



# Toucan Times

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

SEPTEMBER 2007



## PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

By Tom Maloney

Dear Edison Families

### Enrollment

I hope you are enjoying the warm summer weather with friends and family. Enrollment figures for next year are looking good. We anticipate 300 – 310 students with a significant number of families waiting to transfer to Edison if a spot opens up.

### School Funding

For the first time in over a decade the Oregon Legislature approved an increase in K-12 school funding for the next biennium. The increase in funding is a significant step forward for K-12 education in Oregon and will result in a modest increase in certified staffing at Edison. With the additional staffing we were able to add a .25 reading specialist. I am pleased that Leasa Fox, our current Learning Center teacher who just received her Reading Specialist credential, will work .75 in the Learning Center and .25 as our new Reading Specialist. Leasa will join the 4/5 team to offer a specially designed reading class for students who are interested in accelerating their progress in reading.

### Staff changes

**Stacey Jones**, everybody's favorite evening custodian, is now Edison's lead custodian. **Julie Keeney** is moving from Willagillespie School to Edison to take Stacey's place as our new evening custodian. We are fortunate to have an evening custodian with Julie's experience and skill set. Stacey and Julie have been working hard to get the building ready for the first day of school. I am also pleased to announce that **Courtney Poindexter** will teach kindergarten next year while **Jen Berglund** is on maternity leave. Courtney is an Edison parent with tremendous knowledge and background in early childhood education. Courtney and **Polly Moak** will make a great kindergarten team. **Maurya Kaarhus** has decided to take a leave from teaching. Her leave will last through the fall

and possibly the entire school year. **David Adee**, who currently teaches music part time at Harris, will fill in for Maurya during her leave. David is a skilled and experienced music teacher who brings a passion for music and a special interest in marimbas and international music.

### Mission Statement and School Improvement

The following mission statement reflects the long held values and beliefs of the Edison Community and serves as a guide and reference point for decision making and school improvement efforts:

#### Edison Elementary School

**Our mission is to provide an educational experience that prepares all students to be competent, compassionate, contributing members of the Edison Community and inspired global citizens.**

This year the Edison Staff, Parent Council and Site Council will work together to add clarity and depth to our mission statement by coordinating school improvement initiatives in Reading, Technology Integration, Cultural Competence, as well as School Climate and Interpersonal Development. We will highlight each of our school improvement initiatives in future editions of the *Toucan Times*.

Stable enrollment and a modest increase in staffing combined with our newly adopted mission statement and school improvement plan will help insure that Edison continues to be an exemplary school for many years to come.

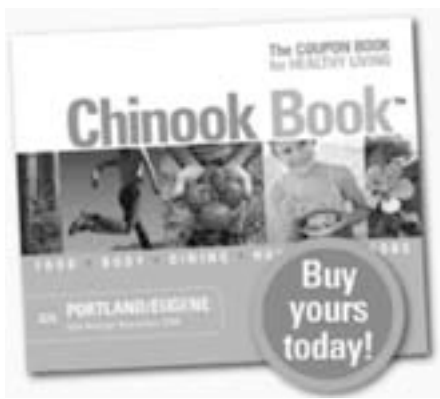
I can't wait to greet all of our new and returning students on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

—Tom

## IT'S COFFEE TIME AGAIN!



We're kicking off this year's fundraising events with Edison's 2nd annual coffee fundraiser! Last year was a smashing success. The parent council is looking for a few folks to help with the event. Please contact Tara Parrillo at 344-9205.



**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.		
	<b>Total</b>	

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:

**THE TOUCAN TIMES**

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The Toucan Times welcomes submissions of photographs, stories, and ideas. Please leave your material in the Toucan Times mailbox in the school office or submit text by email to [scmac@efn.org](mailto:scmac@efn.org) by the 15th of every month. Please supply your name, phone number or email address on all submissions. In the event of errors, please notify the editor so that we may make corrections. Please submit articles electronically, if possible, by email.

