

As we start to round the first few months of school for in-person instruction, I wanted to let everyone know how unbelievably proud I am of our students and families. Students, along with the teachers and staff, have adapted well to their new classroom environment and routines. Students are very aware of their surroundings, the distance required from one another, and the importance of wearing masks to keep everyone safe. Our teachers and staff have also done an amazing job working with our students not only to transition back into the school environment, but with understanding the importance of taking extra time for handwashing and/or disinfecting work environments in order to keep our building safe as well. We are very fortunate to have all of you working as hard as you are! Keep up the great work, ECS!

The New York State School Boards Association recognizes October 19 - 23, 2020 as School Board Recognition Week. This is a time to promote awareness and understanding of the important work performed by school board members. Edinburg Common School is joining all public school districts across the state to celebrate School Board Recognition Week to honor local board members for their commitment to the school community and its children. We would like to thank Michael Evans, Angela Ludwig, and James Lowerre for their ongoing support and dedication to the Edinburg Common School District.

On Friday, October 30, 2020 students were excited to celebrate Halloween festivities. Even though it looked a little different this year, the celebrations were able to go on! The students paraded in the gym, like we have in the past, to show their costumes to everyone. Families were able to participate from work/home by watching the live streamed video. Students then participated in Halloween classroom parties with snacks and treats.

The PBIS school store was also open on October 30, 2020. Students that have earned tickets for positive behavior had the chance to purchase items they have been saving for. Keep up all the hard work everyone!

Please remember to support the Edinburg PTO at the annual Roast Beef Dinner Saturday, **November 7, 2020 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm**. Although we cannot enjoy this annual event together this year, the dinner will offer to-go orders only. Please arrive on-time so you don't miss out on this scrumptious meal!

The Edinburg Common School will honor our local veterans this year by reaching out to our families and community members. Veterans will be asked to send in some information about themselves along with a picture. The gathered information will be compiled in a video that will be shared with the Edinburg School community. Stay tuned for more details and please contact the main office at 518-863-8412 if you would like to send in your information and photos. Our veterans are important to us and we thank you for your services!

While there has **NOT** been any confirmed COVID-19 cases at Edinburg Common School District, it is important for our school community to be proactive in the event of a short or long term closure occurring. As you have watched other districts close at a moment's notice, it is

imperative that we are also prepared for distance learning to continue. Therefore, on **Thursday, November 19, 2020**, Edinburg Common School District will have a “Practice Distance Learning Day”. On Wednesday, November 18th, students will come home with their school issued computer along with their class schedule and the materials needed to complete their assignments for the following day. There will be a breakfast and lunch sign-up that will be sent home prior for the “Practice Distance Learning Day”. Your child/children will bring those meals home with them on Wednesday, if they choose to sign up for them. Teachers and staff will follow their day according to the classroom schedule the students currently have. When lessons are given, teachers will meet students on the virtual platform (PK-2 Seesaw and 3-6 Google Classroom) the classes have established. Lessons will be live in nature from the classroom environment. There will be gaps in the “Practice Distance Learning Day” that will let students break for snacks, lunch, bathroom breaks, etc. at home. The following day, Friday, November 20, 2020, students will return to in-person learning and teachers will reflect on their “Practice Distance Learning Day”. Participation from students and families will be crucial in order for us to see areas we need to work on for a short or long term closure, if needed.

For more information please go to our school website at www.edinburgcs.org and/or like our school Facebook page.

Dates to Remember:

- Tuesday, November 3rd - Superintendent's Conference Day - No School
- Saturday, November 7th - Annual PTO Roast Beef Dinner 4:00 - 7:00 pm (Take Out Only)
- Tuesday, November 10th - ECS Board of Trustees (Virtual) Meeting 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, November 11th - Veterans Day - No School
- Monday, November 16th - Professional Development Half Day Dismissal at 11:30 am for Pick-Ups and buses will load at 11:45 am
- Thursday, November 19th - “Practice Distance Learning Day”
- Tuesday, November 24th - Emergency Early Release 2:30 pm
- Wednesday, November 25th - Friday, November 27th Thanksgiving Holiday Break