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IMPORTANT DATES

December 1	Interims sent home with students - 5th-8th grades
December 1	ALL STUDENTS/ALL DISTRICT - LATE START - 10:15 a.m.
December 9	Holiday Choir Concert - 6th/7th/8th - 7:00 p.m. - HS Auditorium
December 10	Geography Bees - 10:00 a.m. for 7th/8th, 1:30 p.m. for 4th/5th/6th
December 21	WINTER
January 1	BREAK
January 4	School reopens
January 15	End of 2nd grading period
January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL
January 19	Professional Day/Records Day - NO SCHOOL
January 22	Grade Cards sent home with students
January 27-February 3	Book Fair
February 2	4th Grade Class Plays (Ms. Penn/Mrs. Zimmerman)
February 12	Valentine's Day Parties - 4th/5th grades
February 15	Professional Day - NO SCHOOL
February 18	4th Grade Class Plays (Mrs. Mauck/Mrs. Runyon)
February 23	Interims sent home with students - 5th-8th grades
February 23	Winter Sports Program
March 8-19	Spring District Testing
March 10	Band Concert - 5th/6th - 7th/8th
March 19	End of 3rd grading period
March 24	5th Grade Camp Parent Meeting - 7:00 - Commons
March 26-April 2	SPRING BREAK
April 5	School Reopens
April 9	Cake Walk
April 14-16	5th Grade Camp
April 21-30	STATE ACHIEVEMENT TESTING
May 4	Interims sent home with students - 5th-8th grades
May 6	District Art Show at Public Library
May 10	Spring Sports Award Program
May 12	Choir Concert Grades 6-8 - 7:00 p.m. - HS Auditorium
May 12-19	Book Fair - Half Price
May 13	7th Grade Ropes Course
May 14	4th Grade Field Trip
May 19	Band Concert - Grades 5-8
May 20	6th Grade Camp Parent Meeting - 7:00 - Commons
May 21	All Arts Day
June 1- 4	6th Grade Camp
June 2- 4	8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip
June 4	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Testing Schedule

Below is the testing schedule for the Terra Nova/ Inview Tests and the OAA (Ohio Achievement Assessments). Please mark these dates on your calendar and try to schedule appointments around these times.

Terra Nova/Inview

4th Grade

March 8th - Terra Nova: 8:00 - 9:00
March 9th - Terra Nova: 8:00 - 9:00
March 10th - Inview: 8:00 - 9:00
March 11th - Inview: 8:00 - 9:00
March 12th - Inview: 8:00 - 9:00 / 10:00 - 11:00

5th Grade

March 10th - Inview: 9:00 - 11:00

6th Grade

March 9th - Terra Nova: 9:00 - 11:00
March 10th - Terra Nova: 9:00 - 11:00
March 11th - Terra Nova: 9:00 - 11:00

7th Grade

March 10th - Terra Nova: 9:00 - 11:00

OAA - Ohio Achievement Assessments

4th Grade

April 26th - Reading: 8:00 - 11:00
April 28th - Math: 8:00 - 11:00

5th Grade

April 21st - Reading: 8:00 - 11:00
April 23rd - Math: 8:00 - 11:00
April 26th - Science: 8:00 - 11:00

6th Grade

April 26th - Reading: 8:00 - 11:00
April 28th - Math: 8:00 - 11:00

7th Grade

April 26th - Reading: 8:00 - 11:00
April 28th - Math: 8:00 - 11:00

8th Grade

April 21st - Reading: 8:00 - 11:00
April 23rd - Math: 8:00 - 11:00
April 26th - Science: 8:00 - 11:00



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MAKE UP WORK IF ABSENT

If your son or daughter is absent and you would like to arrange to have his/her assignments, **please let the office know first thing in the morning when you call to report the absence.** This work will be sent to the office by 3:15 p.m.