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**Got information for the Edison Website?  
 Contact Kirsti Haugen at [haugen@4j.lane.edu](mailto:haugen@4j.lane.edu).**

**Student Health Screening**

The annual Edison Health Screening will take place on Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, 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. To volunteer, please contact Tara Parrillo at 344-9205.

## MEET THE STAFF AT EDISON ELEMENTARY

### OFFICE



Vicki Boudreaux  
Secretary



Tom Maloney  
Principal

### SUPPORT STAFF



Stacey Jones  
Day Custodian



Julia Keeney  
Night Custodian



Barbara Miller  
Head Cook



Bridget Walker  
Kitchen Assistant

### INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS



Will Bromley  
Student Support



Cheryl Burke  
Instruct. Assistant



Deborah Dailey  
Instruct. Assistant

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Tom Deligio  
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Janice Peebles  
Instruct. Assistant



Tana Posey  
Instruct. Assistant



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Instruct. Assistant

### SPECIALISTS

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Music



Jessie Billow  
Speech/Language



Jaye Dibos  
Literacy Support



Leasa Fox  
Learning Center/  
Reading Specialist

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Jessica Hunt  
School Psychologist



Frank James  
Physical Ed

### CLASSROOM TEACHERS



Courtney Poindexter  
Grade K, Rm. 16



Polly Moak  
Grade K, Rm. 17



Debbie Greene  
Grade 1, Rm. 19



Terry Martin  
Grade 1, Rm. 18



Lisa Fragala  
Grade 2, Rm. 12



Nancy Whitfield  
Grade 2, Rm. 11



Kathleen Rockwell  
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 COURTNEY POINDEXTER, NEW KINDERGARTEN TEACHER!

By Scott MacWilliams

Edison Kindergarten teacher Jen Berglund is taking a maternity leave this year, so we will have a new teacher in her place. Welcome to Courtney Poindexter, already an Edison parent and familiar to many of you.

Courtney received her Master's in Early Childhood Education from the University of Oregon in 2006, and in the spring of 2006 did her student teaching with Debbie Greene at Edison.

Courtney has two children. Emma will be a 3rd grader at Edison and Aaden is turning 5 in September and will attend a Pre-k class this fall. She'll celebrate her tenth wedding anniversary this month with husband Cade.

For fun this summer, her family got out of town and spent a week at Lake Tahoe, one of their favorite places to vacation.

Courtney says she's excited and thrilled to be filling in for Jen, and looks forward to meeting all the new and returning families in the fall.

In a little role reversal, I asked her what she hoped to learn from her students this year.

"I know the children will lead and I will follow, because they are the ones that will remind me that, 'All I need to know, I learned in Kindergarten.'"



## STACEY JONES IS EDISON'S NEW LEAD CUSTODIAN

By Scott MacWilliams

The end of school last June saw the usual departure of the fifth-graders and moving up of all the other students. But there was one more departure and move-up that didn't happen all at once.

With the retirement of Lead Custodian John Backer, Edison needed a replacement. We're happy to announce that Stacey Jones, longtime Edison night custodian, has been promoted to the lead position.

In her spare time, Stacey likes to ride motorcycles with her husband. She also likes fishing, gardening, camping, being outside, listening to music and devouring books. She was reluctant to name one favorite event at Edison, but Ocean Week made the short list, along with the Family Fun Nights.

But she did confess to one event that she's not that fond of.

"I look forward to and also dread the fifth grade celebration. I have to say goodbye, our time is done."

Even though she works at Edison, she doesn't get the whole summer off. She works at Edison, Roosevelt, Harris and South Eugene H.S. while the students are gone, getting them really shiny. When she does get out of town, she likes to camp at Yellowbottom River or at Alsea Falls, or visit her grandmother, cousins and nephew J.J. in California.

