

Greetings Edgewood Community,

I am writing to share important information in advance of the start to our 2021-22 school year!

We look forward to hosting families at our Welcome Back Community Night and Picnic on Thursday, September 2, from 4:30-7:30 PM. It is on this afternoon/evening that you may come to Edgewood to pick-up your student's course schedule and locker assignment, tour the school, and meet with teachers. We'll have information available pertaining to a variety of after-school opportunities as well important information related to our health office, school lunches, the work of our Deans, and updated school practices and policies. Most importantly, we're hosting a picnic that we hope provides time and space for families and students to meet or reconnect. Watch for more information pertaining to our community night picnic via email and our E-news blasts throughout August.

As you may know, connectedness and empathy are critical components of our vision for a strong and inclusive school culture. During our September Parent Information Nights, I intend to present on what it means for parents to "*Partner at the Edge*" while also sharing important information about the learning experiences students can expect here. The dates of our Parent Information nights are:

- 6th Grade Parent Information Night - Thursday, September 16, from 6:00-7:30
- 7th & 8th Grade Parent Information Night - Tuesday, September 21, from 6:00-7:30

### **Partnering at the Edge**

Other than the relationships teachers establish with students, no connection is more important to our success than that with our parent community. Edgewood is *your* school, and we strive to honor the values and culture of each and every student and family we serve. To this end, Edgewood is on a long and complex journey toward becoming an antiracist school. A major component of "*Partnering at the Edge*" is seeking to understand what this means for students and how they will experience learning here. For us, antiracism is simply embracing each student for who they are. That's really it. We are seeking to ensure that regardless of what you look like, the language you predominantly speak, the faith you celebrate, the gender with which you identify, how you dress, or who you love, that we're a school for you. To achieve our ideal school, we need and welcome your input and help, which is why it is so important for us to partner in ways that place empathy, transparency, and grace at the center of our interactions.

There are many important dates enclosed (see 2021-22 General Information for dates), which will serve to provide opportunity for parent voice and input into what we do, and to provide a platform for learning more about "Teaching and Learning at the Edge." If you have any questions, please never hesitate to reach out. I look forward to this important work this year and beyond, just as I do to seeing or meeting you all on September 2nd.

Sincerely,



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