



June 2025

Sally Whitelock, Principal Samanta Armijo, Assistant Principal

A message from the Principal...

As the school year comes to an end, we say "so long" to our students, staff, and parents for the summer. It has been a fantastic year filled with events that have brought us closer together. We would like to thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year. We could not offer such a rich education to our students without the continuing effort and support that you all give. We appreciate and thank all our volunteers for the countless hours involved in so many of the behind the scenes activities such as fundraising, community events, stuffing Thursday folders and attending field trips.

With the end of the year also comes staff changes and family moves. We would like to take this opportunity to wish those students and families leaving us this year all the best in their new schools and homes. As we near the summer holidays, I want to wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer vacation.

As you begin to plan for the 2025-26 school year, we hope that you will prioritize school attendance. We know that students who have good attendance are much more likely to develop a positive self-concept about school and good work habits, as well as being more likely to be at/above grade level academically. Please support your students and the staff at Edison by planning your vacations when we do not have school. Please be aware of the following dates for the 2025-26 school year:

- August 13: Back-to-School Open House 3:30-5:30 PM
- August 18: First day of school for 1st-5th graders and meet-the-teacher for kindergarten
- August 19: First day of school for ECE and kindergarten students
- September 1: No school, Labor Day Holiday
- September 22: No school for students
- October 13: No school for students
- October 31: No school for students
- November 3: No school for Edison students
- November 24-28: No school for Thanksgiving break
- December 22-January 6: No school for Winter break (Please note, Edison students do not have school on January 6)
- January 19: No school, MLK Holiday
- February 16: No school, Presidents' Day Holiday
- February 27: No school for students
- March 2: No school for Edison students
- March 30-April 3: No school for Spring break
- May 1: No school for students
- May 25: No school, Memorial Day Holiday
- May 29: Last day of school, school ends at 12:00

Thank you for your continued support and engagement!

Sincerely,
Sally Whitelock, Principal
Samantha Aragon, Assistant Principal

Mark Your Calendars:

May 30	Talent Show
June 2	ECE Continuation at Edison at 9:30
June 2	Kindergarten Continuation at Edison at 1:30
June 2	5th grade Continuation at Skinner at 6:00 PM
June 3	Last day of school. School ends at 12:00 (lunch will be provided)

Mark your calendars for the Fall:

August 6	In-person registration at Edison from 9:00-3:00
August 13	Back to School Open House - 3:30-5:30 PM
August 18	Kindergarten assessment & meet the teacher day (sign up online in Aug)
August 18	No school for ECE (Professional Development day for staff)
August 18	First day of school for 1 st -5 th grades - School starts at 8:25 & ends at 3:25
August 19	First day of school for ECE and kindergarten - School starts at 8:25 & ends at 3:25
September 1	No School - Labor Day Holiday
September 19	Edison 100 Year Celebration after school
September 26	Eagle Run
September 22	No school for students (Professional Development day for staff)
October 24	Fall Festival after school

School lunch menus can be found at: <https://www.schoolcafe.com/dps>

- Click on View Menus (as a guest), then click on Monthly, Select School (Edison), Meal Type (Breakfast or Lunch) and then Traditional Lunch in the next box. The full month doesn't always populate at the beginning of the month so you might have to check back later in the month.

DPS 2025-26 School year calendar can be found at: <https://www.dpsk12.org/page/calendars>

- Please note that the first day of school for ECE & Kindergarten will be August 19.
- Edison will have 3 additional non-contact days Nov 3, Jan 6, March 2.
- Edison bell times for the 2025-26 school year: Start time: 8:25 am, End time: 3:25

Upcoming Events

Talent Show

Edison's annual talent show is a wonderful artistic event where 3rd-5th grade students perform their talents in front of their peers. Each year our talented students sing, dance, hoola-hoop and more! The Talent Show is scheduled for May 30 in Edison's auditorium (or if weather permits outside in our amphitheater). All acts will perform at 9:30 and at 1:30. Parents of performers are invited to attend one of the performances.

