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PTA PROGRESS REPORT

PTA in action

PTA is a group of parents, teachers and school staff who work to provide all the little extras and enrichment programs the school wouldn't be able to do on its own. That requires volunteer time and money.

Fall Fund Raiser

Edison students hit the street to the tune of profits reaching \$9,441.75. Thank you for your hard work!



Fall Book Fair

Thank you to all who purchased books via the fall book fair. \$1,500 was raised for future programs at Edison.

Edison Library

Did you know that the Edison library is funded and run by the PTA? For volunteer opportunities in the library please contact Alicia Allen at mommy43kidz@yahoo.com.

Canned Food Drive

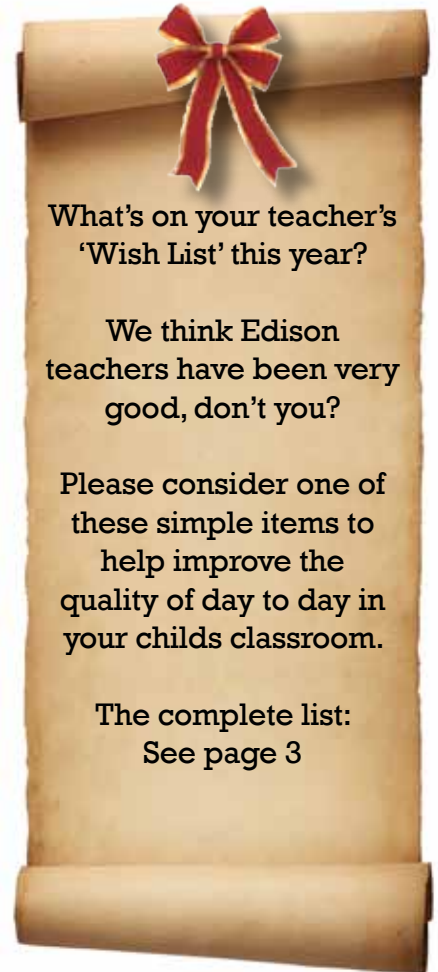
Thanks to the generosity of Edison families we were able to fill 10 large boxes for Edison families in need. Overflow was given to North High who donated the items to Los Amigos, a place that helps families who have been affected by AIDS.

Adventures in Art

Let your child's creativity flow with the PTA sponsored Adventures in Art program. Each classroom has participated in the first project. Our second project, "Happy Harlequin Bubble People" will kick off the 2011 calendar year.

Reflections

Over 50 Edison students participated in this years National PTA themed art contest "Together we Can."



What's on your teacher's 'Wish List' this year?

We think Edison teachers have been very good, don't you?

Please consider one of these simple items to help improve the quality of day to day in your child's classroom.

The complete list:
See page 3



Stay involved.
Your kids will notice.

Click 'like' on 'Edison Elementary PTA' facebook page to stay informed.



Edison Elementary is going digital!

The communicator will soon be available via email or download through www.EdisonElementary.org.

Help Edison eliminate waste and reduce cost by signing up for the new digital communicator. We need just a few pieces of basic information to get you started and remove your child from the 'paper copy' list.

Please complete the following information and return to the office, or simply email information to 'DigitalEdison@gmail.com'

Your email: _____

Childs name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Room number: _____

Preferred language: _____



THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Edison Families,

The school year is flying by and the new year is around the corner. We have had a great start to the school year. We had a very successful fall fundraiser, a movie night, family library night, a book fair, canned food drive and the book drive that we partnered with North High School on.

I want to thank all the students and parents who helped make all the fundraisers and events a success. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who run our library and our adventures in art program. Both require many volunteer hours and I am grateful that we have so many amazing, dedicated parents here at Edison.

As many of you know Dr. Lahr has been out ill for several weeks and I want to extend well wishes to her for a speedy recovery. Hope she's feeling better and that she has a wonderful holiday season and returns to us soon.

Happy Holidays to all the Edison students, faculty, parents and families. Thank you for all you do for our kids. Have a restful winter break and I look forward to finishing our school year strong.

As always if you have any questions, ideas or concerns you'd like to share please feel free to email me at monikaortiz@aol.com.

Sincerely,
Monika Ortiz, PTA President

Out and About in Los Angeles

Looking for some fun ideas for winter break? Start here!

