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Weekly Newsletter

April 15, 2026

Principal's Message

Spring is here... or nearly! Best of luck to our badminton players and coaches as formal play kicks off this weekend. You've put in the work through exhibition matches, PE, badminton class, and lunchtime practice. Go, Eagles!

A reminder to all Middle and Upper School students (Grades 7-12): Track and Field practices begin Monday, April 20, after school. Please make sure your student has good outdoor runners; indoor runners are not permitted for outdoor practices. Practices run Monday to Thursday, wrapping up by 4:15PM. We train different events each night, so there are plenty of ways to get involved and represent Edison. We can't wait to see our Eagles soar. Go, Eagles!

Finally, a **gentle but important reminder**: students should be seated and ready to learn by 8:25AM each day. We know mornings take effort, and we appreciate it; please continue aiming to have your student here a few minutes before school starts. Thank you!

Principal Tonak

Upper School Spirit Month

The Upper School Student Council is excited to announce a Spirit Month during April! Upper School students may wear outfits that fit the corresponding themes (as long as the outfits adhere to the dress code). The themes are as follows: Beach Day, Twin Day, and Jersey Day/Anything but a Water Bottle Day.

Friday, April 17, Twin Day: For this day, students are encouraged to wear matching outfits with one (or more!) classmate.

Friday, April 24, Jersey Day/Anything but a Water Bottle Day: Support your favourite team! For this day, students are encouraged to wear a jersey from a sports team. Additionally, students can bring items other than a water bottle to school to drink from.

We hope to see you in the theme outfits!

Edison Upper School Student Council

Thursday After-School Clubs

Club season has begun! Clubs start on Thursday, April 16, for students in Grades 4-9 and will run weekly until June 4. The following clubs will be offered for students:

Ms. Etheredge – **Geography Club**

Mr. Armeneau – **Board Game Club**

Mr. Zhang – **Gardening Club**

Mr. Bradley (Guest Instructor: Kim Elliot, B. Arts - Creative Writing) – **Creative Writing Club** (limited to 12 Upper School students)

Mrs. S. Armstrong – **Sewing Club**

Mrs. Smith – **Arts and Crafts Club**

Clubs will run from 3:30 - 5:00PM. Parents must pick up students promptly at 5:00PM. Sign-up sheets will be posted outside of Mr. Finnerty's classroom. Spaces are limited for each club.

Lower School & Middle School Jersey Day

On Friday, April 24, Lower and Middle School students are invited to show their team spirit by wearing a jersey, t-shirt, hoodie, or other apparel representing their favourite team, along with non-uniform bottoms. Jerseys are not limited to hockey—students are welcome to wear basketball, soccer, or any team gear, including items from teams they participate in themselves.

As it is the last Friday of the month, students who choose not to take part in Jersey Day may still enjoy a dress-down day by wearing non-uniform clothing.

Calgary Invitational Spelling Bee

Edison School will be participating in the Calgary Invitational Spelling Bee this June. Edison students have now completed their classroom Spelling Bees in order to qualify for the Edison Divisionals. Division 1 (Grades 1-3) and Division 2 (Grades 4-6) will be competing in the Upper School Gym on April 21 beginning at 1:00PM. Parents are welcome to attend. The top speller from each division will be invited to go to the Calgary Spelling Bee on Saturday, June 6, (held at Webber Academy) to compete against many schools from CBE and Foothills districts. Congratulations to the students from each class who won first and second place in the Edison in-class Spelling Bees!



Kindergarten Bow Habitat Field Trip

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Time: Bus departs at 9:00AM. Return to school approximately 2:45PM.

Location: Bow Habitat Station

Students will learn how to tell different fish apart by observing their shapes and patterns. They will identify the basic needs of fish in their habitat (food, shelter, and water), explore the four stages of a trout's life cycle, and learn about animal movement. Students are to wear their **dress uniforms** and outdoor shoes, as we will be using the outdoor playground area. Please send your child with a snack and a water bottle in a small lunch bag or backpack that they can carry independently. There will be no hot lunch provided. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Grade 5 Art and Nature Field Trip

The Grade 5 students will be going on an art and nature field trip on Tuesday, April 28. We will leave school promptly at 8:45AM and return by 2:30PM, traveling by school bus. On the field trip, we will spend some time at two parks in Calgary; in the morning we will visit Carburn Park located in Riverbend, and then we'll travel to Fish Creek Park and spend some time in the Hulls Wood/Sikome Lake area. The students will observe various natural areas and participate in art activities and nature journaling. All students will need to bring snacks, lunch, and enough water for the day. Regular uniform, comfortable shoes for walking, and a light jacket are required; please check the weather on the day in case sunscreen, bug spray, hats, etc. are needed. Carburn Park and Fish Creek Park are both wonderful spaces for nature and wildlife, and the students are sure to find many sources of inspiration. Please contact Ms. Daly if you have any questions at rdaly@edisonschool.ca.

