

THE EDGEWOOD MYP UPDATE



Fall Season



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Outsiders' Day 2019

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On October 24, 2019, Edgewood Middle School's 8th graders participated in the annual Outsiders' Day, a spirit day based off of the novel, *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. Outsiders' Day is a day where Edgewood's 8th graders dress up as either a Greaser or a Soc, groups from the novel they read as a class. This year's event took place outside Edgewood's gymnasium, and went all throughout the duration of lunch.

Outsiders' Day included food, and several games, such as hula hooping, and limbo. Cars from the 1950s and the 1960s were brought, so that students could really experience what it was like during the time the book took place. At the end of the event, staff announced the four winners for best dressed, as either a Greaser or a Soc. The female Soc that won was Vanessa Velasco, and the male was Jaden Tran, both winning *In N Out* gift cards, and rock candy. Winners on the Greaser side were Audrey Alvarez, and Damian Cevallos, who also won an *In N Out* gift card, as well as rock candy.

Outsiders' day is important for students which allows them to relive events that they have read about in class, while having fun and creating memories for years to come.

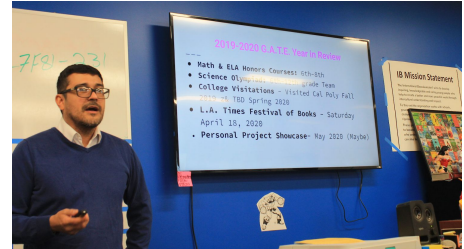
G.A.T.E 2019-2020

By Daniel Yu and Adal Gutierrez

On October 10th, Edgewood Middle School students were greeted by Mr. Bermudez, the G.A.T.E. coordinator, for this year's first Gifted and Talented Education meeting. The meeting consisted of a brief introduction of the program, plans for the upcoming year, and the requirements for the extra-curricular activities planned.

For instance, Mr. Bermudez talked about this year's extracurricular events, such as the college study trips. Currently, there are three field trips planned, to Cal Poly Pomona, the L.A. Times Festival of Books hosted by USC, and a visit to either Cal State Fullerton or UC Irvine, next semester. On field trips, students are encouraged to experience and explore what the central campus is like, before participating in a guided tour in which they explore the further popular sections of campus. This allows students to get insight on their future education. Apart from college tours, students are also encouraged to participate in the Festival of Books, a literature event held on the USC campus. During the festival, students experience all types of literature and may interact with participating authors and enthusiasts alike.

There will be further monthly G.A.T.E. meetings, during lunch, to remind and inform students on upcoming events.



Fall Dance

By Shelby Rana and Jordana Gonzalez

On October 24th, a Thursday afternoon, Edgewood Middle School's very own ASB organized a Fall Dance for their students. This was the second dance of the year, for the middle school, but this was the first dance explicitly organized by the ASB students.

ASB provided a photo booth with plenty of props, a DJ for musical entertainment, and sold treats, such as pizza, chips, nachos, and drinks for all that attended. On the same day, many 8th grade students who attended were in costume for Outsiders' Day, which took place earlier at lunch. Music consisted of various genres, ranging from Regional Mexican music, songs off the Top 40 Pop Chart, and a little bit of Old School Hip-Hop. All in all, the ASB Fall Dance was an ultimate success and students are filled with anticipation for more ASB events in the future.



Edgewood Families Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences

By Adal Gutierrez and Daniel Yu

On the night of Wednesday, October 17, Edgewood families gathered in the school's gymnasium with their students in order to converse with instructors and to receive feedback, ask questions, and to hear comments regarding their students' behavior and performance in the many classes that they take. For the event, food trucks were invited to campus for all to enjoy. The actual parent conferences took place between 5:00-7:00 p.m. This year also marked the first time high school and middle school teachers were all located in one place at the same time.

Information provided to the parents by teachers included grade scoring, struggles in class, advice and solutions for struggles. Some teachers also provided insight on what would be covered later on in the year. More specifically, teachers and guidance counselors briefed parents on what their children can do to fix or better aspects of their performance in class. These solutions include options, such as tutoring after school, asking for extra help during school, and extra credit assignments for more practice, which will hopefully lead to a better grade.

When asked, "How do you feel your feedback to the parents will affect the students' performance in class", Mr. Gomez, Middle School and High School Band Instructor, responded with "I feel it will be in a positive way" because "[...the student's] parents are going to be able to help them in ways that are specific." He looks forward to seeing students reflect on their own achievements with the help of the teacher and along with parental reinforcement. This will allow the Edgewood students to better themselves in

whichever area they lack. Additionally, Mr. Tan, Edgewood Science Teacher, stated that "...it's the responsibility of the student to manage and complete work, but the interaction of the parents will provide additional support."

Ultimately, the event proved to be a success, as families met with administrators, teachers, and counselors in order to ensure the achievement of students, in hopes of providing their children with an incentive to work harder and give their best efforts moving forward.



Club Spotlight

R.C. Club

By Jacob Campos, Gavin Cordova, and Caesar Leon

R.C. Club is a club that highlights driving remote control cars and interacting with other students and teachers. Mr. Medley is the proud advisor of R.C Club and takes care of both his cars, as well as those of the students. While he primarily teaches History to 8th Grade students, Mr. Medley also demonstrates proper care for his cars, club materials, and the track the students are fortunate to use for the club.

R.C Club takes place every Friday from 3:15 to 4:30. While the main reason for racing is purely for fun, students also race each other for the ultimate prize: bragging rights! Apart from Mr. Medley, there are other teachers also participate in the club, such as Mr. Co and Mr. Carels. So far, the club has not chosen a president, or placed anyone on council. However, a R.C. Club tradition is to race for their power and bragging rights. The student that comes in first becomes President, second place becomes Vice President, and third place student becomes the Treasurer.