Please note that the Homework Hotline will cover most, if not all, assignments that were given. There is a likelihood that you may not find too many assignments to pick up due to them being listed on the Homework Hotline. **You may access the Homework Hotline on the district web site, www.grandviewschools.org or you may call the Hotline numbers listed below.**

HOMEWORK HOTLINE

485-4199

4th Grade - Ext. 3004

5th Grade - Ext. 3005

6th Grade - Ext. 3006

7th Grade - Ext. 3007

8th Grade - Ext. 3008

DID YOU MISS AN INPHONET MESSAGE?

Sometimes the message is cut off or you just do not hear the call. You can hear the most recent message anytime by calling
777-222 ext. 4431

STUDENT MESSAGES AND EMERGENCIES

Please help by limiting the number of phone messages to the school office for your child unless they are very necessary or of an emergency in nature. We are certainly willing to help with the communication of important information to your child but lately we have been receiving a high volume of calls, often in the afternoon, which are causing continual disruptions to classrooms and instruction. Thanks.

CALLING SCHOOL

When calling Edison Intermediate/Middle School
please call 481-3630 ONLY

PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE

All parents/guardians/visitors are reminded to sign in at the school office and pick up a name badge before going anywhere in the building. Thank you!

FIRE LANE

The curb along the front of the middle school is a designated "FIRE LANE". The Grandview Heights Police Department has notified us that cars will be ticketed and/or towed for parking along this curb. (A quick drop off or pickup of students is not a problem).



“THE HAPPENINGS”

The Happenings is a supplement to the newsletter each month.
Academic and other classroom activities will be included.

Grade 4 News

Mrs. Mauck Mrs. Runyon
Ms. Penn Mrs. Zimmerman
Mrs. Quigley

The holiday season is here and our school family may be as busy as your families are! We continue to work on mastery of multiplication facts. Vacation time is a great time to spend 5-10 minutes a day reviewing facts.

Read, read, read seems to be a fourth grade motto and what better time to enjoy some great books than over Winter Break when kids are at home. It is our desire that all children will read at least 20-30 minutes each day. Hopefully that will lead to a lifelong habit of daily reading.

This fall, the fourth grade classes have had the pleasure of working with Steven Anderson from the Phoenix Theatre to write their own classroom plays. It has been very rewarding to experience the creative process and to learn such literary terms as simile and alliteration. It has also been an eye-opener for the children to realize that there is much more to a play than the actors they see up on the stage. Reminder to mark your calendars for Feb. 2 for the Penn/Zimmerman plays and Feb. 18 for the Mauck/Runyon plays. The exact times have not yet been set by Phoenix Theatre, but it will certainly be early evening. A huge thanks to our generous PTO for making our Phoenix Theatre experience possible.

With January 15 marking the end of the first half of our school year, we want to also thank students and parents for their efforts in making education a priority and Edison Intermediate/Middle School a great place to learn and grow!

Grade 5 with Mr. Newton

With the Holidays just around the corner, it's going to be hard to keep the kids focused on the really important things in life like Math and Social Studies. This is the time of the year when kids are pulled in so many directions. Raking leaves at home, sporting events, holiday shopping and visiting grandma. In the 5th grade, we understand that the kids are very busy with things outside of the classroom. All we ask is that you carve out some time from their busy days to make sure their homework is finished, their planners are reviewed, and that the kids get enough sleep. It is a busy and fun time for all of us and we appreciate your help.

Well I have a question for all of the 5th and even possibly some 4th grade parents too. I know that many of you are sometimes confused about a few of the things we do in our Everyday Math class that are very different than what you may have done while you were in school a few years ago. Things like Lattice Multiplication, Partial Sums/Differences/Products, and especially Partial Quotients Division. You see I have been thinking for a long time about offering a “Parents Night-In” Math class some evening where I would teach the parents how to do these very different math concepts so that they could better understand and assist their children. I just didn't know if there would be enough parents who would be interested. So, what I would like to do is have you e-mail me if you think it would be something you would be interested in doing some evening after dinner following the Thanksgiving break. If you would

like to attend this evening class, please send me an email and if I get at least 5 or more of you who are interested I'll find a time about 6 p.m. and we'll goBack to School! I would think I would take about 1 hour but if you are a rowdy bunch maybe a little longer or maybe even an additional evening. Just email me at: snewton@grandviewschools.org and we'll see if the interest is there. Oh and remember, I am not limiting this to the 5th grade parents. If you want to know this "New Math" and are the parent of a 4th grader and want a jump start on next year just let me know. It should be fun as long as you behave! I will leave you today with this thought.

