

Edgewater Elementary

Providing a quality education for every children every day.

OWL NEWS



September 1, 2017

A Note from Mrs. Chumacero

Dear Edgewater Families,

Welcome back to the 2017-2018 school year! I hope you had a safe and fun summer break in the company of family and friends. We are off to a great start, and know that this school-year will be a great success for all our students and families. Our Edgewater staff will make sure that every student learns to their highest potential every day.

Many of our staff is returning this year, and I couldn't be prouder to work alongside this amazing group of professionals who truly love children. We also have some new staff members that we welcome to our amazing Edgewater community. Be assured that we hired the best teachers and staff for your students.

- Oscar Gonzalez joined our second grade team as the Dual Language teacher.
- Liliana Mauger comes to us from Eiber Elementary, and is one of the Dual Language teachers in 4th grade.
- Joining the Special Education team is Kristin Molina who is servicing students half-time at Edgewater and half-time at Foster Elementary.
- Sarah Hughes is our new Physical Education teacher, joining the AMP's team (Art, Music and P.E)
- Ana Contreras is now our new Family Engagement liaison and is excited for the opportunity to work with our families
- Enisa Forto is our new Facility Manager, and joining her team is Juan Dorado, our eight hour custodian.
- In the kitchen, we have a Lisa Serna as our new Kitchen Manager.

September Events

4th- Labor Day- No School

5th-8th- 6th grade to
Outdoor Lab

19th- Parent University

22nd- Release Day- No
School

27th- Parent/Teacher
Conferences

28th- Parent/Teacher
Conferences

Office Hours: 7:30-3:45

School Hours

(M, T, W, F) 8:10-3:15

(Th) 8:45-3:15

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A Note from Mrs. Chumacero (cont'd)

We are excited to introduce to you our new Outdoor Learning Classroom! Through The Kitchen Community, based in Boulder, CO., our school was granted \$35,000 to install 14 garden beds, 4 benches and a decorative pole. The Kitchen Community provided the soil and seeds to plant veggies throughout the year. From kindergarten to sixth grade, our Outdoor Classroom will be a center for learning focused on life cycles and biomes. We launched our Outdoor Learning Classroom last Friday, by inviting classes to help in the gardens. On that day, students were invited to prepare the soil and plant the vegetable seeds. Now the garden is watered each day by students, with all classes taking turns watering. The seeds have sprouted and students are excited by the changes they see. Please, stop by and visit our amazing gardens!!!

In regard to our school climate, we have decided to start the implementation of Restorative Practices (RP). The focus of these practices is to build healthy, respectful relationships between adults and children, as well as, children and children. Learning to take responsibility for your actions, and learning that there are healthy, productive ways to resolve conflict is the goal of these practices. When conflict does arise, we are learning how to repair conflict with others by using “I messages” and communicating respectfully. Another component of RP is the use of daily circles to increase communication in the classrooms amongst the students and with staff. We invite you to the November Parent University meeting to learn more about the implementation of Restorative Practices in our school.

This school-year, we continue to provide many opportunities for our families to join our efforts in increasing family involvement and engagement. As a leader in Edgewater Elementary, I can't stress enough the fact that I appreciate each and every one of you. I want to ensure that we continue to build a strong partnership between our families and the school by responding to your concerns as they arise, inviting you to make important decisions for our school, informing community about a variety of topics, and in celebrating who we are as a school community. The more work we do together, the more we will see all of our students succeed emotionally, socially and academically. Attached to this letter, you will find information about our programs. They all have their purpose, and of course, you can join as many as you want!!! Join us!!!!

As we move forward into this school year, please know that I am here to support you and your student. I have an open door policy, and believe that communication between school and family is imperative, so please do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything.

Katherine Chumacero

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten starts the year with lots of practice with daily routines, from behavior to learning expectations. We are getting to know each other and making new friends. We will discuss ways to solve problems with our friends using kind words. For many students we are just now learning the alphabet and numbers 1-5. For others we are reinforcing these concepts. The teachers are in the process of assessing the student's current knowledge to help us plan future lessons and activities. Parents can help at home by helping your child memorize the letters of the alphabet and counting sets of objects 1-5. Homework will begin very soon. Please stop by, send an email, or phone us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Mrs. Prisbrey and Mrs. Hillstrom



1ST GRADE

Welcome to a new school year! First grade is off to a great start this year! We have been working on our classroom procedures and learning expectations.

Math: We are working on the order and sequence of numbers in order to gain a better understanding of how numbers work. Math homework packets will start coming home.

Reading: We are spending time familiarizing ourselves with the classroom library and working on our reading stamina! Please make sure that your child is reading at least ten minutes every night.

Writing: We are working on writing our small moment stories.

Social Studies/Science: We have been learning about what it means to be a good citizen. We will start our science unit next week. We will be learning about living and nonliving organisms, and how offspring compares to their parents.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child. This is going to be a great year!

