



EAGLE NEWS

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A Message from your Principal

Dear Eagle Parents,

It was great meeting so many at our Back-to-School Night. Thank you for coming! I look forward to continuing to get to know this community and the students and parents that make this such a great place to learn. As a newcomer to Edgemont myself, I would like to introduce the rest of the new staff here at EJH in 2013-14: Julie Allison (English/Social Studies), Steve Hadley (Intro to Tech), LaShele Hauge (WRAP Para), DeAnn O'Leary (Health Assistant), Kelle Rettke (Social Studies) and Chloe Sebring (KITE). I am thrilled with the talents that these people are bringing to the already stellar Edgemont staff.

A continual goal of the staff at Edgemont Junior High is to ensure **student safety**. In cooperation with the Pierce County Sheriff's department, we are able to add another component to ensure **student safety**. The school and the Sheriff's department may, from time to time, perform a Canine-Assisted sweep to assist in maintaining a drug-free campus. Such sweeps are done under strict supervision with the Sheriff's department and in accordance with district policy and regulation 3230R Student Privacy and Searches, which can be accessed via the district's website. Such sweeps have been performed over the past three years in other Puyallup schools and have been highly beneficial in maintaining our **safe schools** in the Puyallup School District. You may read more information about K-9 sweeps from an article submitted by our SRO (School Resource Officer) Jeff Papen in this newsletter.

Our entire staff at Edgemont is committed to the success of your student(s). I encourage you to partner with us to ensure that learning is occurring in all subject areas. Do not hesitate to contact teachers and staff as needed if you are noticing your student struggling to find success. We will certainly do the same, but oftentimes, you will be the first to recognize the signs of diminished motivation or frustration. I am convinced that each of our students will develop the skills needed to propel them towards current as well as future academic success in school and in their lives as citizens.

Lori Hadley
Edgemont Principal

**Picture Retake Day
Wednesday,
October 9th**

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newsletter.*

HARRASSMENT POLICY:

The Puyallup School District has an anti-discrimination policy (policy 3211) and a policy covering harassment, intimidation and bullying (Policy 3207). The policies were revised and adopted by our Board of Directors in August of 2003 as a means of providing the safest and most optimum learning environment for all students. Copies of these policies are available on the District website at www.puyallup.k12.wa.us or by calling the Office of Diversity Affairs at 253-840-8966.

COMPLAINT DROP BOX:

Each school in our District has a suggestion/complaint/help box on site. Our box is located in the main office, to the right of the television. The box is one method that students, staff, and families can raise issues of concern related to harassment and discrimination.

SODA REPRESENTATIVE:

Any complaint of harassment or discrimination will be immediately addressed by the administrator on site assigned to complaints of harassment and discrimination. Our Site Level Office of Diversity Affairs (SODA) representative is Julie Allison.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please feel free to contact Edgemont Junior High's SODA representative, Julie Allison, if you have additional questions about the Puyallup School District's commitment to diversity. I would also encourage you to consider participating in the Involved Multi-cultural Parent and Community Advisory Council (IMPACT). This group meets monthly. Information about scheduled meetings can be found on the District website www.puyallup.k12.wa.us Office of Diversity Affairs page or by calling the Office of Diversity Affairs at 253-840-8966.

USING ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT EJH



Edgemont's policy re: student use of electronic devices at school is simple: students may use their iPods, cell phones, etc. before school, after school, and during their lunch, but ONLY outside the building or in the cafeteria. When staff members see students using these devices during class or in the hallways between classes, they take the device and turn it over to Shelley, security. Consequences are determined based on a system of progressive discipline. Frequently, students who get their phones taken away say that their Mom is calling/texting them. We are asking that if you need to contact your student during the day, call the office and we will get a message to them. Please do not call/text your student. Not only is the use of these devices distracting, it also sets students up to have their phone taken away. Thank you for your support as we continue to make education our top priority at EJH.



