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Dear Edgewood Families,

Hopefully, this letter will reach you amidst an enjoyable summer - spending time with those you love and doing activities that bring you joy. I'm writing this letter while sitting by the ocean at East Shore Park - one of the many picturesque spots in our beautiful city.

Welcome to the new school year! Make sure to attend our mandatory Orientation on Aug. 20 at 10AM or 6PM - either in-person or virtual. You may access the Orientation details on our Family Resources tab on our website: <https://edgewoodschoolnhps.weebly.com/family-resources.html>

Here are some updates for the new school year:

- **NEW Families** - For those of you new to the Edgewood School Family, please read the welcome letter for lots of helpful information: [Click here](#)
- **NEW Staff** - there will be some new faces on our team. While the loss of staff will be felt, we expect the new staff will add to our school climate in positive ways. These updates will be shared via our Staff List on our website as soon as the Board processes appointments ([click here for the staff list](#)).
- **Learning Structure** - Our learning structure shows promise in our data! Grades 2-8 are departmentalized, meaning students have different teachers for core subjects and change classrooms throughout the day. Our success is inspiring other schools to follow our model. It promotes a deeper understanding of the curriculum for the teacher and allows for our students to adapt to different teaching styles and personalities.
- **Academic focus: Deepening effective learning strategies** - the Edgewood teaching staff stands high among the district with high quality teaching and learning practices. This year we intend to dig deeper and be strategic about selecting best practices to use in the classroom. Teams will follow the Data Wise process and select areas of focus to improve practice. This is a proven data-driven cycle that we have already used to find success.
- **NEW AI Policy** - the presence of Artificial Intelligence is here to stay. As a learning community, NHPS is developing a new policy for healthy ways to use AI along with clear guidelines for the technology. As with any new technology, there are benefits and disadvantages to its use. Our goal is for students to learn to adapt to this changing technology, to embrace creative practices, and evaluate ethical choices in its use.
- **NEW Parent and Community Responsibility, Involvement, Civility Policy** - The NHPS Board of Education believes that a child's education is a responsibility that is shared by family, school, and community and values these partnerships. It recognizes that schools, families, and communities all contribute to student success, and the best results come when all three work together in a collaborative and cooperative manner.

Get Involved

Please consider joining our school volunteer program since our students can benefit from your involvement and contributions to the school's program and its operations. We have many opportunities for parents to volunteer during and after school hours. Please contact our Parent Liaison for more information - [click here for our staff list](#) for contact information. The [Parent Teacher Organization \(PTO\)](#) is another way for parents/guardians to support our school.

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Additional Resources

Our school website has many resources for [Families](#) including a [school events calendar](#) (this includes descriptions about our traditions and events), [The Leaf](#) (our school newsletter), [classroom webpages](#), details of our [ECHO Program](#), and [staff contact information](#) just to name a few. Please also follow us on Instagram [@Edgewood_STEAM](#) for an insider-view of our school.

Our Vision

We advocate for an inclusive Edgewood community where everyone values and respects all cultures. We are committed to dismantling systems of racism and inequalities, while celebrating individuality and identity. Edgewood STEAM students are taught to think critically about their environment so they can grow to be the change they desire to see in the world.

- Check out these resources for ways we can all grow in race and equity work - [click here](#)

We look forward to working with you as a team to have a successful school year.

In partnership,

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