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The Edison Examiner's Welcome Back Edition!

For Parents, Students, and the Community written by Edison students!

The Edison Examiner

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Welcome Back Edison Community!

By Jason Aulicino, Editor

If you are new or returning to our great school, welcome to Edison Elementary! The 2017/18 school year is the 92nd year since the 1926 opening and we hope that all students have an excellent year! There are many new changes this year, including a new principal and additional teachers. 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 details.

Please take the time to read this edition and watch for The Edison Examiner throughout the year. More about the student-run Edison newspaper can be found in an article on this page.

Please take note of some important dates in the [What's Happening in Edison](#) section to the right of this page. For those who are new, the Edison calendar may look



a bit different than the 4j District calendar to accommodate for the Edison specific events and conference days. Again, the Edison staff and

teachers would like to welcome new and returning students for an exciting new school year! See you soon!

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5 September - Welcome Back Picnic!
6 September - 1st Day of School
19 September - Parent Council Mtg.
12 October - Picture Day
13 October - No School In-Service
17 October - Parent Council Mtg.
10 November - No School Veteran's Day
14 November - Picture Retakes
20 November - Half Day/Conferences
21-22 November - Edison Conferences
23-24 Nov. - No School Thanksgiving
27 November - Resume School

A word from Edison's new principal

Scott Marsh, Principal

Hello Edison Families,

Principal Scott here! I am SOOOO excited about becoming part of this amazing community and part of this fabulous teaching team that always keeps what is best for students at the heart of everything they do! I've had a chance to meet a number of you already and feel very welcome and supported by you all.

As you have seen, there are some changes in store for us with the blended classrooms. I know it's big, but when all is said and done we, as a staff, feel this is what is best for your children and are actually pretty excited about the opportunities it affords us. There is no shortage of creativity or brilliance with this staff, that's for sure!

It may not seem like it, but my goal for this year is to sit back and enjoy the ride. Edison is such an amazing school with so much to offer students, families and the community I just want to take it all in and see how things work. I look forward experiencing and learning about community events, fundraisers, and Ocean Week here at Edison.

I have an "open door" policy, so don't hesitate to stop by and say hello. I look forward to getting to know you all.

Here's to a great start for the 2017/2018 school year! Go Edison!!!

Principal Scott Marsh with (unofficial) vice-principal Hootie!



The Edison Examiner

About [The Edison Examiner](#):

This newspaper is designed to be a source of Edison information for parents, and a platform for student contributors. We feature a full range of subjects Edison students and the greater community may find interesting. The Edison Examiner is run and edited by Treetop Academics. A color PDF will be emailed to all parents on the Edison listserve, and a downloadable copy can also be found at www.TreetopAcademics.com. Past issues of [The Edison Examiner](#) can also be found on the Treetop website.

* 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 the 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!

The Fabulous Edison Garden!

In preparation for the upcoming school year, community volunteers held a workparty to assist in cleaning up the Edison Garden. These community volunteers are from two different organizations, and not even affiliated with Edison directly. They were nice enough to see the need we had, and decided to bring 20+ volunteers to help get the garden ready for the year.

As you may have noticed, a few things are different compared to last year. Yes, the apple trees have been removed, as it was heavily competing with the grapes and being pushed into the sidewalk. The hope is to train the grape vines along the full length of the fence with long-term planning.

The bench area has been completed, and groundwork has been laid for the large stone-paved bed to be finished with. Generally, the garden beds have been cleared, wayward sunflowers removed, grapes trimmed, and the compost area reset.

The future plans for the garden have not yet been determined, but moving forward the work done will greatly benefit the Edison community. Eat some grapes as they are ripe!



August Garden Work Party Volunteers, Thank you!

Thank you to the volunteers from SaltCity, a newly located SE Eugene-base church, and CCF(Collegiate Christian Fellowship) a dynamic and unique community committed to helping college-age people. Both groups who share a worship space across from SE high School, worked very hard to accomplish all the ambitious goals we had set out for the day. Without them, this work party wouldn't have been a success!



No-School Day Hackathons!



JOIN THE HACKATHON!

This year Treetop Academics is fortunate to offer six no-school day events to coordinate with the Edison conference days, in-service days, 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. There will be plenty of breaks, and time for lunch/playground as we craft this well-rounded and structured day of exploration. Costumes optional!

Oct 13 Nov 21 Nov 22

Feb 2 May 4 June 8

Several Care options available from 8am-6pm on those non-school days.

Edison's Beautiful Ocean Week Banners

Artist in Residence Silk Banners!

The beautiful Ocean-Week themed silk banners are finished and hung in the Edison hallways in front of your child's classroom! Last year, each classroom contributed to painting a set of banners that correspond to the ocean-week themed curriculum for that grade level. As you tour the hallways, you will see the following: Kindergarten: Ponds, 1st grade: Tidepools, 2nd grade: Sandy Beaches, 3rd Grade: Wetlands, 4th grade: Kelp Forests, and 5th grade helped the Kinders with their pond banners instead of creating their own for open oceans.

For part of the Artist in Residence program, students also created their own silk paintings in the theme of their classroom curriculum. As we worked with students throughout the Spring term, the care and attentiveness they took in creating these banners (and their own projects) can be easily seen as take a tour through the school. Well done, everyone! They look great!



Treetop Classes/Care

Jason Alicino
Treetop Director

Dear Edison Community,

Treetop Academics has a long-standing relationship offering programs for Edison students, and we are again this year expanding our offerings in order to bring a larger selection of classes and academic enrichment opportunities.

Below is just a brief schedule of offerings and for complete information please go to our website [www. TreetopAcademics.com/Edison](http://www.TreetopAcademics.com/Edison) for the full downloadable flier and forms.

For any additional information, please feel free to reach Jason at Jason@treetopacademics.com.

After-School Classes & Care:

For the 2017/18 academic year we are offering our after-school Art, Science, and Maker-Space class. We will continue to offer our Tutoring/Home-work Club, and Publishing the Edison

newspaper, The Edison Examiner. New this year we are pleased to be adding a Spanish class and Robotics class and we will continue to provide extended-care until 6pm M-F. New this year we are also hosting a number of No-school day opportunities.

Treetop Academics does offer care every day school is in session. Our academic Fall classes will begin the week of Oct 2nd, but aftercare will begin the 1st day of school, Sept 6th.

Please check our website for exact details.

Mondays: Science

Tuesdays: Spanish or Homework Club

Wednesdays: Art

Thursdays: Robotics or Homework Club

Fridays: Mini-Maker Space or Edison Publishing

Parent Council News

Ann Craig
Parent Council President

Whether it's your first year at Edison, or your fifth, the first week of school is full of excitement. This year, alongside new students and families, we welcome several new faculty and staff - and a new principal. I'm honored to be part of this amazing community who learn and collaborate, listen and share, agree and disagree, together.

For parents and families, the start of the year is time for us to set our intentions to be involved in this community. Whether we have time to help in the library, join a classroom reading group or art lesson, or simply stay informed by looking over the papers in our child's backpack, we are part of the Edison community and our participation is meaningful to our children and the school.

Parent Council is another great way to participate. Parent Council meetings take place in the Edison Library

on the third Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome and free childcare is always provided. Meetings include reports from Principal Scott and other Edison staff; discussions about school projects and events like Meet the Masters art curriculum, Ocean Week, or Jog-a-thon; presentations from school district staff, and important fundraisers that support our school's basic needs. And, Parent Council is a great way to meet new people and forge new friendships.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Free childcare and refreshments provided. All Edison families are welcome!

****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!