



EDGEMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SOARING EAGLE PTA NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S NEST



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 and change. 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.

Morning Message: eases the transition into the classroom day and makes children feel 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.

Teachers have long known that social skills are not just something to be taught so that children behave. Rather, they are inextricably intertwined with cognitive growth and intellectual progress.

A person who can listen well, who can frame a good question and has the assertiveness to pose it, who can examine a situation from a number of perspectives will be a strong learner. All of those skills-essential to academic achievement- must be modeled, experienced, practiced, extended and refined in the context of social interaction. Morning Meeting is a forum in which all that happens!

We are pleased to bring the benefits of Morning Meeting to each student at Edgemont every morning.

Principal Schino

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## EDGEMONT ELEMENTARY PTA



## PTA NEWS



We are closing-in on Winter Break (December 21 is the last day of school before a two-week break) and that means the Edgemont Annual Santa Sing-a-long and holiday festivities! That day's assembly for the students will be filled with some great music provided by each grade level, as well as a fine performance provided by our wonderful teachers. It's a fun time of year to be in elementary school! Word on the street is that there may be a very special, very jolly visitor at school that day, so be sure your student is in attendance to enjoy this last day before the Winter Break!

Facebook change! In an effort to be more united with the community and school, the PTA FB page will merge with Edgemont Schools and Edgemont Community Councils. We are looking forward to this improvement in communication. The change will take place over the Winter Break and it will happen automatically; no need to do anything on your end. We want to keep Facebook as an information source, so if you have any suggestions or feedback, please email them to me, Tara Jensen, at [president@EEPTA.org](mailto:president@EEPTA.org) We love your thoughts and constructive suggestions

Tara Jensen, PTA President

**Raising Responsible Digital Citizens: It Takes a Community**

In today's world, kids are using electronic devices before they are reading and writing. So it's critical for the whole community to take a role in teaching kids about Internet safety.

December 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> will be White Ribbon Week, we will be having fun events every day this week and if your child participates they will be entered in a drawing for fabulous prizes.  
Reminder all events are optional for your child

**Internet Safety Week Events**



Monday, Dec. 7th:  
Sometimes people "pretend" to be who they're not.  
**Mustache Monday**



Tuesday, Dec. 8th:  
Don't get "tied up" in cyber bullying!  
**Wear a tie**



Wednesday, Dec. 9th  
Don't let personal info slip out!  
**Wear your shirt inside out**



Thursday, Dec. 10th:  
Protect Your Mind!  
**Wear a Hoodie or Hat**



Friday, Dec. 11th:  
Let's remember white ribbon week all year round!  
**Wear as much White as you can.**



**"Let's Get Real!"**

*"Real life" is hanging out with real people, in person, such as your friends and family, having real face-to face conversations*

**Challenge:** Swap at least 5 minutes of screen time for a real-life activity. Some experts believe "excessive use of the internet, cell phones and other technologies can cause us to become more impatient, impulsive, forgetful and even more narcissistic." Is that who you want to be? Instead of texting a friend, try actually talking to him or her. Instead of sending a selfie to your friend, surprise him or her by showing up in person.

**Challenge:** Decide that you will only post, send, or share kind and positive messages. Find a way to use technology to build someone up or brighten someone's day! Using technology for pranks, pretending to be someone else, or embarrassing someone in an attempt to be funny can hurt others and make the online world less fun for everyone. If you don't have anything nice to say, it's better to say nothing at all! People often say things online or in texts that they wouldn't say in person.

**Let's pledge to get "Real"!**

All you have to do is sign along with your child and date the form that comes home at the beginning of the week.