## PARKING UPDATE

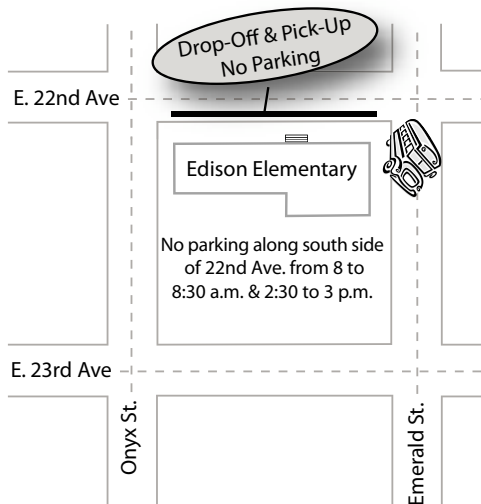
By Tom Maloney

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.



## School Supply List

### Kindergarten

- BIG backpack—first and last name printed on outside and back of straps.
- **Supplies will be purchased by the homeroom teachers. Do not purchase supplies for your child, please!**
- A \$25 check to cover these expenses will be requested the first week of school.
- No binders or school boxes please.

### First Grade

- BIG backpack—first and last name printed on outside and back of straps.
- 2 large boxes of facial tissue.
- **Supplies and Weekly Reader will be purchased by the homeroom teachers. Do not purchase supplies for your child, please!**
- A \$25 check to cover these expenses will be requested the first week of school.
- No binders or school boxes please.

### Second Grade

- BIG backpack—first and last name printed on outside and back of straps.
- Last name A-K: 1 packet Wet Wipes.  
Last name L-Z: 2 boxes facial tissues.
- **Supplies will be purchased by the homeroom teachers. Do not purchase supplies for your child, please!**
- A \$40 check to cover these expenses will be requested the first week of school.
- No binders or school boxes please.

### Third Grade

- BIG backpack—first and last name printed on outside and back of straps.
- Last name A-K: 1 packet Wet Wipes.  
Last name L-Z: 2 boxes facial tissues.
- **Supplies will be purchased by the homeroom teachers. Do not purchase supplies for your child, please!**
- A \$40 check to cover these expenses will be requested the first week of school.
- No binders or school boxes please.

### Fourth and Fifth Grade Blends

- BIG backpack with first and last name printed on outside.
  - 1 large eraser or box of cap erasers.
  - 24 #2 Pencils (keep 12 at home).
  - 4 large packets wide-line notebook paper (keep 2 at home).
  - Crayola felt tip colored markers (students choice).
  - Crayola colored pencils (box of 12).
  - 6 PeeChees or folders.
  - Heavy-duty 3 ring binder (1 1/2").
  - 2 large boxes of facial tissue.
  - Additional supplies will be purchased by the homeroom teachers.
  - A \$20 check to cover additional expenses will be requested the first week of school.
  - No binders or school boxes please.
  - **Important**—every item needs to be labeled with students name in permanent ink.
  - **Supplies need to be replaced throughout the year as needed.**
- **Make checks payable to Edison School**

## The Fall Family Picnic and Open House



## Let's Kick off the New Year!

By Tara Parrillo

All Edison Families are cordially invited to kick off another exciting new year at the Edison Family Picnic and Open House, Tuesday, Sept. 4th. It is a great opportunity to get important information from our wonderful principal, Tom Maloney, meet and visit with your child's teacher, see your child's new classroom and socialize with all the amazing Edison children and families.

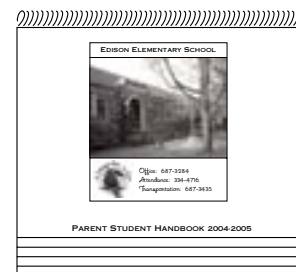
The schedule for the evening is as follows:

5:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. New Student and Family Orientation (cafeteria)

6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Open House in Classrooms for new and returning families

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Picnic on the grass field behind the school

All families should bring their own picnic, beverages and utensils. Please come join us for this important school event!



## Hang on to the 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/>

## 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:

### Edison Kinder, 1st, 2nd Grade Choir

Date/Time: Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. to 8:10 a.m., beginning Sept. 19th.  
 Fee: \$40 per ten week session  
 Instructor: Rosette Lattimore, 337-5678  
 Some scholarships available.

### Edison 3rd-5th Grade Choir (not confirmed)

Date/Time: Wednesdays, 1:05 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Fee: tba  
 Contact: to be announced.

