.m., with the exception of this first meeting in September. There is always free childcare, refreshments, and a report from the principal. We welcome all families to attend and join an activity that inspires you and gives back to the community.

Getting involved is more fun and less work that you think!

Did you know Edison has a wonderful garden! If you'd like to be involved, stay tuned to Edison news, and contact Jessica Swain-Bradway at jsboregon@gmail.com

The first Parent Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. to align with a neighborhood school bond meeting.

- 6:30 Welcome and calendar
- 6:45 Volunteer opportunities – sign up for events and activities
- 7:00 Principal's Report – Edison identity and values
- 7:20 Upcoming activities – Reading Olympics and Fall Carnival
- 7:30 Eugene 4J School Bond
- 8:15 Q and A
- 8:30 Adjourn

Parent Council also produces the weekly e-newsletter. Contact Ann Craig at acraig@uoregon.edu to be added to the mailing list.

Treetop Academics Enrichment Programs



2018/2019 Edison On-Site Childcare and After-School Programs

Treetop Academics has a long-standing relationship offering high quality programs to Edison. As part of our on-site M-F regular care until 6pm, Edison students get our best classes and most diverse selection of affordable academic enrichment opportunities anywhere.

Come join our after-school classes in:

- Art
- Science
- Robotics
- Spanish
- Tutoring/Homework Club
- Maker-Space
- Publishing the Edison newspaper

Need care during no school days? 'Join the Edison Hackathon'

Registration: Online registration is open and can be found on our website www.treetopacademics.com. Classes start October 4th and care starts first day of school!

Treetop Academics is dedicated to providing academically enriching opportunities that put students at the center of learning. While providing the tools for learning, our programs are designed to inspire kids to explore, create, & use their faculties to the best of their individual ability. We encourage students to test their theories about their own learning through practice, exploration, and support. Our unique variety of class opportunities promotes a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math (STEAM) experience, and beyond.

Hands-on

Project-Based

Student-centered