## REFLECTIONS RESULTS 2015

Thank you again for all the wonderful entries for the PTA Reflections art contest! We had an assembly on November 12, 2015 and honored the winners who went onto the next level of competition. The following students received an Award of Excellence and their entries are now being judged at the Council level:

	<b>Intermediate (grades 3-5)</b>	<b>Primary (grades K-2)</b>
Literature	Rylee Rose	Ty Rose Chase Cardenaz
Music	Ben Knecht	Kirstie Buchanon
Visual Arts	Shauntay Farkas Brexen Moser	Hannah Kidd Briar Stevens
Photography	Christian Hurst McKenna Latimer	Emmaline Stevens Celeste Martinez



Those who did not move on received a Certificate of Participation and entries were returned to the students last week. Way to go everyone!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TEACHERS AND STAFF!

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

Laura Handley teaches 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Laura has lived in San Francisco, St. Louis, and New York. She has five kids and in her free time she likes to read, spend time with her family and shop. Some of her favorite snacks are: Diet Coke, chips and salsa, and salted caramel ice cream.

Kris Parkin is one of our AC teachers. Kris has lived in Iowa, and Colorado. She has four kids and loves to spend her free time reading and spending time with her family. She likes to write and is in the middle of writing three different books.

Barbara Gondor teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Barbara lived in New Jersey for 18 years. She likes to walk her dog, read, and garden in her free time. Her favorite foods are pasta and M&M's. Her favorite team is the St. Louis Rams and she likes to watch home improvement shows.

### December Birthdays

12/16 Jennifer Cebulak - IT/Ed Tech  
12/30 Laura Handley - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teacher

### January Birthdays

1/1 Bonnie Eichelberger - Office  
1/2 Rebecka Bingham - Psychologist  
1/21 Kris Parkin - AC Teacher  
1/22 Barbara Gondor - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher  
1/28 Martha Gappmaier - Special Ed Aide  
1/29 Melanie Kieffer - Drama



## BOOK SWAP

We will be holding our annual Edgemont Holiday book swap again this year. The PTA will be collecting books the week of November 30- December 4. Hopefully, you were able to get your gently-used books together over the Thanksgiving break. The PTA will sort through all the donated books and put them into reading levels (Pre K, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th, and 5th+).

Students will be able to attend the "swap" to pick a new book during the week of December 16-18. This gets new books into our students' hands just in time for winter break.



## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We have had a fun filled school year so far, and added to that with our Thanksgiving feast. Thank you to all who donated, and volunteered to help make it possible! We are just getting started in unit three of Reading Street and are learning about growing and changing. As always, please continue to read at home, and practice!

In our enVision Math, we will be reviewing and reinforcing the numbers one through 100 by writing, matching sets, knowing which number is bigger, and missing numbers. We will also be starting our addition and subtraction units. Thank you again for all that you do for your children. Together we will keep chugging along on our train to success!

Ms. Mulrain and Mrs. Evans



## FIRST GRADE NEWS

In December and the first week of January, we will continue working on our Reading Street Unit 2 COMMUNITIES. Then we will begin Unit 3 CHANGES. The focus is on what is changing in our world. Our weekly notes home detail exactly what we are working on for that week. Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home by using Amazing Words, practicing High-Frequency words and the phonics patterns we have been learning.

Students will be out of school from December 19th through January 3rd, two full weeks! This is a great time to practice Addition and Subtraction Facts and remember to include plenty of reading during this time.

Enjoy your break and family time!

Your First Grade Teachers



## SECOND GRADE NEWS

Happy Holidays! We are continuing to work hard on reading fluency and comprehension. It is very important that you continue to read with your child on a daily basis. We are learning to add and subtract double-digit numbers using mental math strategies. Next we will learn to regroup with two and three-digit numbers.

With the cold weather upon us, please make sure your student is dressed appropriately. The students will go outside daily for fresh air and exercise. We as teachers make the students wear their coats, gloves and hats that they come to school with.

Thanks for all you do for your student, our success is tied to you. Have a great holiday season and we look forward to 2016!

