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Dear Edgewood Families,

It's hard to believe but it's that time of the year again - the beginning of a new school year. Welcome back! This will be my first year as principal of Edgewood Community Elementary School, and I am thrilled to be a part of the Edgewood community. I am a lifelong educator who brings a firm commitment to the success of students and families. Additionally, I am dedicated to creating and sustaining a school community that values equity, academic rigor, and the creation of lifelong learners. I have taught at the elementary level for 11 years and served as the assistant principal of Thurston Middle School for the past two years. I look forward to building lasting relationships with each and every member of the Edgewood community. As September is just around the corner, I'd like to welcome all of our families to a new year at Edgewood Community Elementary School!

Edgewood is an exceptional school that is lucky to be staffed with caring professionals, ready and eager to educate your children. In addition to all that our talented and dedicated staff can do for your child, we want to invite parents to join in your child's educational journey as well. Parent involvement in a child's education is one of the strongest predictors of student academic success, so please consider making time to come and be a part of your child's education at Edgewood Community School. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- 6) Knows that you expect him/her to put forth effort in all subjects

Please consider joining our school volunteer program as our students can greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions to the school's program and its operations. We seek volunteers to help us with the following activities:

- 1) Teacher-led instructional support, usually in the classroom
- 2) Reading with children who need extra help
- 3) School-wide events
- 4) Student field trips
- 5) Outreach and recruitment of parent and community volunteers

**\*All volunteers are required to have completed a background check *prior* to volunteering at the school. This can take up to a few weeks to process. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please go to**

**<https://www.helpcounterweb.com/welcome/apply.php?district=eugene>**

Student academic success is the main goal of every staff member at Edgewood Community Elementary School. We believe that every student will learn to the highest level and we are prepared to offer individualized support to every student that needs it. I ask for your support and participation in this effort by sending your child to school every day, encouraging your child to read at least 30 minutes every evening, monitoring your child's homework, and asking your child to share what they learned at school each day.

### **New Additions and Changes**

Each summer brings changes to the staff and we have a few to share:

- **Larry Williams**– is now the principal at ATA.
- **Bruce Lawrence & Cari Orr**– have retired. All of us at Edgewood Community are wishing them the best of luck as they enter into the wonderful world of retirement.
- **Colleen Wright**– has moved on to other educational opportunities.
- **Erica Goulding**– will be our learning specialist in the Learning Center.
- **Steve Sumner** – is our new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher.
- **Rebecca Ledbetter**– is now our full time counselor.

**Free and Reduced-Price School Meals:** Eugene School District 4J is excited to offer free breakfast to all students in grades K–5 for the entire 2017–18 school year. **No paperwork or application is required to receive free breakfast.** Students simply show up at breakfast time and enjoy a healthy, nutritious meal to start their day off right! **Families interested in free lunch will need to apply online or pick up a form in our office.** The school meal program is confidential, easy, and can help both your budget and your child's school.

**APPLY ONLINE:** <http://www.4j.lane.edu/nutrition/freelunch/>

**Class List:** Class lists will be posted on office windows by 2 p.m. on September 5th.

**Open House:** Please come and meet your student's teacher on September 5<sup>th</sup> from 2-3 p.m.

**Medication drop off and recommended family financial contributions can be made between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on September 5<sup>th</sup>.** Please see the attached documents regarding medication and financial contributions.

**Start of school:** The first day of school for all grades is **September 6<sup>th</sup>; School starts at 8:35 a.m.** sharp. Please plan on arriving by 8:25 a.m. each day. Also, please note the first day of school is a Wednesday and dismissal is at 1:45.

**Staggered Start Days for Kindergarteners** – In an effort to ensure our youngest learners have the best start possible and build on the enthusiasm of beginning school; we will welcome students on a “staggered start” schedule. This means that our students will attend only one of the first two days of school and begin their regular daily schedule all together on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, It is critical to the development of kindergarten age students that parents **not** remain in the classroom when dropping off in the morning. The sooner students bond with their peers and their teacher the more successful they will be in school. Your child's teacher has been highly trained to support your child through the transition into the school environment.

**Kindergarten students whose last name begins with letters A-L** will attend on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:35-1:45 (Wednesday is an early release day each week.)

**Kindergarten students whose last name begins with letters M-Z** will attend on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:35-2:45.

**All kindergarten students** will attend on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> for the normal school day, from 8:35-2:45.

**Kindergarten Pre-assessment:** Kindergarten students will be required to do a pre-assessment during the month of **September**. This is now required by the State to look at how prepared all students are upon entry. This assessment will be set up and proctored by your student's teacher and our school assessment coordinator.

**Parent Group Meeting:** The first parent group meeting will be on **September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30** in our school library.

**Ice Cream Social:** This is a great time for all families to meet other parents and their student's friends. This event is on **September 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00**. This activity will be staged in the lower playground behind the gym. I hope to see you there.

**Fun Run/Fundraiser:** This is our first of three parent group sponsored fundraisers of the year. The event will take place on **October 6<sup>th</sup>** this year and parent and siblings can join us on the track that we share with Spencer Butte Middle School from 1-2:30 PM.

**School Picture Day:** Northwest Exposure Photography will take school pictures on 9/11, 9/12, and 9/19. Please see attached documents regarding school pictures.

**Back to School Curriculum Night:** All families are encouraged to attend Back to School Curriculum Night on **October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00-7:15 p.m.** Grades K-2 will meet in their students' classroom at 6:00-6:25 p.m. All will meet in the gym at 6:30-6:45 p.m. Grades 3-5 will meet in in their students' classroom at 6:50-7:15 p.m.

**Afternoon Dismissal:** All Students in K-5 grade will dismiss at 2:45 p.m. Students must be picked up promptly at 2:45 p.m. The school cannot provide supervisory services after 3:00 p.m. so teachers can begin planning for your students return the following day.

**Early Release Wednesdays:** Every Wednesday K-5 grade students are released at 1:45 p.m. and will need to be picked up promptly at that time.

**Please keep in mind that the first few days of school will be a bit chaotic at dismissal because it is the first times that many students and parents will be learning our dismissal procedures. We will be taking a bit longer to dismiss because we want to make sure every student is leaving safely with their appropriate chaperone. Patience and understanding will help us dismiss all our students safely and successfully.**

**Teacher Appointments:** If you wish to speak with your child's teacher, please make an appointment via phone or e-mail and come during the teacher's non-instructional or transition times. All visitors must stop by the main office for a pass whenever they are visiting the school during school hours.

**This years teaching staff:**

LAST_NAME	FIRST_NAME	GRADE
SUMMERS-BLAKE	FARRAH	1
VANDERBILT	WILLIAM	1
SHIRK	MITZI	2
WATSON	JANET	2
HYNES	ELIZABETH	3
SUMNER	STEVE	3
MUCKER	TONI	3
ARP	RHIAN	4/5
KRUEGER	SALLY	4/5
LEATON	TINA	4/5
SHEPARD	ADAM	4/5
WINES	DAVID	4/5
LEDUC	REBECCA	K
VENTURA	SUSAN	K
QUINDRY	EMILY	Regional Learning Center
GOULDING	ERICA	Learning Center
SCHAUER	TRICIA	English Language Learning
MASON	KATIE	Speech and Language
ZOLLNER	NADINE	Music 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester
ALLEN	KATRINA	Music 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
THORNTON	MARK	PE 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester
ELLER	DENE	PE 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
FARKAS	RACHEL	PE 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
LEDBETTER	REBECCA	Counselor