



Monday, May 3, 2021

Greetings to the Parents of Edison's Class of 2021!

It has been a long time coming, but we are finally nearing the end of our children's last year at Edison. While these last few weeks of the school year will be different than anything we could have imagined when they began their academic journey six years ago, we should take some time to reflect upon our children and all they have accomplished and learned. The end of the year is a time to celebrate their successes, both big and small, and relish the memories of their elementary school years, a time of their lives that we hope they will remember fondly for years to come.

Edison PTA's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee is dedicated to providing our 5<sup>th</sup> graders a memorable culmination to their Edison journey. While our present circumstances and reduced fundraising capabilities for the year dictate that we forego some of the traditional 5<sup>th</sup> grade activities, we would like to share with you what we have planned for the last few weeks of the year.

#### **Gifts for Students**

Last week, students completed a survey in which they had the opportunity to provide their input on what type of gifts they would like to receive at the end of the school year. The first choice was a 2021 Class T-shirt listing all students' names. The committee is reviewing the survey to determine if we can afford to purchase one or two items for each student to commemorate their time at Edison.

#### **Special 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Section in the Yearbook**

We are asking parents to submit a baby picture of their 5<sup>th</sup> grade student that will be included in a special 5<sup>th</sup> Grade section of this year's Yearbook. Though optional, we will include as many baby pictures as we receive by **Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**.

- Please email your child's baby picture to: [yearbook.edison182@gmail.com](mailto:yearbook.edison182@gmail.com).

Students also have the opportunity to submit a favorite memory, reflection, or quote that will be included in the special 5<sup>th</sup> Grade section of the Yearbook. Though optional, we will include as many submissions as we receive by **Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**.

- Students need to click on this link while logged into their school Google accounts to fill out the submission form: <http://bit.ly/2021YearbookReflection>

Yearbooks are now on sale and can be purchased online for \$20 (including tax) plus \$4.99 for direct shipping to your home. Included in this price are 2 full pages that you can customize and personalize for your student. Click on the link below to buy a yearbook today!

- <https://www.treering.com/validate> For Edison's site, enter Passcode: 101566244081951
- **May 29, 2021** is the deadline for preorders. The price will increase after May 29th.

These additional pages to the yearbook are being offered in lieu of a separate 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Memory Book that has been offered in past years. Unfortunately, this modification is necessary due to this year's fundraising and budget constraints.

### **Edison Class of 2021 Yard Signs**

Yard signs celebrating the Promotion of Edison's Class of 2021 are now available for purchase for \$15. The signs are 24"x 18" and include the frame with 18" stakes. The pre-order deadline is **Wednesday, May 19th**. Please see the flyer and order form attached to this letter for design details, deadline, and instructions for placing an order, or click this link to order online: <http://bit.ly/Edison2021YardSign>.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Culmination Ceremony**

In consultation with the District and the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee, Mrs. Okazaki has decided that this year's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Culminating ceremony will be held virtually. The virtual Culmination Ceremony will be scheduled at a specific time during the last week of the school year so that you can make plans to experience it with your child and any friends or family you may wish to invite. Details as to the date and time will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks.

Committee members are already working hard to create a compelling online experience, using last year's successful virtual ceremony as a template. But we need your help to complete our video presentation and make this year's experience unforgettable! We need each student and their parents to submit some items that will be included in the virtual ceremony. Please see further details about each of these items below. With your help, we can deliver a memorable finale to their elementary school years!

