

# Toucan Times

— Edison Elementary School: "A Colorful Place to Learn" —

SEPTEMBER 2006



## PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

By Tom Maloney

Dear Edison Families:

I hope you are having a fun filled and relaxed summer with family and friends.

The 2006 – 2007 school year is fast approaching and in true Edison fashion it promises to be another successful year where parents, students and staff work together to create a dynamic, caring and supportive learning environment for all students.

John and Stacey are busy polishing up the inside of the school and district painters just put a fresh coat of paint on the exterior. Our historic school is really looking good!

The research on effective schools indicates that exceptional schools are all committed to self-reflection and continuous improvement. Last year the Edison Site Council worked closely with parents, students and staff to review our current program and to develop a shared vision for the future of Edison School. A clear, compelling vision for the future of the school will help us to make wise decisions based on shared values and beliefs and it will help guide all future school improvement initiatives. Edison's vision for the future is:

This year the Edison Site Council, with assistance from district facilitators, will develop and begin to implement a 5-year comprehensive school improvement plan designed to turn our vision for the future into reality. I am excited about the possibilities and am confident that Edison will continue to grow and prosper for many years to come.

Also this year, Edison will adopt new social studies, language arts and art/music textbooks. Purchasing new textbooks is a very costly and important endeavor. Funds encumbered over the years combined with district funds will allow us to purchase a limited number of textbooks for the above subjects. We will not have the funds to purchase a textbook for every child, but we will do our best to purchase enough texts so that all students have equal and adequate access to contemporary, research-supported textbooks.

At this point (in early August) our enrollment is approaching 300 students and we anticipate only minor changes in our staff. We are pleased to welcome Polly Moak as our new kindergarten teacher. Leasa Fox, our current Learning Center teacher, will move from full time to half time as she pursues advance studies in the area of reading at the University of Oregon. We've hired Colleen Wright to work half-time in the Learning Center with Leasa and we have yet to hire a speech and language specialist to replace our long time speech and language specialist Pat Kolb. It feels great to begin the school year with such a strong and experienced staff. I can't wait to get started!

Take care and I hope to see you at the Celebration Fun Run and at our annual Back-to-School Picnic.

### Parking

The morning drop off and afternoon pick up situation at Edison

will always be a challenge. Based on observations and feedback from parents we believe that the plan to restrict parking on the south side of 22nd street in front of the school has reduced congestion and more importantly increased safety for students during arrival and dismissal times. Occasionally parents leave their cars unattended during the restricted parking times or double park and let their child cross the street on their own, but for the most part parents did a great job of remaining in their cars and pulling in and out as safely and efficiently as possible. during drop off and pick times.

To increase safety and reduce unnecessary congesting during drop off and pick up times, we request that students and parents observe the following expectations for arrival to and departure from Edison School:

### Students:

- Cross the street at designated cross walks only
- Look both ways before crossing the street
- "Walk Don't Run" when crossing the street
- Enter and exit vehicles on the passenger side only
- Walk bikes, scooters, etc. on school grounds and on the sidewalks bordering Edison
- Carry skateboards and skates on school grounds and on the sidewalks bordering Edison.

### Parents

- Review and reinforce the expectations for student safety during arrival and departure times
- Remain in your vehicle when dropping off or picking up students on south 22nd street
- Park next to a curb when dropping off and picking up
- Make sure all passengers enter and exit the vehicle on the passenger side
- Drive slowly and cautiously when entering the Edison School zone
- If possible walk, ride or carpool to school.

### Team Edison is Off and Running!

What better way to celebrate the spirit of Edison and the beginning of a new school year than by joining Tom and other Edison families in the Eugene Celebration 2K Kids Fun Run on Sunday, Aug. 27. It's easy. Just go online at [www.goodrace.com](http://www.goodrace.com) or complete the registration form on page 5 and drop it off at the Eugene Running Company in the Oakway Mall or with Vicki in the Edison office. You can also register at Alton Baker park the morning of the fun run. The three elementary schools with the most entrants will win receive a cash award of \$500, \$250 or \$100.

Show your school spirit and commitment to a fit, healthy life style by joining Team Edison at the Eugene Celebration Fun Run/Walk. Proceeds from the cash award will go toward the Edison Running Club and other student-centered activities at Edison.

### Move Up Day

The initial reaction to Move Up Day was very positive. In October the Site Council will decide if we are going to continue with Move Up Day this year. Please let Tom, your teacher or a Site Council representative know how Move Up Day worked for you and your child.