Continuations

Edison will celebrate the continuation of our ECE students, kindergarten students and 5th grade students the last week of school. These are fun and important milestones for our children. Please join us in celebrating our students' successes as they continue forward in their educational careers.

- ECE continuation is scheduled for June 2 at 9:30 AM outside in Edison's amphitheater;
- Kindergarten continuation is scheduled for June 2 at 1:30 PM outside in Edison's amphitheater;
- 5th grade continuation will be at Skinner MS (3435 W 40th Ave) on June 2 at 6:00 PM.

Mark your calendars for the Fall...

Back to School Open House

Back-to-school open house will be Wednesday, August 13 from 3:30-5:30 PM. Please plan to attend Edison's Back-to-School Open House on August 13 anytime between 3:30 and 5:30 PM. Meet the teacher, see the classroom, drop off school supplies and learn about expectations for the school year. While you are at Edison, grab a treat from the school leadership and specials teams!

Kindergarten Meet-the-Teacher & Assessment Day

All kindergarten students will need to sign up for an individual meet-the-teacher and assessment which will take place on August 18. Please watch for emails with information on signing up.

First Day of School

Please plan on students returning to school in the fall on the following days:

- August 18 First day of school for 1st-5th grades
- August 19 First day of school for ECE and kindergarten

Please note that the school day begins at 8:25 AM and ends at 3:25 PM.

Important Information

Order School Supplies now

Skip the store—order your 2025–26 school supplies through the PTA!

- ☐ Supplies are exactly what teachers request
- ☐ Delivered to Edison before school starts
- ☐ Volunteers bring them straight to your child's classroom
- ☐ No shopping, no stress—just a few clicks!

Plus, each order supports the PTA fund (win-win!).

Order for the grade your student will be in next year.

Primary Sale CLOSES: **May 20th. Late Sale CLOSES: June 16th**

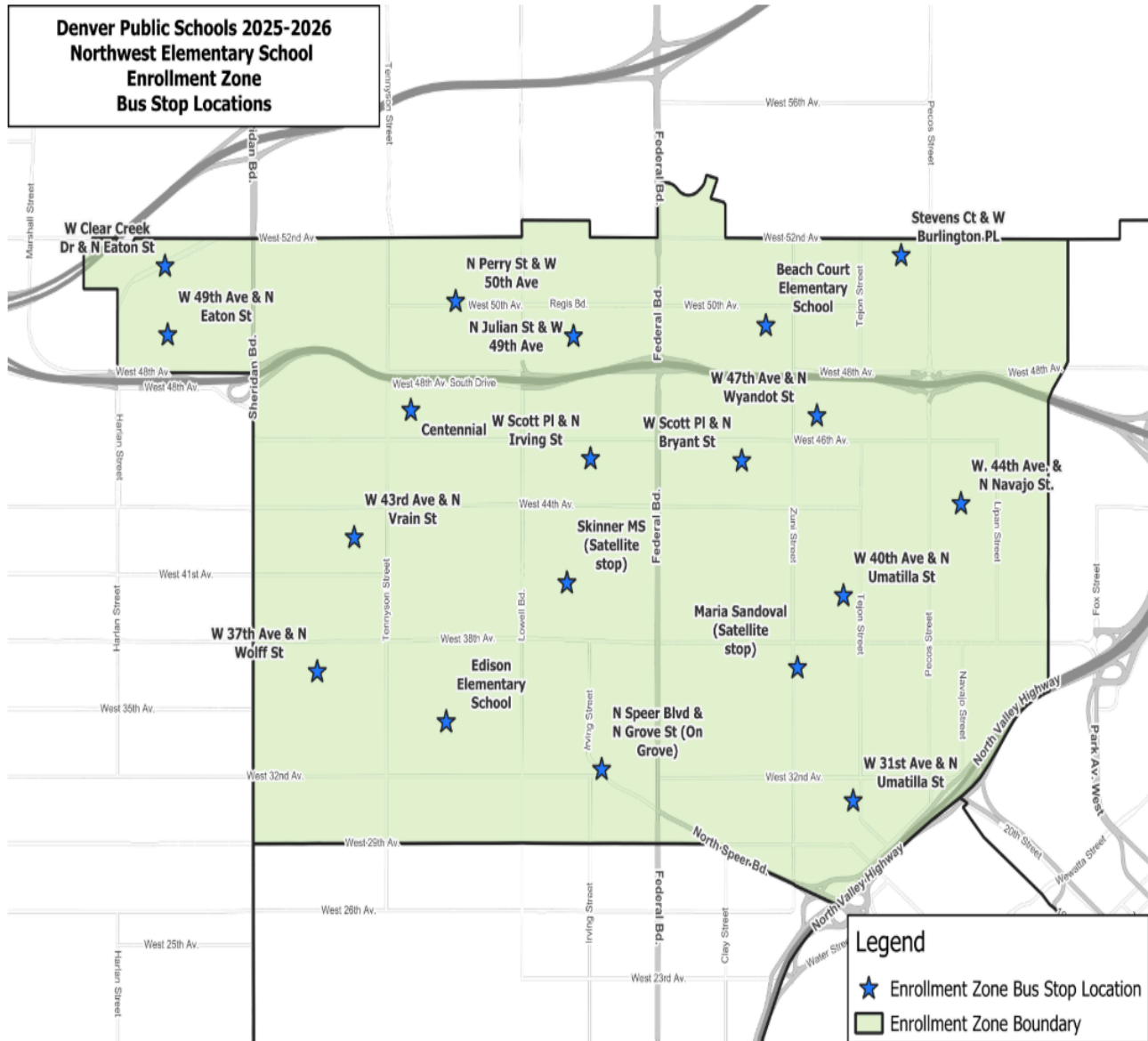
To order supplies:

