



"Good-bye" to the old,
"Hello" to the new.



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Edison Elementary News

Success is our Only Option

Principal's Corner

Hello families!

The year has flown by and now we are nearing the time when we will say good-bye to Edison Elementary. I hope to see as many of you as possible at our closing ceremony on Monday, Dec. 5th beginning in our Edison Auditorium. In my short time here I have been honored to be a part of this great legacy and am extremely excited for us to begin our new legacy at Becker.



Teachers are busy, busy, busy, packing and sorting in their classrooms. Gradually the Waterloo District is moving things to our new home as we carry on with business as usual here at Edison.

We are anxious for you to be a part of our new start at Becker Elementary in whatever way you can. *Thank you for continuing to support your child's education!*

Melissa Steggall, Principal

Schedule of Events

- **Dec. 5th**
Closing Ceremony @ 6:30 p.m.
- **Dec. 6th**
PTO @ 6:00p.m.
- **Dec. 15th**
Pre-K Winter Music Program @ 6:30
- **Dec. 16th**
SOAR Assembly @ 2:45 p.m.
- **Dec. 23rd-Jan. 3rd**
NO SCHOOL
Winter Break
- **Jan. 3rd**
Becker Preview @ 4:30-6:30p.m.

Reminders



The weather has changed and we are seeing many students without hats and mittens. Please make sure child has all he/she needs to be outside in this cold weather!



According to the standardized dress code students

may wear sweaters, sweatshirts, and/or fleece jackets as long as there is *no hood*, it is a solid color, and a polo is worn underneath. Students may also wear a solid-colored shirt underneath their polo for an extra layer.

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Come check us out!

As we near the end of our time here at Edison, we are thinking about our transition into our new home, Becker Elementary.

Just as we are anxious to begin, we understand that you and your children may be anxious as well. In order to ease that transition we would like to invite you to a preview before your child is expected to begin

On Jan 4th, 2012, please join us at



Preview Night

When: Jan.3rd, 2012

Time: 4:30 to 6:30

Where: Becker Elementary

At this time you and your family may take a tour of our new beautiful building, find your child's classroom, where you pick up/drop off your child, where busses drop your children off, where breakfast, lunch, YCare, and any other services you may use at Becker are.

All students will continue in their same classrooms, just in a new location.

Leaders of Edison



These are our **Leaders** for the month on November:

Kindergarten: Aleah Johnson, Bryce Powell, Aaron Cisneros, Charlena Shatek, Vir Patel

1st Grade: Destiny Onofre, Kaedan Thomas, Gracie Anderson, RJ Bacon

2nd Grade: EJ Westmeier, Deavion Lumpkin, Sandi Hasanagic

3rd Grade: Colby Adams, Dania Delgado, Dino Cehic

4th Grade: Taija Laws, Joey Ahles, Teylor Rugger

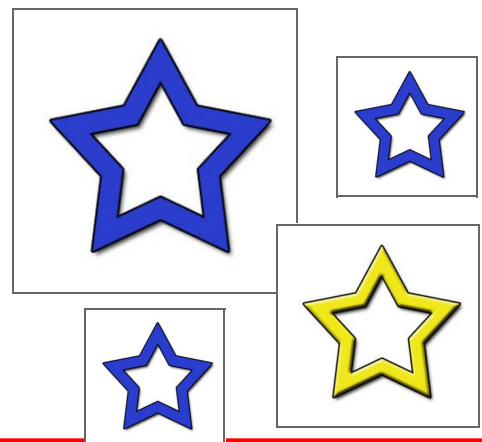
5th Grade: Jessica Pham, Daejah Wright, Rachel Price

Music: Jayla Wilder, Jon-Darius Webster, Lanase Jordan

Gym: Briana Williams, Devon Wood

Media: Kiana Burt, Alayana Wachira, Crystal Hoffman

Art: Aaron Bartruff, Isaac Gonzales-Gil, Sara Onofre



Becker Procedures



One of our main goals has always been safety. We are so excited to say that our security and safety procedures will be up-to-date with all the other elementary buildings in our district.

