



Edgewood

Creative Thinking Through STEAM

Magnet School

The Leaf 3-7-22

CALENDAR

Friday, March 11th	Spirit Day- Rainbow Day or Class Color Day
Saturday, March 12th	PTO Family Hike/Meetup (See Announcement Below); 10AM-12:30PM
Tuesday, March 15th	PTO Meeting, 5:30 PM Virtual
Friday, March 18th	Early Dismissal; NHPS Day of Hope and Healing
Friday, March 18th	Spirit Day- Crazy Hair Day
Saturday, March 19th	Grocery Giveaway, 12-1:30PM; See Attached For More Information
Friday, March 25th	Spirit Day- Favorite Character Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU

We would like to extend our appreciation to the PTO for the delightful teacher appreciation breakfast last week. The coffee, bagels, muffins, and snacks were enjoyed by all. Thank you for this kind gesture!

PTO FAMILY MEET UP/HIKE

The Edgewood Magnet School PTO Welcomes all Edgewood Families for a hike in nearby Lake Wintergreen portion of West Rock State Park.

While this event is geared towards families meeting families, all of the Edgewood Family is welcome to attend and enjoy some outside time with students and their families!

March 12th, 10:00am-12:30pm

Event Address:

West Rock State Park - Lake Wintergreen Parking Area

53-, 55 Main St, Hamden, CT 06514

Contact us at WelcomeEdgewood@gmail.com

Please register for our Welcome Event to better help us prepare! <https://forms.gle/8S62zboMuA48Svwv5>

Pictures of the park are included here: [Park images](#)

While we understand that not everyone has access to transportation to the park, please use the registration form above and we can match up those that need transportation with those that can provide transportation.

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.

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](#)

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](#)

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.

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