April 28, 2023

Good afternoon Edgemont families,

What a busy month it has been. May arrives on Monday. As we enter May, we celebrate our teachers during National Teacher Appreciation Week, and National Teacher Appreciation Day. We thank them for their dedication, perseverance, knowledge and passion.

Also, as we enter into May, we celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. We look forward to celebrating with numerous events and activities. More details will be shared soon about our Korean-American assembly, as well as our Filipino Cultural assembly.

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day was a big success! We were excited to have a few new additions to the Edgemont team for the day!

We are taking advantage of the nice(r) weather and getting outside with our Book Buddies! Our Kindergarten students are enjoying their book time with our 3rd graders - beautiful to see.
STEAM POP! is THIS SATURDAY! Bring the whole family to enjoy so many fun activities from animal shows and arts activities to taekwondo demonstration to hands-on experiments.

- Buy your TICKETS ahead of time for quick entry!
- Buy your RAFFLE TICKETS here.

On Monday, May 1st, Edgemont will participate in Montclair’s annual May In Montclair celebration in Watchung Plaza. The event will feature brief talks by local representatives, as well as performances by students from Edgemont, Northeast, Nishuane, and Watchung. For our part, the first-grade students will be performing the traditional Maypole dance! We’ve been practicing…

Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will take the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) in May. Please see specific dates below:

-May 8 & 9: Science- 5th grade
-May 15, 16 & 17: English Language Arts- 3rd, 4th and 5th grade
-May 22, 23 & 24: Mathematics- 3rd, 4th and 5th grade

Please send your child to school with wired headphones for all assessments. Also, please make sure your child has a good night’s sleep, a healthy breakfast, and arrives on time (8:10AM-8:20AM). Our students and staff have been working hard in order to prepare for these assessments. For additional information about the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments, as well as practice tests, please see the links below:

https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/resources/
https://nj.pearson.com/practice-tests/

A message from Ms. Olivi:

Telephone: 973-509-4162  Fax: 973-509-1111  Email: bccarrclemente@montclair.k12.nj.us
Dear Families,

Over the next few weeks in Restorative Justice Circles we will be introducing the idea that each of our names are special, important and have a story. Students come from a wide range of ethnic, racial and religious backgrounds. In some cases, students’ names may sound unfamiliar to their teachers or peers. If school community members fear mispronouncing a student’s name, they may inadvertently exclude or marginalize that student in social or academic spheres. In the next few circles, students learn about each other's names, explore name meanings and related family stories, and brainstorm strategies for respectfully approaching unfamiliar names. Finally, students create artistic plaques to display their names within their cultural or personal contexts.

This is where you come in! Please share your child’s name meaning and story with them for them to share in our circle for the first week in May. You can use these questions to guide the conversation as needed.

Who named you and why were you given your name?
What meanings does your name have for you and your family?
What hopes and dreams does your name hold for the people who gave you your name?

Thank you,
Ms. Olivi

For our last few remaining Fridays of the school year, the 5th grade community will hold a Popcorn Fundraiser on Fridays, after school, in front of Edgemont. Thank you for supporting the 5th grade end-of-year activities and celebrations!

It’s Toast Season! MFEE Toast to the Teachers is a decades-long tradition of the Montclair Public Schools. These family-hosted parties take place at the end of every school year. Choose a special teacher, para, coach, or other community member you would like to honor, and host a party - on your own or with other families - to celebrate their commitment to our kids. All funds raised by Teacher Toasts go right back to Montclair classrooms in Fall 2023 in the form of teacher grants. And this year, MFEE is getting in on the fun, hosting the first SUPERTOAST! Think everything you could want mixed into one single party - a dj, dancing (and a dance-a-thon), live music, carnival games, lawn games, prizes, guest bartender contest, delicious BBQ food – and you can be in bed by 10:15. Grab your friends, and join us on Tuesday, May 23rd from 6-10pm to party like a kid - for the kids-without the the kids!

If you have any questions about the PTA After School Enrichment program, please contact enrichment@edgemontpta.org.
If you have any questions regarding attendance letters please contact Ms. Mascellino at lmascellino@montclair.k12.nj.us.

*School Lunch Application* can be found here: [https://www.nlappscloud.com/](https://www.nlappscloud.com/)

*Lunch Menu* information can be found here: [https://www.fdmealplanner.com/](https://www.fdmealplanner.com/)

*Merchandise* can be found here: [https://edgemontessori.memberhub.com/store](https://edgemontessori.memberhub.com/store)

Take care,

Briony Carr-Clemente
Principal

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**Important Date/Reminders:**

Our doors open at *8:10AM*.  
Drop-off takes place between *8:10AM-8:20AM*.  
Dismissal is at *2:35PM*.

**Upcoming dates:**

~Saturday, April 29- Edgemont’s STEAM Pop event

**New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) dates:**

~May 8 & 9- 5th grade Science  
~May 15, 16 & 17- 3rd, 4th and 5th grade English Language Arts  
~May 22, 23 & 24- 3rd, 4th and 5th grade Mathematics

**5th grade dates:**

~Wednesday, June 7- Glenfield Auditions @ Edgemont  
~Thursday, June 15- Fairview YMCA  
~Wednesday, June 21- Moving-Up Ceremony

**Edgemont School Action Team for Partnership (SATp) Meeting dates:**
May 10 @ 4:00PM

Join Zoom Meeting
https://mpsdnj.zoom.us/j/2439339781

Meeting ID: 243 933 9781
Passcode: universe