As we make this transition, here are some items you should be aware of:

- All outer doors will be locked at all times throughout the day.
- All families will be expected to enter through the front door and through the main office.
- All visitors will be expected to check in with our Raptor system and then check out as you leave.
- Students will be allowed to enter the building at 8:30.

Please watch for more notes to come on all information needed to make our transition to Becker a successful one.



Helping Families Raise Cavity-Free Kids



The school-based dental program was completed the first week of November, here at Edison. Grant funds from the Iowa Department of Public Health provided screenings, dental sealants, and fluoride varnish for over 170 children.

We look forward to providing this program again at our new school, Becker Elementary next year.

Final Tidbits

Edison PTO

Join us again this month to discuss any happenings here at Edison. We will be meeting on December 6th at 6:00 in the evening.

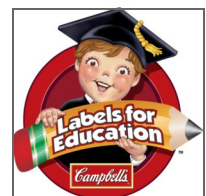
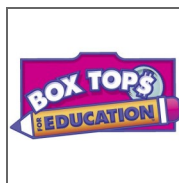
Childcare is provided as well as dinner. Come, meet our families, talk about your school, and enjoy a bite to eat.

We hope to see you there!

Labels for Education

Save your labels for Edison/Becker. Labels for education is a fundraising program that allows families to save labels from different food products and in turn raises money for the school. We are currently collecting these labels:

Pop Tabs for
Ronald McDonald





Spotlight on Students at Edison

Students here at Edison Elementary are learning to be awesome writers. Writing is a big part of being a literate person. When you combine great writing instruction with great reading instruction students are able to make much further gains. Teachers here at Edison are really pushing their students to think further, draw on what they already know, be creative, and to find their voice. Look at some of the examples of what your students are working on:

This first sample comes from a first grader, Sara Walker. It is non-fiction piece about the moon. She does an excellent job of organizing her piece with a clear beginning, middle, and end.

What are those gray things on the moon? They are craters.

Craters are a hole in the moon or in a planet made by a meteorite. A meteorite is a space rock that crashes on the moon or planet.

Now you know what those gray things are on the moon.

This is a piece written by a third grader, Marissa Wood. She is working on a piece that shows her feelings about Edison as we get ready to close the doors.

My Edison Poem

Edison is nice and Edison is good. Edison should always stay new. I hope that there are stories that go on and on about Edison. Edison should not go but it has to. It shall stay in my heart while I go on just like Edison should have.



Here is fourth-grader, Camdyn Mcnamara, responding to a book she read by writing a letter to the author. Camdyn really shows how she connected with the book. This is a great way to get students to think about what they are reading.

Dear Margaret Davidson,

I'm reading Louis Braille I love your book cause it is so good I love it but it is so great but it is so sad when he turned blind I almost cryed cause it was so sad how the owl that made him blinded It was so cool how he made the Braille alphabet. I loved your non-fiction story. Why did you write this story? Did you just hear about him? How many books did you write?

Sincerely,
Camdyn

This next sample is a letter written by a fifth grader, Ali Mullnix. This letter is a response to a book she is reading. In the book there are diary entries, Ali is responding by writing a letter back to the person writing the diary entry. It is easy to hear Ali's voice as she shares some personal experiences in her letter.

November 30, 2011

Dear Libby,

I know you don't know me but, I know you. I am reading your diary. Its very interesting. It has a picture of you on the cover. You look like me in a way. My name is Ali. Your diary says you have a horse named Topsy. I've always wanted a horse. If I ever do I'd name it Honey if it's a girl and Bruno if it's a boy. You say that your parents would leave you. My parents are divorced so, I go with out one for a week then I switch. My step brother John, I think is in Afganastand. I hope you like your letter.

Sincerely,
Ali. K. M.

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