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All the news that's  
fun to print!

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## Potential Earlier School Schedule During Edison's Building Relocation for Fall 2020

*Kelly Colvin: Edison Parent Council*

**4J** Transportation has recently proposed moving Edison's school schedule from a Tier 2 (8:30am start/3:00pm release) to a Tier 1 (7:55am start/2:25pm release) during our two years at the Willard site.

This would save the District from having to purchase three new school buses and hire three new drivers at an estimated cost of \$800,000 if we remain on Tier 2.

- These new buses would collect up to 200 Edison students who currently do not qualify to ride the bus, but would be eligible during our two years at Willard (29th & Lincoln).
- The community collection point likely will be at First Congregational Church and the bus pick up time is currently estimated for 7:15am.
- The three current Edison buses would run their same routes with earlier pick up times (tbd), to arrive at Willard by 7:35am in time for free breakfast.

Moving to a Tier 1 schedule would cost the District an estimated \$40,000 over two years. Some implications the time change would have on the Edison community were raised at the February Parent Council meeting.

- An earlier release will require working families to find and pay for 2.5 hours of extra childcare per week.
- A half-hour earlier start time is in addition to a longer commute time to Willard. For example, an Edison student who currently walks to Edison leaving their home at 8:15am, will now leave at 7:05am to walk to First Congregational Church for a 7:15am bus pick up, which is more than an hour earlier.

- It was understood that Edison was not moved to a Tier 1 schedule two years ago during the 4J school common schedule changes, due to the fact that relocating to Willard would already extend the commutes for students.
- More families may decide to drive instead of taking the bus, making pick up/drop off at Willard busier, as there will likely be no space to park.
- There will be longer gaps in morning and afternoon schedules for families with both Edison and Roosevelt students – a challenge for working families who rely on their RMS students for afternoon childcare.
- Evening times will be squeezed as parents will not return home from work earlier, but bedtimes will need to move up by an hour, leaving shorter time for family, dinner and activities.

Please share with Parent Council on a survey form (link found here on edison website) how this potential change will affect your family so we can understand our parents' views.

4J will distribute a needs assessment survey on bus use later this spring to help make their decision before the next school year.



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## Whats happening at Edison

**3 March** - PC Meeting 6pm-8/ STEAM Night  
**13 March** - No-School 4j District Planning Day  
**13March** - Treetop No-School day Camp 'Hackathon'  
**19 March** - Edison Talent Show 6pm SBMS  
**23-27 March** - Spring Break  
**30 March** - School Resumes  
**30 Mar.** - Treetop after-school Spring classes begin  
**7 April** - PC Meeting 6pm-8/ STEAM Night

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# SAVE THE DATE

Edison Talent Show March 19th  
Spencer Butte Middle School



# Bollywood Actors

By: Saksham Sinha

Bollywood is kind of like Hollywood. Bollywood is in Mumbai, India. Most people say Bollywood got its name because Mumbai was then called Bombay. So, the “B” in Bombay replaced the “H” in Hollywood. More than 200 actors and actresses are doing and did movies in Bollywood.

Bollywood has made more than 1,000 movies in India! You can see action movies like Chennai Express or a comedy- like Jadwa 2 and Bhoot Bhulaia. Tanhaji is based on a Mharathi warrior and is actor Ajay Devgn’s 100th film!

Actor Kapil Sharma doesn’t do that many films and does not really get seen on TV. We only get to see him on TV on Saturdays and Sundays when he hosts his comedy show; The Kapil Sharma Show.