### **Details about items for Virtual Culmination Ceremony**

- **Recent photo** – Students need to submit a candid, recent photo of themselves that will be featured on an individual slide. ONLY the student should appear in the photo (no friends, siblings, or other family members please.) It does not need to be formal. A casual picture showcasing the student's personality or interests is great! (Photos will be cropped as needed for size.)
  - **Click on this link to upload the photo.** <http://bit.ly/2021PromotionPics>
  - Files names should include the student's first and last name. (Example: EdisonStudent.jpg)
  - Images need to be high resolution, and submitted as a .jpg, .png, or .tiff file format.
  - Images need to be uploaded to the above link by **11pm on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. The student's yearbook picture will be used on their slide if no other picture is submitted.
- **Individual Message** – Students need to submit a short message that will appear on their slide next to their picture during the virtual ceremony.
  - Students can click on this link to fill out and submit the form while logged into their school account. <http://bit.ly/2021PromotionMessage>
  - The deadline for submission is **11pm on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.
- **Student Memories** – A segment of the virtual ceremony will feature a look back at Edison's Class of 2021 over their years at Edison. We are asking parents and students to submit photos of this year's 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participating in school activities and events at Edison both this year and in previous years. Whether attending a virtual class in their home this year, or jumping with their classmates at Jump Rope for Heart in previous years, or just hanging with their friends on the playground during recess, we'd like to feature photos that showcase a variety of students and events that will remind them of all the wonderful memories they have created while attending Edison.
  - **Click on this link to upload Student Memory photos:** <http://bit.ly/2021StudentMemories>
  - Images need to be high resolution, and submitted as a .jpg, .png, or .tiff file format.
  - Multiple photos may be submitted, though some may not be used depending on the total number of submissions received.
  - The deadline for submission is **11pm on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**.

- **Student Speeches** - Students will be able to audition to be a speaker as part of the culmination ceremony. If your child is interested, he/she/they will need to write a speech and audition. They should start working on the speech now, as auditions will be held towards the end of the week of May 10. If selected, your child would need to video record the speech (more details will be given during the audition).
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Volunteers** – Many of the events and activities that have made your children’s elementary school experience so memorable would not have been possible without the countless hours and dedication of our Volunteers. A segment of our Promotion Ceremony will be dedicated to honoring the volunteers that are parents, grandparents, or other adult family members of this 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class. To complete this segment, we are asking parents to submit photos of themselves or any other 5<sup>th</sup> Grade parents that depict these volunteers attending school events, working school activities, volunteering in various classrooms, chaperoning field trips, reading in the library, or any of the other incalculable ways in which our volunteers have supported Edison over the past six years.
  - **Click on this link to upload any photos you have. Multiple submissions are welcome!**  
<http://bit.ly/2021ParentVolunteers>
  - Images need to be high resolution, and submitted as a .jpg, .png, or .tiff file format.
  - The deadline for submission is **11pm on Friday, May 28th, 2021**

### **Classroom Fun Time**

In addition to the activities outlined above, the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers are also planning some in-class activities and game days for the last week of school that will make the students’ final days as 5<sup>th</sup> graders fun and memorable.

If you have any questions about submitting any of the items requested above, please email:

Christie Pisapia at: [pisapia.christie@edisonelementarypta.org](mailto:pisapia.christie@edisonelementarypta.org) **OR**

Carissa Baumhart at: [baumhart.carissa@edisonelementarypta.org](mailto:baumhart.carissa@edisonelementarypta.org)

The Volunteers on the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee would like to thank you for your submissions, help, and support as we strive to end this year on a high note that will resonate with our children throughout the summer and into their middle school careers.

Sincerely,

Edison PTA’s 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee

# CLASS OF 2021 YARD SIGNS ORDER FORM

Get your yard signs today!



\*This is singled-sided 18" x 24" sign

\*Comes with a 18" silver steel H-bracket stake

\*These signs are made of coroplast, corrugated plastic

Dear 5th Grade Families,

Edison PTA is selling **CLASS OF 2021** yard signs! They are \$15.00 each and come with a 18" silver steel H-bracket stake.

To place an order, please complete this form and return to the front office by **Wednesday, May 19th**, or to place an order online go to: <http://bit.ly/Edison2021YardSign>

We are currently accepting pre-orders. We will notify you when the order is ready. Please remit payment at the time of pickup. Thank you!

Student Name

Room No. or Teacher's Name

Quantity you are ordering:

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
↑ total amount due at pick up

Your email address **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:**

Any questions, contact : [mack.yoko@edisonelementarypta.org](mailto:mack.yoko@edisonelementarypta.org)