### Edison Chess Club

Date/Time: Mondays, 2:40 to 3:40 p.m., beginning Oct. 1st.  
 Fee: \$55 fall term (11 sessions), \$35 winter term (7 sessions), \$35 spring term (7 sessions).  
 Instructor: Jerry Ramey, 232-0328, email: j-adoube@efn.org

### Edison Art Classes (Jordan Schnitzer Museum)

Kinder Class  
 Date/Time: Thursdays, 12 to 1 p.m., Sept. 20 to Nov. 29  
 Fee: \$60  
 Grades 1-5 Classes  
 Date/Time: Thursdays, 2:35 to 3:45 p.m., Sept. 20 to Dec. 7  
 Fee: \$60  
 Coordinator: Christy McManus, 345-0834, email: christyandron@qwest.net. Some scholarships available.

### Multimedia Publishing Program

Date/Time: Thursdays, 2:45 to 4:15 p.m., beginning Oct. 2nd  
 Fee: \$80 for 8 week session  
 Instructor: Kirsti Haugen, 434-2416,  
 email: haugen@4j.lane.edu  
 Open to 3rd through 5th grade. Enrollment is limited to 16 students.

### SparkPlug Dance Company (not confirmed)

Learning Lab for Kinders  
 Date/Time: tba  
 Fee: \$60 per five-class session  
 International Family Folkdances for Caregiver & Kinder Child  
 Date/Time: tba  
 Fee: \$60 per five-class session  
 Dances of the Pacific Rim, Grades 1 & 2  
 Date/Time: tba  
 Fee: \$60 per five-class session  
 Modern 1, Grades 3-5  
 Date/Time: tba  
 Fee: \$60 per five-class session  
 Contact: 689-3233, email: info@sparkplugdance.org,  
 www.sparkplugdance.org

### 4th/5th Grade Spanish Club

Date/Time: Fridays, 2:40 to 3:40 p.m.  
 Fee: \$30 for materials per quarter.  
 Sign up sheet in the office. Questions: Heidi Laws, 338-7683,  
 email: hpfinder@yahoo.com.

### Spanish (not confirmed)

Kinder Spanish  
 Date/Time: Tuesdays, 12 noon to 12:50 p.m.  
 Fee: \$44

Grade 1-2 Spanish  
 Date/Time: tba  
 Fee: \$50

Grade 3-4 Spanish  
 Date/Time: tba  
 Fee: \$50

Contact: Eugene Rec Dept., 682-5373, email: recreation@ci.eugene.or.us

### Yoga (not confirmed)

Date/Time: tba  
 Fee: tba  
 Instructor: Harinder Kaur Khalsa Hennesy, email: harinder@uoregon.edu

### Kidsports

Call the Kidsports office to inquire about Edison teams. Scholarships available.

#### Soccer:

Registration deadline is Sept. 7 for K-1st grade; Registration deadline is Aug. 17 for 2nd-4th Grade. Practice begins Sept. 10 for K-1st Grade. Practice begins Aug. 27 for 2nd-4th Grade. Regular Season is Sept 22-Oct 21.

#### Volleyball (3rd-5th grade):

Registration deadline is Oct. 19. Practice Begins Oct. 29.  
 Regular Season is Nov 10-Dec 2. Clinics available in Oct.

#### Flag Football (2/3rd Grade, 4/5th Grade):

Registration deadline is Aug. 17. Practice begins Aug. 27.  
 Regular season Sept 22-Oct 21.

Contact: 683-2374, www.kidsports.org

# EDISON EEF/ADVANCEMENT: LOOKING AHEAD

By Zanne Miller and Rick Varnum, EEF Co-Chairs

The Edison community continued its tradition of being one of the most generous within 4J during the 2006-2007 school year. Funds were used to support the music and physical education programs and provide classroom instructional support.

These funds were raised through Edison EEF/Advancement committee activities such as fall direct mail campaigns and the Spring Fling/Silent Auction event in March. Other fundraising activities included the coffee sale, Chinook Books, e-scrip, and the jogathon. It would be impossible to list everyone who contributed to making these fundraisers a success—that would take up the entire newsletter. We are fortunate to have such generous and involved families, area businesses, and members of our community working together to support our children.