Sincerely,
Ms. Poole and Mrs. Najera

2ND GRADE

Second grade is off to a flying start. We have spent the past few weeks norming school and classroom rules throughout the day. We are building stamina in reading and writing to become better independent workers. In social studies we are learning to build a community of good citizens. Math we are reviewing addition and subtraction strategies to create a foundation to move forward to second grade math strategies. We look forward to our first field trip to Lookout Mountain at the end of September.



Field Trip!

Second Grade Team



3RD GRADE

Third grade has started their year by reviewing routines and procedures in the classroom and school wide. Please look in the Friday folders for teacher communication regarding students reflections, a time for students to gather their focus and decide on strategies to continue their best learning for the day.

We are almost finished collecting beginning of the year baseline data so that we can begin appropriate differentiated instruction.

In science, we are starting our learning with the life cycles unit and we are planning a trip to the Butterfly Pavilion 10/6 and will be sending home permission slips and volunteer opportunities soon.

In writing we are studying personal narratives.

In reading we are developing the process of our reading centers.

In math we begin the year with multiplication and division, so any help at home with flash cards and any other practice will help students with the expectation of mastery of facts 0-10 throughout the year.

Just a reminder, students are allowed a personal 'locking lid' water bottle with clear water only, please. Let's keep our kids healthy and hydrated!

Remember homework will begin 9/11. Please discuss a schedule that will help support your students' study habits to meet the 100 minute a week outside the classroom expectation.

If there are ever any questions regarding student learning, please contact us after school, or via email.

Mrs. Mckibben & Ms. Meyer

4TH GRADE

Welcome back to Edgewater! We are so excited about the wonderful year to come. Our teaching team includes Sally Lynch, Christine Trujillo, Lily Mauger, and Elisa Glazier. During the first few weeks of school we will be creating a strong classroom community and establishing expectations. In math, we are working on adding and subtracting numbers to the thousands. We will be writing personal narratives. Students will be asked to write a story about an experience they have had. We are going to carry the excitement of the eclipse into a unit on the relationship between the Earth, sun and moon. There is a total of 40-45 minutes of homework a night. The students should read 20 minutes and spend 15-20 minutes max writing a response to what they read. Then 15-20 for math homework. If you have a question, please contact your student's homeroom teacher.



6TH GRADE

We are geared up for a great year in 6th grade! Edgewater's fabulous sixth grade teachers are Ms. Heather Anderson, Ms. Adriana Lucatero and Mrs. Lynn Morgan. We have a busy year ahead! Sixth grade Math starts out with connecting previous work with factors, multiples, multiplication and division to solve ratio and rate problems about quantities. The first Science unit focuses on matter, elements and compounds. Through investigations, students will observe and identify characteristics of chemical and physical properties of compounds compared to the elements they are composed of. In Social Studies the students will study different cultures of the western hemisphere including how development was influenced by geography, significant events, interactions, people and ideas. Writing is focused around becoming better writers through crafting fictional narrative stories. Students are working hard to expand their skills in this area! In reading, we've been focusing on building stamina, creating goals, and using our comprehension strategies to really understand what we read. We are all looking forward to working with the 6th graders this year!



5TH GRADE

We welcome back all our returning and new students to 5th grade. Our teaching team includes Steve Graham and Arlene Matteocci. Mr. Graham has been teaching for 10 years and Mrs. Matteocci for 17 years. In 5th grade, the focus in Math is fractions. Please help them master their multiplication and division facts! For Social Studies and Science, we'll rotate these subjects each month. We'll be starting with our Social Studies unit on Colonial America. In Reading and Writing, we're establishing norms and structures in order to kick off our Literacy Block. Then, it'll be reading for character development, and writing narratives and write to learn paragraphs.

When students read, it increases their vocabulary as well as their fluency. They should read at least 15 minutes each night. Math homework is daily. Lastly, if your child does not complete their class work during school or is absent, he/she may need to finish this at home.

Thank you for your support!



FROM SPECIALS TEACHERS



In the art room we are gearing up for an awesome year! It has been so great to see all the students again and I'm excited to get to know all the new families. Students are practicing procedures and learning about zentangles, a meditative drawing exercise that helps to calm and focus the brain.

In coordination with the new outdoor learning garden, students will be working on projects to beautify the space. I will be asking each student to bring in a small round rock to paint in order to add to the outdoor classroom.

A good place to find good rocks to paint is near rivers. Please be careful and watch the weather if going near water.

I am excited to be working in our awesome Edgewater community again! Please feel free to contact me if you ever have any questions.



Thank you,
Emmy Wood

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Hello Edgewater Families!

My name is Mrs. Loew, and I am excited to be back at Edgewater for my second year as the music teacher.

