



BULLDOG BRIEFS

Edgar Middle School Newsletter

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Suzy Azevedo, Principal

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Dear Students and Parents,

Words cannot express how excited I am to welcome you back to Edgar. I hope this summer has been a relaxing and fun one. This was a much-needed break for all of us. We have been very busy at Edgar this summer preparing for the school year. This year my family and I enjoyed ten days in Aruba. It was a wonderful time relaxing in the Caribbean Sea. We also spent a lot of time with family and friends.

We have quite a few new staff members starting with us. We welcome the following staff members: Ms. Hausser, our School Secretary, Ms. Haller, Special Education Teacher, Ms. Jomo, Physical Education and Health Teachers, Ms. Peguero, School Nurse, Mr. Southern, Science Teacher, Ms. Vaughn, Social Studies Teacher, and Ms. Wolford, Special Education Teacher.

Construction around the building has begun. The Edgar Park Turf Field Improvements Project is underway with a target end date in December. Construction on our school will begin soon after that. Any changes to school procedures will be communicated as we get closer to starting construction on the school. We are looking forward to the positive changes that the new construction will bring.

I look forward to working with all of you in creating a successful and rewarding school year for our students. We will continue to improve our programming at school to enhance our students' experience here.

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer!!

Suzy Azevedo

Principal

Open House

- We will be holding an Open House, Thursday, August 24. The schedule will be as follows:
 - Students in grades 5 & 6 may come between 9 and 11 am. Students in 5th grade may be accompanied by an adult.
 - Seventh and eighth graders may come between 12 and 2pm.
- Students will enter and exit through the back door by the bus circle.
- Students should come with their schedules printed.
- Maps will be made available. [Here](#) is a copy of the school map.
- Students will be able to walk their schedules and locate their classrooms and lockers.
- If your child cannot make it to Open House, rest assured, there will be adults throughout the building during the first few days to help students maneuver the building and their lockers.
- There will be an alternate date for incoming 5th grade students and new students on August 29th from 12-2. Students must be accompanied by an adult.

Schedules

- Schedules have been released on Genesis.
- Questions regarding schedules should be directed to the school counselors. Please contact them via email.
- Their email addresses are:
 - Ms. Campbell: lcampbell@metboe.k12.nj.us
 - Ms. Chang: lchang@metboe.k12.nj.us
- If you would prefer to come in, please contact the School Counseling office at 732-321-8770 ext. 4020. The counselors' will be in the office on August 22nd, 23rd, and 24th.

Lockers

- Lockers will be assigned before open house. Students will be able to find their Locker numbers their schedule.
- It is a good idea for students to practice opening combination locks before the beginning of the school year.
- For a tutorial on opening lockers by our one and only Mrs. Evans, click [here](#).
- Please keep in mind the lockers are small/narrow and don't have a lot of space for decorating.

School Supplies

- School supplies are posted on the school website in the "Student Resources" section or by following the links below:
 - [Grade 5 Supply List](#)
 - [Grade 6 Supply List](#)
 - [Grade 7 Supply List](#)
 - [Grade 8 Supply List](#)

Sling Sacks

- The use of backpacks will not be permitted during the school day. Students may carry backpacks to school but must use sling sacks (pictured [here](#)) to carry their belongings. Please see the flyer on the below from the PTO who is selling sling sacks.

THURSDAY
AUGUST
24TH

EDGAR
OPEN
HOUSE

5TH & 6TH
GRADE
9-11AM

7TH & 8TH
GRADE
12-2PM

\$20
bags

The EMS PTO will be
selling Bulldog string
bags and hoodies.
See below!

The Zone

The After-school Program @ Edgar Middle School

- Did you know most middle school students spend up to 20 hours of unsupervised time each week? The Zone turns that unsupervised time into time well spent with positive in-person social interaction, engaging activities and academic coaching.
- Our registration and pricing recognizes your unique family situation; sign up monthly, a few days per week or once in a while.
- To find out more about our program and how to register, visit our website: <https://www.emsthezone.com/>
- If you have a specific question regarding The ZONE program, please contact Roseanna Misuraca at rmisuraca@metboe.k12.nj.us or call our office at 732-321-5085

Transportation

- Questions related to transportation should be directed to Ms. Plancher, the district's Transportation Coordinator.
- She can be reached via email at mplancher@metboe.k12.nj.us.

PTO

- The PTO, our Parent-Teacher Organization supports our students and staff through activities and programs.
- Join us for our meetings that are held on Zoom starting at 7:30pm on the following dates:
 - September 18, 2023
 - November 20, 2023
 - January 8, 2024
 - March 25, 2024
 - May 13, 2024
- Look out for information on joining our PTO which will be coming soon.

Upcoming Dates

- September 5- First Day of School
- September 18- Picture day
- September 21- Back to School Night
- September 25- Yom Kippur-Schools Closed

Headphone/Earbuds

- Please be reminded only wired headphones or earbuds may be used during the school day. Wireless airpods/earbuds will not be allowed.



Cell Phones

- While EMS has had a no cell phone policy for many years, We would like to remind students cell phones must be away for the day and kept in lockers from 7:50-2:31
- [The Away For The Day](#) website provides research-based information to parents on the impact cell phones have on students during the school day.
- If students need to contact parents, they should report to the office where parents will be called.
- If you need to communicate with your child(ren), please contact the main office and we will give the student the message.
- Please review [The Student/Parent Handbook](#) for more information on the Cell Phone use.

Gym Lockers

- Students in 7th and 8th grade will be required to change for Physical Education.
- They will have access to the locker room to change and put their clothes in lockers.
- Locks will not be needed as they will just be using the lockers for their Physical Education period.

Student/ Parent Handbook

- The Student/Parent Handbook includes a lot of pertinent information.
- Please take some time to read with your child(ren).
- It can be found on our school website, in the document section of Genesis, or by following this [link](#).