



EDGEMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S NEST

Dear Edgemont Families,

Our teachers have been working hard creating fun and meaningful learning experiences at Edgemont! Canyons School District has instructional priorities that all teachers are expected to use in daily instruction. Edgemont Elementary is focusing on "explicit instruction" this month.

Explicit instruction is a systematic method of teaching. It emphasizes proceeding in small steps, checking for student understanding, and achieving active and successful participation by all students.

When Edgemont teachers use explicit instruction, students are guided through the learning process with clear statements about the purpose and rationale for learning a new skill. Teachers provide clear explanations and demonstrations of the instructional target. They also provide supported practice with feedback until independent mastery has been achieved.

I am excited for our students as they are exposed to explicit instruction practices at Edgemont! This instructional priority will help our students become successful thinkers.

Principal Schino



PTA NEWS



PTA Marches On! We are marching ever closer to summer! We had a successful Book Fair the beginning of February as we all met for Parent/Teacher conferences. We want to thank all who volunteered their time to help in that endeavor. Additionally, the entire school earned a reward for practicing SOAR principles in the commons area and it was our great pleasure as a PTA to sponsor a Beach Day activity for the students. We had a wonderful and supportive turnout to run the activity and all of our kids from Kindergarten through Fifth grade got to participate!

If you haven't had the opportunity to volunteer with PTA yet this year, we welcome your participation in our upcoming events. At the end of this month we will be celebrating Family Week which will feature, Classic Skating on Wednesday March 30 5:30-8:30pm. We will also have Parents & Pastries in the morning on Friday April 1st 8am. Keep an eye out for additional information about Family & Red Ribbon Week. There will be many more family oriented take-homes and activities designed to help us focus on our families and staying drug-free. So, lots of good stuff in March and we look forward to seeing new volunteer faces and working with your great kids!

Tara Jensen PTA President

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BOX TOPS COMPETITION

We would like to thank everyone for bringing in so many box tops! Since this contest was competing with each grade, we would like to congratulate all of the 2nd graders! They brought in over 1300 Box Tops and Labels for Education! A huge shout out goes to William Bagley from Mrs. Jones class for bringing in over 1000 box tops! Congratulations 2nd graders! The second place winners were the Kindergarten classes. They brought in a little over 900 box tops!

THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to Smith's for donating lunch and dessert to our teachers!



EAGLE EATS SPIRIT NIGHT

Each month we have an Eagle Eats Spirit Night at a various local restaurant. These business partners share a portion of their profits earned during these evenings with our school; what a great way to earn money for Edgemont! Our spirit nights will be the second Tuesday of each month. This month's Eagle Eats Spirit Night was at Chick-fil-A on Tuesday, March 1st on 10090 South State Street.

Coming up in April, Eagle Eats will be at one of our other favorite restaurants, **Panda Express at 9166 South Village Shop Dr Tuesday April 5th from 5-8pm.** Mark your calendars now!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TEACHERS AND STAFF!



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

Anne Clyde is one of our AC teachers. Ann has a cat name Phoebe. She likes to travel, read and is learning to play golf. She loves her husband's homemade salted caramel sauce, caramel cone ice cream, and Twix.

LuAnn Hill has been at Edgemont for 18 years and is a resource teacher. LuAnn has three children and loves to spend time with her family and read. LuAnn likes football and is a BYU fan! LuAnn loves popcorn and peanut M&M's.

Valinda Rose is an Achievement coach. Valinda has 4 children and 7 granddaughters. She likes to read, travel, and spend time with her family. She also likes to have dance parties in her office! She loves Dr. Pepper and Almond Joy.

Joyce Acosta is one of our amazing 1st grade teachers. Joyce has 3 children and 4 grandchildren. She has lived in Peru, New Mexico, Colorado, and Arizona. She loves the outdoors and is a REAL Salt Lake fan! She loves iced tea and Almond Joy.

Shannon Mulrain is one of our Kindergarten teachers. She has a cat named Smokey. She is from a small farm town in New York. In her free time she likes to run, hike, and explore. She loves root beer, vanilla custard and any candy!

Diana Guay is one of resource teachers. She has 2 children, one grandson, and a dog named Barkley. In her free time she likes to walk dogs, read, and ice skate. She couldn't live without salt, and loves diet coke and fruit.

March Birthdays:

3/3	Anne Clyde	AC Teacher
3/9	LuAnn Hill	Resource Teacher
3/11	Valinda Rose	Achievement Coach
3/12	Joyce Acosta	1 st Grade Teacher
3/20	Shannon Mulrain	Kindergarten Teacher
3/28	Diana Guay	Resource Teacher



7th Annual Grand Event

May 20, 2016 5pm - 8pm

Food, Games, Entertainment, Auction, Climbing Wall, & FUN!

CAMP Edgemont

More Information coming soon!