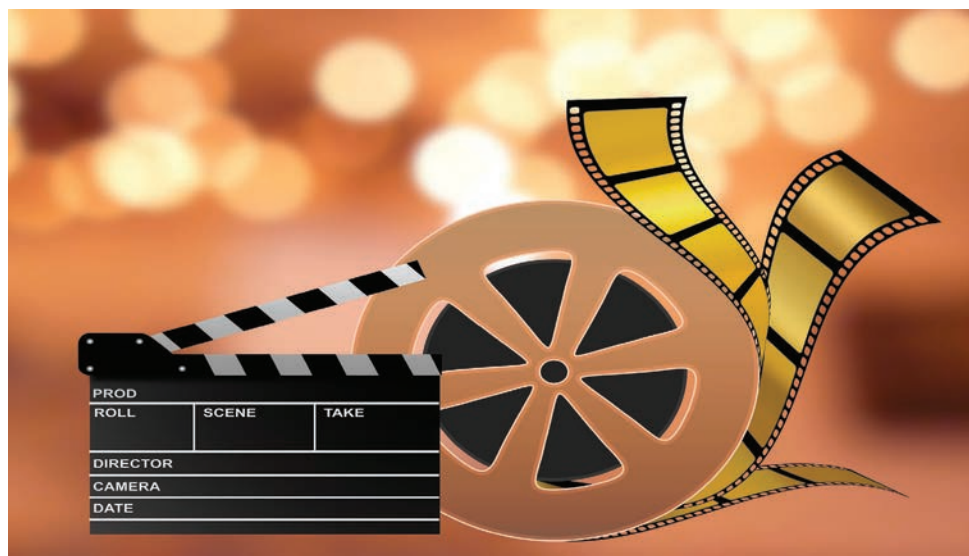
Some people like Tiger Shroff for all his action scenes and stunts and gun scenes. Lots of movies are being made in India. Street Dancer, Panga, and Tanhaji are a few! Varun Dhawan is one of the most paid actors. Lots of kids like him because of all the comedy scenes he does. A new movie he is making is called Street Dancer 3D. Shilpa Shetty is an actress and she is a judge of a dance show called

Super Dancer. Actor Shah Rukh Khan has done lots of films.

Aamir Khan is one of the most famous actors. Most people say Aamir Khan did about 54 films. Aamir Khan’s Dhoom 3 movie is one of the most dangerous film people have seen. Akshay Kumar is now doing a movie called Good News (pronounced ‘Good Newz’ and is SPELLED Good Newz). Another actor who is known for action scenes with guns is John Abraham!

Amitabh Bachan is one of the most famous actors in Bollywood. He has done acts and has a show called KBC or also known as Kaun Banega Crorepati. He did lots of superhit movies in Bollywood. He also has worked in Hollywood!

I decided to choose this topic to let others know about Bollywood and its actors. I looked at Indian movies and American movies and saw how different the movies are. So, I thought, “Why shouldn’t I share Bollywood with readers who might not know about it.” Most people do not know about Bollywood and that’s why I thought Bollywood will be a good topic to share with readers. Watching these movies might be a new interesting and exciting experience!



# Dungeons & Dragons

By: Emmett Coughlan

Dungeons and Dragons is a game where you create a character and adventure your way through a world of imagination. The character you create can interact with the environment, fight evil monsters, converse with royalty, and much more! Be ready to roll initiative.

In this article you will learn how to make a character. First you need a character sheet. You can get one at one of the following websites or by the sheet at the back of the Players Handbook:

- [https://media.wizards.com/2016/dnd/downloads/5E\\_CharacterSheet\\_Fillable.pdf](https://media.wizards.com/2016/dnd/downloads/5E_CharacterSheet_Fillable.pdf)
- <https://dnd.wizards.com/products/tabletop-games/trpg-resources/trpg-resources> (click on 5th Edition Character Sheet)

Next, you need to choose your sentient being. The different sentient beings are dwarves, elves, halflings, and humans. To get information for your sheet, you need the Players Handbook or PDF of it. Write down the traits in the traits section of your sheet and the languages in its respective section.

Third, you need to choose your class. The classes are barbarian, bard, cleric, druid, fighter, monk, paladin, ranger, rouge, sorcerer, warlock, and wizard. To get information for your sheet, you need the Players Handbook or PDF of it. Write down the traits in the traits section of your sheet, the equipment in the equipment section, and proficiencies in the skills sections.

Fourth, you must flesh out your character. Is he/she kind? Evil? Smart? How did they grow up? What was their profession? Read the Players Handbook to find out.

# Monthly Theatre News

By Nina Kuhl

This is my very first news article, so I hope you really enjoy it! There are so many different musicals to be in, but I am going to talk about one called *Matilda*.

*Matilda* is a musical about a small British girl named Matilda who is extremely smart. She can solve complicated figures in her head at age five, and she starts school, loves her teacher, Miss Honey, but hates the headmistress, Miss Trunchbull who bullies the kids.