"I am always ready to learn although I do not always like being taught."

Winston Churchill

Grade 5 with Mrs. Stewart

Language Arts

We finished reading Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins as our fantasy read aloud this month and we are now reading I am Regina for our Historical Fiction book. Gregor is the first book in a series and these books would make great stocking stuffers. I am Regina gives us a personal perspective of the conflict between the settlers and the Native Americans and ties into our Social Studies units. In Writing, we are focusing on writing to answer a question. I give the children a worst case scenario and they must write on demand how to solve the problem. An example from last week was: What would you do to stop a car if the brakes went out and you were going downhill? Some of their solutions were very creative. Some were down right hilarious. "Fasten your seat belt and hope for the best" was my favorite idea even though it was not the preferred method.

Social Studies

We have finished studying all the states and capitals. All the explorers have set sail and colonies are forming. We are working on game boards to learn and teach each other about the 13 original colonies. The focus is on: Why did they come to the New World? What hardships did the colonists face? How did the climate and geography of the region effect the people? In January, we will shift our focus away from History and onto Economics. I received a grant from the Grandview Marble Cliff Education Foundation to do Biztown with the entire 5th grade. We will learn all the economic principles at school and then on February 19, we will go to the Biztown simulation city and the children will "run the town" for the day. We will need volunteers to do an online tutorial and go with us to keep the "city" running smoothly. Let me know if you are interested. Mr. Newton and I visited Biztown and are very excited for our students to experience what we saw during our tour.

Grade 5 with Mrs. Walker

We are currently in the middle of an activity in Science that has us reading scenario cards and polluting water. Students are analyzing how all organisms, including humans, cause changes in their ecosystems and how these changes can be beneficial, neutral or detrimental. We are focusing on the causes, effects, and possible solutions to water pollution. In Math class, we have just started our unit on Fractions, Decimals and Percents. Students will soon be able to make equal fractions, decimals and percents, round fractions, show equivalent fractions, and add and subtract fractions.

Social Studies 6 with Mrs. Brown

Students are learning about timelines, including the definitions of the abbreviations BC, AD, BCE, and CE. They are constructing multi-tiered timelines and understanding how to read them. In December, we will work on a unit that looks at how and why countries trade with each other and how geographic location can help or hurt trade. We will create an "island" culture in our classroom, complete with mountains, rivers, and other landforms. Students will figure out how to trade with each other even when they have major geographic features in the way! In January, we will begin to look at the five major world religions. We will learn about how customs, traditions, and beliefs create and shape cultures and, more specifically, how religion influences the way people live. More on this later!

Reading 6 with Mrs. Covell

The Hunger Games have begun! That is the name of the action, adventure, survival, Science Fiction book that I am reading aloud. We will talk a great deal about the human experience, seeing literature as a way to walk in someone else's shoes. The strategy we are practicing now is questioning and we will be moving onto inferring very soon. Students also continue to identify similes, metaphors, hyperbole and alliteration. Taylor Swift helped teach characterization. Ask your 6th grader more about that! Also, everyone should be reading a book independently with a summative assessment after winter break. We have much to be thankful for this time of year, but certainly we are all very thankful for your support and the wonderful kids you send to us every day. Enjoy much family time over break and remember, books make great gifts!

Science 6 with Mrs. Dunlevy

What makes you, you? Sixth graders are addressing this question as they continue to work through their Life Science unit exploring our smallest building blocks of life, cells. Students are using their physical features (inherited traits) and comparing them to their mannerisms and interests (learned traits) to see which have the strongest ties, nature or nurture. Students will continue to study the interrelationships necessary for life by exploring cellular reproduction in both plants and animals. Further study of the human body will help students continue to connect their understanding to the organs and complete systems that interact with one another, keeping us in tip top shape. This unit is integrated with Family Consumer Science and Physical Education curriculum so students better understand key elements that support our health and well-being. Finally students will have an opportunity to discuss the benefits to genetic selection as it applies to farming, stem cell research, and disease control.