- www.edisonschoolsupply.com
- Edisons Code: EDI023 (three letters three numbers)

2025-26 DPS Yellow Bus Transportation

The bus stop locations have been finalized for the Northwest enrollment zone. Your student will be eligible for transportation at any school in the zone as long as they live more than a mile from the school they are attending, or there is a hazardous road they must cross. For more information, please visit

<https://transportation.dpsk12.org/o/transportation/page/school-closures> or reach out to transportation@dpsk12.org with any additional questions.



2025-26 Registration

Online Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will take place in July/August (Date TBD). Early Bird registration will be open from families from May 5th to May 23rd. You must have a Parent Portal account to register online.

- If you need to open a Parent Portal account so you can do online registration, as well as have access to other important information about your student, go to myportal.dpsk12.org and click on 'Create an Account'. You will need your student's DPS ID# to start your account. You can call Edison's office at 720-424-7780 or email Michelle Miller in the office at michelle_miller@dpsk12.org, or Barbara Schrant at maria_schrant@dpsk12.org, to get your student's ID#.
- If you forgot your Parent Portal password click on the *forgot password* link.
- If you have any other trouble logging in (you must log in at least once every six months to keep your account active), you can ask for help by emailing portalteam@dpsk12.org or calling the portal hotline at 720.423.3163. Only caregivers in the primary household can do registration.

If you do not have computer access you will need to come to Edison to complete your student's annual registration. We'll have registration at Edison on August 6 from 9:00-3:00. If your address has changed please bring a new proof of address (current Xcel or water bill or lease or mortgage statement) or upload the proof with your online registration, and if your child has had additional immunizations please bring an updated record or upload with online registration. Otherwise all you'll need are names and phone numbers for anyone you want to be on your child's emergency/pick up list.

Additional information:

- If your student needs to keep medication at school you will need to pick up a new form to be filled out by a caregiver and physician. These will be available in the Edison office throughout the school year or you can email Michelle and she can send you a copy.
- If you need a Free/Reduced Lunch form, you can do this through <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>.
- School supply lists and DPS school calendars are available online on Edison's website at <http://edison.dpsk12.org/>.

CSC

The Collaborative School Committee (CSC) is a great opportunity for parents to further participate in the education of our children by supporting decision making at the school. The CSC is a collaborative committee of school leadership, teachers, parents and classified staff who meet monthly to strategically design the school's Unified Improvement Plan, analyze school data, provide guidance on and approve the school budget and staffing allocations, and advise the school leadership on school design decisions. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month from 4:00-5:00 at Edison and are open to all community members.