Winter Fun at Torrance Parks: Community service department will be offering supervised (free!) activities at a variety of parks Dec 20-23 and 27-20. For more www.Recreation.TorranceCA.Gov

Nature Walks at Madrona Marsh: Fourth weekend of every month. Explore the preserve with a trained docent. Free. Saturdays and Sundays 10-12 noon. Call for info 310/782-3989

Downtown on Ice (Pershing Square): Holiday outdoor ice skating, concerts and events. \$6 for 1-hour session, \$2 skate rental. For more www.laParks.org/pershingsquare

LA Kings Holiday Ice (LA Live): Outdoor ice skating. \$12 unlimited skating. For more www.laLive.com/holidayice



'Edison Elementary PTA' for more!



With the spirit of giving filling the air,
I asked the teachers of Edison
Elementary what is
on their 'Wish List'
this year?

Ms. Talleda
Preppy

- * 52x52" plastic table cloths
- * Crayon caddy x 4
- * Do-a-dot paints (we love!)
- * Craft sticks
- * Alphabet stamps
- * Washable stamp pads
- * Play-doh
- * Standing pain easel
- * Easy-grip paint brushes
- * Plastic, flat craft buttons
- * Alphabet beads
- * Wipes

Mrs. Matoba
1st Grade

- * 15 sets of Crayola colored pencils (12 pack)

Edison Library

- * A new or previously loved vacuum
- * Wet wipes

Mrs. Jackson
2nd Grade

- * Sturdy electric pencil sharpener
- * Oil pastel crayons
- * 8 x 12" white boards
- * CD's and books for listening center
- * Stickers
- * Card stock paper
- * Headphones for computers

Mrs. Polun
Kindergarten

- * 30 hooks for Room 2

Mrs. Kastner
K / 1 Combo

- * 2-Pocket Folders
- * Play Doh
- * Antibacterial anything (table wipes, hand sanitizer, soap)

Mrs. Branley
1st Grade

- * Wipes
- * Band-aids
- * Tissues

Mrs. Matis
2nd Grade

- * Purell
- * 2-Pocket Folders
- * Pencils

Mrs. Olmos
4th Grade

- * Markers (any)
- * Craft sticks
- * Magnetic tape
- * Quality #2 Pencils

Mrs. Matsumoto
2 / 3 Combo

- * Tissue
- * Hand sanitizer
- * Wipes
- * Stamps/Stamp pad
- * 2-pocket folders (30, any color)
- * Large throw pillows for classroom library
- * Board games
- * Ziploc bags

Mrs. Hughes
4th Grade

- * Highlighter for each student
- * Wipes
- * Tissues
- * Thin white board markers
- * Post it notes for 34 students!
- * Thin markers
- * Tennis balls for chairs
- * Frisbees for P.E.
- * Chapstick!

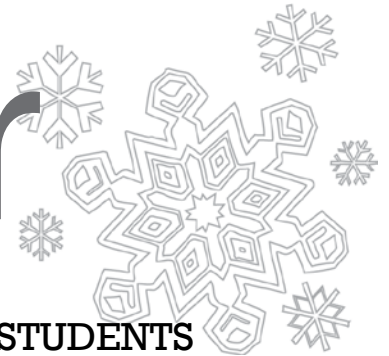
Mrs. Hinman
5th Grade

- * Wipes
- * Fruit roll-ups
- * Tennis balls (for chairs)

* If you don't see your child's teacher listed here -- please ask them how you can help today!



December



STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS

Congratulations Edison students on a job well done!



North High says 'Thank you' at morning assembly.

November's Book Drive with North High School was an amazing success! Edison students joined together to donate 6,770 books! Great job. Special mention goes to Mrs. Kastner's K/1 class and Mrs. Crofton's 5th grade class for taking top honors in book collection. Wow! Way to go!

WEEK LONG EVENT

12/13

MONDAY - FRIDAY

EARLY DISMISSAL

Parent / Teacher conferences scheduled all week long. Grades 1 - 5 will be dismissed 1 hour early.



12/17

FRIDAY

Winter Assembly

Enjoy a break in normal routine with this years winter assembly.