**October 22nd, 23rd, 24th
Early Release Days for Students
at 11:45 AM**

IMPORTANT DATES

October 2013

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Tuesday, October 8	Movie Club, Room 212 Cross Country @ Stahl Volleyball (JV & Varsity) here vs. Glacier View	2:20 - 4:20 PM 3:15 PM 3:30 PM
Wednesday, October 9	PICTURE RETAKE DAY Volleyball (JV & Varsity) @ Ballou JV Football here vs. Kalles Varsity Football @ Kalles	3:30 PM 3:30 PM 3:30 PM
Thursday, October 10	Teacher Training, no school for students	
Friday, October 11	State In-Service, no school for students	
Monday, October 14	Late Arrival Game Club, Room 139 Homework Helpers, Room 133 7 th Grade Football here vs. Stahl 7 th Grade Volleyball @ Glacier View	8:45 AM 2:20 - 4:20 PM 2:20 - 4:20 PM 3:30 PM 3-5 PM
Tuesday, October 15	Cross Country @ Ballou Volleyball (JV & Varsity) @ Aylen	3:15 PM 3:30 PM
Wednesday, October 16	7th Grade Football @ Kalles Parent/Community Meeting with Dr. Tim Yeomans	3:30 PM 6:30 PM
Thursday, October 17	Cross Country here vs. Kalles Seahawks @ Arizona GO HAWKS!	3:15 PM 5:25 PM
Friday, October 18	Volleyball (JV & Varsity) here vs. Ferrucci	3:30 PM
Monday, October 21	Late Arrival Game Club, Room 139 Homework Helpers, Room 133	8:45 AM 2:20 - 4:20 PM 2:20 - 4:20 PM
Tuesday, October 22	Early Release Movie Club, Room 212 JV Volleyball here vs. Kalles Varsity Volleyball here vs. Kalles	11:45 AM 2:20 - 4:20 PM 5:15 PM 7 PM
Wednesday, October 23	Early Release 7 th Grade Football @ Glacier View	11:45 AM 3:30 PM
Thursday, October 24	Early Release Cross Country Meet @ Bradley Lake JV Football here vs. Glacier View	11:45 AM 3:15 PM 3:30 PM
Friday, October 25	Varsity Football @ Glacier View	3:30 PM
Monday, October 28	Late Arrival Game Club, Room 139 Homework Helpers, Room 133	8:45 AM 2:20 - 4:20 PM 2:20 - 4:20 PM
Tuesday, October 29	Movie Club, Room 212 PTSA Meeting @ Edgemont Fall Concert: Concert Band, Concert Choir, Orchestra	2:20 - 4:20 PM 6 PM 7 PM

Parent/Community Meeting
6:30 PM, Wednesday, October 16th
Edgemont Junior High Cafeteria

Guest Presenters: Dr. Tim Yeomans, Puyallup School District Superintendent
Lori Hadley, Edgemont Junior High Principal
Brian Lowney, Puyallup School District Chief Academic Officer, Region 3

Student Drop-Off & Pick Up Traffic



Parent drivers are urged to drop off and pick up students in the Hilltop parking lot or in the lower parking lot (southwest parking lot) before and after school. This not only improves safety for students and vehicles, it speeds up the hectic early morning and afternoon process for ALL drivers. The north end door is unlocked in the morning for students to enter the building. If you do drop off your students in the front of the building, please pull forward so as not to block traffic. Thank you for your cooperation, **Edgemont Safety Committee**

Dress Code Policy

Although we do not have a school uniform, we do have a dress code. Below are specific points to assist in complying with the dress code as spelled out in the "Rights and Responsibilities" section of the student handbook:

- No clothing with words, depictions or themes related to alcohol, tobacco, drug use, or gang affiliations.
- No jeans with holes above the knees (No holey jeans)
- No Bandanas, of any color
- Skirts or shorts need to be mid-thigh, even when worn with leggings or tights.
- No sexually oriented text, themes, or depiction.
- Except for t-shirts, undergarments must be covered at all times
- Pajamas are not to be worn at school
- Pants are not to be sagging
- Blouses/shirts and tops must not expose the waist, hips, or midriff
- No tube, one-shouldered, low cut, halter, spaghetti strap, see through, or bareback tops.
- No jewelry that presents safety hazards, such as safety pins, chains, spikes, dog leashes, etc.
- No hats or head covering may be worn during school hours; such items must be stored in book bags once a student arrives on campus
- All students must wear shoes. There are specific safety requirements for some classes. Students are expected to adhere to those requirements. No soft soled slippers.
- Sunglasses must not be worn unless for medical reasons



In addition, valuable electronics should be left at home. Thank you parents, for all your support in these areas.

ASK YOUR STUDENTS ABOUT EDGEMONT'S FLIGHT PROGRAM

FLIGHT

F - FOCUSED

L - LEADER

I - INVOLVED

G - GOAL ORIENTED

H - HONEST

T - TEAM PLAYER



From the desk of Edgemont's Assessment Coordinator

During September/October, the Puyallup School District will be assessing students using research-based tools to provide diagnostic profiles on how students are performing in reading and math. The **Reading Maze** measures silent reading comprehension and was given September 10 - 18. Next, all Edgemont students will take an **Algebra Screening Assessment** September 30 - October 16. Teachers will have access to all these results to assist them in guiding instruction.

The **Measurements of Student Progress (MSP)** is our state-mandated spring assessment. Seventh graders will again be tested in the areas of Writing, Reading, and Math while eighth graders will test in Science, Reading, and Math. The testing window for the MSP is currently **April 23 - May 15, 2014**. Our Algebra and Geometry students will take the **End of Course (EOC)** exams **June 3 - 7**. As you plan your spring, please be sure your sons and daughters are in school during this time.