# SEPTEMBER 2006 CALENDAR

Sun., Aug. 27	<b>Oregon Track Club, 2K Kids' Fun Run</b> 9:45 a.m. Alton Baker Park
Mon., Aug. 28	<b>Kindergarten Home Visits</b>
Tues., Aug. 29	<b>Kindergarten Home Visits</b>
Mon., Sept. 4	<b>Labor Day, Holiday, NO SCHOOL</b>
Tues., Sept. 5	<b>Edison Family Picnic and Open House</b> 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. New student & family orientation—cafeteria 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Open House for new and returning families. 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Family Picnic for all Edison families. Bring your own picnic dinner, beverages and utensils.
Wed., Sept. 6	<b>First Day of School</b> 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. First day of school/early release, <b>Grades 1-5.</b> 8:15 a.m. to Noon. First day of school, <b>Gr. K</b> —half the class attends.
Thurs., Sept. 7	8:15 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. Regular schedule, <b>Grades 1-5.</b> 8:15 a.m. to Noon. First day of school, <b>Gr. K</b> —half the class attends.
Fri., Sept. 8	<b>Regular Schedule</b> 8:15 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. Regular schedule, <b>Grades 1-5.</b> 8:15 a.m. to Noon. All <b>Kinders</b> attend. <b>ABC's All-School Assembly, Gr. K-5</b>
Tues., Sept. 12	<b>Site Council Meeting</b> 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Staff Room
Tues., Sept. 19	<b>Parent Council Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Library (Free childcare in the gym)
Thurs., Sept. 21	<b>K-1 Curriculum Night</b> 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Grade K in the Music Room 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Grade 1 in classrooms (Childcare in the gym, \$1.00 per child)
Fri., Sept. 22	<b>BBQ Lunch</b> usual class lunch times
Tues., Sept. 26	<b>4/5 Curriculum Night</b> 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Grades 4/5 in classrooms (Childcare in the gym, \$1.00 per child) <b>Picture Day, Cafeteria</b>
Thurs., Sept. 28	<b>2-3 Curriculum Night</b> 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Grade 2 in classrooms 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Grade 3 in classrooms (Childcare in the gym, \$1.00 per child)
Mon., Oct. 3	<b>Student Health Screening</b> 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in the Gym

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## Student Health Screening

The annual Edison Health Screening will take place on Monday, Oct. 2, 2005, from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. The health screening includes a dental check-up by a volunteer dentist and a distance-only vision check.

Many parent volunteers are needed to assist in this school-wide event. This is a great way to meet the students at Edison and many of the wonderful Edison parents. Call Katlyn Hoffman to volunteer at 683-7303.



## MEET THE STAFF AT EDISON ELEMENTARY

### OFFICE



Vicki Boudreaux  
Secretary



Tom Maloney  
Principal

### SUPPORT STAFF



John Backer  
Day Custodian



Stacey Jones  
Night Custodian



Barbara Miller  
Head Cook



Bridget Walker  
Kitchen Assistant

### INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS



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Resource Rm., Rm. 15

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Resource Rm., Rm. 15



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Music, Rm. 3

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Nancy Reiter  
School Psychologist

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Grade K, Rm. 17



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Grade 1, Rm. 19



Terry Martin  
Grade 1, Rm. 18



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Grade 2, Rm. 12



Nancy Whitfield  
Grade 2, Rm. 11



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Grade 3, Rm. 13



Janine Zimmer-Berg  
Grade 3, Rm. 14



Karen Johnston  
Grade 4/5, Rm. 4



Carrie Ann Naumoff  
Grade 4/5, Rm. 2



Jenny Vondracek  
Grade 4/5, Rm. 10



Laura Twigg  
Grade 4/5, Rm. 1

# WELCOME NEW KINDERGARTEN TEACHER, POLLY MOAK, TO EDISON!

*Editor's note: We asked Polly Moak to write a brief description about herself and what she thinks about coming to Edison. Following is Polly's reply.*

First of all, I'm very excited about being at Edison because my children went there -- I was an Edison parent for nine years! I was raised in New York City and lived there until I was nine, and then my family moved to a small town in Mississippi. After attending the University of Mississippi as an undergraduate, I taught high school Home Economics in Mississippi before enrolling in graduate school in the Boston area. I earned a Master's of Divinity from Harvard, and did youth work at First Congregational Church in Eugene for five years. (I also met my husband, Doug Barber, at Harvard. We've been married for 26 years.)

When our children, now 17 and 22, were at Edison, I loved volunteering and being part of the Parent Council. In fact I loved it so much that I decided to get back into teaching! I went back to school to update my teaching certificate and add an elementary endorsement. I was a student teacher at Edison in my son's 1st-2nd grade blended class. After substitute teaching for three years in 4J, I taught for four years at Coburg Elementary and four years at Magnet Arts Elementary. In these eight years of classroom teaching, I have taught Kindergarten for six years, a 1st-2nd blend, and a 3rd-4th blend. I've also taught 5th grade reading and have served on 4J's Math Enthusiasts committee. Recently, I have earned a Reading Specialist endorsement, because I wanted to learn more about how to help children learn to read and write successfully.

## EDISON EEF RAISES MONEY TO SUPPORT MUSIC, PE, AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

*By Susan Daniell*

Thanks to the generosity of the Edison community, the Edison Eugene Education Fund (Edison EEF) raised \$57,000 during its 2005-06 campaign. These funds will be used to support this year's music, physical education, and technology programs at Edison. With the beginning of the new school year, Edison EEF is looking forward to ensuring that these important programs

continue. We hope we can count on your support and participation!

### What is Edison EEF?

The Edison EEF is a committee of Edison parents that raises funds specifically for Edison School. With the beginning of each new school year, the committee sets a fund raising goal which will support Edison school programs the following year. The committee

offers Edison families a variety of opportunities to contribute throughout the school year. These include direct donations and events such as restaurant nights and the Silent Auction which is held during Valentine Family Night each February. Contributions to Edison EEF have allowed our school to offer music and PE classes and have supported technology education programs. All Edison EEF funds are directed through the Eugene Education Fund, also known as EEF. It is a non-profit organization that works to raise public financial support for the Eugene School District 4J.

### We Need You!

Parent involvement in Edison EEF is essential. We count on your financial support, and we also need your energy, creativity and expertise. Please volunteer to join Edison EEF's efforts to support Edison programs by completing the form below. If you have questions or if you would like more information about Edison EEF, please contact co-chairs Peggy Hinsman (684-0076) or Gary Powell (683-6503).