Math 6 with Mrs. Pettit

We are now working on a unit about **Fractions, Decimals and Percents**. Love them or not, the biggest focus is on fractions. Students will compare, add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions. Check out my progress book info page (or your child's binder - green sheet) for more specific learning targets. By sixth grade students have been exposed to fractions enough that they should begin to feel more comfortable working with them. Two mantras for the unit on Fractions are division problems that are not yet done, and of course, Fractions are our friends! Students should have Pettit's Pointers (green) in their binders to help them with the vocab. and methods.

Writers' Workshop 6 - ALL TEACHERS

VIP projects are moving forward. Winter break would be a great time to help your child begin to collect and assemble artifacts pictures, mementos, symbols that represent your child. Also, we will be looking for family recipes on the final project. So, while you are baking cookies, fixing stuffing, roasting turkey, rolling pie crust, blending smoothies, ordering pizza (!), share those family favorites and write them out (or print them off) for your 6th grader to share with all of us! We have been emphasizing capitalization, end marks and apostrophes recently and will continue to review grammar, mechanics and usage. We appreciate your signing the assignment books weekly. Your break is coming soon too!

Social Studies 7 with Mr. DeTillio

Where has the year gone? The first day of school seems like yesterday. Things are going well in Social Studies. Students recently completed a unit that explored the concept of cultural diffusion and how the process can be affected by certain factors. Our next unit will focus on Economics. Students will discover how civilizations needs and wants are met through relationships with others.

I would also like to welcome Megan Shea who is completing her student teaching in our classroom. She has done a great job so far and will be with us until the holiday break.

FCS with Mrs. Bensen

Fourth graders continue to taste test foods and work on reading and interpreting the food guide pyramid. The 5th grade students continue to talk about making good choices. Ask your student to tell you about their experience wearing the drunk goggles. All 5th graders have an essay to write for DARE. Watch for the information to come home with your student. Sixth graders are learning about the digestive system and the impact it has on the other body systems. They were surprised to learn that they should be chewing their food for a minimum of one minute! Seventh and eighth graders are winding up the unit of the reproductive and endocrine systems. We've also talked about how these systems work and impact the rest of the body systems. This group will start a sewing project that will be completed before the holiday. A reminder that all students (7th / 8th) have 15 hours of service learning due no later than January 6th. Feel free to contact me with any questions / concerns.

GUIDANCE OFFICE

Parents please take a few moments to talk to your child about the dangers of the "Choking Game." When discussing it with him/her treat it the same as if you were having a discussion about any other high risk behaviors.

At this point in time we have not had any reported cases of it at EIMS but it was brought to our attention by a concerned parent. With that in mind we wanted to inform you about this behavior that is taking place with youngsters for the ages of 9 on up.

Some of this information that I am sharing with you comes from an article that was written back in 2005 after 20/20 did a special program on the "Choking Game."

Forget about drugs, forget about drinking. What some kids are doing for a quick rush is shocking and extremely dangerous. They're choking themselves for fun and some are suffering consequences. They are reporting that they believe this game to be a "safe" way to seek a "high" as it does not involve taking drugs.

The primary goal of the game is to produce a brief, consciousness altering two part experience. The first is lightheadedness due to reduced blood flow and therefore reduced delivery to the brain. The second part comes with the removal of pressure on the chest or neck releasing a powerful surge of blood producing a rush.

The choking game has many different names but some of the most common ones are: pass out, dreaming, blackout, space monkey or cowboy, funky chicken, flatliner, roulette, and fainting game. Some of the warning signs include: marks on the neck, severe headaches, bloodshot eyes, and mood changes.

As I mentioned above we have not had any reported incidents here and hopefully we will not.

