

Nov. 18, 2019 Welcome to the PTA e-news blast!

Once a week on Mondays, the Edgewood PTA will provide you with the latest news on upcoming events, volunteer needs, success stories and people appreciations. We promise these e-mails will be timely, concise and keep you well-informed of Edgewood and Edgewood-related happenings! To keep up with the news, visit the PTA

Website: [edgewoodpta.com]edgewoodpta.com

PTA meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 19—special presentation!

PTA meets Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Edgewood Library. Childcare is free in the cafeteria. November's meeting includes a special presentation by Jan Smith about the organization, Peace for Our Children. This is a small grass-roots, non-partisan, non-denominational group of people who want to influence three areas of concern: Gun safety, Climate justice and Immigration reform.

The PTA will also hear a report from the principal and a teacher. Everyone is welcome!

Harvest Lunch – This Thursday!

Harvest lunch is happening this Thursday, November 21. This is one of our favorite community gathering events where family members can join their kids for a special lunch.

Here is the Harvest Lunch Schedule:

- Kindergarten- Lunch/ Recess 10:50-11:35
- 1st- Lunch/ Recess 11:15-12:00
- 2nd- Lunch/ Recess 11:50-12:35
- 3rd- Lunch/ Recess 12:10-12:55
- Evergreen (*Courtney and Rhian*)- Lunch/ Recess 12:30-1:15
- Douglas Fir (*Tina, Ms. Krueger and Mr. Wines*)- Lunch/ Recess 12:50-1:35

Cost – Adults \$5 and children/students \$3. *Please contact the office if the cost is a burden to your family.*

Drop off gently used coats to Share the Warmth this winter

It's cold out there! Please bring any gently used coats and jackets that are no longer being used by your kids to the bin outside of the Edgewood office. Bins will be available for donations through Nov. 22. Edgewood Village will take them and offer them to families who could use those extra layers at the same time that Thanksgiving boxes are distributed. Thank you for sharing the warmth!

Thanksgiving Boxes – Accepting Donations!

We will be putting together approximately 20 Thanksgiving boxes this year for some of our Edgewood families and we are only able to do this with the support of this community. There are different ways to help out!

1. Donate non-perishable items for the Thanksgiving food baskets. There are different ways to do this. You could consider sponsoring an entire food basket by bringing in all the

items listed below and on the attached grocery list, or you could sign up to bring one item for several families or just bring in a variety! Please contact the office if you are wanting to know what is still needed. We would like to receive these items by this Friday as we'll need to purchase what is missing.

Here is what we are looking for:

Turkey baking tin, cornbread mix, cream of mushroom soup, black olives, stuffing mix, broth, cranberry sauce, honey, rolls or biscuits, gravy mix, canned corn, canned green beans, french-fried onions, apple cider, sparkling cider

2. Donate cash/check or credit to help purchase perishable items. Due to lack of storage in the kitchen, this year we will be purchasing all of the perishable items that include turkeys, pies, cool whip, milk and butter. We gratefully accept donations of any amount as we will shop for all missing items. If you would like to sponsor the perishable items for one family, we estimate the cost to be about \$50. Cash/Check donations can be made to the office. Credit card donations can be made here: <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Edgewood-Village-Food-Pantry/Sdq4qXO>

3. Donate your time! We need people to help set up the baskets and to hand them out or make deliveries. Thank you so much to everyone that has already signed up! There are just a few more opportunities to help on Monday, November 25 and Tuesday, November 26. Check out the ways to volunteer your time here: <https://signup.com/login/entry/111701531417641007>

Thank you so much for your generosity. If your family could use the support of a Thanksgiving food basket or a winter break food box, please contact the office.

PTA in search of a Silent Auction Team!

Our Silent Auction during Edgewood's Fun Night is one of our most popular activities and one of our biggest fundraisers! Adults love to peruse all of the great gifts and gift certificates to local businesses. We are looking for a Silent Auction Team to help coordinate this great event. Please let the office know if you are interested!

Lice Handout – We have had several reported cases of lice recently. Please review the attached handout for information on knowing what to look for and treatment.

Let's Talk! Student Success Act: Investments for Success

New funding is coming to 4J schools. Oregon's Student Success Act is expected to provide Eugene School District 4J about \$12–13 million per year starting with the 2020–21 school year—about a 5% increase in the district's general fund budget.

The district is engaging staff, families and community members to inform the planning for how to spend these funds to best support student success. The funds must be targeted to

increase academic achievement, reduce disparities among student groups, and meet students' behavioral and mental health needs. You're invited to join the conversation.

Community Conversations

Childcare, light refreshments, and Spanish interpretation will be provided.

- Tue., Nov. 19, 5:30–6:30 p.m., Churchill High School, 1850 Bailey Hill Road
- Thu., Nov. 21, 7–8 p.m., North Eugene High School, 200 Silver Lane
- Mon., Nov. 25, 5:30–6:30 p.m., South Eugene High School, 400 E. 19th Ave.

Meeting in Spanish, with English interpretation:

- Tue., Nov. 19, 7–8 p.m., Churchill High School, 1850 Bailey Hill Road

Learn more: www.4j.lane.edu/studentsuccess

Babe Ruth Clinics

Please see the attached flyer for information on South Eugene Babe Ruth specialty baseball clinics.

Appreciations

Thank you to **Julia McMorran** for organizing the Share the Warmth winter coat drive. Your efforts keep kids warm throughout our wet and cold winters!

Thank you to **Zoila Zetino** for coordinating the Harvest Lunch this Thursday. Families love to spend time with their students during this special fall celebration!

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