Edgewood

Creative Thinking Through STEAM

Magnet School

The Leaf 2-21-22

CALENDAR

Monday, February 21st	**Begin February Break. School is NOT in Session**
Wednesday, February 23rd	8th Grade Zoom Meeting- Arts in Our High Schools at 6PM: See announcement
Monday, February 28th	Return from February Break.
Friday, March 4th	Spirit Day- Twin Day
Friday, March 11th	Spirit Day- Rainbow Day or Class Color Day
Tuesday, March 15th	PTO Meeting, 5:30 PM Virtual
Friday, March 18th	Spirit Day- Crazy Hair Day
Friday, March 25th	Spirit Day- Favorite Character Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARTS IN OUR HIGH SCHOOLS

Ellen Maust, NHPS Supervisor of Performing and Visual Arts, is hosting a virtual High School presentation to 8th grade families on Wednesday, February 23rd at 6:00PM. The Zoom link and additional information are included below:
8th Grade Arts Informational Session

CLIFFORD BEERS CARE COORDINATION PARTNERSHIP

Edgewood has partnered with Clifford Beers to extend Care Coordination to Edgewood families Care Coordination is a strengths-based that uses the wraparound team model so that all children, youth and families can achieve optimal levels of functioning at home, in the community, at school and at the workplace. Please check out the attached brochure that provides much more information about this program. There is also a link for families to initiate this process (please note that there is an approximate wait time of 4–6 weeks due to current need): Clifford Beers Care Coordination 2022 Link

INFORMATION FROM OUR PTO

Volunteer at Edgewood! Looking for a great opportunity to help the Edgewood School community? NHPS is now allowing volunteers back in the buildings. Fill out the attached form or download from Edgewoodmagnetpto.com and get approved to help out. Just a few hours goes a long way to support the staff and students and help our community thrive!

The Edgewood PTO is planning another **Teacher Appreciation breakfast for Wednesday, March 2nd!** Help us celebrate the tremendous work by Edgewood staff to navigate these challenging pandemic years and help our mighty acorns grow. We'll also be collecting supplies for the staff room coffee maker. Sign-up at the following link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054eada92ca46-edgewood1

LOST AND FOUND

We are looking for plastic hanger donations to place in our lost and found area so students can see and access items with ease. You can either donate extra hangers from home, or purchase some so we may set up our new area. Thank you so much.

8TH GRADE APPRENTICE OPPORTUNITY AT ELI WHITNEY

The Apprentice Program is a paid educational program for students in 8th grade who are 13 years and up. Apprentices come to us with a wide range of interest in areas of focus, career opportunities, and academic paths. Students learn how to research, design, and produce projects ranging from electronics, to video game design, engineering architectural feats, bringing to life ancient cultures, *and* much much more- then then learn how to teach those projects to younger students. They work alongside the museum staff and guest artists and educators to explore their interests and to be trained on tools and techniques to make those interests come to fruition. Apprentices also gain invaluable life skills by being urged to communicate openly, problem solve, and collaborate with others through a variety of challenges. Our team is dedicated to mutual growth with our apprentices- they learn from us and we learn from THEM!

We will be opening another round of applications for our **Spring 2022 cohort after a Mandatory Zoom Informational Session on March 20th from 4-5PM** for applicants and their families.

Prospective applicants can sign up for this zoom session HERE.

Please forward this email directly to students, families, and other educators- we are dedicated to apprentice representation from all surrounding towns!

I am here to answer any question folx may have- ma@eliwhitney.org or 203-777-1833 ask for Maddie!

COVID TESTING PROGRAM

New Haven Public Schools is starting a voluntary free weekly COVID-19 testing program, called Project COVID DeteCT to help keep our students and community safe and help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Regular COVID-19 testing of students and staff will help us lower the risk of the disease in our schools by finding positive cases of COVID-19 quickly. The testing program will also help identify positive cases in people who do not show any symptoms. Testing will allow us to maintain regular in-person learning while making everyone feel safer when in-person. For more information about this program:
English: https://portal.ct.gov/ProjectCOVIDDeteCT?language=en_US
Spanish: https://portal.ct.gov/ProjectCOVIDDeteCT?language=es

We hope that you will participate by signing a consent form for your student. To sign electronically, follow this link: bit.ly/3giEF2x. Each school needs at least 20 students to participate, so please help spread the word. The more students who participate, the safer our schools will be!