Athlete of the Month

I am:

On time

Positive

Exerting myself

A role model to others

Always changed for PE

Following instructions

Focused

Respectful when the whistle blows

A strong leader

Including everyone

Cooperative

Upper School:

Tom M.

Mia O.

Grade 8-9:

Oliver A.

Gemmy V.

Lower School Edison Excellence Awards

Not all classes have awards this month

Mrs. Carter/Mrs. Osborne

Aspyn R. for incredible and frequent acts of kindness.

Elisse A. for independent work and kindness to others.

Mrs. Wonderham

Patricia C. for fantastic friend making.

Ethan A. for growing strong and independent.

Abigail L. for becoming master of the chessboard.

Eduabasi O. for the confidence builder award.

Mrs. Power

Elizabeth. T for her positive attitude, exceptional dedication to hard work, and consistently beautiful, neat printing that sets a wonderful example for the class.

Sophia. Z for her kindness toward others and her wonderful imagination that brings creativity and life to her writing.

Ms. Armstrong

Ethan G. for his increased effort in Explode the Code, and for showing a stronger focus on neatness.

Lorelai S. for her dedication and strong work ethic when learning and understanding new math concepts.

Mrs. Smith

Kennedy C. for her quiet and attentive behaviour.

Riansh M. for his eagerness to complete his work.

Mia C. for her admirable work ethic.

Eagles Badminton

The Edison School badminton team had an outstanding week, proudly hosting a visiting high school from Olds along with Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School (STS) students in Grades 8–12 for a series of friendly exhibition matches in preparation for upcoming divisional competitions.

Our athletes demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship, teamwork, and dedication throughout the week, creating a positive and competitive atmosphere for all involved. It was a fantastic opportunity to build skills, foster connections, and represent our school with pride.

Go, Edison!



Badminton Divisions, Zones, and Provincials Dates

Senior High Badminton (10-12)

Divisions April 17 & 18 @ HTA
Zones April 22 @ Trochu & Three Hills
Provincials May 1 & 2 @ Red Deer

Junior High Badminton (7-9)

Divisions @ Edison
April 27 (Grade 9)
April 28 (Grade 7)
April 29 (Grade 8)
Zones May 2 @ Brooks

Kindergarten Badminton

Our Kinders are serving over the net and learning to rally. Huge step for them!



Grade 2 Field Trip to Heritage Park

As an extension of our social studies curriculum, the Grade 2 students will be visiting Heritage Park on Friday, April 17, to take part in the program, "Across the Sea of Grass". From the driving of the last spike to the crowded, jostling colonist cars, they will discover the role the railroad played in settling the "Last, Best West." Students will explore the settler's life by visiting a "soddie" and the Burnside Ranch House. They will taste the farming life by learning how to churn butter and sampling the results! Students will be transported to Heritage Park by school bus. We will depart the school at 8:40AM and return by 12:15PM. There will be no hot lunch on this day. Please send a lunch with your child to eat when we return. **Dress uniform is required for this trip.**

Grade 4 Field Trip to Aggie Days

On Friday, April 17, the students in Grade 4 will be visiting Aggie Days, which takes place in the grounds of the Calgary Stampede. This is a wonderful field trip that ties in nicely with several of our social studies and science units. There are hands-on activities, demonstrations, and many other fun activities. Please note that we spend some of the time in the barn areas, so if your child has allergies to animals, hay, etc., please be sure to inform your child's teacher, and ensure that your child has their allergy medication at hand. We will be leaving Edison at 9AM and returning by approximately 2:45PM. **Regular uniform**, comfortable shoes, and a light jacket are required. All students should bring a bag lunch, snack, and drink.