12/20

Winter Break

Kick off your shoes and enjoy a few days off! You deserve it. See you in the new year!





January

01/03

MONDAY

Welcome to 2011!

Welcome back Edison teachers and students!



01/05

WEDNESDAY

Laker Challenge Begins

- * The Laker Reading Challenge runs January 5th thru February 16th.
- * Students in grades 1 & 2 are challenged to read outside the classroom for 15 minutes a day, 3 days per week, for the 6-week period. The student's parent or guardian will track the student's success on a Reading Calendar.
- * Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 are challenged to read six (6) multi-chapter books outside of the classroom in the six-week period. The student will track his or her progress using a Reading Book Log.
- * All Students who complete the program will receive a Lakers certificate of completion, earn a special Lakers prize and be entered into a drawing to win two (2) tickets to a Lakers regular season game. Teachers who return a teacher's classroom log will also receive a special Lakers gift.
- * Classrooms with 100% student completion will be entered into a drawing to win Grand Prize.



01/17

MONDAY

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

No School

"Let no man pull you low enough to hate him"
Martin Luther King Jr.



01/28

FRIDAY

NO SCHOOL!

Staff development day.
Edison students enjoy a long weekend.
See you Monday!





EAGLET ART IDEA



Spend some time channeling your inner artist this winter break. This easy stamping project is fun for all ages, inexpensive (under \$15 even if you have to buy all supplies). Make cards, wrapping paper, or simply something to decorate your wall.

WHAT YOU NEED

1. Fun Foam adhesive backed sheets (33 cents a sheet at Michael's)
2. Cardboard
3. Pencil
4. Scissors
5. Tempera paint (or similar)
6. Paintbrush
7. Paper (your choice) to stamp



HOW-TO

- Step One:** Sketch a graphic, bold design
- Step Two:** Transfer sketch to back side of fun foam and cut shape.
- Step Three:** Peel adhesive back off of fun foam. Stick to cardboard cut to size of design.
- Step Four:** Paint stamp desired color. Multiple colors can be used on one stamp.
- Step Five:** Stamp and repeat. For best results apply paint each time you are ready to stamp.
- Step Six:** If desired, add additional accents with glitter, marker or fine tip pen.

TIPS

- * Keep your shapes bold and simple for best results
- * Stamps can be wiped clean and saved for future projects
- * Fun foam can be purchased in pre-cut shapes for those less interested in creating your own shapes

For other fun art project ideas . . . www.teachkidsart.com



Edison Elementary School PTA

Children are the Building Blocks of the Future

PTA Membership Drive 2010

WE ALL WANT OUR CHILDREN TO RECEIVE THE BEST EDUCATION POSSIBLE BUT HOW?



ONE ANSWER IS PTA

PTA is Parents and Teachers coming together to BUILD the best education for our children AND THEIR FUTURE.

With all the budget cuts to education, PTA picks up some of the MISSING BLOCKS by providing... **Adventures in Art Art Education Program, Bike Safety, fully staffed Library, Callback Program, Communication from the School, Family Fun Night, Multi-Cultural Festival and T-Shirts (just to name a few).**

What Can **You** do to Help?

Join PTA...for \$6 you can help.

There is **NO TIME COMMITMENT**

(unless you want to help ☺)

By Joining PTA you are just saying you support the effort to better educate the students of Edison Elementary.

It is that Easy!

Prizes for top classes!

GOAL ONE MEMBERSHIP PER STUDENT!!!!

PTA Membership \$6

I am enclosing \$_____ for _____ memberships

Name of Student _____ Teacher _____

Name of Member _____

Address _____

Email _____



Edison Elementary PTA

Calling all Edison Volunteers

YOU can help!

- Yearbook Photos • Field Trips
- Adventures in Art • Bike Rodeo • t-shirt sales • Bake Sales • Family Library Night • Book Fair • Multicultural Fair • School Beautification Day • Family Movie Night • Ice Cream Social • School Carnival • HSA/Reflections • Edison Science Fair • Red Ribbon Week (Just say No) • Blue Ribbon Week (Police and Firefighter thanks!) • PTA •

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Most people have jobs, add to that sports, scouts, church, well, we just don't have much spare time, do we? Edison PTA would like to make a special plea to you for that extra time you have. Please consider volunteering at Edison. It will be the biggest impact you can have on your kids during their elementary school education, and it is truly the best way to know what is happening in THEIR world. Come join us and make Edison the place YOUR kids WANT to be!