The musical has some magic, all made by Matilda, and it also has a little bit of action, including swinging kids by their pigtails and stretching kid’s ears. But don’t worry, no kids are harmed while doing these stunts. Overall it is a very elaborate play and a very fun one to be in.

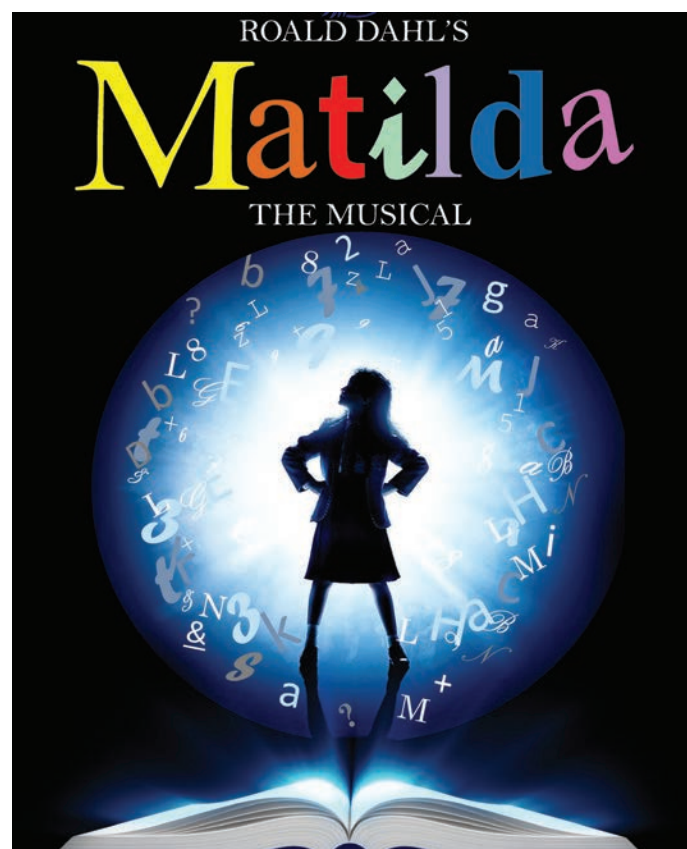
It just so happens that three of our Edison students auditioned for the play! All girls made it into the musical, which is very fortunate because not everybody that auditioned got into the musical.

The role of Matilda is triple cast and there are nine shows. This production of *Matilda* is a Pegasus Playhouse production, and I encourage you to do some Pegasus Playhouse productions, that is if you are interested in theater. This is going to be an outstanding production of *Matilda* that you **won’t** want to miss!

The first show starts on April 3, and it is at the wildish theater. You can find out more information about this play and others at:

<https://www.pegasusplayhouse.com>.

Please come support our talented Edison students!





# 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](http://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](mailto: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.

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

Please visit us online at [www.treetopacademics.com](http://www.treetopacademics.com) for full details



JOIN THE HACKATHON!

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

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
- World Languages
- Publishing the Edison newspaper
- Science
- Tutoring/Homework Club
- Maker-Space
- Robotics

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

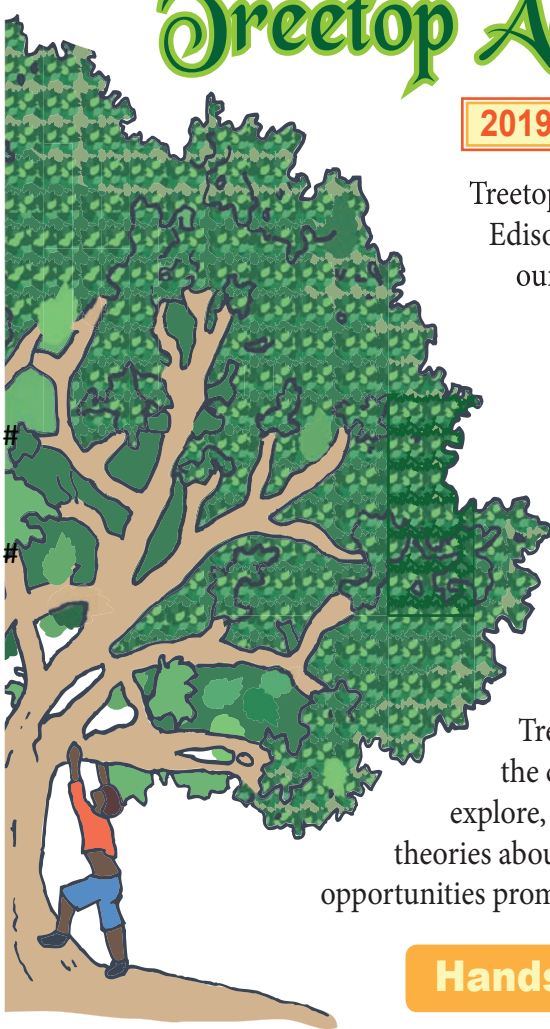
**Registration:** Online registration is always open and can be found on our website [www.Treetopacademics.com](http://www.Treetopacademics.com). **Winter Term starts January 7th!**

