

THE EDGEWOOD MYP UPDATE



Welcome Back!



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Summer Adventures

By Aaliyah Burke & Mya Casas

Over the course of the 2019 summer, the students and staff of Edgewood Middle School had a lot of interesting experiences. Some students vacationed in Hawaii, received a new dog, and had fun with friends at theme parks, such as *Raging Waters*.

Journalism students, Matthew Alvarez and Adal Gutierrez, interviewed the school Band teacher, Mr. Gomez. This summer, he got engaged to his girlfriend. He also said he is “Excited to be back in school and [has] high expectations for the band.”

Journalism staff, Anabel Martinez and Angelina Briseno, interviewed 8th grader, Gabrielle Manuel. Over the summer, she went on a family hike into the woods, and stated the trip was memorable because it was a new experience for her. A goal Gabrielle set for herself this year is to be a straight A+ student.

Lastly, Edgewood Middle 8th Grade student, Aysa Pan was interviewed by Journalism student, Ellie Castillo, and was asked about her summer and for some insight about the year to come. Over the summer, Aysa went on a trip with her cousins, and became more of an adventurous person. When she was asked about her opinions on the upcoming year, she stated that she “can’t wait to see what the new year will bring for [her].”

These are just some of the many different activities Edgewood students and staff participated in over this summer.

Back to School Dance

By Angelina Briseno and Anabel Martinez

On Wednesday, August 28th, 2019, Edgewood Middle School's very own PTSA held a Back to School Dance, beginning at 1:45 and ending at 3:15. The dance theme was "Superheroes", and many were wearing superhero shirts, as a way of supporting the Spirit Week. The PTSA provided food and entertainment, such as a D.J. and games with prizes, for its middle schoolers. Many attended the dance with positive outlooks and school spirit, dancing and singing along to the music that echoed throughout the dance floor.



Students began the dance with some hits from the 2010's, such as Beyonce's "Single Ladies" and Bruno Mars's song, "Just The Way You Are". Slowly but surely, more and more kids entered the dance floor.

The dance ended with popular music from this year, but before it could end, the middle schoolers participated in a series of games the PTSA hosted. The dance was an overall success with the students, providing many memories and much enjoyment.

EMS Wears Yellow To Remember Denise Saldate

By Audrey Arce And Calliope Baise



Thursday, September 5th, was the birthday of Denise Saldate, an Edgewood student who passed away in April, 2019. The school commemorated her birthday by having students wear Denise's favorite color, yellow. As a result, a great number of Edgewood students and staff wore yellow, to celebrate.

Journalism staff asked one of the Science teachers, Miss. Sarraf, about the event. She replied, by saying that it is important for those who knew her to celebrate her, and it's great to have the opportunity to celebrate the lives of others. She left the following quote, "Thinking about Denise still makes me smile today. She will always be in my heart."

When interviewed, 7th grader, Cassandra Blanco, one of Denise's closest friends, said one of her best memories with Denise was when she would go over to her house and they would hang out together. They had fun every time no matter what, and had known each other since pre-school.

Finally, 7th grader, Ryan Cortez, said he was pretty close to Denise, and they would sometimes walk out together, she was also his partner in science. He said she was overall, really fun, and outgoing, and just a great friend to have.

Though she is gone, Denise's memory lives on forever in the heart of Edgewood, and we will forever appreciate her.

Edgewoods Back To School Night

By Carmella Harper and Isabella Sanchez

Edgewood hosted their *Back to School Night*, on Wednesday, September 4th, 2019. At *Back to School*, the campus opened at 5:00 p.m. to welcome everyone and to invite them to enjoy delicious meals provided by food trucks and snacks, sold by students. Among the meals and services, there was a taco truck that sold types of tacos, quesadillas, and burritos, a shaved ice/raspado truck, and many other types of food trucks.



Before the performances began, the Edgewood PTSA held a meeting to establish a Nominating Committee that decided on the PTSA board for next school year. In addition, in the gym, Dr. Maddox began with a welcome to all the families that attended the event, and she presented the following performances. Highlights include, *Edgewood High School Band* and *Choir* performances, *High School Dance* showcased their 50s and summer themed dances, and *Middle and High School Cheer* presented their Dodger routine, for parents and staff. Before teachers open their doors, G.A.T.E., spearheaded by Mr. Bermudez, also held a meeting about the unique



Honors program Edgewood offers, as well as the activities open to students participating in the program.

