September 30, 2022

Good afternoon Edgemont families,

I hope everyone is well. We had another successful (short) week at school!

We look forward to seeing you this evening at the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at 6:00PM.

Next week is the Week of Respect (October 3-7). Attached you will find additional information about the Week of Respect at Edgemont.

Our first Walk, Bike, Bus to School Day is next week on Tuesday, October 4. Please join us if you can! Attached you will find additional information about Walk, Bike, Bus to School Day at Edgemont.

Friendly reminder that our 4th and 5th grade students will take the New Jersey Start Strong Assessment on Monday, October 3 and Tuesday, October 4.

If you are interested in nominating an Edgemont staff member for the Governor’s Educator of the Year Award, please complete and submit the nomination form to Principal Carr-Clemente by Friday, November 4. Additional Governor’s Educator of the Year Award information is below:

The Governor’s Educator of the Year Program was developed by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) to recognize educators and encourage them to become champions for education and advocates for students and teachers at the county, state, and national levels. Through this program, the district honors exemplary teachers and educational-services professionals to promote a culture that recognizes excellence, creates a sense of pride, and brings public attention to the work of outstanding educators.

Please take a moment to review the Eligibility Criteria (below) and Nomination Form: https://www.nj.gov/education/recognition/educators/geoy/materials/NominationForm.pdf

Eligibility Criteria

Requirements

Any educators nominated for this award must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be an exceptionally skilled and dedicated licensed classroom teacher (PreK to grade12 in a public or charter school) where teaching is the primary responsibility rather than administrative or supervisory responsibilities or an educational services professional (ESP) who is listed as one of the eligible enrollment areas
● Must have the latest summative rating of at least effective; if the teacher or the ESP has not received a summative rating at the time of application, then their most current practice rating should be at least effective or the equivalent
● Be an expert in the field who inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn
● Actively collaborate with colleagues, students, and families to create a strong culture of respect and success
● Demonstrate leadership and innovation in educational activities at the school, district and/or state and national levels that take place both within and outside the school setting
● Have the respect and admiration of students, parents and colleagues
● Have not earned the title of school, county or state Teacher of the Year nor ESP of the Year for the past five (5) years

Note: There is no requirement for minimum number of years in the classroom, however as an ambassador for education, this is an award based on merit and leadership and not to be given out solely based on years of service, like a retirement award.

**Educational Services Professional of the Year Enrollment Area**

In order to compete for Educational Services Professional of the Year nominees must be classified as one of the following:

● Anti-Bullying Specialist
● Athletic Trainer
● Behavior Specialist
● Child Study Team
● Cooperative Education Coordinator/Hazardous Occupations
● Educational Interpreter (Cued Speech, Transliteration, Oral Interpreting, Sign Language Interpreting)
● Guidance / School Counselor
● Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
● Library Media Specialist
● Mathematics Specialist / Mathematics Coach
● Nurse (Instructional & Non-instructional)
● Occupational Therapist
● Paraprofessional (Instructional only)
● Physical Therapist
● Psychologist
● Reading Specialist / Reading Coach
● Social Worker
● Speech Language Specialist
● Student Assistant Coordinator
● Technology Coach
Lunch Menu information can be found here: https://www.fdmealplanner.com/

Merchandise can be found here: https://edgemontessori.memberhub.com/store

Have a wonderful weekend.

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*.

Monday, October 3- Friday, October 7- Week of Respect

Monday, October 3- Tuesday, October 4- Start Strong Assessment (4th & 5th grade)

Tuesday, October 4- Walk, Bike, Bus to School Day

Wednesday, October 5- District Closed

Monday, October 10- School Closed

Tuesday, October 18- Picture Day

Thursday, October 20- Abbreviated Day, 1:10PM dismissal

Friday, October 21- Harvest Day

Monday, October 24- District Closed

Monday, October 31- Book Fair (Day 1)