Some of the jobs we need volunteers for:

- School Beautification
2 Saturdays a year! That's it!
- Ink/Cellphone Recycling
This one can be done from home.
- Silent Fundraising
This one can be done from home.
- Family Movie Night
One night a year!
- Eaglet Newsletter
This one can be done from home!
- Staff Appreciations Week
Everyone should be appreciated. ☺
- Yearbook
You know you are taking photos anyway... share them with all of us.

REQUIREMENTS: Along with completing the Agreement for Volunteer Service in the office, you must have a current TB test (good for 4 years) and provide a copy of your driver's license or state issued ID. After being cleared through Megan's Law database you will be available for volunteering! Check in at the office required when on campus during school hours.

Return this form to your child's teacher, to the office or email the website:
www.edisonelementary.org

Volunteer's name: _____

Volunteer's phone: _____

Volunteer's email: _____

Area of interest: _____



FUND RAISING

Are you the silent type?

You can support your student without spending a fortune on fund-raisers or taking time out of work to volunteer. These are great ways to support Edison while going about your daily routine!

Remember all the money raised goes to fund assemblies, field trips, Adventures in Art, the School Garden and many other student and family activities. Here's how you can help:

Where	How you sign up	What Edison gets
Albertsons, SavOn or CVS	Register your Preferred Savings Card at www.albertsons.com . Click on "In the Community" and then the Community Partners logo. Our Group ID # is 49000123677, or search by school name.	
Vons, Pavilions or Safeway	Go to www.escrip.com and register you Vons Club Card. Our eScrip ID # is 6499258.	Up to 6% back on your monthly grocery purchases.
HOWS Market	Go to HOWS and pick up a HOWS Market eScrip Community Card. Register the card at www.escrip.com or by calling 1-800-931-6258. Our group ID # is 6499258.	Up to 6% back on your monthly grocery purchases.
Target	Link your Target Visa or Target Red Card to Edison by calling 1-800-316-6142 or going to Target.com , click on "Take Charge of Education," and then "Enroll Now." Our Target ID # is 36261.	1% of Target Card purchases made at Target. 1/2% of all Target Card purchases outside of Target.
Macys and other credit cards	Register your credit cards and Macy card at www.escrip.com . Our group ID # is 6499258.	Up to 6% of your purchases using these cards.
Ralphs	Go to www.ralphs.com and follow the links through Community Service. Our nonprofit Number is 91002. NOTE: Even if you signed up last year, you must do it again this year. Check the bottom of your receipt to make sure you're signed up!	Last year, Edison earned about \$1,300, with only 25 cards registered!
South Bay Galleria	Bring your original receipts from any purchase made at South Bay Galleria dated between Feb. 1 and Dec. 31, 2010 to Guest Services (level 1, Nordstrom Wing).	2 points for each dollar spent in non-department stores and 1 for every dollar spent in department stores.

Contact Porschea Weaver with questions or comments at porscheaweaver@att.net



Box Tops for Education

(free money!)

How you can help:

1. Collect box tops and bonus coupons from 1000's of participating products. Each box is worth 10 cents! Box tops can be turned in at the office or to your child's teacher at any time.
2. Register at www.boxtops4education.com to track Edison's progress toward our 2010-2011 goal of \$1715.
3. Make your on-line purchases through the Box Tops Marketplace and earn a cash donation for Edison.

For more information please contact Wendy Carrillo at (310) 621-4863, wendycarrillo@msn.com



Campbell's Labels for Education

(free stuff!)

How you can help:

1. Clip and turn in UPC codes and beverage caps from participating products (Campbell's, V8, Pepperidge Farms, Prego, Post). These codes can be turned in at the office or to your child's teacher at any time.
2. Labels and beverage caps are mailed to Campbells for points that are redeemed for school merchandise.
3. Ralphs customers can electronically log their UPCs for Edison by registering at www.elabelsforeducation.com.

For more information please contact Wendy McGuire at (310) 466-0728, wmcguire97@yahoo.com

Thank you for your support!

(Go Edison!)