We have one new parent representative for CSC for the 2025-26 school year. Our 2025-26 CSC parent representatives are: Kristen Ingram, Beth Thomsic and Emily Tucker.

2025-26 PTA Board

Edison's PTA is the community involvement and fundraising non-profit organization that supports our school. Our PTA is a 100% volunteer organization that is led by an elected board of Edison caregivers. The PTA voted on board positions during the April PTA meeting.

The following people will be our PTA board members next year:

- President: Laura Rymarz
- Vice President: Jon Byars
- Treasurer: Adam (AJ) Kultgen
- Secretary: Jodie Malhotra

The President appointed the following chairpeople:

- Treasury & Fundraising Committee: Devon Unkeless, Andrea Psaroudis
- Social Media Chair: Stephanie Goldammer
- Volunteer liaison chair: Tara Stingley
- Membership chair: Tara Littell and Ali Farawell
- Community Service Chair: Amanda Das
- Staff Relations Coordinator: Stephanie Goldammer and Michelle Taracido

2025-26 Discovery Link Registration

Registration for the 2025-26 school year before/after school Discovery Link opened on April 29 at 6:00 am for all families on a first come, first served basis. Registration is annual; families must register every year. For more information and to register, please go to

<https://www.dpsk12.org/o/equity/page/discovery-link-before-and-after-school-program>

Volunteering

If you wish to volunteer for Edison this school year - with the PTA, for an event, in the classroom or for chaperoning a field trip - you must complete the volunteer application (Edison Code: e9x8to9).

<https://app.sterlingvolunteers.com/en/Candidates/Account/Register>



My School Bucks

We would like to encourage all caregivers to sign up with MySchoolBucks through your Parent Portal account. It is easier than ever to pay for field trips, class fees and ECE tuition online with MySchoolBucks.

Don't have a Parent Portal account? Go to:

<https://payonline.dpsk12.org/myschoolbucks-user-guide/#1512664218979-7b61e933-6f42> for steps to create one.

Staff Changes at Edison for the 25-26 school year

We are always sad when members of our staff leave us for new adventures. Please help me thank the following teachers for their investment in Edison students and our community:

- Ann Larson, intervention teacher and instructional coach, is retiring. We are sad to lose Ann and wish her a fun retirement!
- Cindie Curry, Special Educator in our MI-Autism classroom, will be moving to a new teacher position in a different school.
- Robert Condon, 5th grade teacher, will be moving on to a new adventure.
- Paige Humphreys, 1st grade teacher, will be moving on to a new school.

Please help me support our current teachers who are changing positions within the school and welcome our new teachers into our building:

- Due to a large 2nd grade class of students, we have decided to add another 3rd grade teacher next year. Julie Beeby and Mindy Ostrom, two masterful teachers, have agreed to co-teach in one of our large 3rd grade classrooms. We believe that this will create the best opportunity for all students to have a quality education in 3rd grade next year.
- Kate Colson, 5th grade teacher, will be our new intervention teacher and instructional coach next year.
- Kate Miller, current paraprofessional in our MI-Autism room, has accepted the special educator position in the MI-Autism room.
- Sarah Marvin will be our new 3rd grade teacher.
- Cassidy Madrid will be joining us in 5th grade.

GT Corner

ALP Closeout for 2024-2025 School year: Ms. Lovato (GT Teacher) and your classroom teacher will determine if the student has met their ALP goals, and we will close out the ALP by the end of the school year indicating if the goals were met or not. You will only be notified if your student has not met their ALP goals. If this is the case, you will receive a letter on what goal(s) were not met, explaining further details and next steps. This cycle repeats annually, and a new ALP will be written each year until the student graduates DPS.

A Summer of Challenge and Growth for Gifted Students at the Ricks Center.