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### Yes! I'd like to assist Edison EEF by (check all that apply)...

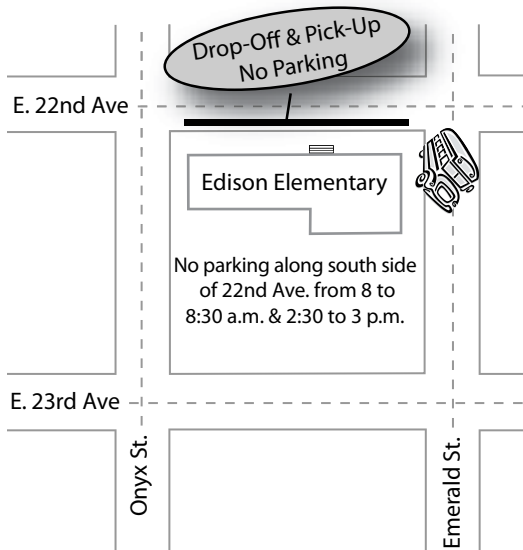
- Joining the Edison EEF committee
- Helping to stuff/label envelopes, etc.
- Helping with Edison Restaurant Nights
- Helping with the Valentine Family Night/Silent Auction
- Helping wherever needed
- Other \_\_\_\_\_



Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  daytime  evening



## PARKING UPDATE

By Tom Maloney

Last year's changes in the parking regulations around Edison proved to be successful in reducing congestion and the potential for accidents. Thank you very much for your help in making Edison a more safe school.

As a reminder, following are the parking procedures: The south side of 22<sup>nd</sup> street in front of the school and small sections on the school side of Emerald and Onyx streets will be restricted to drop-off and pick-up in the mornings *only* from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and in the afternoons from 2:30 to 3 p.m. *During those times parents must remain in their cars just long enough for their child to safely enter or exit the building.*

Parents who wish to drive to the school, park and walk their children to their classrooms will need to park in other locations. Also, parents may park and leave their vehicle in the restricted areas noted above after the morning drop-off and before the afternoon pick-up if they are volunteering or have other school business.

Thanks again for your support in helping to make the streets around Edison more safe.

## IT'S COFFEE TIME

By Hillary Johnson

We're kicking off this year's fundraising events with a new program and we are excited about it! We're offering for sale a full line of free trade, organic coffees, hot cocoa, chocolate-covered coffee beans and even a Coffeelands music CD. Look for more information about our "Dean's Beans" fundraiser in the fall, or contact Hillary Johnson, 345-5526.



## The Fall Family Picnic and Open House: Let's Kick off the New Year!



By Tara Parillo

All Edison families new and old are cordially invited to the Edison Family Picnic and Open House, Tuesday, Sept. 5. It's a great opportunity to get important information from Tom Maloney, Edison's principal, and your child's teacher, visit your child's new classroom, and socialize with all the amazing Edison children and their families. The schedule for the evening is as follows:

5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. New student and family orientation (Cafeteria)  
6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Open house for new and returning families  
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Picnic for all Edison families

All families should bring their own picnic, beverages and utensils. A special guest will be there to hand out popsicles after dinner. Please don't miss this important school event!

## FREE SERVICES TO HELP KIDS GET TO SCHOOL

By Lisa Van Winkle, *Commuter Solutions*

*Smart Ways to School* offers **free services** to help students carpool, walk or bike in a group, or take a bus to school.

### Carpool

Our free SchoolPool service connects families who want to carpool to the same school. You'll receive a match list of other registered SchoolPool families whose students live near you. Register online at [www.swts.ltd.org](http://www.swts.ltd.org) or call 682-6212 to request a form.

### Walk or Bike

We can help you connect with nearby families at your student's school to form your own travel group. Your group can travel a designated route and pause at pre-arranged places to let more students join the group. If appropriate, parent volunteers may choose to accompany students. Globally, it's called a "walking (or bicycling) school bus."

Call 682-6212 to get connected.

### Ride LTD

Don't have school bus service? Is your student able to ride LTD?

Call 687-5555 to find the best LTD route for your student.

## School Supply List by Classroom

### Kindergarten

- BIG backpack with first and last name printed on outside and back of straps.
- No binders or school boxes please.  
Do not purchase supplies for your child. Homeroom teachers will purchase the supplies. They will request a check for \$25 to cover these expenses.

### First Grade

- BIG backpack with first and last name printed on outside and back of straps.
- 2 large boxes of tissue (to be shared by class).
- No binders please.  
Do not purchase supplies for your child. Homeroom teachers will purchase the supplies and a Weekly Reader. They will request a check for \$25 during the first week of school to cover these expenses.

### Second Grade

- BIG backpack with first and last name printed on outside and back of straps.  
Do not purchase supplies for your child. Homeroom teachers will purchase the supplies. They will request a check for \$25 to cover these expenses.

### Third Grade

- BIG backpack with first and last name printed on outside and back of straps.  
Do not purchase supplies for your child. Homeroom teachers will purchase the supplies. They will request a check for \$25 to cover these expenses.

