

# Edgewater School District

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Dear Edgewater Community,

With great pride, I reach out to you and welcome you back to the 2022-2023 school year. We have been diligently working on our schools and grounds all summer. I cannot thank Mr. Gannon, our Head of Building and Grounds, and his team enough for their tireless efforts this summer. As a result, our schools are sparkling and ready for the halls to fill up with students. I wanted to take a moment and share some of the projects that we have been working on.

At Eleanor Van Gelder we:

- repaired the roof over the gymnasium.
- painted the front halls on both floors, the main office, and some classrooms.
- relocated the Main Distribution Frame or MDF system to a more central location and replaced all wiring.
- installed 16 interactive whiteboards.
- installed new exterior doors.
- updated our security system by replacing and adding additional cameras inside and outside the building.
- installed a new PA system.
- cleaned and sanitized all classroom area rugs, and they are now ready to return to the classroom.

At George Washington School we:

- have reset the stonework in the outdoor amphitheater.
- repaired holes in the rubber surface on the playground.
- replaced some of the climbing ladders on the playground.
- are awaiting the delivery of 9 interactive whiteboards that will be installed upon arrival.
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Edgewater is committed to growing and learning as professionals. This year we will continue our work that concentrates on teaching mathematical standards. This professional development focuses on a system of teaching that assists students in understanding abstract topics. Additionally, we had administrators and teachers participate in the Summer Institute for Writing and Reading. In addition, we have partnered with a new staff developer/author, Patty McGee, who will enhance our reading and writing instruction.

We believe our success depends on our social and emotional health. Therefore, we are happy to welcome Sharon McCarthy. She will provide professional development workshops for our staff, students, and community. Our goal is to establish healthy lifelong habits.

Parent Academies will be back this year. Some topics include social-emotional learning and understanding the Comprehensive Health and Physical Education standards. Please keep an eye out for more information.

I want to thank the community and staff for sharing their thoughts and ideas on the survey sent out in June. Your input assisted us in writing the American Rescue Grant, which has helped fund many of the projects and opportunities listed above.

Lastly, the CDC has updated its guidelines on COVID protocols. The district is waiting for updates from the New Jersey Department of Health. When these updates are received, I will email our school community.

I look forward to a year full of learning, laughter, and growth while watching our community continue to reach new heights.

Sincerely,

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