Edison also will benefit from the advocacy of parents, grandparents and friends who collectively asked for more public school funding from the state legislature last year. While support was increased, there still is a need to raise additional funds to maintain Edison's strong curriculum.

On the agenda for the EEF/advancement committee this year is a hard look at how we raise money. Our goal is to work closely with the Edison Parent Council to determine which events are most effective and to strike the right balance between fundraising—which is essential if these important programs are to continue—and building community. Both are key to ensuring that Edison continues to provide these programs. We'd like to hear from you on this topic—if you have any comments, please let us know.

## What is Edison EEF/Advancement?

The Edison EEF/Advancement committee is a group of Edison parents that steers fundraising programs for Edison Elementary School. With the

beginning of each new school year, the committee sets a fundraising goal for the following year and develops a strategy to reach that goal. All Edison EEF funds, which support music, physical education, and kindergarten classroom support, are directed through the Eugene Education Fund or EEF. EEF is a non-profit organization that works to raise public financial support for the Eugene School District 4J.

## We Need Your Input!

Parent involvement in Edison EEF is essential. Please participate as much as you can during the coming school year. You can make direct contributions

to Edison at any time by visiting the homepage, <http://schools.4j.lane.edu/edison>, and clicking on the "just give" link in the upper-left-hand-corner.

But we also need YOU— your energy, creativity and expertise. If you want to volunteer for Edison EEF's efforts or need information about Edison EEF, please e-mail Zanne Miller, [zanne@mind.net](mailto:zanne@mind.net); or Rick Varnum, [jessupvarnums@comcast.net](mailto:jessupvarnums@comcast.net). Or, attend the first meeting of the school year on Friday, September 14, at 8:20 a.m. in the Edison cafeteria. Hope to see you there!

If you can't attend the first meeting,  
clip this form and drop off at the Edison office



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

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

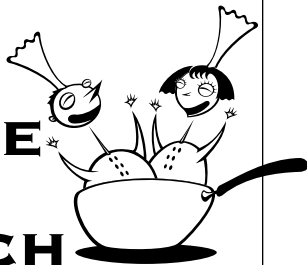
Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

daytime  evening

## MEALTIME ONLINE FOR LUNCH PAYMENTS



Paying for your child's lunch online is now done through "MealTime Online" and 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 results 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.

## Join the Edison Spanish Club

*By Heidi Laws*

Are you interested in learning to speak Spanish? Would you like to learn how to cook authentic Latin foods like tortillas, tamales, pasteles? Then come and join the Spanish Club at Edison! We will have fiestas, dances, and play soccer while learning about Spanish speaking countries.

We will meet after school for one hour in room 9 every Friday. The fee for materials is \$30 per quarter. There will be a sign up sheet in the office for interested 4th and 5th graders. Please check the bulletin board by the office for more information.

The Spanish Club will be sponsored by Heidi Laws, a bilingual educator since 1991. She spent two and one-half years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Honduras. Feel free to contact Heidi at 338-7683 or [hpfinder@yahoo.com](mailto:hpfinder@yahoo.com). Hasta en Septiembre!

## 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 visit their Website at [www.eugeneymca.org](http://www.eugeneymca.org).

### Creative Care at Edison

*By Jonathan Thornton*

Jonathon Thornton will return for his ninth year as director of the Creative Care after-school program at Edison. He will be joined again by Cindy Robinett, who in her sixth 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 (typically fresh fruit and crackers) and quiet times.

When the other grades are dismissed, Cindy joins Jonathan 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. We serve a mid afternoon snack consisting of a selection of fresh fruit, veggies, and crackers.

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! Jonathan 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!

## RUN FOR FUN AND RAISE MONEY FOR EDISON

Fall Celebration Run/Walk  
Sunday, September 30th, 2006  
Alton Baker Park

8K Celebration Run, 5K Fitness Run/Walk, 9:00 am  
2K Kids' Fun Run, 9:45 am

Join Edison Principal Tom Maloney and others in the Fall Celebration Run/Walk, a 2K fun run on Sunday, Sept. 30, 9:45 a.m. at Alton Baker park. Sponsored by the Oregon Track Club Masters, the Fall Celebration Run also includes an 8K run and a 5K run/walk.