Are you seeking a summer program designed specifically for gifted and talented students? Located on the University of Denver's campus, Summer at Ricks offers an enriching experience where bright minds can explore their passions, challenge their abilities, and connect with like-minded peers. Our program is carefully crafted to provide intellectual stimulation, hands-on learning, and creative problem-solving in an environment that nurtures curiosity and excellence. Gifted students thrive when given opportunities to push boundaries, and Summer at Ricks is the perfect place to do just that! Gifted students need an environment that fuels their passion for learning—Summer at Ricks does just that! Space is limited, so don't miss out on this transformative experience. Feel free to reach out to us for more details or to register. Please visit <https://morgridge.du.edu/ricks/summer>. We can't wait to welcome your gifted student this summer!

Traffic and Parking

Safety is our first priority at Edison and this starts with drop off and pick up of students. In order to make sure that all students are safe and accounted for at all times, please keep the following in mind:

- ECE students are to be dropped off and signed-in in the classroom each morning and then picked up and signed-out at the ECE/kindergarten playground each afternoon;
- Kindergarten students are to be dropped off/picked up on the southeast side of Quitman Street and enter/exit the building with their teachers by the kindergarten playground on the south side of the school;
- 1st-5th grade students are dropped off/picked up on the playground on the east side of the school or on the northwest side of Perry Street in the Kiss and Go/Greet and Get lane (polka-dotted);
- School buses park on the east side of the school on the southwest side of Perry Street. Please do not park or even pull over in this area;



- The parking lot is for DPS staff ONLY, please do NOT park, drop off or pick up students in the parking lot.
- All parents/community members must enter the building through the front doors, check-in at the office and get a visitor/volunteer badge.

Kiss and Go Lane: Caregivers who do not want to park and stay with their 1st-5th grade students on the playground in the morning may drop off their students in the student drop off lane between 8:20 AM and 8:30 AM. We ask caregivers to NOT park in the Kiss and Go /Greet and Get lane on the northwest side of Perry Street, outside the fence by the playground/ community garden. Cars must continue to move and leave the parking lane immediately after dropping off their children.

Greet and Get Lane: In order to help with afternoon traffic, caregivers who have 1st-5th grade students can sign up to have their child/ren ready and waiting at the pickup area at 3:30 PM on the northwest side of Perry Street, by the playground/community garden. The following guidelines apply:

- This is only for cars. Walkers and students whose caregivers park will be picked up on the playground.
- Caregivers should pull over on Perry Street, stay in their car, and move forward as space allows.
- Cars may only stop long enough for their child/ren to get into the car.
- Cars must continue to move and leave the parking lane immediately after picking up their children.
- Caregivers must pick up children at 3:30 PM. If children are not picked up on time, the teacher will bring them to the office and caregivers will need to find parking and come into the office to pick the students up and sign them out.
- Only adults listed on the permission slip will be able to pick students up.
- Cell phones must not be used in the Greet and Get lane and all Colorado Motor Vehicle laws (seat belts, car seats) must be observed.
- Caregivers wishing to use the Greet and Get lane will need to give permission by filling out the google form, so teachers will know to send the child to the Greet and Get pick up area at 3:30 PM.

A Message from our PTA...

The Edison PTA has been hard at work this year! We are so proud of our community!

A few things we are working on for next school year are....

- School supply ordering
- Back-to-school open house
- Eagle Run
- Edison 100 year celebration
- and more!

Do you have questions or suggestions for Edison's PTA?

- Please email a board member (email addresses below)
- Please find a PTA board member on the playground
- Please join us at a PTA meeting

Edison PTA Website:

Check out our website. Sign ups for the committees are on the website.

www.EdisonPTADenver.org

PTA Meetings will be in person and virtual this year, so come and join us!

Our next meeting is September 4 at 5:00 pm.

To contribute directly to our fundraising efforts, you can give through any of these convenient methods:

- Venmo ID: @EdisonElementaryPTA
- GiveSmart Fundraising: <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/ichlZw?vid=18hubd>
- Online at the PTA or Edison websites: <https://edisonptadenver.org> or <https://edison.dpsk12.org>
- Snail Mail or Drop Off: Edison Elementary Attn: PTA Fundraising
3350 Quitman Street Denver, CO 80212

Thank you for being a valued part of the Edison Community!

