



BULLDOG BRIEFS

Edgar Middle School Newsletter
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Adopt a Family Fundraiser

- Every year the 5/6 grade sponsor an Adopt a Family fundraiser for the holidays in which the students and staff help purchase gifts for those in need in Metuchen.
- The wish list of children in Metuchen will be posted on SignUpGenius.
- Please consider selecting an item to donate to help make a child's holiday special.
- Go onto SignUpGenius and sign up to purchase an item. Purchased items can be dropped off at the front entrance of Edgar Middle School. A bin will be placed at the entrance for your convenience. The closing date is December 18th.
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD45A9AC23ABFEC07-adopt>

CDC Update

- Face coverings are required, but masks are highly recommended.
- If someone in the household is getting tested for COVID because they are symptomatic, the student must stay home until the symptomatic individual receives a negative test.
- Siblings of an exposed COVID-suspected student must stay home until the COVID suspected student's result is negative.
- Only RT-PCR or antigen tests are accepted.
- Masks should be washed after every day of use and/or before being used again, or if visibly soiled, damp/wet.
- Disposable masks should be changed daily when visibly soiled, damp or damaged.

Book Fair

- This year's book fair will look a bit different, but it's still a wonderful way to encourage a love of reading, build your at-home library, and support our school!
- The 7th & 8th Grade Student Council is hosting an online Scholastic Book Fair running 12/07-12/20.
- All books purchased will be mailed directly to your address.
- Visit the following link starting December 7th:
https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=edgar_middleschool1

Happy Reading!!

November Students of the Month

- Each month grade level teachers will recognize students in their grade level that stand out and positively contribute to the school community.
- November's Students of the Month were:
 - Grade 5- James Fenton
 - Grade 6- Charlotte Murphy
 - Grade 7- Chiara Baldi
 - Grade 8- Kaia Gredzinski
- Congratulations to the boys and girls!! Keep up the great work.
- Students of the Month will be receiving a gift card from The Metuchen Area Chamber of Commerce.

Governor's Educators of the Year

Educator of the Year

Mrs. Tzetzos

Mrs. Tzetzos has been teaching in our district for 13 years. She earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Rutgers University. She currently teaches fifth grade ELA, Social Studies, and G&T Ela. She is also the 7th and 8th grade Student Council advisor and a PTO teacher representative. She supports her students both academically and emotionally. As her nomination form stated, "Her hard work to Metuchen families and students deserves to be noticed because she is truly a role model for not only teachers in Metuchen, but teachers throughout the state"

Governor's Educational Services

Professional of the Year

Mr. Colavito

Mr. Colavito has been a paraprofessional in our district for six years. He works hard to meet the needs of the students he works with. He helps them in any way he can. Not only has he been a great support for his students but his colleagues can count on him to help them as well. Edgar Middle School is lucky to have such a dedicated paraprofessional.

Congratulations Mrs. Tzetzos and Mr. Colavito

Coffee Talk Podcast

- The Metuchen School District Committee for Social Emotional Character Development (SECD) has just released their first podcast: Coffee Talk.
- They are excited to continue their outreach to the Metuchen Community (and hopefully beyond) through social emotional focused discussions.
- Each month the podcast topic will vary to match current happenings and be influenced by parent/community feedback.
- This month's topic is "The First Steps," and addresses how to approach your child when you notice they are getting upset.
- The link to access the podcast is:
<https://tinyurl.com/CoffeeTalkPC1>

Thank you!!

As you have read in previous newsletters, the PTO has been asking for wipes donations for our classrooms. We have gotten enough wipes to put one container/pack in each classroom!!

Thank you to all the parents that have donated wipes especially during this time where wipes are so needed. We truly appreciate it!

The drive is still going on. If you would like to donate wipes, please send them in with your students to the front office or drop them off in the collection basket at 117 High Street.

Reminders!!

- Please be sure your children come to school with jackets. As you know, if the weather isn't too cold or rainy, students will be eating outside. If they don't eat outside, they will have the opportunity to go for a walk outside after they eat to get some fresh air.
- Please remind your children to keep their cameras on when they are entering a Zoom or Google Meets session. In order to avoid Zoom bombing, teachers have been instructed to remove anyone who joins their class with their cameras off.