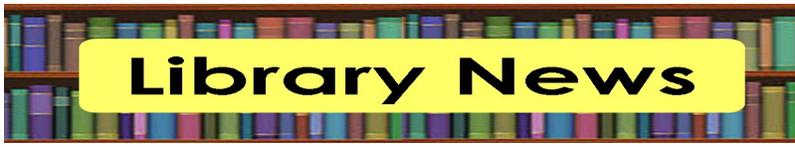
This year in music, we have many fun activities and performances planned. In sixth grade, we have started playing drums and buckets, as well as creating our own rhythmic patterns to perform along with a song. In fifth grade, we are beginning to learn about how to read notes on the Bass Clef. In fourth grade, we are beginning to identify musical instruments and what families they belong to. Third grade has started rehearsing for our musical "Bugz!". This musical will be in November; stay tuned for dates and times! In second grade, we are learning about solfege and how we can use solfege to help us read and sing music. First grade is learning how to identify when a sound is low and high, and whether a sound is going up or down. Finally, kindergarten is learning how to sing, keep a steady beat, and follow the conductor.

I would love to hear from you! Please let me know if you ever have any questions, and I can't wait to spend another year with your students in music!

Thank you,

Mallory Loew
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"For the start of the year 3rd through 5th grade are using tag games to create strategies, as well as practicing chasing, fleeing, and dodging. Kindergarten through 2nd grade are learning about personal space and how to move safely while being active. The students have been having fun and breaking a sweat every class, so if they have a water bottle, feel free to send it with them to PE!"



Welcome to the library!

I am Dr. Kim Walter your Digital Teacher Librarian. I have been teaching for over 20 years. I grew up on a farm in Wisconsin and now worked my way to Colorado. I have taught K-12 in art and technology prior to becoming a digital teacher librarian. I have taught in Taiwan, Australia and Wisconsin. I love learning and hope to help students develop a passion for learning as well. When I am not at work I enjoy camping, hiking, biking and snowboarding with my husband and two children.

Great news, students will begin checking out books next week. We have added some great new books this summer, including adding to series of high interest to students. Please find some time to enjoy reading with your child throughout the week.

From the Desk of our Family Engagement Liaison.....

Dear Edgewater Families

My name is Ana Contreras

I was born in Mexico City, where I taught French for 6 years. I have been working in Jefferson Public Schools for 10 years, in the HIPPIY program for 2 years and as a Paraprofessional for 8. I have now joined Edgewater Elementary as the Family Engagement Liaison, it will be an honor to serve the Edgewater families and community, and assist you with fundamental resources that will help complement your student's education and a good formation of an excellent future of our children.

So, families please stop by my office to introduce your self take advantage of the resources that this great school offers you.

Remember, the future of our children is in our hands.

Ana Contreras
Family Engagement Liaison
Edgewater Elementary
Direct line: (303)982-6064



Welcome to Student Services

Hi Edgewater Families!

We are so excited that the school year has begun! Our team is made up of three fabulous bilingual learning specialists: Mrs. Jenny Botello, Miss Ruby Manoles, and Miss Kristin Molina. We have been busy the past two weeks getting to know our new students and doing some assessments with them while they are growing and developing into their classroom communities. We are looking forward to joining the students in their classrooms starting next week and beginning to dive into new learning! We value and cherish the bond we have with our families and we appreciate the hard work you do with your kids everyday. ¡Si se puede! Yes we can!

Respectfully,

Mrs. Jenny Botello, Miss Ruby Manoles and Miss Kristin Molina

EVERY STUDENT CAN LEARN
just not on the same day
OR IN THE SAME WAY
— — — — —
~ George Evans

Hello Edgewater Families,

My name is Jessica Davis and I am the School Social Worker for Edgewater Elementary! I have been with Edgewater Elementary since February 2016 and I am excited for our new school year to begin! I will be at Edgewater Elementary Monday-Thursday. The best way to reach me is by contacting our school's Main Office or by e-mail. I work in collaboration with our teachers, staff, families and the members of our community to help provide a quality education for all students every day.

Kind Regards,

Jessica Davis, LCSW

School Social Worker

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Hello Edgewater Families!

My name is Jessica Riley, and I am excited to join Edgewater Elementary this year as your Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Specialist! SEL helps youth acquire and apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. Social and emotional skill building can have a positive impact on school climate, help students become good learners, and prevent or reduce many risky behaviors, including drug use, violence, bullying and dropping out.

[Durlak, Weissberg et al.'s](#) 2011 analysis of 213 studies that focused on SEL in schools indicates that students receiving quality SEL instruction demonstrated:

- Better academic performance
- Greater motivation to learn,
- Deeper commitment to school,
- Increased time devoted to schoolwork, and better classroom behavior;
- Decreased disruptive class behavior and disciplinary referrals
- Reduced emotional distress

I will work collaboratively with Edgewater teachers, administration, families and community members to provide every student with direct instruction in SEL, and the opportunity to practice these skills throughout and after the school day.

With Gratitude,

Jessica Riley, M.S.

Social Emotional Learning Specialist

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