Connect with us online or through social media at:

Facebook – Edison Elementary Denver
Instagram - @edisonelementarydenver
Online - <https://edisonptadenver.org/>

PTA Board:

- President: Laura Rymarz - ptaedisondenver@gmail.com
- Vice President: Jon Byars - edisonvpdenver@gmail.com
- Secretary: Jodie Malhotra - edisonptasecretary@gmail.com
- Treasurer: Adam (AJ) Kultgen - edisonptatreasurer@gmail.com

Committee Chairs

- Membership Chair: Tara Littell - membershipedisonpta@gmail.com
- Fundraising Chair: Jen Maloney - edisonfundraising@gmail.com
- Social Media Chair: Stephanie Goldammer - EdisonPTAsocial@gmail.com
- Volunteer Liaison Chair: Tara Stingley - edisonptavolunteer@gmail.com

Opportunities to GIVE to Edison

Some families are in a position to support their child's learning at home, others can support through volunteering time, and some through financial donation. To give a sense of scope, if each Edison family were to donate \$500 per student per year, Edison could fund all of our fundraising initiatives.

Edison's first fundraising event of the school year:

- Eagle Run: A fun event that occurs in the Fall where each grade runs laps around the Edison field with music, posters, and class camaraderie! Money raised during the Eagle Run funds salaries for essential, dependable paraprofessional support in Edison's classrooms. In September, your child will receive a donation tracker; this is a great event for donation by grandparents, neighbors, or other supportive adults in your child's life.
- Fall Fest: The monies raised from this fun, community event, through ticket sales, support teachers with supplies and celebrations in their classrooms throughout the year.
- Read-A-Thon: This occurs during winter break and raises money for books in the Edison library, class libraries, and for subscriptions used in support of reading teaching efforts, while encouraging students to keep reading during a break from school. This is another great event for donation by grandparents, neighbors, or other supportive adults in your child's life.
- EdFest: Edison's yearly adult-only fundraiser, auction, and party raises money for the PTA General Fund to pay for online educational subscriptions, enrichment day, field trip transportation, Edison t-shirts for new students, community events, after school tutoring, enrichment scholarships and much more!

Additional ways to give money to Edison's PTA:

- Direct Donation: You may always make a one-time or set up a regular donation through PayPal, Venmo, Square, or a check. Check to see if your employer provides matching of qualified contributions made; Edison's PTA is a qualified 501c3 organization! Monies raised through the Direct Ask Campaign are the easiest and most direct ways to support student learning for all learners.
 - Online at GiveSmart: <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/ichlZw?vid=18hubd>
 - Snail Mail or Drop Off: Edison Elementary, Attn: PTA Fundraising, 3350 Quitman St, Denver, CO 80212
- King Soopers Rewards: Register Edison PTA as your Community Rewards partner for King Soopers! How do I enroll?
 1. Go to www.kingsoopers.com
 2. Sign-in to your digital account (or create one if needed)
 3. Select 'Community Rewards' from the side menu
 4. Enter 'Edison Elementary PTA' into the 'Find an Organization' search box
 5. Find 'Edison Elementary PTA' with address [3350 Quitman St, Denver, CO 80212](http://www.kingsoopers.com) and select 'Enroll'
- Donors Choose: Check out the many Donors Choose projects that teachers have posted on Donorschoose.org and donate. You can find all current projects through the link on Edison's home page at <http://edison.dpsk12.org/>
- Mabel's Labels: Custom waterproof labels for water bottles, clothes, ANYTHING! Edison received 20% back on ALL purchases. Use the link below and type in Edison Elementary, Denver and the labels ship directly to you! https://mabelslabels.com/en_US/fundraising/support/
- Minted: Enjoy 20% off Minted's unique stationery, children's art, and gifts when you shop using our exclusive discount code, and they'll donate 15% back to us. Use the link below and code FundraiseEdisonCo <https://www.minted.com/holiday>

We appreciate your continued support!



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