Edison Intermediate/Middle School News.....

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students for being selected Citizen of the Month for November, 2009. The students were treated to lunch at the Knotty Pine Restaurant on Monday, November 30, 2009.

5th Grade: Jake DeNiro
Nic Walli

7th Grade: Avery Hanscel
Grace Palmer

6th Grade: Haley Rees
Thomas Stanley

8th Grade: Tim Murphy
Morgan Ramey



Cheap! Free! Entertaining!

Got your attention yet? *The Bobcat Buzz*, E.I.M.S.'s school newspaper, is all this and **So Much More!** The newspaper is created each month by 6th Grade ELC students. Check it out online at web.mac.com/eimsbuzz

Kids' Club

Could you use a little help after-school before the end of the workday? Is your child interested in participating in something fun after-school? Does your child enjoy spending quality time with their classmates? Then Kids' Club is here for you and your child!

There are full time and part time spaces available in Kids' Club at Edison. Our students participate in a variety of activities throughout the week designed to compliment what they learn in school and what you value at home. Stop by the child care office (at Stevenson) or call 485-4040 to learn more about what we have to offer.

Annual Luminary Sale

The Grandview Civic Welfare Club will be selling luminary supplies at the Grandview Library 11:00-5:00 on Fridays and Saturdays and from 1:00 until 5:00 on Sundays starting December 4 and ending on Monday December 21. The Luminary Sale funds scholarships for Grandview students. Light up Grandview and help fund a scholarship.

PARENT RESPONSE FORM

If you have a question, concern, or positive feedback to share, and it is difficult for you to phone the school during the day, feel free to submit your item in written form.

Please return to: Bob Baeslack, Principal
 Edison Intermediate/Middle School
 1240 Oakland Ave.
 Columbus, Ohio 43212

I have a question:

I have a concern:

I have something positive to share:

Please provide us with your name and phone number so that school staff may respond to you.

Signature

Phone

Date

**EDISON INTERMEDIATE/MIDDLE SCHOOL
HONOR ROLL/MERIT ROLL
1st Grading Period - 2009-2010**

5TH HONOR ROLL	5TH MERIT ROLL	6TH HONOR ROLL	6TH MERIT ROLL
Emma Amurgis	Regan Alexander	Benton Bair	Caleb Alexander
Peter Beals	Nina Arnold	Elizabeth Bergmann	Jeffrey Arndt
Adrienne Bechtel	Madison Bolin	Maya Bode	Jacob Delay
Jordan Beight	Ciera Brown	Jacob Bush	Mackenzie Gilliam
Emma Berlin	Kynsie Burton-Smiles	Ross Carter	Charlotte Gross
Claire Bills	Donny Casey	Glenn Cheney	Jake Hansen
Laura Brannan	Brittany Collier	Riley Cochran	Dutch Hare
Evelyn Brown	Paige Crabill	Sam Coriell	Shelby Harrison
Ben Bussey	Jake DeNiro	Grant Crabill	Arielle Haynes
Jordan Butler	Eliza Evans	Tom Damschroder	Rhodes Jump
Maria Claypool	Jae'lyn Evans	Kevin Daniel-Hamberg	Simms Keller
Clare DiCuccio	Cassie Freeman	Colin Elliott	Marisol Mejia-Carrera
Jack Dobies	Emily Garrick	Isabelle Esber	Elizabeth Ritz
Dareth Douglass	Erin Garrick	Brendan Fitzgerald	Preston Robson
Lily Feast	Molly Gilleland	Jackson Furbee	James Shannon
Alan Field	Chase Hanscel	Joey Gerrick	John Sides
Ben Fultz	Micah Haynes	Xavier Gronbach	Kasey Ward
Amelia Hatem	Alexandra Joseph	Sophia Hallam	Jordann Wernick
Emma Haupt	Elinor Kibbey	Caitlin Hyde	
Ben Hecker	Blake Lipker	Spenser Jackson	
Joey Landusky	Zach Martin	Tim Jenks	
Ashley Linville	Amelia Naille	Libby Jump	
Joe McCauley	Emily Nichols	Jerica Justice	
Hannah McDermott	Chelsie Perdue	Kristin Lipker	
Kaleb Orr	Gia Petersen	Isiah Lloyd	
Ali Riggs	Hunter Sayre	Mary Emma MacLeod	
Calley Schmalz	Ava Scholfield	Georgia Mattingly	
Atom Slaughter	Kaleb Senter	Callum McNamara	
Molly Smith	Rasmia Shraim	Chris Mihocik	
Jackson Spainhoward	Bailey Smith	Rosaley Milano	
Everett Stamm	Matthew Smith	Micah Miller	
Katie Stottlemire	Courtney Swihart	Qiukui Moutvic	
Noah Sturbois	Alana Tolliver	Julia Muccio	
Maddie Taylor	Nic Walli	Maria Murphy	
Chance Thomas	Zyler Walsh	Taylor Oberschlake	
Lauren Tucker	Jonas Wernick	Emma Pommering	
Gretchen Varner	Lexi Wolfe-Wilson	Kylee Ramey	
Chloe Wernet	Julianne Zimmerman	Andre Readey	
Riley Whitfield		Haley Rees	
Sophie Wilson		Thomas Stanley	
Breon Wright		Kayleigh Stelling	
		Arik Strickling	
		Kira Thomas	
		Luke Treasure	
		Abigail Urig	
		Zoe Wenk	
		Tate Wernet	
		Emma Wheeler	
		Courtney Wilson	
		Eryn Wolfe	
		Erin Wood	

WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

2009-2010

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Monday, December 7	Licking Heights	5:00
Thursday, December 10	AT Harvest Prep (8th grade only)	5:30
Monday, December 14	Liberty Union	5:00
Thursday, December 17	Millersport	5:00
Monday, January 4	AT Berne Union	5:00
Thursday, January 7	AT St. Mary's	5:00
Monday, January 11	West Jefferson	5:00
Thursday, January 14	AT Licking Heights	5:00
Thursday, January 21	Harvest Prep (8th grade only)	6:00
Monday, January 25	AT Liberty Union	5:00
Thursday, January 28	AT Millersport	5:00
Monday, February 1	Berne Union	5:00
Thursday, February 4	St. Mary's	5:00
Monday, February 8	AT West Jefferson	5:00

Boys' MSL Tournament

Saturday, February 13	AT Liberty Union (7th grade only)	TBA
Saturday, February 13	AT St. Mary's (8th grade only)	TBA

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Thursday, December 3	West Jefferson	5:00
Monday, December 7	AT Licking Heights	5:00
Thursday, December 10	Harvest Prep (8th grade only)	6:00
Monday, December 14	AT Liberty Union	5:00
Thursday, December 17	AT Millersport	5:00
Monday, January 4	Berne Union	5:00
Thursday, January 7	St. Mary's	5:00
Monday, January 11	AT West Jefferson	5:00
Thursday, January 14	Licking Heights	5:00
Thursday, January 21	AT Harvest Prep (8th grade only)	TBA
Monday, January 25	Liberty Union	5:00
Thursday, January 28	Millersport	5:00
Monday, February 1	AT Berne Union	5:00
Thursday, February 4	AT St. Mary's	5:00

Girls' MSL Tournament

7th Grade ONLY

Saturday, February 6	AT Liberty Union	TBA
Thursday, February 11	AT Liberty Union	TBA
Saturday, February 13	AT West Jefferson	TBA

8th Grade ONLY

Saturday, February 6	AT West Jefferson	TBA
Thursday, February 11	AT West Jefferson	TBA

WRESTLING

Saturday, December 19	AT Fairbanks	9:00
Thursday, January 7	AT Westfall	5:30
Saturday, January 9	GRANDVIEW TOURNAMENT	10:00
Saturday, January 16	AT West Jefferson	8:00
Saturday, January 23	AT Cardington	TBA
Saturday, February 6	MSL Tournament/GRANDVIEW	10:00

* **Highlighted events are HOME.**