"This event is sponsored by the School Community Council to raise money to fund new technology for Edgemont Elementary. 100% of the proceeds will be donated directly to Edgemont for this purpose."

PLAYWORKS

Coach Amariah wants to thank everyone who participated in the Playworks *Race to Reduce Bullying* at Wheeler Farm last week! There were games, animals, kids, families and lots of fun!



PTA BOARD INFO

The PTA Board meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:00am in the Collaboration Room. Our meetings are all open meetings and we encourage your attendance so you can be in the know. We still have board positions available for next year and would very much like to hear from those of you who are interested. If you are unable to be at the meeting, but would like to participate on the board, please feel free to email me Tara Jensen president@EEPTA.org

Please consider supporting PTA both through membership and through service. Serving on the board does not have to be life consuming! We break down all the parts of PTA into manageable slices and just need people to help pitch in. Some positions require time at school, while others can be done primarily from home. Whether you're at home or working, there is a PTA job that's the right fit for you! Simply stated, we cannot provide the programs and activities our students need and enjoy without dedicated parents willing to lend a hand. Remember, many hands make light work so sign up to help out today!



BOOK FAIR

We have had AMAZING success with our two Book Fairs this year! Thanks to the support of our Edgemont families, we were able to raise over \$4000 that will go directly back to the benefit of our school. We are especially excited that more than \$3000 of it will go to our librarian, Mrs. Koch, to help restock Edgemont's library! This means more books in a wider variety for all of our children to enjoy! This would not have been possible without the help of parent volunteers in setting-up, running, and taking down each Book Fair. Thank you for all who have helped!

We have one more Book Fair coming up. Our *Buy One, Get One* Book Fair will be in June and will be a great opportunity for you to jumpstart your child's summer reading with books they love at an even better deal than before! Watch for more details to come!



Edgemont Elementary Red Ribbon & Family Week 2016

Sponsored by Edgemont PTA

Monday, 3/28: Rally in Red

- Wear RED from head to toe!
- Wear your DRUG FREE tattoo.

Family Connection:

- Roleplay with your family:
- What to do if you are offered drugs.
 - What to do if someone offers you Alcohol



Tuesday, 3/29: It's CRAZY to do drugs!

- Wear CRAZY from head to toe!
(hats, hair, socks, mix-match clothes, etc.)

Family Connection:

- Family Movie Night:
- Grab your family and either hit the theatre or just sack out on the couch and enjoy a family favorite together.

**YOLO: You Only Live Once
Be Drug Free!!**



Wednesday, 3/30: We are a Community United Against Drugs!

- Wear your Edgemont Eagles T-shirt!

Family Connection:

- Bring your whole family for a night of fun and excitement!
- *Free Family Skate Night @ Classic Fun Center from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.*

Thursday, 3/31: Team up Against Drugs!

- Wear your favorite Team jersey or shirt!

Family Connection:

- Family Game Night:
- Let each person pick a favorite game they like to play.



Friday, 4/1: Your choices are the keys to your dream!

- Wear Pajamas!

Family Connection:

- Read-a-Thon at home:
- Get your family together in their PJ's, pop some popcorn and grab a pile of your favorite books. Take turns reading the books out loud so everyone in the family can participate.

~ Parents and Pastries: Life is SWEET when you are drug free! ~
8:00 - 8:40 a.m.

Bring a book and your sweet tooth!
Treats will be in the Activity Room. Siblings are welcome.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

It is hard to believe that February is already over! Our Valentine's Day party was a huge success! Thank you to all who helped to make it possible; the kids had a blast! March will be a long month and we will have all of our Fridays so be sure to remember that they are an early out day.

We have just finished up our math topic on decomposing numbers and will move to our next topic on measurement. We are also finishing up unit four in Reading Street and will be starting unit five. Please remember that any work done at home makes a huge difference. There are opportunities to learn everywhere!

We are seeing so much growth and it is very exciting! Although the weather is improving, please be sure to send your child with a jacket for recess. The weather cannot seem to make up its mind and we want to keep everyone as healthy as possible! Thank you for all that you do.

Ms. Mulrain and Mrs. Evans

FIRST GRADE NEWS



Reading Street's Unit 3 theme has been lots of fun. Our focus was on changes in our world. We learned about life cycles such as caterpillars turning into butterflies. We also studied timelines and other cycles like the seasons.

Thank you for listening to your child read every night and timing them on the purple passages. Be sure to continue to use the yellow sheets (we send them home every Monday) to increase the high frequency words and to keep your child on track.

We just started Topic 10 in Math; Adding with 10's and 1's. Students are learning to add multiples of 10's by using a hundred chart. Please review and practice the math sheets that are sent home after the skill has been taught. Consistent practice makes such a difference in your child's progress! FIRST GRADE IS GREAT!