If you have questions or concerns about any assessment issue, please feel free to contact Jeanne Anderson, Edgemont Assessment Coordinator at (253) 841-8727 or andersjl@puyallup.k12.wa.us

TOBACCO USE AND POSSESSION

Students of any age may not smoke, consume, use or possess tobacco products, any "nicotine delivery device", smoking/inhalant devices, e-cigarettes or vapor cigarettes at any time while on or around school district property, during the school day or at any school-sponsored activities. Before or after school, students are not to use tobacco products on or adjacent to the school grounds and/or within visual distance of any school grounds.

What is Edline? What is HAC? Why should I be signed up for either one?

Why - because communication with parents is a priority! These web applications can help us achieve this goal. Read below and see how each one helps us to accomplish this objective.

Edline: this web application is designed to give parents, guardians and students the ability to better communicate with the school, see the various assignments and activities the classroom is involved in.

Edline allows staff the option to post assignments and give parents/guardians a more detailed description of the expectations of the assignment.

Edline allows parents/guardians to click on the staff's email and send a short message to a staff member about questions they may have about assignments etc.

Our staff will have their web pages set up and actively using them by November 27th. We also ask that you please email our office manager, Kathy Kissner, at kissnekj@puyallup.k12.wa.us or call her at 253-841-8728 and let us know what information would be helpful to view on Edgemont's main web page.

Need help signing up for Edline? Contact our data processor Mona Horsley at horslerm@puyallup.k12.wa.us or call Mrs. Horsley at 253-841-8691.

HAC (Home Access Center): this web application is designed to give parents/guardians and students information about:

- Attendance

Example: You left for work and your child wasn't feeling well the night before. You wonder if he/she made it to school. All you have to do is log in and see if your student has been marked absent.

Example: You get a call from the school saying your child has missed one or more classes - Check HAC and see which teacher(s) marked your child absent.

- Assignments

Teachers can post assignments to the grade book and parents/guardians/students can see when they are due and how much the assignment weighs on the grade.

Parents/guardians can see what assignments are missing and when students can retake test(s).

- Grades

Parents/guardians and students can see the grade students received for a specific assignment.

All you need is an active email to sign up for HAC. Contact our data processor Mona Horsley at horslerm@puyallup.k12.wa.us or call Mrs. Horsley at 253-841-8691.

“Edline and HAC compliment each other but they do not interact. You must be signed up for each individually to receive the benefit.”



Counselor Information

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Free/Reduced Lunch Forms

Please, if you haven't already, fill out the free/reduced lunch forms that were sent home with your students, you may qualify! And Edgemont receives Federal Funds based on the number of students we have receiving free or reduced breakfast and lunch.

Contact Information

It is very important that you keep the school informed of your phone numbers, address and email information. Our goal at Edgemont is to be in touch with families as much as possible. If you have a phone, address or email change please let our counseling secretary, Mona Horsley know and we'll get it updated and keep in good contact with you.

College Bound Scholarship Information

7th and 8th grade families. Think you can't afford college? Well, think again. Families that qualify (free/reduced lunch; receive TANF benefits or meet income requirements) can earn a 4 year scholarship to any public college in the state of Washington, plus \$500 a year for books and supplies. Anyone who meets the requirements is eligible. For more information, check with Mr. Adgie.

Home Access Center

We are pleased that Home Access Center (HAC) is a part of school communication. Please check your students accounts as often as you can. We are encouraging our teachers to keep their grade books as up to date as possible. You may also check attendance and discipline questions as well. If you haven't set up an account email, Mrs. Horsley, our guidance secretary, and she'll email you the instructions. Great tool to support our students!

K-9 Drug Sweeps

I'm Deputy Jeff Papen with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department; in this capacity I also work with the Puyallup School District as a School Resource Officer. The subject of student health and safety is a top priority for parents, school officials and local law enforcement. It is recognized that drug abuse among teens in this country is a real problem that exists in schools everywhere and no school is immune to the presence of narcotics.

Drug use results in an increase in crime and a lowering of overall student performance. Data collected from recent Healthy Youth Surveys indicate that drugs throughout Washington and our local schools are far too common. The Sheriff Department and Puyallup Schools recognize that K-9 sweeps serve as one resource to provide educational opportunities, intervention and awareness for students, parents and staff throughout the district. We look to support our students and families while establishing a safe, drug free environment.

The Sheriff's Department partners with the Puyallup School District to demonstrate our concern about drug use among teens and show that we will not tolerate the use of drugs in our schools. Students have the right to learn in a safe, drug free environment. Therefore, we take extra steps to provide these additional services to our families to help keep our schools drug free. We implement the use of proactive methods to prevent narcotics on school grounds rather than only responding to drug related problems when information presents itself.

