



# 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! What an amazing start to the school year. I have had the opportunity to meet many students as well as reacquaint with others. I would like to introduce the new staff here at EJH in 2014-15: Michael DiRoberts (Choir), David Heagle (AVID/Social Studies), Keva Jordan (Counselor), Felicia Kerns (Digitools), Kim Leger (Administrative Intern), Paul Martin (Math), Tristin McNabb (Math), Greg Rohr (Technology) and Catherine Sherin-Terhune (LPN).

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.

A special thank you to our wonderful PTSA who purchased T-shirts for every 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at Edgemont. The staff and I appreciate all the support we receive from PTSA. If you haven't joined PTSA yet please consider joining a form is included in this newsletter.

The staff at Edgemont is working hard at implementing a research-based program called RTI (Response to Intervention) that will allow NO students to "fall through the cracks" in education. This requires both time and support. Like any worthwhile program, RTI's success needs dedication between school and home. Thanks again for the wonderful start to the 2014-15 school year.

Kevin Hampton,  
Edgemont Principal

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*All e-mail  
addresses for  
staff is included  
in this  
newsletter.*

**Fall Concert - Thursday,  
October 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM  
Picture Retake Day  
Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## **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](http://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](http://www.puyallup.k12.wa.us) Office of Diversity Affairs page or by calling the Office of Diversity Affairs at 253-840-8966.

## *From the desk of Edgemont's Assessment Coordinators*

During September, Edgemont has been assessing students using a computer-based program to provide diagnostic profiles on how students are currently performing in reading and math. The **STAR** tests have been administered in English and Math classes, and then teachers will have access to all these results to assist them in guiding instruction.

Puyallup students will once again test in the spring using three assessments: **Smarter Balanced Assessment** for seventh and eighth graders in English/Language Arts and Math, **Measurements of Student Progress** for eighth grade Science, and **End of Course** exams for eighth and ninth grade Algebra students.

If you have questions or concerns about any assessment issue, please feel free to contact Julie Allison or Jeanne Anderson, Edgemont Assessment Coordinators at (253) 841-8727, [allisojm@puyallup.k12.wa.us](mailto:allisojm@puyallup.k12.wa.us) , or [andersjl@puyallup.k12.wa.us](mailto:andersjl@puyallup.k12.wa.us) .



*October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Early Release Days for Students  
at 11:30 AM*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**October 2014**

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Friday, October 3	<b>Picture Retake</b> Volleyball (JV & Varsity) @ Stahl	3:30 PM
Monday, October 6	Late Arrival Seahawks @ Washington <b>GO HAWKS!</b>	8:30 AM 5:25 PM
Tuesday, October 7	Cross Country @ Kalles Volleyball (JV & Varsity) here vs. Glacier View	3:15 PM 3:30 PM
Wednesday, October 8	JV Football here vs. Kalles Varsity Football @ Kalles	3:30 PM 3:30 PM
Thursday, October 9	Teacher Training, no school for students	
Friday, October 10	State In-Service, no school for students	
Monday, October 13	Late Arrival	8:30 AM
Tuesday, October 14	Cross Country here vs. Aylen Volleyball (JV & Varsity) @ Ballou	3:15 PM 3:30 PM
Wednesday, October 15		
Thursday, October 16	Great Washington Shake Out Cross Country here vs. Stahl JV Football @ Stahl	10:16 AM 3:15 PM 3:30 PM
Friday, October 17	Volleyball (JV & Varsity) @ Aylen Varsity Football here vs. Stahl	3:30 PM 3:30 PM
Monday, October 20	Late Arrival	8:30 AM
Tuesday, October 21	Early Release	11:30 AM
Wednesday, October 22	Early Release	11:30 AM
Thursday, October 23	Cross Country Meet @ Bradley Lake JV Football @ Aylen Volleyball (JV & Varsity) here vs. Kalles	3:15 PM 3:30 PM 3:30 PM
Friday, October 24	Varsity Football here vs. Aylen	3:30 PM
Monday, October 27	Late Arrival	8:30 AM
Thursday, October 30	<i>Fall Concert: Concert Band, Concert Choir, Orchestra</i>	7 PM

**FLIGHT**  
**F - FOCUSED**  
**L - LEADER**  
**I - INVOLVED**  
**G - GOAL ORIENTED**  
**H - HONEST**  
**T - TEAM PLAYER**



## 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.

### 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.

**2014-2015  
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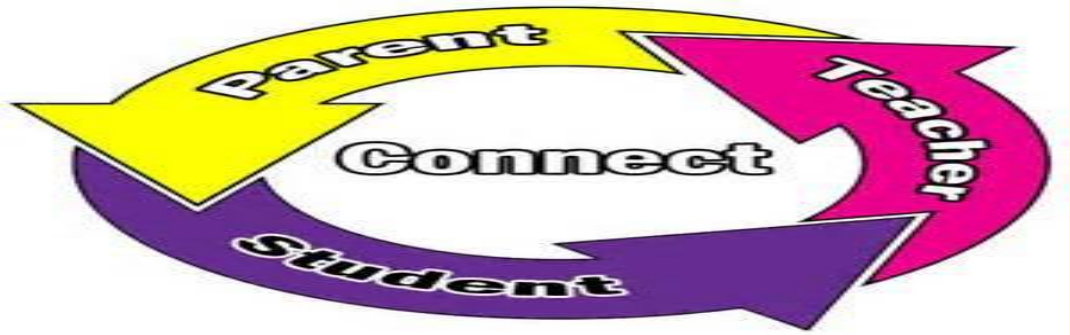
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**A Letter from your PTSA President.....**

**Hello Edgemont Parents, Staff and Students -**

Welcome to all of you for our 2014-2015 school year!

My name is Kristy Lockard. I am your PTSA President for this school year. This is my first year here at Edgemont and I am looking forward to a great year and getting to meet all of you.

Our PTSA is excited to be a part of this wonderful Edgemont community and we encourage you all to join!

Wondering what PTSA does? PTSA is here to help enrich and enhance the education experience of our students. We help out with classroom supplies, library supplies, staff needs, school events and much more. Your support allows us to continue our mission.

Be on the lookout for more communication as to upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, fundraiser information etc.

If you have any questions or would like more information about PTSA please feel free to contact me at [b\\_lockard@email.com](mailto:b_lockard@email.com).

Thank you!  
Kristy Lockard  
PTSA President

**General Meetings - 6:30pm - all are welcome!**

Oct. 7  
Dec. 9 (5:30)  
Feb. 3  
April 14  
May 12

Are you a Safeway shopper? Have you signed up for eScrip? eScrip is a program that Safeway offers to give back to the schools in their communities. A percentage of all of your purchases goes to the school of your choice. It is easy to do, all you have to do is shop! If you have not yet registered you may do so at Safeway or contact Kathy Horton at [kathyjo86@email.com](mailto:kathyjo86@email.com) for more information.

# 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.)



## ***Counselor Information***

Keva Jordan

Monday - Tuesday - Thursday - Friday

Edgemont Jr. High Counselor

[jordankm@puyallup.k12.wa.us](mailto:jordankm@puyallup.k12.wa.us)

253-841-8727

### ***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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Mrs. Jordan.

### ***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