

## **March 2, 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)*

### **2020-2021 KG ORIENTATION – THURSDAY 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.

### **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. Fliers were sent home on Friday and are also attached or can be found in the office

### **The Edgewood School Garden Needs your help- Spring Cleaning Work Party *Saturday, March 14th, 1-3pm***

Did you know that Edgewood has a school garden? School gardens are a great place for kids to do hands on learning, get an extra dose of the outdoors in their school day and learn to love the dreaded vegetable- because if you grow it, you're more likely to be willing to taste it! Many Edgewood classes get to spend some time out in the garden with The School Garden Project and parent volunteers. Spring is just around the corner and we need to get the garden ready for the kids with some weeding and deer-proofing. Join us for a work party on Saturday, March 14th, 1-3pm at the garden. Bring the whole family and stay for 15 minutes or the whole 2 hours! We'll have tools available but our gloves are kid sized so you may want to bring your own. If you can't make the work party but you might be able to help with weekend mowing or weeding during the spring or summer please get in touch with Jenny Laxton (parent of a 1st grader)- [education@mountpisgaharboretum.org](mailto:education@mountpisgaharboretum.org)

### **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!

### **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.

### **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 (and another one was sent today), to all parents with a phone designated as a mobile phone in their student records. The message came from the short code 67587.

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, 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.

### **African American/Black Parent "Engage With Us" Community Gathering Workshop Details – April 29; 5:30-8:00**

**Place:** University of Oregon Ford Alumni Center

**Presenter:** African American/Black Student Success Program

**Audience:** Parents of African American/Black students

**Participants:** 200

**Description:** Join us for networking, informative presentations, Book Exchange, school system navigation tools, a student/parent discussion panel, recognition/honor of Black educators in Lane County, and community solutions.

***Dinner and Childcare provided***

### **Spring NFL for Flag Football for Girls and Boys ages 4-14**

Registration for Spring NFL Youth Flag Football for Girls and Boys ages 4-14 is now open. We offer a 4 year old Tiny Tots camp and a 5-14 year old League non-contact safe 5 on 5. Go to <http://www.maximussports.com>

### **Nearby Nature Summer Daycamps Open for Registration:**

If your kids enjoy exploring, biking, bug catching, treasure hunting, and other fun nature adventures, then they should participate in Nearby Nature's outdoor summer daycamps! Nearby Nature's camps are a unique medley of adventure, science, nature, art, play, and gardening. Most take place in Alton Baker Park, in our unique Learnscape Gardens. Daycamps run from June 15-August 28, last one week each, and serve kids from 3 to 13 years old. Half and full day options are available and enrollment is limited to 12 children per camp. Scholarships are available! For registration and scholarship information, see <https://www.nearbynature.org/daycamps/> or call 541-687-9699.

### **Important Dates**

March 13 – No School – Professional Development Day

March 17 – PTA meeting 6:30

March 23-27 – No School – Spring Break

\*\*Dine and Donate – Every Tuesday in March at Mandy's Family Diner!

See you in the breezeways,

Beth Casper, PTA co-president

Julia McMorrان, PTA co-president

Shaun Haskins, PTA vice-president

Amelia Reising, PTA Secretary

Lyndee Prill - PTA Treasurer