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Special Block Party
Edition!

All the news that's
fun to print!

The Edison Examiner

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Edison Elementary Community Newspaper

Save the Date...

Edison Block Party

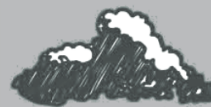
Friday September 6th, 2019
4pm-8pm
Edison School grounds

*Join Edison families, friends and local
community members for a full evening of fun
to celebrate and support Edison and
welcome our new families!*



*There will be something for
everyone—kids' carnival, food,
silent auction, raffles, farmers'
market, hat and button making,
recycling station, root beer floats,
music...and don't forget cotton candy!*

**Tickets go on sale the Friday before school
starts! Watch for more details over the
summer via email, Facebook and Instagram.
Thanks to our generous sponsors, all
proceeds will go directly to Edison.**



FALLING SKY

FUN FOR ALL

Food by Falling Sky
Music
Silent Auction
Farmers' Market
Hat & Button Making
Information Booths
Edison Merchandise

Kid's Carnival

Bouncy Slides
Obstacle Course
Dunk Tank
Cotton Candy
Face Painting
Balloon Animals
Games

Carnival sponsored by



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- 4 Sept.** - 1st day of School!
- 6 Sept.** - Edison block Party 4-8pm
- 1 Oct.** - PC Meeting K-2 STEAM night
- 3 Oct.** - After-school Treetop classes begin
- 10 Oct.** - No-School Progress Report
- 11 Oct.** - No-School Statewide In-service
- 10-11 Oct.** - Treetop No-School day Hackathon!
- 5 Nov.** - PC Meeting 3-5th STEAM night
- 7-8 Nov.** - No-School Parent/teacher conference
- 7-8 Nov.** - Treetop No-School day Hackathon!
- 11 Nov.** - No School- Veteran's Day

EDISON PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Ceara Wilson, Parent Council President

Hello Edison Community! We're excited to start this 2019/20 school year with lots of great events and ways to connect with each other. We'll have a Block Party, Reading Olympics and Oregon Battle of the Books, Winter Sing, Movie Night, and Ocean Week - just to name a few! None of these events take place without family involvement, so to stay current on what's happening at Edison (including the rebuild!) I invite you to attend our Parent meetings.

Parent Council meets the first Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30 pm, and childcare is always provided. This is your opportunity to meet other Edison parents, volunteer for upcoming events, or just hear the latest and greatest. Every school year brings a new opportunity for fresh input and ideas, and this is the place to bring them.

Additionally, we are fortunate this year to have Parent Council coincide with several of Treetop academics who will host S.T.E.A.M. Nights! S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) is free and open to all Edison students, and you don't have to sign up in advance. Drop your student off for S.T.E.A.M. Night and attend Parent Council at the same time - mark your calendars for the first Tuesday of the month. There's something for everyone!

We're looking forward to a great school year, seeing new and returning faces, and hearing new ideas!

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A Brief History of Edison School

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.



Edison Elementary (center) taken 1929

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 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.



(Reprinted from SUNA website, Edited. Including Pictures)

HOW DID EDISON SCHOOL 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!

How old is Edison School?

If the first students went to Edison during the 1926/27 year we have to do a little math to figure out how many years students have been going to school in this building.

Edison would be 100 years old if it were 2026. We are not quite there yet so, we need to subtract six years from 2026 to get the year 2020, which is end of the current school year. Doing so we come up with **94** school years!

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

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

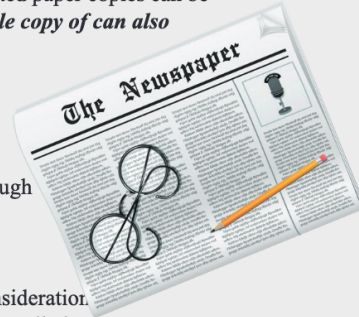
Dear Mr. Mullins:

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

The Edison Examiner How to Get involved

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. The after-school newspaper publishing class is held on Fridays directly after school in the Edison Cafeteria. Edison will email parents a color PDF of each edition and limited paper copies can be found at school. A full color copy will be posted in the Edison hallway. *A downloadable copy of can also be found at www.TreetopAcademics.com as can past issues of The Edison Examiner.*



*** 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!

Need care for no-school days?

Treetop Academics is hosting eight STEM focused 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 K-5 students in a fun-directed environment perfect for a useful and educational no-school day camp.

JOIN THE HACKATHON!

Care options available from 8am-5pm. Different price/time options based on the schedule you need.

Oct 10 Oct 11 Nov 7 Nov 8
Jan 31 March 13 May 1 June 12

Please visit us online at www.treetopacademics for full details

Costumes optional!

Treetop Academics Enrichment Programs

2019/2020 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 our best classes and most diverse selection of affordable academic enrichment opportunities anywhere.



Come join our after-school classes in:

- Art
- Science
- Robotics
- World Languages (new!)
- Tutoring/Homework Club
- Maker-Space
- Publishing the Edison newspaper

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

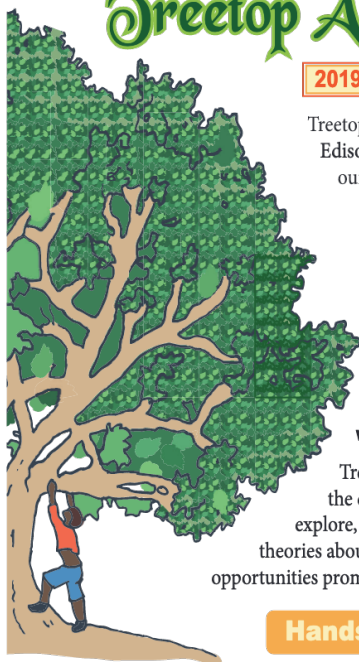
Registration: Online registration is open and can be found on our website www.treetopacademics.com. Classes start October 3rd and care starts first day of school!

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



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FREE!
FOR ALL
ELIGIBLE
PARTICIPANTS

**The
2020**

S.T.E.M.

Essay Contest

Two contests!
3rd-5th grade
6th-8th grade

February 1st

Submission Deadline

June 1st

Winners
Announced!

Science

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Technology

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Engineering

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Math

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