

Weekly Newsletter

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Dress Down Day with Crazy Socks

Friday, January 31, will be a dress down day for Grades K-12 with a fun twist. Wear a pair of your funkiest, craziest, or most mismatched socks! Please keep in mind that socks must be school appropriate, with no offensive pictures or words.

Candy Grams

The Student Council is thrilled to announce the return of candy grams this Valentine's season! Students in Grades K-3 will receive one candy gram each at no cost, ensuring that everyone can take part in the celebration. For students in Grades 4-12, candy grams will be sold from February 3 to February 7 during lunch recess. Each candy gram will be priced at \$2 and will contain a variety of nut-free treats! We look forward to seeing the joy these treats bring our school community!

House Event

Last Friday, Lower and Middle School students took part in a winter-themed house event. Students had loads of fun earning points for their teams and spending time with the other grades. Some of the activities that students rotated through were washcloth skating, snowball throwing, ice fishing, building structures out of marshmallows, and making crafts.



Upcoming University of Waterloo Contests

Pascal, Cayley, and Fermat Mathematics Contests (PCF)

Targeted Audience: Grade 9-11 students

The PCF Contests are designed to be accessible to a large number of students, but also to challenge very strong math students. Please sign up by February 5. The 60-minute contest will be written on Wednesday, February 26, at Edison. For more information or practice, visit www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca or see Mr. Zhang.

University of Waterloo Contest Results

In November, our Edison students wrote the Beaver Computing Challenge. The Beaver Computing Challenge is a 45-minute multiple-choice contest that targets challenging logic puzzles. This contest introduces computer science to students, and it is designed to get students with little or no previous experience excited about computing. Among this year's hardworking students, many of them have been included in the official honour list.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved

outstanding scores: Demi A., Elizabeth B., Florence C., Kevin D., Kate D., Mara G., Stefan I., Ela K., Shreya M., Ahaan M., Matias S., Rey S., Eshika V., Ingrid V., Gemmey V., Jemson V., Brennen Y., Hayden Y., and Abigail Z.

We have a school champion in each of the three divisions this year. Jemson V. won the school championship in the Grade 5/6 division. Shreya M. won the school championship in the Grade 7/8 division. Kevin D. won the championship in the Grade 9/10 division.

Our Edison students also wrote the Canadian Intermediate/Senior Math Contests (CIMC/CSMC) in November. Due to the interruption of the postal services, University of Waterloo is still grading the contests, and our preliminary results will be finalized as soon as they finish grading other schools' exams.

Thank all the students who participated in this year's contests!

School Uniforms

The tights and sock order has arrived! Please email uniforms@edisonschool.ca to purchase.



Grade 2 Guest Speaker

On Friday, January 31, Cuiney from the Rowan House will be returning for a second visit to talk to the students about kindness. Although this is a dress down day for the rest of the school, the Grade 2 students are required to be in dress uniform. However, crazy socks are allowed!

Grade 2 Telus Spark Field Trip

As part of our science program, the Grade 2 students will be visiting Telus Spark on Monday, February 10, to participate in the program "Looks Like Science." Students will have time to explore the various exhibits as well as attend a workshop about the electromagnetic spectrum, exploring light that is both seen and invisible. The bus will depart at 8:40AM and return by 2:45PM. Dress uniform is required.

Research Projects Dates

Middle School Timeline

Stage	Due Date
Research Materials to School	January 31
Rough Draft of Essay	February 13
Final Draft of Essay	March 5
Visual	March 18
Presentation	March 18
Display Night	March 19

Upper School Timeline

Stage	Due Date
Annotated Bibliography	January 31
Draft Paper	February 26
Final Paper	March 14
Visual	March 17
Presentation	March 19
Display Night	March 19

Annual Upper School Musical 2025

This year's Upper School musical theatre production is *Matilda!*, a popular, family-friendly Broadway show. **Performances are on Friday, February 7 and Saturday, February 8 at 7:01PM** with an additional Matinee on the Friday performed for the Lower School students. Please mark the date in your calendars; the actors would love to play to a capacity audience.

Middle School Musical 2025

Edison Middle School students are presenting *Charleston*, a madcap musical tribute to the 'Roaring Twenties' on **Thursday, February 6** at 7:01PM. Please mark the date in your calendars. The students have been working hard and are looking forward to performing for you.

Accelerated Reader


It's that time again! Welcome to our Spring Reading Competition!

Rules

For this competition, the winners will be determined based on the grade level with the most points earned on reading quizzes. Points will be awarded based on the length and difficulty of each book.

If you are not sure which books to select for your student, start with a book's Interest level. In order to determine if your child's book is grade-level appropriate, you can look in Accelerated Reader at the Interest Level. When a book is selected, it will have an Interest Level that corresponds to Upper Grades (UG), Middle Grades (MG and MG+), and Lower Grades (LG). Below is an example of where to locate that information:

Take Quiz ✕



Who Was Steve Jobs?
By Pam Pollack
This biography of Steve Jobs, founder of Apple, discusses his childhood, family, business sense,...

ATOS Level **5**
Lexile® Level **660L**
Interest Level **MG**
Points **1.0**
Quiz **151017 EN**
Language **English**

[Take Quiz](#) ▼

In this example, the interest level is Middle Grades (MG). Students are of course welcome to read any book they wish, although we suggest that they read something that is both interesting and mentally stimulating.

Prizes

The winning grade level with the highest number of points earned will receive an award certificate, a casual dress day, and a special treat! Individual readers with the highest number of points in each grade level will receive rewards as well.

Logging In

Use this link to login to Accelerated Reader: <https://global-zone05.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/376854>.

Login information for the program is the student's first and last name (no spaces). The password for all students is currently Edison*123.

Example:

Username: EricSmith
Password: Edison*123

If you experience any difficulties logging into the website, please email Mr. Finnerty - mfinnerty@edisonschool.ca.



Grade 1 Art Field Trip

Last week, the grade 1 students explored recycled art at the Okotoks Art Gallery. They painted lines, colours, and shapes to create their own piece of abstract art.



Grade 3 Field Trip

Last week, the Grade 3 classes enjoyed a field trip to the Telus Spark Science Centre, where they learned all about energy and computer science. Students had the opportunity to build and program Lego amusement park rides using coding to make them move.