Elementary schools with at least 5 entrants can compete for a cash award. The qualifying school with the most entrants will each receive \$100.

Kids will run on the bike trail in the park and is located near the finish. The run is about 2K(1.25 miles). This is strictly a fun run, with finish times clocked. There will be lots of great random prizes and refreshments.

Early entry fee (through September 29th) for Kid's Run is \$12 with t-shirt and \$6 without t-shirt.

Packet pickup will be at the Eugene Running Company, Oakway Mall, Eugene, OR, Saturday, September 29th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on race day at Alton Baker Park. On-line registration closes at 1 p.m. (PDT) September 28, 2007. Entry fees are non-refundable. For more information contact, Jack Spaulding, 343-7414, Email: [jack.spaulding@goodrace.com](mailto:jack.spaulding@goodrace.com). Sign-up online at [http://www.goodrace.com/good\\_race.html](http://www.goodrace.com/good_race.html).

## 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.

## STUDENTS SURPASS JOG-A-THON GOAL

Edison students ran the 27th annual Jog-a-thon last May and raised over \$18,000! We could not have had a more enthusiastic group of kids, teachers, parents and volunteers on that chilly Friday morning. Thanks to all who participated. The funds raised will be allocated to P.E., music, and other essential programs this year.



## PARENT VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON THE PLAYGROUND

Edison has a 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 becomes inappropriate, hand out Community Coupons when they see exemplary behavior, or just have fun interacting with the kids.

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.

If you are interested in participating with us this year or next, please contact Tara Parrillo at 344-9205.



## Multimedia Publishing Program

*By Kirsti Haugen*

Edison's after school multimedia publishing program is open to 3rd-5th grade students who would like to get creative with digital photography, illustrating, writing, interviews, reviews, poetry, comics, games, advertising, blogging and whatever else the students dream up.

Beginning the first week in October, we will work together for 8 weeks to produce a school newspaper in print and on the web site. The program will meet every Thursday, from 2:45-4:15. Enrollment will be limited to 16 students. The cost is \$80 for the 8-week session. (Fees have increased because we no longer have the start-up grant we received the first year, but we will still have a limited scholarship fund for families on a limited budget.) More information will follow, along with registration materials. Come join the fun, learn new skills, and contribute to Edison's student published newspaper!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Smithsonian Magazine's Annual Museum Day 2007

Museum of Natural and Cultural History  
Saturday, September 29, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Visit the museum for free as they participate in this one-day national event. For more information, call 346-3024 or view their Website at <http://natural-history.uoregon.edu>.

### FREE First Friday at the Schnitzer

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art  
Friday, September 7, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Discover the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art with free admission the first Friday of every month.

### 2007-2008 Youth Orchestra Auditions

Arts Umbrella  
September 13

Fall Auditions for Encore Strings, Little Symphony, Junior Orchestra and Youth Symphony will take place on September 13th, 2007 for those students new to the area. Phone 484-0473 for more information.

### Family Canoe Trip on Waldo Lake

City of Eugene Recreation Dept.  
September 22, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Among the purest lakes in the world, Waldo is a high mountain gem. Explore the coves in the highly stable "Spirit of Eugene", 29-foot canoe. Meet at the River House, 301 N. Adams. \$15. 682-5329 or [www.eugene-or.gov/rececnroll](http://www.eugene-or.gov/rececnroll).

### Hand Drum Club

City of Eugene Recreation Dept.  
First Tuesday of every month, 6:30-8 p.m.

Hand-drumming for all ages and skill levels. The first half hour is reserved for drop-in tutoring sessions. Washington Park Center, 2025 Washington St. Free. 682-5373 or [www.eugene-or.gov/rececnroll](http://www.eugene-or.gov/rececnroll).