Eventually, teachers opened their classrooms to Edgewood families. In the classrooms, teachers explained the rules of their classrooms and grading criteria, as well as introduced a bit about themselves. Instructors also explained how students can improve on their grades, and if they need tutoring, where they can find it. Teachers were open to questions from parents and students towards the end of their sessions. Moreover, the College and Career center had their own booth explaining how students can ensure they will get into a good college. Lastly, Mr. Soto was there to explain to Edgewood families about the athletic programs the High School and Middle School offer.



In the end, the 2019 Back to School Night went according to plan and parents were able to learn about what will be in store for their children, this school year.

Club Spotlight

Edgewood's Club Rush Event a Success

By Adal Gutierrez

At lunchtime, on August 30th, 2019, Edgewood Middle School hosted a very successful Club Rush for their 6-8th grade students. The event was organized by ASB Advisor, Mr. Perez, and students participating in the EMS ASB class.

The event saw a variety of clubs, including Butterfly Club, Remote Control (RC) Club, Video Game Club, Minecraft Club, Craft Club, and Science Olympiad, these being some of the more prominent clubs present. Hundreds of students were seen visiting the area to enroll in their passions and hobbies, in the form of clubs.

Some of the students that arrived at the event include 6th graders, Cruz Jimenez and Lindsey Lutz. During an interview, Cruz Jimenez expressed he wants to join the Video Game Club by vocalizing, "I see Video Game club as an opportunity to be able to enjoy the games I play with my friends at home, at school." Another 6th grader, Lindsey Lutz, talked about her motivation to help the environment of our school in her statement, "I want to help with the pollution in our school by cleaning the environment and throwing away trash where it belongs." In conclusion, the students of Edgewood appear to have a lot of enthusiasm and inspiration to participate in this year's extracurricular activities.



Culinary Club Experience

By Jacob Campos and Gavin Cordova

The Culinary Club is an after school extracurricular club located in the room B-5, Mr Wong's class. Students who go to culinary club learn skills that will be beneficial in the future, when they are no longer dependent on others. The valuable cooking skills they learn can be used as an advantage in everyday life.

Last year, Culinary Club had a potluck consisting of different cuisines coming from a variety of families and super markets. The Culinary Club cooked foods, such as french fries and chorizo, using electrical frying pans. In addition, they also made smoothies, spaghetti, sliders, and so much more delicious food for the club members to enjoy. These skills are extremely useful in the near future, and even now, so one has the ability to cook for themselves, their family, and also friends.



The Academic Spotlight

Science Speed Lab

By Adal Gutierrez

At the beginning of September, 8th grade Science students, across EMS, worked outside of the classroom to participate in a lab regarding calculating speed. Before the lab, the students were instructed on how to calculate speed by dividing distance by time. During the lab, the students used this formula, for speed, while timing themselves walking across a 3 meter string.



Students used the data from their distance and the amount of time it took to walk the distance, so they could calculate their personal walking speed, in meters per second. Afterwards, 8th graders were directed to use their average walking speed from the first part of the lab to time themselves walking an unknown distance.

All in all, the speed lab helped students to get a better understanding of how to calculate speed, in a fun manner while, enjoying the sunshine of the outdoors.

Socratic Seminar Across 8th Grade English

By Ellie Castillo and Damian Cevallos

In the Socratic Seminar based in 8th grade English classes, students examined the classic children's book, *The Giving Tree*, by Shel Silverstein, before starting *The Outsiders*. The story consists of a boy who loves a tree and begins to take from the tree, as the boy grows older. The boy takes the tree's apples, branches, and eventually its trunk.



Many of the students asked and answered questions, in order to determine the deeper meaning underneath the text. Some of the top questions that stirred the minds of the students, participating in the seminar, included the following: "Why didn't the tree ever get mad at the boy? Why did the boy come back sad and want to run away? 8th grader, Audrey Alvarez, asked, "What is the danger of loving too much, according to the story?"

In the end, Students had a positive attitude towards the Socratic Seminar and it set the stage for the novel's deeper themes.

Edgewood Sports

Football & Volleyball & Cheer

By Shelby Rana & Jordana Gonzalez

This fall season, students are dedicated to participating in sports and are coming off strong performances in Football, Volleyball, and Cheer. Tryouts for both, Volleyball and Football, began on August 22., while the incoming cheerleaders had tryouts last year, in advance. An astounding fifty-six people tried out for volleyball this school year; only 20 people made the team. Around 40 students tried out for football, and only 20 people were accepted, as well.

