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Principal

February 2, 2024

Good afternoon Edgemont families,

February is Black History Month, and the Edgemont community is excited to celebrate the fullness of African American history and culture, pay tribute to the many achievements made by African Americans and recognize African Americans' central role in U.S. history. In addition to classroom discussions, research and projects, we have an assembly planned with an outside organization, we are planning our Edgemont Black History Month Assembly, and we are finalizing an author visit that will also align with Read Across Edgemont week.

As shared by Dr. Ponds in his correspondence yesterday, next week, the District recognizes Black Lives Matter Week of Action in School. In 2021 the Board of Education passed a resolution to commemorate the national initiative that focuses on racial justice and equity in the classroom. We seek to afford opportunities for all students and staff to be valued in an inclusive and nurturing environment not only during this celebratory month of February but throughout the whole year.

This past Monday, the Edgemont community joined together to participate in service projects. Enacted by Congress in 1994, MLK Day of Service calls on individuals to strengthen communities, bridge divides, remove barriers, and bring people of different minds together to move us all closer to Dr. King's version of a "beloved community." Edgemont Day of Service and service projects invited Edgemont students and staff to serve the Montclair community and surrounding areas as we continue to honor civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s lifelong dedication to justice, equality and service for the greater good. We aim to walk in his footsteps, with intention, as we build a strong community of kindness and not discrimination.



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We are excited for our students to participate in 2 assemblies next week, Soul Step and Seeing Eye. Please have a conversation with your child(ren) towards the end of the week to learn more about both amazing experiences!

Attached, please find a flier with more information about our "Soup-er Bowl" canned drive. Every year, our 5th grade community organizes a canned food drive in order to support the Human Needs Food Pantry. We will collect cans February 5-9. Also, Friday, February 9 is Jersey Day! Students can wear their favorite team- any sport- Jersey (or shirt, sweatshirt, etc.)!

Later this afternoon, the district will email information about the CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) as well as information about MPS Gifted & Talented Education. Please refer to the district website if you have any additional questions.

Please continue to remind your child to check the Lost & Found. Lost & Found bins are located outside of the Multipurpose Room. Please continue to label items as well.

Please join us at our next SATp Meeting on Wednesday, February 7 @ 3:00PM.

<https://mpsdnj.zoom.us/j/2439339781>

Meeting ID: 243 933 9781

Passcode: universe

Our 5th grade students have been invited to give a musical performance at this month's Board of Education meeting. The meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, February 21st. All **5th grade families** must RSVP so Mr. Mellman can prepare for the event: [5th grade BOE Performance RSVP](#)

Please check the Montclair Public Schools [Digital Backpack](#) often. A lot of information is posted here.

School Lunch Application can be found here: <https://www.nlappscloud.com/>

Lunch Menu information can be found here: <https://www.fdmealplanner.com/>

Merchandise can be found here: <https://edgemontessori.memberhub.com/store>

Take care,



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Important Date/Reminders:

Our doors open at ***8:10AM***.

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Drop-off takes place between ***8:10AM-8:20AM***.
Dismissal is at ***2:35PM***.

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February 6- Dental Presentation for 3rd grade students

February 7- SATp meeting

February 8- Soul Step Assembly (Young Audiences Arts for Learning)

February 9- Seeing Eye Assembly (<https://www.seeingeye.org>)

February 19- District Closed

February 21- 5th grade Performance @ BOE

February 22- Abbreviated Day

February 23- Movie Night

