



The Leaf 6-6-22

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 5th	NHPS STREAM Carnival at Clinton Ave School, 1-4PM
Tuesday, June 7th	Field Day, See Announcement Below
Thursday, June 9th	Rain Date for Field Day
Friday, June 10th	Spirit Day, Best Summer Outfit Day
Monday, June 20th	School is NOT in Session
Tuesday, June 21st	Early Dismissal (This is a new update as of 5-30!)
Tuesday, June 21st	8th Grade Promotion Ceremony- 3PM-5PM (new time due to half day)
Wednesday, June 22nd	Early Dismissal and Last Day of School!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM MS. RIZZO

Dear Edgewood Families,

It is hard to believe, but this year's 8th grade students were sitting in Kindergarten classrooms when I became Edgewood's Assistant Principal in January, 2014. I've had the opportunity to watch your children achieve many milestones, and have truly enjoyed our partnership throughout these years. You've also been incredibly supportive as my own family grew during this time. I married my husband in May of 2014, had our oldest daughter in 2016, and then the twins came along in 2018 (things are finally getting a bit easier in the Rizzo house these days!). This community has given me and my family so much, and for that I'm very grateful.

Recently, I learned that I am one of several NHPS administrators who are transferring placements for the 2022-23 school year. Next year, Nathan Hale School will be my new home, but I am certain that Edgewood will continue to thrive in my absence. Change is a good thing, and while I'm sad to be leaving, it's also important for me to learn and grow professionally and this will be a great opportunity to do so. Principal Cass from Nathan Hale and I used to teach together at Co-Op years ago, and I look forward to working with her again and joining her administrative team.

I've been fortunate to have had many incredible mentors in NHPS throughout my career. Most recently, Dr. Perrone has taught me about the importance of fostering authentic, engaging learning opportunities using our surrounding spaces. He has advanced our STEAM programming and provided expansive ECHO offerings to students. We have worked together to navigate uncertainties throughout the pandemic, and I have benefitted immensely from his guidance, support, and humor! His leadership has helped shape my own professional journey, and I know that Edgewood will be in great hands throughout this transition and beyond.

My Edgewood colleagues have also made this experience both memorable and delightful. Thank you for welcoming me into your classrooms and sharing your wealth of knowledge and expertise. Our teachers and staff are incredibly dedicated to the students they serve, and help to make our school feel so welcoming and special. Because of you, mighty oaks from tiny acorns grow, and grow... :)

(More on the next page)

To the Edgewood families, thank you from the bottom of my heart for entrusting me to care for your precious children. Some of my fondest memories of this school will certainly be the joy that they have brought me. They have inspired me to work hard, to advocate strongly on their behalf, to be reflective, and to be humble. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Edgewood School community as your Assistant Principal over these last 8.5 years. I will miss you!

With gratitude,

Andrea Rizzo

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2022 FIELD DAY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MR. BOSSE

On Tuesday June 7th Edgewood will hold its annual field day for the kids of Edgewood School. Please make sure you have them bring sunscreen, shorts, hats, sneakers and a water bottle for the event. Students will not be allowed to participate with open-toed shoes, Crocs or flip flops. Parents will be called to bring a change of footwear, or the child will be required to sit out for safety reasons. The K-4 field day will go from 12:45 to 2:15 in the afternoon. The 5-8 field day will be held from 9:15 to 10:45. If you would like to donate your time to help your child's teacher please contact me at chris.bosse@new-haven.k12.ct.us. We are also looking for water and ice for the event. Please contact Mr. Bosse if you're able to donate. Thank you for always supporting the physical education program at Edgewood School.

7TH/8TH GRADE END-OF-YEAR ACTIVITIES

Please mark your calendars with the following dates/events that are planned for our 7th/8th grade students:

Eighth Grade:

6/9 @6-8PM BRAMS Chapel, 8th Grade Semi-Formal Dance

6/10 Holiday Hill

6/16 Cookout at Edgewood (12:30-2:30PM)

6/21 3PM-5PM Promotion Ceremony at Edgewood.

Seventh Grade:

6/10 Urban Air Trip

6/14 11AM-2PM Kayaking on West River

6/15 Walk to the Park (TBD).

DIAPER BANK

We have partnered with one of our local schools to receive free diapers/pull ups. Please complete the application if you are interested. <https://www.thediaperbank.org/>

THANK YOU DAN MCGURK

Mr. McGurk was instrumental in helping to coordinate, staff, and run this Scholastic Book Fair. The success of this fair is largely attributed to the countless hours he spent planning and running this event. Thank you so much for your efforts, they are greatly appreciated!

A MESSAGE FROM BOOK FAIR COORDINATOR DAN MCGURK

Greetings Edgewood Families,

It was great seeing all of your students last week at the Book Fair. I got to meet many of them and talk books all week, so without a doubt, it was a fabulous week.