The very first game of the year for occurred on September 11 and our EMS volleyball team competed against Walnut Grove Intermediate. Edgewood finished the game with a victory of 3 - 1 sets for volleyball. Throughout the game, our team made incredible serves, knocking those Walnut Hawks off their feet! The team's victory is a great start to a promising year for volleyball.

Unfortunately, the EMS flag football team suffered a tragic loss of 14 - 18, against Walnut Grove Intermediate. Despite their loss, the team maintained great sportsmanship after the game. The football team still stands strong and strives to win future games.

Meanwhile, the EMS Cheer Team stopped by to encourage and raise the Football team's spirit and morale. Cheer gave an outstanding performance, leaving their empowering chants stuck in the minds of onlookers. On the other hand, the Walnut cheer squad made an attempt at rallying their team, but it was not enough to compete with the rowdy spirit of our wonderful Edgewood Cheer team. This year's cheer team is making quite the entrance with their enthusiasm and they will carry themselves with that spirit, throughout the year.



August & September in Review

By Daniel Yu and Matthew Alvarez

This story concludes August and September. At the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year, Edgewood Middle School students were welcomed back with overwhelming support from teachers, aides, and administrators alike. The first months back have been filled with plenty of learning and fun activities to get the students engaged.

Edgewood students partook in many enjoyable activities, such as Spirit Week and Club Rush, during the last week of August. As it stands, *RC Club*, led by Mr. Medley, is Edgewood's longest standing club. Other notable changes include the transferring of *Video Game Club* to Mr. Tan from Mr. Bermudez, and Mr. Price's new comic book writing club, *Greater Creator's Club*.



In terms of sports, Edgewood Football, Volleyball, and Cheer are underway and are doing their best, in their respective sports. Next month, Basketball tryouts will be underway and students will compete for a spot on the team. In terms of academics, History and Math is being enjoyed by students all around. In History, students will learn about American Colonial times to the start of the American Revolution. One interesting activity done in History class was a colonial commercial project. In Math teachers encourage students to ask questions if they do not understand and go to tutoring.

Back to School Night took place on September 4th. This night consisted of parents and students getting to know their teachers, better, and it gave the parents an insight on what their children will be doing in each specific class.

On September 27th, Edgewood also hosted the Fall Awards Ceremony, where students were commended for their academic achievements. The awards are based off of tenacity, attendance, and grade point average. The assembly acknowledged students who did well in their classes, more specifically, passing with As and Bs.

Lastly, stay tuned for next month's digital newsletter. In October, Halloween and Outsiders' Day will take place. Outsiders Day takes place on October 24th, an event designed for 8th grade students. Overall, more events are coming to Edgewood, and the students are sure to bring school spirit.



Announcements

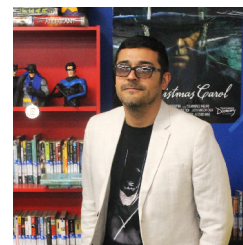
PTSA: It is time for the annual *PTSA Reflections* event! Students are invited to showcase their artwork to compete against each other with the theme, “Look Within”. Students will make their own original work that creatively expresses themselves. Their original artwork can be either be of dance/choreography, literature, photography, film production, music composition, or visual arts. Honorees will be treated to an awards recognition dinner on November 13th, ticket raffles, Certificate of Recognition, and awards regarding excellence or merit. The cut off date to enter is October 3rd, please submit your entry to your Language Arts teacher, Ms.Jackson, or at the entry box in the Media Center.

GATE: Attention EMS G.A.T.E. students! Mr. Bermudez will host the first G.A.T.E. meeting of the year on Thursday, October 3rd, in his room, C-3, during lunch. He will go over the extracurricular activities available this year, such as college visitations and the Edgewood Personal Projects. Be sure to be there to find out what’s coming up next!

ASB: ASB will host a *Halloween Dance* on October 24th. Entry will cost 5 dollars, for all students. The event will feature a live D.J.and snacks will be sold by PTSA. Be sure to check out this spooky event.

Message from the Adviser

The following was brought to you by the Edgewood Middle School Journalism class; we hope you have enjoyed our first digital newsletter. My students put forth a lot of work conducting interviews, covering school events, and, of course, taking pictures. Please understand that the *Edgewood MYP Update* is student written and a work in progress. We hope you click on our next issue, the following month. Thank you for your support of our students.



-Mr. Bermudez