

## **Feb. 24, 2020 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](http://edgewoodpta.com)*

### **Seeking a few good PTA officers to join the team next year!**

Our PTA officers have all agreed to run again for the next school year – but then most of them will have “graduated” from Edgewood with their children who will be in middle school.

The PTA is seeking new officers who want to learn about the job while the officers are still here. Let’s keep our wonderful PTA up and running well into the future!

Let Tanya know if you are interested in any of the positions: President, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

### **2020-2021 KG ORIENTATION – March 5 at 6:00**

Do you have child starting Kindergarten next year at Edgewood? Do you know other kids that are ready to start Kindergarten next year? Please join us at our Kindergarten Orientation on March 5 at 6:00. It is a time for the kids to meet the KG teachers, and hear from our Principal Moore and our Lourie, our school nurse. Next year’s enrollment packets for new students will be ready at that time as well.

### **FUN NIGHT AND SILENT AUCTION REQUESTS!**

Does anyone have any goods or service they might want to donate for the Silent Auction? The Silent Auction gets better each year as people donate their own services or an experience of their own (think cabin in the woods!) Please contact the office with any donations—and thank you for supporting your school!

The School will also be collecting books and clothing 1-2 weeks before Fun Night for the Fun Night Bookcycle and clothing Freecycle. It is such a great way to clean your closet and make sure another student gets “new” clothes and books!

### **LAST SHIRT ORDER OF THE YEAR! – Due FRIDAY, Feb 28!**

Our last shirt order of the year! Order forms are attached and have been sent home. Orders must be received no later than February 28<sup>th</sup> with payment. We do have scholarships available for shirts. Please fill out a form and let the office know if this would be beneficial.

### **KG-2<sup>nd</sup> Graders explore Ceramics with Artist in Residence**

This month, KG – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will participate in an ArtSpark residency with Lane Arts Council Teaching Artist, Nicole Hummel’s “From Mud to Vessel” program. The Rotary Club of Eugene, Lane Arts Council, Eugene Education Foundation, Eugene School District 4J and other community sponsors have raised funds through the annual ArtSpark initiative to

ensure that every elementary school in Eugene has at access to two artist residencies each school year. Lane Arts Council's artist residency programs provide students with high-quality arts education through professional artists who engage students in projects that align with academic learning objectives. Research shows that participation in the arts increases student engagement and graduation rates. In addition, students gain important life and career skills such as persistence, innovation, and learning from mistakes. For more information about the ArtSpark initiative, including ways you can help ignite opportunities for kids to make art at school, visit <http://www.artsparkeugene.org/>, and to learn more about Lane Arts Council's teaching artists and other arts education programs, visit <http://lanearts.org/artist-residencies/>.

### **School Text Messages**

Are you signed up to receive school texts?

To help you stay informed and connected with your student's school, this year Eugene School District 4J has added a new text messaging service through the district's "autodialer" system. In addition to email and phone messages, schools may send occasional text messages with safety alerts or other important information.

A test message was sent on **Monday**, Feb. 17, to all parents with a phone designated as a mobile phone in their student records. The message came from the short code 67587 and began "You're registered 4 SchoolMessenger notifications." Parents who received this message are subscribed to receive future text notifications.

If you did not receive the test message and want to opt-in to text messages, please designate a mobile phone number in your student's record. The messaging system only allows text messages to be sent to numbers listed in the cell phone field. If you only have a mobile phone, you can list it as both your home and mobile phone number.

To designate a cell phone number in your student's records:

1. Log in to your [ParentVUE](#) account, go to "My Account" and add your mobile phone in the cell phone field, or
2. Contact the school to add/designate a mobile phone number.

Text messages will come from the short code 67587. Standard message and data rates apply. To stop receiving text messages, reply STOP at any time. To opt back in to receiving messages, send Y or YES to 67587. To change how you receive different types of messages, go to [go.schoolmessenger.com](http://go.schoolmessenger.com), create a login, and go to "Preferences" to change your settings.

### **Mandy's Dine and Donate in March (every Tuesday)!**

Mandy's Family Restaurant on Willamette will donate 15% of all flier sales on every Tuesday in March. Flier to come!

### **4JProparents**

[4jproparents.org](http://4jproparents.org) is a grassroots group of parents of 4J kids with disabilities sharing support and resources and sharing needs, successes, and challenges with the 4J district. All who want to support kids with disabilities are welcome. Check us out at [4jproparents.org](http://4jproparents.org) and on twitter @4j\_pro to learn more about our group. Our next monthly meetup is Feb 26th, 9 am at Reality Kitchen, 645 River Road in Eugene.

### **Eugene Youth Math Festival – Feb 29**

- Hours of problem solving, games, and fun math activities
- Ages 5-14
- 10 am - 1 pm on Saturday, February 29, 2020
- McArthur Court, University of Oregon
- <https://pages.uoregon.edu/nemirovm/festival.html>

### **Appreciations**

Thank you to all the parents and kids who helped with the snack pack packing party! 177 snack packs assembled in 60 minutes!!

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