We had a very successful Book Fair. I don't have the count of # of books in hands, but I can tell you from the empty shelves and boxes, it was a lot.

I would love to thank: Melissa Gutridge, Holly Jermyn, Stephanie B, Cecil Tengtenga, Janice Williams, Lisa Desfosses and the Edgewood Staff especially Ms. Lucky for making it run smoothly!

Here's the exciting details: \$745 in total donated e-wallets: from 20 generous sponsor families (Thank You sponsor families!!!!) With these dollars we reached a minimum of 84 students. In most cases this helped students purchase a book or books. In some additional cases these funds helped with a few extra dollars to finish their purchases.

We also have a pile of books on Dr. Perrone's table, from when a kid didn't want a 2nd book + the using the ALL FOR BOOKS donations (rounding up and cash donations). These books will be distributed as well.

Last Thursday, I convinced as many teachers as I could to select a pile of books to be displayed as their Classroom Wishlists. Edgewood Families came through and every teacher who took part, had at least 1 book purchased for their rooms. The teachers were all very gracious with their book bounty!

On top of all those tangible rewards. Despite this being a BOGO Book Fair, which isn't designed for earning profits for obvious reasons, we still earned \$800 in Scholastic Dollars for future use. From a sale over \$6000.

Thanks again,
Dan McGurk

p.s. We didn't sell the diaries, markers, erasers, etc. You're welcome!

p.p.s. Please start your clearance process (see the Weekly Leaf) to take part in the fall Book Fair with us!

ARTS NIGHT LINK

Congratulations to all of our student performers! It was wonderful to see you showcase your many talents. We enjoyed welcoming so many families back into the building, and hope that you enjoyed the event both in-person and live-streamed. Please check out the link to view the online artwork slideshow:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Xe_3oLjkh5PIoa-hTh2M3D78f36qPHbq/view

NHPS STREAM CARNIVAL- JUNE 5TH, 1-4PM AT CLINTON AVE

Please see the email attachments for information about a STREAM carnival on Sunday, June 5th from 1-4PM at Clinton Avenue School.

MEDICATION PICKUP

Please review this medication pickup letter and contact Nurse Breonna with any questions. This applies to any child that has medication on file for this school year. [Edgewood Medication Letter](#)

CHROMEBOOKS-STUDENTS MUST RETURN THEM BY JUNE 10TH

Teachers will not assign Chromebook-based homework after June 10th. We will need students to return all their Chromebooks and chargers by that date so that we can collect and inventory the devices.

SUMMER OF FUN

Please check out the following link to preview NHPS summer offerings: [Summer of Fun](#)

NHPS 10-MONTH CALENDAR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

Please see the approved calendar for the 22-23 school year that is linked on the NHPS website: [Calendar 22-23](#)

JIM MORA SUMMER CAMP

The Jim Mora Summer Camp Series is committed to elevate the football skills, technique, and fundamentals of every camper. Campers will be coached to attack every rep with relentless effort and chase perfection. Through professional instruction and position specific skills and drills, our coaching staff's focus is to make campers better football players. Camp will be open to any/all, limited only by age or grade. We look forward to seeing you in Storrs this summer!

Link to sign up: <https://teampages.com/clubs/7124>

OFFICER MOORE'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

We appreciate the outpouring of thoughts and condolences as we process the loss of our dear friend and colleague, Officer Moore. He was a ray of light at our school, and we are grateful for his many years of service within New Haven Schools and at Edgewood. Thank you for attending his Memorial Service and for sharing the many ways he connected with our school community. May each of you find comfort in the memories that you have shared. He was a wonderful man, and we will truly miss him.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT SURVEY

Edgewood Families,

We recognize that a conventional return to our academic school year (2022-2023), due to Covid may be irregular. In an effort to adjust to our current climate, the *New Haven Public Schools* has created a five-minute survey to help with this transition.

Please see the link provided to access via any device. Let us continue to embrace our collective work as a school, and celebrate our successes. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me directly.

<https://surveys.panoramaed.com/newhaven/2831486678/surveys>

YALE HOMEWORK HELPLINE

Students may access the following Google link Mondays through Thursdays from 4:30-6:30PM to receive homework help as needed: <https://meet.google.com/lookup/homeworkhelp>

Students must sign in with their NHPS Google Account in order to use this resource.

ARTS IN CT SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Arts in CT has 5 grants available for low-income students who want to be a part of our musical theatre summer camp. Parents will have to fill out an income verification form as well. Please email info@artsinct.org with any questions or visit their website: www.artsinct.org

COVID TESTING PROGRAM

Please see the previous announcements in the March and April Weekly Leaf documents to obtain information related to COVID testing at Edgewood.

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.

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