Mrs. Handley, Mrs. Trane, Mrs. Jones



## ACCOMODATED CORE NEWS

December and January are busy, cold, and filled with joyful activities! Our students will continue to S.O.A.R (Be safe, on task, accept responsibility, and respect others and property) and SLANT (sit up, listen, ask and answer questions, nod, and track). Students will continue to go outside for recess, please make sure they wear appropriate Winter clothing.

Enjoy your holidays!

The ACC Teachers Parkin, Clyde, Criddle



## THIRD GRADE NEWS

The winter is always filled with wonderful things like twinkling lights, a choir singing beautiful songs, and Santa's jolly Ho! Ho! Ho! In December the students from Edgemont will be singing joyous songs for all to hear. Please plan to come to their beautiful performance.

In math we are continuing to learn about multiplication, and in January we will be following up with division. This is a critical time to work with your child helping them learn the basic math facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Just 5 to 10 minutes a day is all it takes for your child to master their math facts. In third and fourth grade we work on higher-level math problems, and if students know their math facts by heart it leaves their minds free to solve more difficult equations.

Our third grade team would like to wish you a wonderful season in December and January.

Mrs. Gondor, Mrs. Hampton, and Mrs. Summers



## FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Thank you parents for all your support with your child's Utah Animal Report! We are presenting these important reports the first week of December. We adored your child's creative animal. It was so FUN to see all the different animal groupings combined into one animal. For our next science unit we will begin studying weather and water in January.

We are looking forward to your help with two projects in December. The first activity involves our pioneer crafts; we need you to send-in unwanted buttons. Did you know the pioneers used lots of buttons? We will send out a note with the date and times if you want to come and help us.

The second project is building graham cracker houses; we will need your help with the supplies. Again we will send home more information. We hope you will join us for these fun activities!

Wishing you a wonderful time with your children during this holiday season!

Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Salter



## FIFTH GRADE NEWS

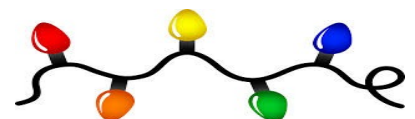
Our 5th graders have grown so much in capacity. They've become much more astute scholars in their interactions with one another and in their depth of thinking and use of logic. Our students have become boisterous in their interactions with one another, ever excited to teach and learn from each other. They are a true pleasure to work with.

Students will continue to improve their computation skills with decimal numbers in December and will begin building their computation skills with fractions. In science, we'll continue our geology studies and transition

to inherited traits and adaptations that encourage populations to survive and thrive.

We wish you the happiest of holidays and hope for you a prosperous new year.

Miss Gause (soon-to-be Mrs. Nelson) and Mrs. Turner





## EAGLE EATS SPIRIT NIGHT

**Important reminder Edgemont students and families!**

There will NOT be an Eagle Eats Spirit Night during the month of December. Mark your calendars for our January Eagle Eats, Tuesday January 5th at Sweet Tomatoes (10060 South State St). Join us from 5-8pm for a tasty meal and to show your support! 20% of proceeds will go directly to our school!



# DECEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bring in books and FIRE DRILL	2 Bring in books for the book swap	3 Bring in books for the book swap	4 EARLY OUT	5
6	7 Moustache Day	8 Wear a TIE Day	9 Inside Out Shirt Day	10 Hoodie or Hat Day	11 Wear White EARLY OUT	12
13	14 Book Swap	15 Book Swap	16 Book Swap Nutcracker FT Grades 1-5	17 Book Swap	18 Assembly Sing-a-Long EARLY OUT	19
20	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26
27	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL		



# January



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 NO SCHOOL	2
3	4 SCHOOL RESUMES	5 Spirit Night 5-8pm @ Sweet Tomatoes	6	7	8 EARLY OUT	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 EARLY OUT	16
17	18 M.L.K. NO SCHOOL	19	20	21	22 EARLY OUT	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 EARLY OUT	30
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# CHECK-OUT

**EDGEMONT'S ONLINE RESOURCES  
FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION  
& ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

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