



# BULLDOG BRIEFS



Edgar Middle School Newsletter  
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## Arts High

Arts High will begin for students in grades 7 and 8 in the spring of 2021. Classes will be virtual. If your 7th or 8th grade child is interested in applying please read this [letter](#) and [flyer](#) for information on how to apply.

## Student Council Elections

- Student Council elections will take place on Wednesday, November 4th.
- Students will watch the candidates' speeches and during their first period class and be given time to vote.

## Red Ribbon Week

- Every year Red Ribbon Week runs from October 23 through October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Throughout this week students will be educated on the dangers of drug use. The activities can be found [here](#).
- To assist with having these difficult conversations with your pre-teens, please read the "Positive Parenting Prevents Drug Use" brochure from the National Institute on Drug Abuse. It can be found [here](#)

## Halloween

- We are excited to announce we will be celebrating Halloween on Friday, October 30! Whether students are Roomers or Zoomers, all students are welcome to dress up in school appropriate costumes.
- In order to assure it is safe and fun for all, the following rules apply:
  - Costumes must conform to the Edgar Middle School Dress Code.
  - Costumes may not be demeaning to any ethnic group, race, religion, nationality, disabilities, gender, sexual orientation, or individual (staff or student) at the school.
  - Costumes may not cause a disruption or distraction to the school program, i.e. no revealing costumes.
  - No weapons, toy weapons, or props replicating weapons are to be brought to school.
  - No props.
  - No costumes are allowed that would completely hide the identity of the student, i.e. gorilla suit.
  - Costumes must not impair a student's vision or movement.
  - Costumes may not show obscene materials, threats, or prohibited substances.
  - No masks are permitted except for cloth face coverings for COVID-19.
  - If you are not sure, don't wear it! If you have questions please reach out to Mrs. Evans or I.
- **Attention 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families:** In lieu of a Halloween Party, the PTO is sponsoring 2 events for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. They are having a costume contest and a Jack-o-Lantern carving contest. For more details click [here](#).

## COVID-19 notifications from the district

When there is a report of a positive COVID-19 case in our school, our goals include speed and transparency. There will be three levels of communication when we are informed of a positive COVID-19 result:

- A general notification from me to the students, parents, and teachers at the particular school
- A notice from the principal informing anyone who MAY BE a close contact. (Please be patient with us as this communication is made prior to the complete contact tracing and the summary meeting with the County Health Department.)
- A follow-up from the principal confirming those who are (and those who are not) a close contact. Those confirmed as close contacts must quarantine for 14 days. There is no longer the option to test out of quarantine.

## Italian-American Heritage Month

There's nothing like a good home cooked Italian meal. Whether you are looking for an appetizer, a meal, or a rich dessert, you can always find something delicious in the Italian cuisine. Check out these great [recipes](#) from delish.



The trouble with eating italian food is that five or six days later, you're hungry again

## Mental Health Moments

Next week's mental health moment will be about getting organized. Students will watch this video during homeroom. The link to the video is

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xRTNggh-Q&t=2s>

This [document](#) will also accompany the video. You can always view the videos and see the documents by visiting our website. They can be found in the Counseling Dept. section under the "Our Students" tab.

## Reminders!

- If you would like to change your child's mode of instruction from hybrid to remote or vice versa please email Mrs. Azevedo. Please allow up to 3 days for the change to be made especially when there is a change from remote to hybrid.
- 2020 Governor's Educator of the Year nomination form can be found [here](#).
- When dropping items off for your children, please be sure to label the items with your child's name and grade level. The item will be left outside of the office for them to pick up.
- Please remind your children that are biking to school to wear helmets.
- Lunch will be held outside as long as it is not raining or snowing. Please be sure your child comes to school with appropriate attire to sit outside.