

Nov. 11, 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

Picture Retakes – November 15

If you ordered pictures, they should have made it home by now. Our picture retake day is scheduled for Friday, November 15. Please let the office know if you are interested in picture retakes.

OBOB meets this Friday, Nov. 15

Reminder - The next OBOB meeting is Friday November 15. Permission slips are due! We will be forming teams and mock-battling *Aru Shah and the End of Time*, *Riding Freedom*, and *The Wizards of Once*. We are very proud of Edgewood's enthusiastic 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade readers! Please contact edgewoodbob@gmail.com with questions.

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!

Edgewood Community Elementary School has a long standing tradition in this community of offering Thanksgiving boxes to families in our school community who might otherwise not be able to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. We would like to create about 25 food baskets for Edgewood families that will be distributed on Tuesday, November 26th.

To help make this possible, we are asking our Edgewood families to sign up for any of the **non-perishable** items on the attached Thanksgiving grocery list (revised from last week). Please call the office to let us know what you plan on donating so that we can keep track of what is coming in. These items can be brought in to the office at any time. This year we are doing things a little differently. Due to space restrictions in the kitchen, we will be purchasing all of the perishable items directly from Safeway. If interested, please donate cash or check in lieu of a turkey or other perishable items. The cost is approximately \$50/family to cover the cost of turkey, butter, milk etc. Please note that any amount is welcome as we will shop for all missing items. Credit card donations towards the Thanksgiving and Winter food baskets can be made here:
<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Edgewood-Village-Food-Pantry/Sdq4qXO>

If you are interested in volunteering your time to make this happen this year, please let me know. We will have a volunteer sign up link set up soon! There are some opportunities to help on Monday and Tuesday (November 25th and 26th).

Thank you so much for your support!

Harvest Lunch – November 21 – Mark your calendars!

Our annual tradition of a harvest lunch is happening once again on 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

Harvest Lunch Volunteers Wanted!

We are looking for people to help set up, serve and clean up at our Harvest Lunch. Volunteers can also take a break from helping out to join their kids for lunch. Please let the office know if you are interested in helping that day.

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 Tanya Bunson know if you are interested!

Next 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!

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.

- Wed., Nov. 13, 7–8 p.m., Sheldon High School, 2455 Willakenzie Road
- 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

South Eugene Youth Wrestling, Winter 2019-2020

Wrestling helps boys and girls improve physical and mental toughness, self-confidence, self-defense, self-discipline, and sportsmanship. It is available to South Eugene kids enrolled in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Practices are in the South Eugene High School Wrestling room (next to main gym) on Mondays/Thursdays 6:15-7:15 pm November 14-January 13. No practice or meets 12/26 through 12/30. Competitions are Sunday mornings, starting November 24. To sign up, come to any practice a few minutes early and speak to Coach Matt Burney (317-645-6960, burney_m@4j.lane.edu) More information is available online at orwayvalleywrestling.org.

Appreciations

Thank you to **Sky Barnhart** for coordinating Edgewood Snack Pack program and for organizing a snack pack packing event. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped pack snack bags—you created a new record: 200 snack packs in 60 minutes! Way to go, team!

Thank you to **Nate Mulder** who has been instrumental in making sure popcorn gets popped on Fridays and who picks up granola deliveries for the school!

Thank you to **Tanya Andrews** for putting together our school directory!

We'll see you in the breezeways,

Beth Casper, PTA co-president
Julia McMorran, PTA co-president
Shaun Haskins, PTA vice-president
Amelia Reising, PTA Secretary
Lyndee Prill - PTA Treasurer