K-9 sweeps are introduced to the school environment in a way that is educational, respectful of student rights, nonintrusive and not disruptive to the educational process. This is not only legal, but highly monitored. Students are not targeted or sniffed by the K-9. We understand that these sweeps are **not a total answer** or solution for drug problems. However, this is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate to our students and staff that we take the problem of drugs on school grounds seriously. School administration is always looking for new and effective ways to serve our students and intends to incorporate these sweeps into their continuing efforts for drug prevention and intervention. The use of canine assisted narcotics sweeps does not indicate that a particular school has an abnormal amount of drugs on campus. Instead, it shows the willingness of school officials to be proactive in their efforts to ensure the safety and security of the school.



If you or your student have information about drugs being sold, used or possessed at school we encourage you to report this to your school Principal immediately.

Thank you for taking time to review this information with your kids. Deputy Jeff Papen

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A Letter from your PTSA President.....

Hello Edgemont students, parents and staff,

Welcome to Edgemont or Welcome back!! We are planning another exciting year here at EJH. We have a great Executive Board to help support our students.

President - Kathy Jo Horton
Vice President - Sheryl Huber
Secretary - Debbie Pierson
Treasurer - Angie Reed

We have already kicked off our first fundraiser of the year, which ended Friday, October 4th. Thank you all who participated in this fundraiser. All proceeds from our PTSA fundraisers help support our own students and staff right here at EJH.

Please plan on attending the Parent/Community Meeting at Edgemont Junior High on Wednesday, October 16th. Dr. Tim Yeomans, our school superintendent, will be speaking to us about some exciting programs being looked at to have at Edgemont.

We have scheduled all of our General Membership Meetings. Please make sure to come and help us vote on all issues and staff requests at our meetings throughout the year. Our first meeting will be on October 29th before the first music concert at 6pm. The other meetings are:

December 2nd @ 6 PM
February 4th @ 6 PM
April 8th @ 6 PM
May 6th @ 6 PM

If you haven't joined PTSA yet, please join.

Thanks for your constant and continued support,

Kathy Jo Horton
PTSA President

Breathe in the Joy that Dances in the Air



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Edgemont Junior High

Is your child going to be absent for the day or part of the day?

Please call the new automated attendance line at 253/841-8727, ext 1, early in the morning notifying the school of the student absence. You may leave a voice mail message even if the office is closed or the lines are busy. (Please see the *Puyallup School District Jr. High School Students Rights & Responsibilities Handbook* for more information on student absences.) Absences are not excused until cleared.

Is your child going to come in or out of school during the middle of the day?

Is your child **arriving** late during the middle of the school day?

Sign-In Main Office – Parent/guardian signs student into main office or student brings parent note with reason for late arrival.

Is your child **leaving** during the middle of the school day?

- **Before school starts**, student brings parent note to main office indicating time to be excused from class.
- An excused early dismissal form is issued to the student.
- This information is entered in the teachers' daily attendance bulletin.
- At the beginning of the class that student will be leaving, student shows early dismissal form to teacher.
- At early dismissal time, student quietly leaves classroom to come to main office.
- Parent/guardian (or person designated by parent/guardian) signs student out through main office.

Will your child be absent on a future date?

Plan Ahead – Planned Absences – When you know a student will be absent for a future day or days, please follow one of the two processes listed below.

- Parent/guardian writes a note to the office requesting a planned absence indicating student's name, date(s) to be absent, and the reason for the absence.
- Student brings note into the office two days or a week before the absence (or requests a planned absence form to take home for parent/guardian signature.)
- Planned absence is issued to the student.
- Student takes planned absence around to all teachers to sign-off and give assignments that can be made up.
- Student turns in completed form to main office. (Student can request a copy for homework information.)

- Two days or a week before the absence, student requests planned absence form in the office.
- Parent/guardian completes planned absence information on the form.
- Student takes planned absence around to all teachers to sign-off and give assignments that can be made up.
- Student turns in completed form to main office. (Student can request a copy for homework info.)



Contact Information for Edgemont Junior High

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Office Manager: Kathy Kissner

Counselor: Shawn Adgie

Attendance Secretary: Diana Miesse

EJH Web Site: www.puyallup.k12.wa.us/ourschools/juniorhigh/edgemont

HAC Web Site: <https://homeaccess.puyallup.k12.wa.us/default.aspx>

To contact teachers at Edgemont, please email directly using the addresses provided below. Include your child's name in the subject line (example: re: John Smith). If you don't have email access, please call the front office and leave a message. By phone or by email, we look forward to hearing from you. Edgemont parents and staff make great partners!

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