### Fourth and Fifth Grade Blends

- BIG backpack with first and last name printed on outside and back of straps.
  - Heavy-duty 3 ring binder (1 1/2").
  - 6 PeeChees or folders.
  - 4 Large packets wide-line notebook paper (keep 3 at home).
  - 24 #2 Pencils (keep 12 at home).
  - 2 Rolling writer pens by Pentel.
  - Colored felt tip markers.
  - 1 Large eraser or box of cap erasers.
- Label every item in permanent ink with your child's name. Please replace these supplies throughout the school year as needed.
- Homeroom teachers will purchase additional supplies. They will request a check for \$20 during the first week to cover these expenses.

## After-School Enrichment Activities

Each year a variety of fee-based enrichment activities are offered. Check our school and community bulletin board for a current selection. Below is a sampling of activities offered:

- **Choir (3 levels)**
- **Science Time**
- **Chess Club**
- **Art Classes**
- **Language Classes**
- **Yoga**
- **Newspaper & Web Publishing**

## SPARKPLUG DANCE COMPANY IS COMING TO EDISON



### After-school programming, Kindergarten:

#### Learning Lab for Kindergarteners

Young dancers approach academic concepts through movement activities in a class structure that strives to be non-gendered, centered on the multiple intelligences and brain-compatible: We acknowledge and honor the many learning styles, and we recognize that in order to learn, we must all feel secure in body, mind and spirit. With weekly sessions dedicated to problems in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Art, Learning Lab makes learning fun!

#### International Family Folkdance for Caregiver- Child

An introduction to worldwide folk dances, this lively class will include dances from the Philippines, Peru, Israel and others. American dances may include Ten Pretty Girls, the Virginia Reel and Glow Worm Gavotte. And who doesn't want to know how to do the Glow Worm Gavotte?

### After-school programming, primary and intermediate:

#### Dances of the Pacific Rim for ages 6-8's

The young dancers need no previous Polynesian dance experience and will have fun learning the basic movements and the vocabulary for these movements as they learn the different dances. Dances from Hawai'i, Tahiti, Samoa and New Zealand will be introduced.

#### Modern I for ages 9-11's

An introduction to modern technique, combining ergonomically balanced movement, injury-prevention awareness and creativity. Classes will explore in-depth tools for choreographic discovery, as well as providing the opportunity for informal performance.

Sparkplug Dance is a Eugene, Oregon-based non-profit. [www.sparkplugdance.org](http://www.sparkplugdance.org)

### End the summer at a fast (or slow) pace...and raise money for Edison!

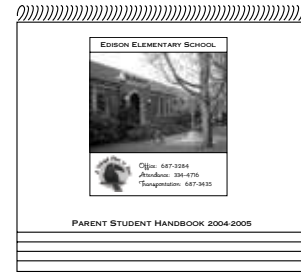
Join Edison Principal, Tom Maloney and others in The Celebration Run, a 2K fun run on Sunday, Aug. 27 at Alton Baker park. Sponsored by the Oregon Track Club Masters, the Celebration Run also includes an 8K run and a 5K fitness walk.

In order to encourage participation by the students, the Oregon Track Club is offering a \$500 award to the school that has the most participants. The second and third place schools will receive awards of \$250 and \$150, respectively. Every child who participates will receive a special certificate.

For more information, call 343-8604 or 942-7127 or go to [www.goodrace.com](http://www.goodrace.com).

### STUDENTS SHARE PENNIES FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Edison students collected \$302.57, including 8,057 pennies, to aid Indonesian students affected by the May earthquake. This amount was matched by other donors and given to the nonprofit YPAH Foundation (a social service function of the Puri Bahasa Indonesia School in Yogyakarta). YPAH will use the funds to provide food relief and enable impoverished rural schools to continue classes and begin rebuilding schools destroyed by the quake. Look for more information and photos on the Edison Web site.



### Hang on to the 2004-05 Edison Handbook.

The information is still current and we'd like to save printing costs by using it again this year. See the calendar and teacher email list on page 2 of this newsletter for the only new information in the handbook.

The handbook will also be available to view or download from the Edison web site, <http://schools.4j.lane.edu/edison/>

## RUN FOR FUN AND RAISE MONEY FOR EDISON

### Oregon Track Club Masters Celebration Run

Sunday, August 27th, 2006  
Alton Baker Park

8K Run, 9:00 am

5K Fitness Walk, 9:00 am

2K Kids' Fun Run, 9:45 am

Elementary schools with at least 10 entrants can compete for cash awards. The qualifying schools with the most entrants will each receive a cash award \$500, \$250, or \$100.

Kids will run on the bike trail in the park. The run is about 2K with a shortcut for kids who prefer to run about 1K. This is strictly a fun run, with finish times clocked. There are no individual awards but all finishers receive a certificate of completion.

Kids' Run entry fee through Saturday Aug. 26th \$15 with t-shirt, \$5 without t-shirt. For more information call 343-8604 or visit [www.goodrace.com](http://www.goodrace.com)

### Entry Form—The Celebration Run

Check one:

- 8K Run check here  if wheelchair racer
- 5K Fitness Walk
- Kids' Fun Run School name Edison Elementary
- Volunteer

Please Print:

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Gender  Female  Male Age on race date \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

	Entry Fees through August 26		Race Day	T-shirt size		
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5K Walk	\$20	\$10	add \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> L	<input type="checkbox"/> XL	<input type="checkbox"/> L
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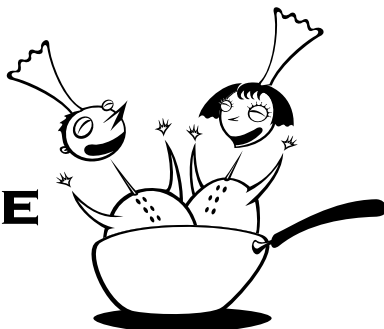
Makes checks payable to OTCM, mail to 2315 Shields Ave., Eugene OR 97405

Please no dogs, no babyjoggers/strollers on the race course.