## SUNA GARAGE SALE BENEFITS EDISON

*By Scott MacWilliams*

The South University Neighborhood Association (SUNA), in conjunction with the Edison Parent Council, held a garage sale on Saturday, June 2, in the Edison School Cafeteria. According to Al Couper, the sale netted \$1,337.38, of which \$1000 was donated to Edison. The remainder will be used by SUNA for neighborhood projects.

Al also reports that that SUNA was awarded a City of Eugene Neighborhood Matching Grant to build two community bulletin boards (kiosks). One will be located on the Edison School property and will be available for public interest postings by both the School and the general neighborhood. Construction is under way with a public unveiling scheduled tentatively for September 16, 2007.

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**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES COORDINATORS**

**Events**

Fall Picnic (Aug/Sept).....	Theresa Elmore .....	683-4194
Fall Fundraiser (Sept/Oct).....	volunteers needed	
Student Directory (Sept/Oct).....	Michelle Mikkelsen .....	342-6958
Health Screening (Oct).....	volunteers needed	
Book Fair (Oct/Nov).....	Hillary Johnson .....	345-5526
Fall Family Night (Oct/Nov).....	volunteers needed	
Project Fair (Mar).....	volunteers needed	
Women's History Week (Mar).....	Mickey Stellavato.....	687-9718
Toucan Tales Anthology (Mar).....	Kirsti Haugen .....	434-2416
Spring Fling (Apr).....	volunteers needed	
Café Alva (May).....	Cynthia Paterson .....	344-6829
Ocean Week (May).....	volunteers needed	
Jogathon (May).....	Michelle Mikkelsen .....	342-6958
5th Grade Celebration (June).....	Leita Dzubay 302-1607, Hillary Johnson 345-5526	

**Services**

Chinook Book Sales.....	Kate McCarthy .....	341-1456
Classroom/Volunteer Coordinator.....	Tara Parrillo .....	344-9205
Cultural Competency Committee.....	Rita Radostitz .....	345-0711
Edison EEF/Advancement.....	Zanne Miller .....	485-4120
Front Case Display .....	volunteers needed	
Funds for Free (e-scrip).....	Tara Parrillo .....	344-9205
Garden Project.....	Keri Aronson .....	345-2762
Head Lice Checks.....	Jen Thoennes .....	345-4970
Health, Nutrition, & Fitness.....	Susanne Bryant.....	338-3181
Library.....	Tana Posey .....	687-3284
Newsletter.....	Scott McWilliams .....	344-6626
Playground Partners .....	volunteers needed	
Staff Appreciation Committee .....	volunteers needed	
T-shirts.....	Leita Dzubay.....	302-1607
Web Site.....	Kirsti Haugen .....	434-2416
Yearbook.....	volunteers needed	

**SEPTEMBER '07 CALENDAR**

Fri., Aug. 24	<b>Kindergarten Home Visits</b>
Mon., Aug. 27	<b>Kindergarten Home Visits</b>
Mon., Sept. 3	<b>Labor Day, Holiday, NO SCHOOL</b>
Tues., Sept. 4	<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. 5	<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. 6	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. 7	<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.
Tues., Sept. 11	<b>Site Council Meeting</b> 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Staff Room
Fri., Sept. 14	<b>EEF/Advancement Meeting</b> 8:20 a.m. in the Edison cafeteria All interested welcome.
Tues., Sept 18	<b>4/5 Curriculum Night</b> 6 to 7 p.m. in 4/5 classrooms (Childcare in the gym, \$1.00 per child)
Tues., Sept. 18	<b>Parent Council Meeting</b> 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Library (Free childcare in the gym)
Thurs., Sept. 20	<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. 21	<b>BBQ Lunch</b> usual class lunch times
Tues., Sept. 25	<b>Picture Day, Gym</b>
Thurs., Sept. 27	<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)
Sun., Sept. 30	<b>Fall Celebration Run, 2K Kids' Fun Run</b> 9:45 a.m. Alton Baker Park
Mon., Oct. 1	<b>Student Health Screening</b> 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in the Gym
Wed., Oct. 3	<b>International Walk &amp; Bike to School Day</b>