



# Edison News Letter

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 9/4 No School—  
Labor Day
- 9/13 Early Dismissal  
– 1p
- 9/21 Picture Day
- 9/27 Early Dismissal  
– 1p

MRS. KRISTIN SHANKS, PRINCIPAL

SEPTEMBER 2023

## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Hello Edison Families!

My name is Kristin Shanks, and I am your new principal. I have met several families already and look forward to meeting everyone. I have always loved Edison Elementary, and I am very excited to be here. I hope we can call work, grow and learn together for a fabulous year. We will have many fun things to do this year, and I hope to see all your friendly faces! Thank you so much for sharing your children with us at Edison! Here's to a wonderful 2023-2024 school year!

## What's New

Check out the changes to the Ownership in Education Handbook.

Visit: <https://www.danville118.org//cms/lib/IL50000642/Centricity/Domain/325/23-24%20OIE%20for%20Website.pdf>

## A Note From The Nurse...

### Special Health Needs

If your child has any special health needs or problems, this should be communicated to the nurse. This information is kept confidential, and it can be very important to a successful experience in school. Examples of such needs include:

1. Food Allergies
2. Bee Sting Allergies
3. Allergy to any other substances
4. Difficulty with vision, hearing or speech
5. Need for medication during school hours

Need for special aids such as crutches, walkers or wheelchairs, either on a temporary or permanent basis.

**Reasons to keep your child home: Fever, Vomiting, Diarrhea, or advice to keep home from MD. Please keep them home until they are free of these symptoms without medication for 24 hours.**

Edison Nurses Office

217-444-3384

## Pre- K News:

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. I hope everyone had a nice relaxing summer. The PreK classrooms have gotten off to a great start. For the past several weeks, we have been working on rules and routines in the classroom. In addition, please remember to check your child's book bag and bring in an extra change of clothes if you have not done so already. If you have not connected with class DoJo, please do so as soon as possible because we use it quite frequently. We are looking forward to a great year in PreK.

Ms. Smith, Mrs. Bateman, Mrs. Owen



## Kindergarten

We would like to welcome all the kindergarten families to Edison! Thank you to those families that came to Kindergarten Meet the Teacher day or Open House in the evening. It was nice to meet all of you. We are off to a great start learning our rules, routines, and procedures in Kindergarten. Kindergarten is working hard during Alphabet Boot Camp and Number Boot Camp, which are brief introductions to the alphabet and numbers. Please remember to check your child's FOLDER EACH AND EVERY NIGHT and TAKE THE PAPERS OUT to review them with your child. Make sure the folder is in the book bag EVERY night. This will help reinforce skills that we have taught in class and help them become successful. If you have not connected with your teacher on class dojo, please make sure to connect to see many pictures and information posted about our class. We hope to have a great year and look forward to working with your child for the rest of the school year.

Mrs. Tutwiler, Mrs. Houpt



## First Grade

The start of the school year and the month of August has flown by and our first grade at Edison has been working very hard to review reading and math skills from Kindergarten to prepare for new and exciting first grade concepts. This school year will be full of fun but your student will be challenged in a new way as they become readers, writers, and develop new math strategies. We are so excited to learn and grow with your children this year! In our classroom we are a family and a team. We look forward to getting to know all of you and working together to make your child's first grade experience the best that it can be! Please utilize Class Dojo to contact Miss Neil or Mrs. Strawser and check for class updates.

Miss Neil, Mrs. Strawser

## Second Grade

Welcome to 2nd Grade!!!!!!

We are off to a great start. We are making new friends and learning daily procedures. Eureka Math is our math program. We are starting to learn about sums and differences to 100. In Reading, we are finishing Routines and Procedures along with reviewing some First Grade skills. We are also learning about our government. Edison School is mainly communicating to parents through Dojo. Please login into DOJO if you haven't. The students will be learning how to get on google meets if we ever go to remote learning. We are asking parents to check your child's book bag daily for any homework and important information. Parents, we will definitely have to work together closely to give your child the best educational experience.

Parents please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions throughout the school year.

Mrs. Waterman, Mrs. Holycross



## Third Grade

We are so glad to have students back in the classroom! We spent the first few days learning our classroom rules and routines. In math we are learning the basics of multiplication and division. We have learned several strategies so far to help us solve these types of problems. Please make sure you are looking at their math papers that are coming home each work to see how they are doing. If you have not connected with us on Dojo please be sure to do that. Dojo is a great way for us to communicate with you and for you to see how your child is behaving in the classroom.

Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Lewis



## Fourth Grade

We are excited to start this school year! Students are working on personal narratives while reading about memoirs from different authors. In math, we have extended place value to the millions. Students will be able to recognize, round, and add/subtract to this place value. He/she will also understand the power of 10 and how to multiply/divide by 10 to a million.

Mr. Rogers, Mrs. Moore

## A Note from the School Social Worker

Hello Edison families!

I'd like to take the chance to introduce myself and update you on services that I provide to our students & families. As a school social worker, I strive to make sure your students have all they need to be successful at school and beyond. To do this, I provide individual and group counseling, coordinate resources like food and clothing, help during crisis situations, coordinate 504 plans, and work with students who have IEPs. Please contact me anytime with questions or concerns you have regarding your student's wellbeing.

I will have two social work interns working with me this year, Kristen Cooley and Jasmine Owens. They will be working with students and helping with all the activities above!

Mrs. Katie Brewer, LCSW  
School Social Worker  
(217)444-3505 [BrewerK@danville118.org](mailto:BrewerK@danville118.org)

### Physical Education

Welcome back Edison families!! Physical Education has been off to a fantastic start for all grade levels. I've enjoyed seeing students back at Edison as well as meeting all the new faces here! I want all students to be safe in PE, so we have covered rules and expectations while we are playing in the gym or outside. We also discussed that it is important to play fair and show good sportsmanship with peers in all of the games and activities we will be participating in. I am looking forward to seeing students progress in PE throughout the year, as well as seeing enjoyment when coming to physical education for movement. We have also enjoyed the beautiful weather outside these first couple of weeks and will continue to do so. Please remember students should have tennis shoes/closed toe shoes on PE days throughout the year.

Go lifelong movers!

Ms. Malinowski



### Speaking of Speech- Welcome to the new school year!

Hello and welcome to a new school year! My name is Karla Lewis and I am the Speech Language Pathologist for Edison school. My job is to help any students who may have communication needs such as saying sounds correctly, using good vocabulary skills, listening for information, answering questions, and using fluent speech, which is another way to say I help with stuttering. I work with students in all grades at Edison from Pre-K all the way to 4th grade. Students who receive speech and language services have an IEP in place with specific goals that address their needs. If your child has a speech IEP then they are on my schedule and will be coming for speech therapy a couple times a week. If you have concerns about your child's speech and language skills and they do not have an IEP then please feel free to contact me at 217-444-3359 or you can email me at [lewisk@danville118.org](mailto:lewisk@danville118.org). I am looking forward to a great year of helping kids improve their communication skills!

Mrs. Karla Lewis