**Mandatory waiver:** (please sign below) I know that a road race or walk or wheelchair event is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and participate in this event unless I am medically able and properly trained and have sufficient stamina to safely and successfully complete the event without harm or injury to myself. In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I and my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, waive, release and discharge any and all rights and claims for damages against The Celebration Run race directors and designated race officials, Oregon Track Club Masters, Oregon Track Club, the City of Eugene, County of Lane and all other participating sponsors, agents and employees of such parties for all claims and damages, demands, actions, whatsoever in any manner arising from my participation in this event. I grant permission to all of the foregoing the use of any photographs, motion pictures, recording, or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose. I also understand that the entry fee is non-refundable. I have read this entry information provided and certify my compliance by my signature below.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent or guardian if under 18)

## MEALTIME ONLINE



Paying for your child's lunch online is easier this year, but a few of the steps have changed. Now called "MealTime Online" instead of Sodexo, you can access it directly at [www.mymealtime.com](http://www.mymealtime.com) as well as through the 4J and Edison Web sites.

### **This is how it works:**

1. Go to one of the Web sites referred to above and follow clicks to food and then to "pay-online."
2. Create a MealTime online user account by clicking on the "Create new account." You will create a user name and password to login to MealTime Online. Keep your user account information secure. Do not share your password!
3. Click on the "Add New Student" link to add each student to your account using their PassCode.
4. Click on the "Make Deposit" link next to a student's name, or on the navigation bar. You can make one credit card payment to deposit money into one or more student accounts. Click on the "View Details" link next to a student's name to view their cafeteria account balance, purchase history, and online deposits.

Once you've set up an account and made a deposit, you may add funds or review your student's purchases at any time by returning to [www.mealtime.com](http://www.mealtime.com) and entering your user name and password.

### **More information from MealTime:**

- Deposits can be made with any VISA or MasterCard credit or debit card.
- Credit card processing is completed through a secure authorization process. Credit card information is not stored on our servers and will never be shared with a third party.
- All student data that is transmitted is encrypted and authenticated every time you use the Web site.
- Parents can view their student's current account balance, transaction activity, and online deposit history for the current school year.
- Parents can register multiple students, from multiple schools, under one account.

## **TALENTED AND GIFTED (TAG) SERVICES**

*By Tom Maloney*

The Oregon Talented and Gifted Education Act provides for the identification of K-12 intellectually gifted or academically talented students who have met identification criteria of 97 percent on either a nationally normed test of mental ability or an achievement test in reading and/or math. In addition, the criteria for identifying TAG students may include behavioral, learning and/or performance information.

The referral process is the first step in the identification of TAG students. Referrals come from a variety of sources including: Teacher and other staff nominations, parent/guardian nominations, and school nominations based on cumulative records, standardized test scores and other performance data. The referral/nomination process is welcome at Edison at any time during the year and may originate from any of the above sources. If a parent is interested in making a referral, contact your child's teacher to request a Parent Referral form for TAG testing. Upon completing the form, return it to the classroom teacher or turn it in to the office. The parent referral will be given to the school psychologist

who will arrange for testing if testing data is not already available. If the student is a K-2 student, the referral will be sent to the Instruction Dept. at the district level to be assigned to a psychologist. Once assessment result become available, a TAG team consisting usually of the classroom teacher, TAG coordinator, and principal will decide on eligibility. Parents will be notified of the results. The primary job of TAG services is instruction of each TAG student across curricula at each child's demonstrated level and natural pace of learning. Instruction and services are provided within the classrooms with a variety of teaching strategies and enriching opportunities. All TAG identified students will have a TAG plan developed annually.

For questions regarding our TAG services, the referral process, or identification, consult your child's classroom teacher, or the principal. You can also request to review a copy of our Handbook for Parents of Talented and Gifted Students, or our Tag Building Plan.

## COMMUNITY AFTER SCHOOL CARE

### Eugene Family YMCA Child Care Fun Club

Eugene Family YMCA offers childcare for after kindergarten and after school at the YMCA on Patterson. The YMCA will pick up students from Edison. They offer fun daily activities and go on monthly field trips and swim in a safe and secure environment. The YMCA has a state certified program and spaces are limited. For more information, please call 686-9622 or on the web at [www.eugeneymca.org](http://www.eugeneymca.org).

### Creative Care at Edison

By Jonathon Horton

Jonathon Thornton will return for his eighth year as director of the Creative Care after-school program at Edison. He will be joined again by Cindy Robinett, who in her fifth year at Edison will direct the kindergarten program.

Here's how a typical day works: Cindy picks up the kindergarten children from their teachers and engages them in a variety of activities including outdoor play, arts and crafts, snack and quiet times. When the other grades are dismissed, Cindy joins Jonathon to help with the older students and to provide continuity for the kinders who attend both programs. The after-school Creative Care kindergarten program is held on the cafeteria stage and when school is out we expand to include the cafeteria.

After-school children can choose from a variety of quiet indoor activities such as games, legos, arts, crafts, and special activities as well as have plenty of opportunity to run and play outside in the fresh air.

