



SPRING EVENTS!

FAMILY EVENTS:

MLK Day of Service (January): Bring the whole family in January to acknowledge the work of Dr. King and to support children in their exploration of service and justice.

STEAM POP! (March 3rd): Join us for our biggest spring fundraiser to learn about all things science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics as they are found in popular culture. Hands on experiments, presentations by local vendors, food and more.

Fifth Grade Fund Run (March 16th): Spend a weekend morning supporting our fifth graders and running around Edgemont Park for our second annual fun run. Ticket sales all support the 5th graders.

AAPI Family Celebration (May): May is Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we celebrate the many contributions and achievements of the AAPI community.

SHOWCASES:

Talent Show (Feb 15th): All children can share their talents, both performing arts and visual arts. We will ask for submissions in advance so we can develop the evening program. We also create a visual arts display for those who want to feature art work they've created.

Science Fair (spring): Students work on experiments at home and share their findings at an afterschool celebration of science. Several teachers attend to learn about the experiments and students explain their work. Students will then give ongoing presentations during the school day to classes so they can practice public speaking and sharing what they learned.

Debate: Our Afterschool Enrichment debate team competes annually against Lacordaire. Come watch our 4th and 5th graders compete under the guidance and leadership of third grade teacher, Ms. O'Connor. This is a paid class through afterschool enrichment; scholarships are available.

School Play (spring): Directed by third grade teacher, Ms. O'Connor, students can participate in a school play afterschool. This is a paid offering but scholarships are available.

Sign up to help out OR more info at edgemontpta.org

IN SCHOOL EVENTS:

Black History Month Celebration (February): In addition to teacher-lead learning initiatives, parents volunteers help us design in-school educational events to celebrate Black History month history and culture.

Read Across Edgemont (Week of March 4th): We will plan an author visit + DEAR (drop everything and read) across the entire school where parents and caregivers can read to classrooms and share enriching books from our local book store, Watchung Booksellers.

Book Fair (Week of March 18th): Celebrate reading by supporting our Scholastic book fair. The PTA raises funds so that all children can visit the bookfair and receive books. You can also join for the evening shopping session if you want to peruse and purchase books with your children.

Fun Day (June 7th): We celebrate the end of the year with a day-long field day filled with a bounce house, slip and slide, hop race, face painting and more. This is one of the best days at Edgemont and it takes a village to make it happen, so save the date for this so you can volunteer!

YEAR ROUND on School Days -

Afterschool ENRICHMENT OR “ASE” (year-round): After school activities for children for an 8 to 10 week period in the fall and spring. This is a paid activity and scholarships are available.

Walk & Roll (first Friday of every month): Join kids all around the world to celebrate the benefits of walking and biking. We meet at 8 am in Edgemont Park and enjoy a chaperoned stroll around the loop before heading into school. Physical activity can improve mood, focus, and cognitive performance!

THANK YOU EVENTS:

Staff and Teacher Appreciation: Welcome back coffee, teacher appreciation week, teacher luncheon, classroom gifts and more. We also acknowledge Paraprofessional Appreciation Day, Custodian Appreciation Day, Nurses Appreciation Day, Administrative Professionals Day, and Principal Appreciation Day.

Holiday and End of Year Giving: We partner with class parents to acknowledge all staff and teachers for their efforts during the school year.

Teacher Toasts: Parents can host end of year “Teacher Toasts” for their teachers. More information is below as these are planned through MFEE.

Other than events, what are some ways the PTA has supported the school?

The PTA has a huge commitment to equity and ensuring all students and families can participate in our programming. As such, the PTA supports scholarships for all students and families by waiving fees, sponsoring afterschool enrichment spots, ensuring all students can participate in the book fair, and more. Additionally, the PTA has also been responsible for capital improvements such as the round lunch tables in the gym, the Gaga pit, the picnic tables and benches, the outdoor tents and more.

How do I find out about what’s happening at the school? - - - Every Friday, our Principal sends out a communication to all parents (to contact information you provided on Genesis when you enrolled your child in Montclair Public Schools). Every Monday, the PTA sends a newsletter about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, District events and more. By joining the PTA, you will automatically begin receiving our newsletter. The PTA also coordinates with Class Parents to share information via email to families so if you’ve agreed to share your information with the PTA, you’ll be added to those emails as well. Lastly, our PTA website is a wonderful resource for all up to date information and calendar items!

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