



THE EAGLE'S PERCH

Edgemont Elementary School - Soaring Eagle PTA Newsletter
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PTA News

Book Swap

We are coming into the holiday season, with a new year right around the corner!

The Edgemont annual book swap will be held again this season, as well as our

Santa Sing-Along, a fun traditional holiday festivity. The Christmas Choir, comprised of 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, will continue to perform in December. They sang as guests for Sandy City's Tree lighting festival and were featured as the only young children's choir to participate.

January brings a fresh start for many of us. Please feel free to attend our monthly PTA meeting, Tuesday January 2nd at 9am, and check the school website/ facebook page to stay up-to-date on all that is happening.

It's a fun time of the year to be at Edgemont Elementary School! Word on the street is that there may be a very special visitor at school the last day before Christmas, so be sure your student is in attendance to enjoy the fun!

Happy Holidays,
Jeannine Cardenaz and Kat Wojnowski

Happy Birthday Teachers and Staff!
Please join us in wishing our teachers and staff a Happy Birthday!

DECEMBER

Codi Chua (10)

Kristen Knapp (10)

Courtney Gutierrez (14)

Jennifer Cebulak (16)

Megan Openshaw (24)

Laura Handley (30)

Amanda Jolley (31)



JANUARY

Rebecca Bingham (2)

Jamie Brewis (17)

Kris Parkin (21)

Barbara Gondor (22)

Ramses Timbol (26)



Eagle Eats Spirit Night

Mark your calendars for our January eagle eats, Tuesday, January 30 at Chick-fil-A on State Street. Join us from 5 to 7 for a tasty meal to show your support! 20% of proceeds will go directly to our school!

Principal Schino

Hello Edgemont Families,



Teachers and students crave a certain amount of predictability and routine in their school day, especially at the start. That's why each classroom at Edgemont participates in a Morning Meeting. The format for Morning Meeting is predictable, but there is plenty of room for variation. Meetings reflect the style and flavor of individual teachers and groups. There are four essential components of Morning Meeting:



- Greeting: children learn to acknowledge the presence of themselves and others.

- **Sharing:** children develop communication skills in receptive and expressive language.
- **Group Activity:** heightens the class's sense of group identity.
- **Message:** eases the transition into the classroom day and makes children excited about what they will be learning.

Educators have learned that social skills are not a checklist to be mastered by the end of Kindergarten so that students can get on with the acquisition of academic skills. Instead, social skills are skills we continue to acquire and refine throughout our lives, just like academic skills.

We are pleased to provide the benefits of Morning Meeting to all students at Edgemont every morning!

Principal Schino



Kindergarten

The kindergarten train is continuing to chug along through our school year! Our Thanksgiving feast was a success and the kids really enjoyed learning about the history behind the holiday. Some even enjoyed the vegetables!! ☐

With the colder weather coming around it is important to remember to dress appropriately. Proper clothing such as hats, gloves, scarves and jackets help to keep everyone warm and healthy. We have been practicing washing our hands and using hand sanitizer frequently to help stay healthy.

December and January will bring so many fun things including several holidays. Be sure to look for letters coming home with your child with information about any special events that may be happening in the classroom. Thank you for all that you do! ☐



-Ms. Mulrain-

Second Grade



Happy Holidays! We continue to work hard on reading fluency and reading comprehension. It is very important that you continue to supervise your child's nightly reading. Our school wide 40 book challenge is still going strong!! We are continuing to use our new Reading Comprehension strategies to build strong comprehension skills. We want to build a home/school connection so keep an "Eagle's Eye" out for a new strategy each six weeks in your child's homework folder starting in January. Our math lessons also include fluency. Math fluency focus is adding and subtracting within 100

(with and without regrouping) using a variety of strategies. Math skills around the corner include both money and time. Money skills include: identifying the coins and bills, knowing values of both coins and dollar bills, and adding and subtracting with money. Time skills include: reading both an analog and digital clock. It is never too late to start practicing.

Now the cold weather is upon us, please make sure your students are dressed appropriately. There will be outside recess as long as the weather stays above 22 degrees.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the second grade families from Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Handley, and Miss Gutierrez.



Fourth Grade

This time of year always brings many fun and exciting events into the classroom. Fourth graders will dive deep into Utah's Native Americans, soil, and division. All while earning classroom dollars to buy their way into the much loved PBIS, gingerbread house making.

Fourth graders will begin learning about the five native tribes of Utah: Utes, Paiutes, Goshutes, Navajo, and Shoshone. They will be grouped into a tribe and asked to discover key details about their tribe. Finally, they will present their discoveries to their classmates using a poster they have made.

After learning about our Native Americans, fourth graders will jump right back into science, discovering all things soil. What soil is made up of, why we need it, how soil helps humans and animals, and so much more. Students can look forward to a creative project in which they will be making a soil profile using whatever materials they feel would show different levels soil the best. Stay tuned for more information!

Students have been working hard on their multiplication math facts, and it shows! These math facts will help them as we begin our unit study on division. Fourth graders will learn several different methods to divide, including using mental math, place value, illustrations, and long division. This is a foundational skill we are eager to begin.

Finally, this month's PBIS will be gingerbread house making. Students will be able to use their earned classroom dollars to buy a building permit in which they will use their creativity to make their own gingerbread house. We welcome parent volunteers and candy donations for this exciting event! Please see the flyer coming home soon.

Happy holidays from fourth grade!



Fifth Grade

Dear 5th Grade Families,

What an exciting time to be a 5th grader! In December students will participate in their NOVⁿ graduation. They have been working so hard with Officer Kawa this school year. Parents are invited to come to the graduation, which will be Dec. 15th after lunch.

We are beginning a new social studies unit: The 13 Colonies and the Road to Revolution. In math we are beginning to learn how to add and subtract mixed numbers and fractions with unlike denominators.

Encourage your child to keep reading at home and working towards their 40 books challenge!

Thank you for your support,
Ms. Larsen, Mrs. Nemrow and Mrs. Sjogren



ACC

Dear Parents,

We are excited for the holiday season. There are lots of things to do and enjoy. We hope you enjoy the time with your family and friends. We are happy for the progress we see in your student's and hope you continue to work with them during the break. Reading to or with them, counting objects while driving or at home. Even working online with Core 5, MyOn and Reflex math (for the older ACC). We hope to see retention when they come back from the holiday break.

The New Year, believe it or not, is fast approaching. This will bring new lessons, new activities, and new opportunities for learning. We thank you as parents for all your support. And look forward to continued progress with your students.

Mrs. Criddle
Ms. Zarbock
Mrs. Parkin