Please call the Creative Care office at 683-7291 if you are interested in the after-school program. You must register your child at our main office before they attend. Please help us avoid the last-minute rush by registering in August – it's easier for you and us!

Jonathon and Cindy will be at a table at the Edison Back-to-School picnic. Stop by to say hello and ask any questions about the program. We're looking forward to seeing all of you!

## CALLING ALL EDISON PARENTS: JOIN EDISON PARENT COUNCIL

By Jen Thoennes



It's not too late to join Edison Parent Council. Join us for the first meeting of the school year: Sept. 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and be part of a fun group of committed and energetic parents who make a big difference at Edison. Monthly meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Edison library.

All Edison parents are welcome to any Parent Council meeting. In an effort to make Parent Council more available and accessible to all interested parents, childcare will be offered at the September and October meetings. If there is enough interest and use, it will continue for the rest of the year. All ages taken but advance sign up is required. Please sign up by notifying Jen Thoennes ([pighart@hotmail.com](mailto:pighart@hotmail.com) 345-4970) or Tara Lucas ([tarasnumber@msn.com](mailto:tarasnumber@msn.com) 344-9205).

Join Edison Parent Council. It's a great way to get involved and stay connected to all the happenings in the Edison community!



## NEWSPAPER AND WEB PUBLISHING FOR GRADES 3 TO 5

By Kirsti Haugen

Thanks to a grant from the Chintimini Foundation, Edison has a new after school newspaper and Web publishing club, open to students in grades three to five. We'll need

an energetic and dedicated team of students with diverse interests in writing, photography, publishing, Web design, and more. The club will meet after school for an hour and a half one day a week.

We will publish four editions over the course of the year, with each edition promoting a different Edition event or tradition. Students may enroll for individual sessions, or for the entire year. Starting in September, we'll create a Book Fair edition, with a focus on reading, literature and word games. In November, we'll begin work on a Valentine Family Night edition, emphasizing friendship, family and community. Beginning in February, we'll focus on marine science for our Ocean Week edition. By April, we'll start in on a Summer Fun edition, with sports, adventure and outdoor activities as our theme.

All four editions will be published in print and on the Edison Web site, with room for news, reviews, comics, fiction, poetry, interviews, photography, illustrations, advertising, jokes, puzzles, and more. The publishing process offers students a great way to develop teamwork skills while honing their individual strengths in planning, communication, writing, illustration, photography, editing, and design. Club enrollment is limited to 20 students. More details to come. Contact Kirsti Haugen ([haugen@4j.lane.edu](mailto:haugen@4j.lane.edu)) or the office for more information.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Eugene Public Library

<http://www.eugene-or.gov>, ph: 682-5450

#### **For Kids @ Your Library**

During the school year, your Library hosts programs for elementary-age children at all locations, as well as special events. All are free of charge; some require pre-registration. For full listings of current programs for kids, see EPL's monthly calendar, or call 682-8316. Regular programs during the school year include:

#### **Skills for Thrills**

Cool hands-on workshops led by guest presenters. Make fun projects and learn about a wide range of topics, including visual and performing arts, writing and literature, science, nature, world cultures, history and more.

#### **Book Groups**

Meet kids who love reading -- or become one! Book Buddies book group is for ages 6 to 8, and Tween Scene book group is for ages 9 to 12. The book of the month is announced early enough to check the book out and read it before group.

#### **Gimme Games**

Expand your mind: drop in and learn to play word and strategy games including Scrabble Jr., Upwords, Pass the Bomb Jr., Masterthief and more.

#### **Book Buzz**

A zany, funny, never-a-dull-moment hour, filled with surprising stories and active adventures centered on a different theme each time.

### Nearby Nature

[www.nearbynature.org](http://www.nearbynature.org), ph: 687-9699

#### **Nearby Nature Quests**

Enjoy a family-paced hike, craft, snack, and a visit from a costumed Kinder Critter! Meet at the Alton Baker Park Host Residence (between the dog run and community gardens). \$2/person or \$5/family. Pre-registration suggested: 687-9699.

### Science Factory

<http://www.sciencefactory.org>, ph. 682-7888

#### **July 8 to Dec. 31 AMUSEMENT PARK SCIENCE**

Design your dream rollercoaster, learn the physics behind bumper cars and delight in the thrills of momentum all at our latest incoming exhibit, Amusement Park Science! You and your family will be able to find out the science behind these stomach-turning, head-spinning delights at interactive components, videos, computer kiosks and with hands-on activities in the museum.

#### **Magic School Bus Adventures Grades K to 2**

Join us for fun-filled adventures as the Magic School Bus drives its way through more zany topics! Our explorations will include lots of hands-on activities and science fun! This fall, the Magic School Bus pulls into the Science Factory on Wednesdays from 2:30-4:30pm. The Magic School Bus programs are offered in three separate series this fall. Please register early as space is limited! \$30 Members / \$40 Nonmembers per series.

Fall Series 1: Oct. 4 Sound, Oct. 11 Recycling, Oct. 18 The Solar System

Fall Series 2: Nov. 1 Rocks & Minerals, Nov. 8 Simple Machines, Nov. 15 Inventions

Fall Series 3: Nov. 29 , Genetics, Dec. 6 Volcanoes, Dec. 13 Coral Reefs

#### **Science Adventures Workshops Grades 3 to 5**

Science Adventures Club will give kids a chance to do in-depth investigations! We spend several weeks focusing on a topic, giving us a chance to really get to know our subject! Join us for awesome projects and hands-on fun as we explore science and technology! Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4:30pm. \$40 Members/\$50 Nonmembers per series.