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





# EDISON'S MIX IT UP LUNCH

BY: NINA KUHL

On Friday January 24th, Edison hosted a special event in the cafeteria called Mix It Up Lunch. This event was to encourage kids to meet new people and engage with them while eating lunch.

This is how it works: During lunch you walk into the cafeteria like you usually do, but as you enter a staff member hands you a paper slip. There are different colored paper slips that match an object on one of the tables. It is totally random what color slip you get. People have proved that a lot of times you sit with the same friends and it has also been proved that getting to know others is good for you.

Apparently, based on the information I got from Shelby, School EA (Educational Assistant), we will be doing Mix It

Up Lunch about once a month. Based on the other things Shelby told me, the main purpose of Mix It Up Lunch is that we are a school of inclusion and some people have no one to sit with during lunch.

The Mix It Up Lunch is a Nationwide event and other schools are trying it. There are youtube videos of Mix It Up Lunch and Kristi, fifth grade teacher, saw one of these videos and mentioned it to Claire, the school counselor. They decided to do it and I really like it so far.

Further, Shelby says, Mix It Up Lunch helps shy people step out of their comfort zone and it helps everyone communicate with people they don't normally. Mix It Up Lunch seems to me like a great experience for everyone and I can't wait for the next time we do it!

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\* Parent Council and parents for providing so much time, effort, and resource for Edison students

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

Parent Council is looking for new council members! Positions open for next year are:

- 1-2 Vice Presidents
- 1 Secretary
- 1 Treasurer

Please reach out to me if you're interested in getting more involved in Edison's Parent Council!

Additionally, we are still in search of a parent to spearhead our Block Party in the fall.

It would be great to have such a successful event again next year, but it can't happen unless we have someone in the lead role.

You can connect with Amanda Terhes (jaterhes@msn.com) if you have questions about the event and what's involved.

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### JOIN US FOR KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION!

Do you have a child who is turning 5 years old by September 1? Join us for kindergarten orientation on Thursday March 5 at Edison!

You and your child can visit the school, meet the staff and pick up an enrollment packet.

The evening begins at 5:00pm and ends at 6:00pm. Hear from the Edison kindergarten teachers, Principal Scott, our school nurse, Title 1 coordinator, parent representative and our TreeTop Academics after-school care director.

Each new student will receive a free goodie bag, play in the kindergarten rooms and ride on a school bus. Fun!

We look forward to seeing you! Questions? Call the office at 541-790-8900

### The Parent Council Mission

The Mission of Edison Parent Council is to:

- Serve as ambassadors, fostering communication and a sense of community among all parents
- Encourage parent and community volunteerism at school
- Coordinate projects and initiatives that contribute to school goals
- Serve as advisers to other groups in the school
- Coordinate fundraising efforts and encourage parents and community members to support Edison fundraisers
- Advocate for the needs of elementary school children at Edison and throughout Eugene 4J and Oregon



### What We Do

The Parent Council holds a meeting once a month to discuss upcoming events, community needs and fun projects happening at Edison. Scott Marsh, 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.

### Edison Book Fair

The book fair will be open all day Monday, March 2 and before/after school the rest of the week.

**Join us for a special reading promo event on Tuesday at 6 PM in conjunction with parent council and STEAM. A FREE book for families who attend!**

Keep up to date on everything Edison by checking out the Edison website and Edison facebook page!