What is the COVID-19 testing program?

- Participating students will be tested for COVID-19 once a week by staff from Quest Diagnostics
- The program is currently in progress
- The test is performed at your school.
- The COVID-19 test is quick, easy and it does not hurt.
- A nasal test gently swabs the lower inner nostril.
- Testing is sent to the lab.
- Lab results are sent to the parent within 24 hours.
- The test is free. You do not need to pay for the test or have insurance to get the test.
- The program is optional, but we hope you will participate to help us stop the spread of COVID-19.

How can my student participate in the program?

To participate in the testing program, you need to sign a consent form for your student: bit.ly/3giEF2x. You only need to sign up once for the weekly testing. Student information will only be shared with the Department of Public Health and New Haven Health Department if a student tests positive in an individual test.
The program is voluntary. Students are not required to participate in the program. We strongly encourage your student to participate to help us reduce the spread of the COVID-19 disease.

If you have questions, please reach out to Dr. Paul Whyte at paul.whyte@new-haven.k12.ct.us.

PTO UPDATES- EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
The PTO has set aside funds to support families who have been impacted by COVID, and/or who may be in need of emergency financial assistance. Please contact Ms. Rizzo (andrea.rizzo@new-haven.k12.ct.us) if you'd like more information.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES
Please check out the following community outreach opportunities with the United Way to give back to New Haven residents and families: United Way Letter Writing Link and United Way Food Distribution

DISTRICT EQUITY TEAM NEWSLETTER
District Equity Leadership Team (DELT) Newsletter – As a proud member of DELT, Dr. P is pleased to release their first DELT Newsletter. While it is written to colleagues, we hope families will find the resources helpful and thought-provoking. DELT Newsletter

GROCERY GIVEAWAY- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH 12:00-1:30PM
The Community Baptist Church is hosting a February grocery giveaway in the parking lot at 143 Shelton Avenue, New Haven on Saturday, February 19th from 12:00PM-1:30PM. It is free and open to the public.

SAFETY REMINDERS
We continue to reinforce our COVID-19 mitigation measures to keep the school healthy while facing a considerable uptick in cases. Masks must be worn consistently (no ski masks are permitted), unless students are on a designated mask break or are eating breakfast/lunch. We will contact parents/guardians if any student refuses to follow these guidelines, and ask that you remind your students of these expectations as we strive to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for all.

HOMEWORK HELP HOTLINE-NHPS
https://meet.google.com/lookup/homeworkhelp

The Homework Help Hotline will be available from 4:30 - 6:30 PM Monday to Thursday. Students will need to sign on with their NHPS Account to access this service.

PICKUP REMINDERS
Parents/Guardians- Please be sure to scan the QR code only when you arrive at the school, and not prior to arrival. This is our way of knowing that you are on-site and ready to receive your student. We continue to have early entries submitted and students are sent out to wait, only for us to determine that their parent/guardian has not yet arrived. Your cooperation is much appreciated. Additionally, all parents/guardians must be on the blacktop in order for us to release students (unless you are on the playground picking up from K).

PARKING REMINDERS
We must stress the importance of following our drop-off and pick up procedures for the safety of our students, families, and staff at all times. **There is absolutely NO DROP-OFF in front of Edgewood on Yale Avenue.** The only drop-off that occurs is in the bus lane for BUSES ONLY. Please do not drive your car through the bus lane to drop off your child. If you would like to park and walk your child into school, please do so using the designated parking spaces further down from the school on Yale or on Edgewood and West Rock. Furthermore, do not block the driveways of any surrounding homes, or park in non-designated spots such as crosswalks and bus or bike lanes. We must have all families adhere to these guidelines in order to maintain safe conditions for all. Thank you and please reach out with any questions.

LUNCH MENUS

The following link will provide you with access to the monthly lunch menus. Just click the menu drop-down option to view: https://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/index.php?sid=1596058078549

Please email Ms. Rizzo with any items you'd like to have included in the Leaf: andrea.rizzo@nhboe.net