Oct. 4–Oct. 18 PhotoShop Fun: Investigate the basics of PhotoShop

Nov. 1–Nov. 15 Digital Art: Become a computer design pro using KidPix and PrintShop

Nov. 29–Dec. 13 Digital Music: Investigate iTunes, learn to "burn" CDs, create CD labels and covers



Last year Edison started a new parent volunteer program called Playground Partners. Playground Partners is a group of dedicated moms and dads who come to Edison during recess with one goal in mind: to promote positive interactions with students during this high energy time. They help intervene when play become inappropriate, hand out Community Coupons when they see exemplary behavior, or just have fun interacting with the kids.

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON THE PLAYGROUND

*By Sarah Bascom*

Playground Partners volunteers learn how the school works, how specific issues are handled, and how the five interpersonal skills of cooperation, compassion, inclusiveness, respect and integrity are implemented. They also see the great recess staff in action, and have renewed respect for their work!

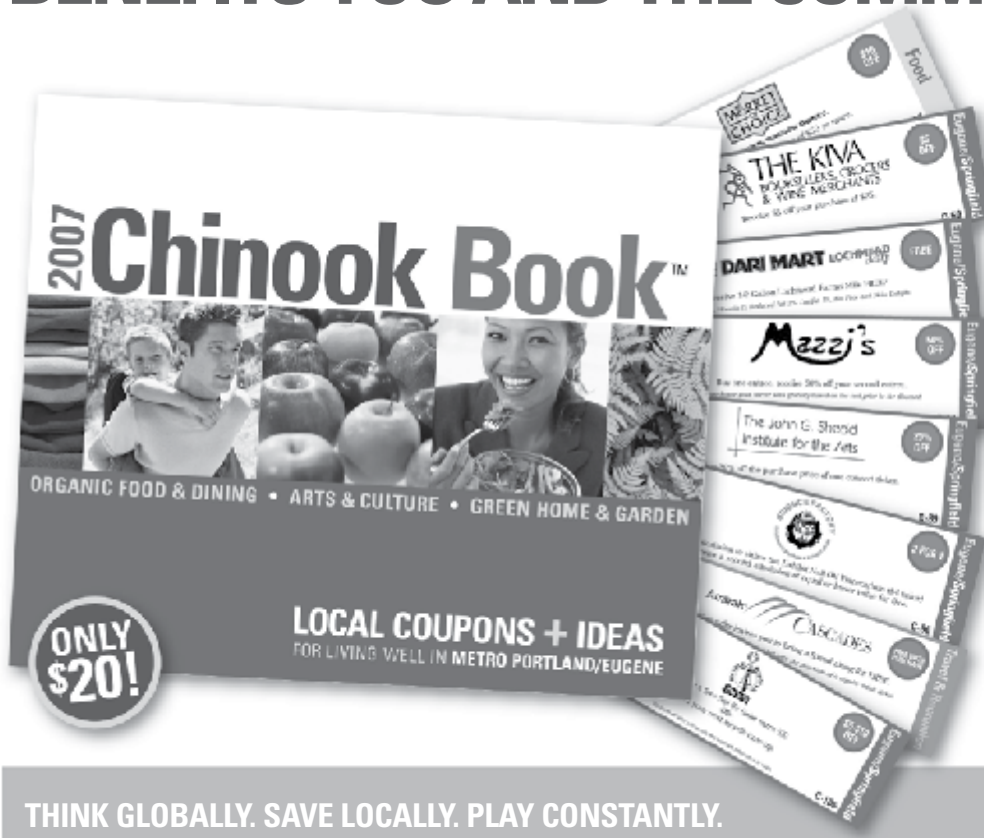
The entire Edison community benefits from this unique new program. Additional adult presence on the playground is a plus when kids have a tough dispute, or skin their knees, or just need someone to tie their shoelaces.

Mickey Stellavato told a rewarding story of working things out with a

group of third grade girls who were all yelling at each other and crying. She had them sit down and one by one tell their side of the story. The result was they all felt heard, understood each others' issues and learned the limits of practical joking. By the time the whistle blew, everyone had dried their tears and had started to makeup. Such stories are common, and quite gratifying for all involved.

If you are interested in participating with us this year or next, please contact Sarah Bascom at 686-2867 or [sarahkbascom@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahkbascom@yahoo.com).

# THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL FUNDRAISER BENEFITS YOU AND THE COMMUNITY, TOO!



Filled with everyday savings and resources, **Chinook Book** makes it easy to live well and have fun in the Eugene/Springfield area. Don't miss this opportunity to save hundreds of dollars while exploring our community and supporting local, sustainable businesses.

### 3 Great Reasons to Buy Chinook Book and Support Our Fundraiser:

- 1 We will receive up to \$10 for every **Chinook Book** sold.
- 2 **Chinook Book** contains over 300 coupons worth hundreds of dollars in everyday savings.
- 3 **Chinook Book** makes a great gift for family, friends and co-workers – all year long.

For a complete listing of coupons visit [www.chinookbook.net](http://www.chinookbook.net)

THINK GLOBALLY. SAVE LOCALLY. PLAY CONSTANTLY.