Mrs. Acosta, Mrs. T. Evans, & Miss Smith

SECOND GRADE NEWS

We'd like to thank everyone who came to PTC at the first of the month. As a Second grade we had 99% attendance! We also enjoyed celebrating Valentine's Day, learning about Martin Luther King, and our Presidents. In March we'll continue to work on addition and subtraction using two and three digit numbers. We'll also introduce place value to 1,000, and geometry.



We have introduced a new writing program to our students, and we're all working on writing informational paragraphs and stories.

Your student should have come home with Progress Report #2 last week on Wednesday, March 2, 2016. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your student's teacher. Again, we'd like to thank you for all of your support. We LOVE our second graders!

Your Second Grade Team

ACCOMODATED CORE NEWS



Can you believe that it is already March? The school year has gone by very fast. In March, there is school every day (Monday thru Friday). Remember that Fridays are early out days. As the weather is changing from winter to spring make sure to send your student with appropriate clothes. On Thursdays we have APE, Adaptive Physical Education, and it is important for the students to wear tennis shoes to avoid injuries.

Please read with your student each night. Just 20 minutes of reading can help improve your student's concepts about print, comprehension, and reading ability. Also it is a great time to spend time with your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Criddle, Mrs. Clyde, and Mrs. Parkin



THIRD GRADE NEWS



The month of March is always full of cold and warm days. It almost seems like Mother Nature is having a hard time making up her mind. One day the wind will blow, and the next day the weather will be warm and sunny.

At Edgemont, we know exactly what to teach based on the “National Common Core.” As a result, our students are learning many new things that will assist them as they continue to learn and grow in school.

In math, we are continuing to learn about multiplication and division. This is a difficult concept for some students, so please take ten minutes every evening and drill them on their math facts. This will make a big improvement in their understanding of more difficult math concepts.

We now have a new program for writing the “Edgemont Way,” and it is going to make amazing writers out of all of our children. As our school continues to evolve, our third grade team will strive to learn and grow in order to assist our students in becoming college ready and able to solve difficult problems in real world situations. Again, please take the time to read out loud and review math facts with your wonderful children every evening.

Have a wonderful March, and let us know if we can assist you in the future.

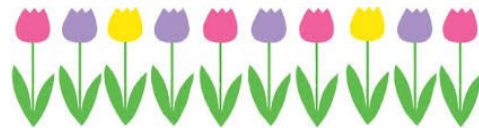
The Third Grade Team

FOURTH GRADE NEWS



This month your fourth grader will be turning in a book report on a biography. The definition for a biography is: an account of someone's life written by someone else. Our wonderful librarian, Mrs. Koch, has purchased many new biographies for our fourth graders to learn about currently famous people. Everything required for this project was sent home on March 1st. Your student will be required to:

- ◇ *Read the biography about someone they are interested in.*
- ◇ *Make a paper doll depicting that person.*
- ◇ *Fill out a higher level thinking skills sheet about the person's life.*
- ◇ *Bring everything back to school to share on March 22nd.*



Remember your student should be reading 20 minutes a night and having you look at their planner after which you need to initial. Thanks for all your support,

Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Salter

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

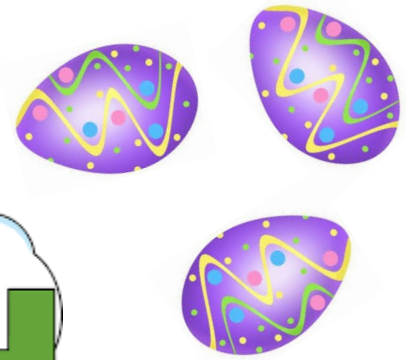


Our fifth graders continue to have wonderful experiences and visitors at our school. This month, a docent from the Utah Symphony came and presented some historical information on some composers and even taught us some rhythm and scales. The following week, we were fortunate to attend a performance by the Utah Symphony especially for fifth graders from all over the valley downtown at Abravanel Hall. The students were blown away from the moment they entered the luxurious concert hall.

This past week, we were visited by Discovery Gateway for their Reaction Time presentation. Our presenter was very humorous and helped to firm up the students' understanding of physical changes and chemical reactions. The students were able to participate in a lab where they mixed various solids and liquids and observed what changes occurred. We love science and really enjoyed this experience.

Speaking of science, we'll spend the next six weeks in a full science unit. Mrs. Turner will teach the features of static and current electricity while Mrs. Nelson teaches about magnetism. Our history instruction will be put on hold to ensure that all science content is taught before our end-of-year testing begins.

In math, we'll continue with our fractions studies and then jump into our geometry standards. Please encourage your child to continue using online tools, such as Khan Academy 4th and 5th grade fractions videos and practice, to bolster the instruction they receive at school.



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6	7	8	9	10	11 Early Out	12
13	14	15 School Play 9am and 6pm	16	17	18 Early Out	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Early Out	26
27	28 Family & Red Ribbon Week	29	30 Classic Skate Night 5:30	31		



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