## WHAT IS ESCRIP?

Escrip is electronic scrip. Every time you use a registered credit or debit card at Market of Choice or a registered Safeway Card at Safeway these stores contribute between two and four percent of your purchase to Edison. Encourage grandparents and family members to join escrip and support Edison. Edison escrip has supporting members as far away as Saint Louis, MO and Danville, VA. In 2005 escrip contributed \$4,500 to Edison. The more families who join the greater the contribution will be in 2006.

Sign-up at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) using Edison's Group ID # 616859.

### Support Edison through Unique Eugene and Chinook Books

Stock up on Unique Eugene and the Chinook Book to support Edison and help it to reach its fund raising goal. Just fill out the attached order form and return it to Vicki in the office.

### Edison Scrip Order Form (turn in at office)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

	Qty.	Amount
Chinook Book .....	\$20.00 ea.	
Unique Eugene .....	\$10.00 ea.	
Total		

Attach your check made out to Edison PTA.

- I will pick up my order in the Edison office.
- Send home with my child. Teacher's name \_\_\_\_\_
- Deliver to my home. Please leave it \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES COORDINATORS**

**Events**

Fall Fundraiser (Sept/Oct).....	Hillary Johnson.....	345-5526
	Leita Dzubay.....	302-1607
Student Directory (Sept/Oct).....	Michelle Mikkelsen.....	342-6958
Health Screening (Oct).....	Katlyn Hoffman.....	683-7303
Book Fair (Oct/Nov).....	Lynette Williams.....	485-3960
	Robin Latimer.....	485-1254
Fall Family Night (Oct/Nov).....	Beth Stein.....	242-0798
Valentine Family Night (Jan/Feb).....	Kate McCarthy.....	341-1456
Project Fair (Mar).....	Rosette Lattimore.....	344-5275
Women's History Week (Mar).....	volunteers needed	
Toucan Tales Anthology (Mar/Apr).....	Kirsti Haugen.....	434-2416
	Nancy O'Brian.....	687-9393
Ocean Week (May).....	volunteers needed	
Jogathon (May).....	Cary Hancock.....	345-2180
Fall Picnic (Aug/Sept).....	Kirsten Frazer.....	683-9648
5th Grade Celebration (Jun).....	volunteers needed	

**Services**

Edison EEF.....	Susan Daniell 345-7463, Peggy Hinsman 684-0076, Sara O'Dell 343-1214, Gary Powell 683-6503, Rick Varnum 683-7641	
Front Case Display.....	Kyla Resch.....	434-8343
Head Lice Checks.....	Jen Thoennes.....	345-4970
Health, Nutrition, & Fitness.....	Leita Dzubay.....	302-1607
	Susanne Bryant.....	338-3181
Kids Care (service learning).....	Susan Daniel.....	345-7463
Library.....	Tana Posey.....	687-3284
Newsletter.....	Bev Mayhew.....	484-4143
Power of Peers.....	Denise Jessup.....	683-7641
Funds for Free (scrip sales).....	Sheri Engelbert.....	686-8099
Staff Appreciation Committee.....	Kirsten Frazer.....	683-9648
	Robin Latimer.....	485-1254
T-shirts.....	Leita Dzubay.....	302-1607
Web Site.....	Kirsti Haugen.....	434-2416
Yearbook.....	volunteers needed	

**VOLUNTEER AT EDISON!**

by Beth Stein

Are you interested in encouraging schools to serve healthier lunches? Are you curious about what goes on during recess? Do you like to read with kids? Would you like to see a school garden at Edison? Are you good at planning craft projects? Do you have a knack for fundraising, designing, or writing? Or are you simply interested in meeting some new folks and learning about how our school works? If your answer to any of these questions is YES then you should join the Edison volunteer corps this fall!

Opportunities to volunteer at Edison abound. Throughout the year, volunteers work in classrooms, on Parent Council, at special events, on our newsletter, and as part of special committees. If you would like to work in your child's classroom, check in with your teacher at the beginning of the year to see what kinds of help are needed. But if you would like to get involved in more of a school-wide project, then read on. A variety of interesting committees organized by the Parent Council are active and always looking for new members. You do NOT need to be part of the Parent Council to participate! Some projects are ongoing and others happen at specific times of the year. Even if you have only a few hours to spare now and then, your ideas and input are welcome and needed.

For the fall, here is a sampling of what's going on. The **POP (Power of Peers) committee** will be training new "Playground Partners" and planning a special parenting program on raising boys. The **Kids Care** committee will be exploring ways to "green" school events, researching school gardens, and planning service learning projects. The **Fundraising** committee will be promoting Chinook Books, pizza nights, and other creative ways to support programming at Edison. The **Health, Nutrition, and Fitness** Committee will be working to make Edison lunches healthier and promoting youth physical fitness. The **Fall Family Fun Night Committee** and the **Book Fair Committee** will be planning an October special event and need folks to help with crafts, games, snacks, book sales, and more. Other opportunities to get involved include committees working on **Staff Appreciation, Outreach, our Fall Fundraiser, and T-Shirt Sales.**

So...there you have it! There's something for everyone. For more information about volunteering at Edison, from helping with events to serving on Parent Council to joining a committee, see the school's website at <http://schools.4j.lane.edu/edison/>. And feel free to contact Parent Council members Jen Thoennes at 345-4970, Tara Parrillo at 344-9205, Kirsti Haugen at 434-2416, or any of the Parent Council members listed on the back of this newsletter with questions or to sign up for an event or committee.

**THE TOUCAN TIMES**

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