Game Club

By Damian Cevallos and Matthew Alvarez

In Game Club, students and friends, alike, can enjoy themselves by hanging out and playing video games. This club takes place in D-3, with Mr Tan, a Science instructor. The club, although allows many school appropriate video games, centers around Nintendo franchises. Super Smash Bros Ultimate and Super Mario Kart are favorites amongst the students that participate.

Everyone is welcomed to come to Game Club and have fun every other Friday, when the club takes place. Journalism students interviewed Mr Tan, the host of Game Club. He was asked, “Why did you start Game Club?” and he responded with, “ Mr Perez had asked for someone to take up the role and it aligned with my interest so I accepted” - Mr. Tan. Mr. Bermudez is the former Game Club host, but after six years of being the advisor, he stepped down and Mr. Tan took over. When asked, “What were you hoping to gain out of hosting Game Club?” Mr. Tan responded with, “I wanted a space for the middle schoolers to hang out and feel welcomed.” Mr. Tan really enjoys teaching and providing students with this space. If anyone is interested, see Mr.Tan’s and ask him about game club.



The Academic Spotlight

Mr. Medley's 8th Grade History

By Ellie C. and Isabella S.

History is one of the primary subjects taught at Edgewood Middle School. Mr. Medley is the chair for History at Edgewood, which takes plenty of dedication. One thing he does best is engaging his students into his fun ways of learning history.

Something he wants to do is keep the entertainment alive for students, both in & out of the classroom. Mr Medley has his of different methods teaching his students. He communicates efficiently, assists students when it comes to defining vocabulary, and gives assignments to help retain that information. This past week, his students were told to memorize the preamble of the constitution. The students later recited it in front of the class. In the future, this information will be quoted in writing assignments, projects, and presentations. Great teachers make great students, and that is what we do here at Edgewood!



The ASB Class of 2019!

By Jordana Gonzalez & Shelby Rana

As the hidden technician behind our school events, ASB is responsible for maintaining school spirit, throughout the year. From the colorful posters on the walls that keep you updated on the latest events, to the exciting Spirit Friday lunch games, the Edgewood Middle School ASB class is always busy with something.

The EMS Journalism staff interviewed ASB Director, Mr. Perez, and asked him what ASB is like. He explains, "From the outside looking in, it is impossible to understand it and from the inside looking out, it is impossible to explain it."



In terms of offering new ways to keep the students entertained and raise school spirit, Mr. Medley and Mr. Perez have new games set up for Spirit Fridays. In past Fridays, Medley and Perez have set up a water balloon toss game and a football course for students to participate in for candy prizes. ASB students put in a lot of dedication and effort into their ideas for making this school year one to remember. So far, Mr. Perez and his class have exceeded their expectations and have most definitely increased school spirit and raised hopes for the year.

MYP Design

By Jordana Gonzalez & Shelby Rana

Mrs. Pavri's MYP Design class is always busy doing something creative, but their current project includes designing props for *Footloose The Musical*. The class is part of the reason why many events on campus, such as Rallies and Plays have many of their decorations.

In October, students in 8th grade Design worked with the Drama department by creating such props, as corsets out of fake flowers, spray painting and painted cardboard pieces, and even contributed original ideas for props. When asked about the class, Mrs. Pavri says "It's a place for trying new things, thinking outside the box, and getting frustrated." Projects like these require teamwork and communication, things that MYP Design encounters everyday.

Both, the students and Mrs. Pavri, work together and come up with new ways of designing items. With Mrs. Pavri as their guide, students are encouraged to think independently.

In conclusion, The Footloose Musical tickets are \$10; the play will take place on November the 14th at 4pm, the 15th at 7pm, and the 16th at 2pm and 7pm.



Racket Wacket

By Angelina Briseno

In P.E. classes, Coaches Kennon and Cha have begun racket wacket season. Edgewood Wildcats are excited to start playing this iconic game, once again.

Coaches start off by helping students get started and learning how the sport works. They explain that racket wacket has the same principles as baseball, but with a racket and a tennis ball, instead. A player will go up to home base, wait for the pitcher to throw the tennis ball, and swing with the racket. Coaches take a week to help students learn about the sport and practice before they are split into teams.

Racket wacket takes careful thought from all participants, and all need to think about future games and how they can incorporate their teammates. The sport brings out the best in these students, as they learn to ask questions, and reflect on their own personal skills and traits for the future units. After a six week period, racket wacket season ends and Coach Kennon asks students to give their opinion on how they and their team communicated and worked as individuals. This unit has certainly made students very excited and demonstrates the Wildcat spirit!





EMS. Halloween

By Adal Gutierrez and Daniel Yu

On October 31st, 2019, Edgewood students and staff came together and by dressing up in costumes and participating in the Fall Festival activities organized during nutrition and lunch. Students exchanged money for tickets, and purchased food items, such as cotton candy and soda.

To bring extra spirit to the school, academic departments matched costumes into specific themes. The World Language department dressed as the characters of the Disney-Pixar animated movie “Coco”, while the History department dressed as the cast of Charles Schultz’s “Peanuts Gang”. Additionally, the Science department dressed as brand mascots, and the Math department dressed as the iconic Addams Family. Lastly, the P.E. coaches dressed as Cobra Kai members from the popular movie, “Karate Kid”; this included a live performance by Coach Cha, in which he broke a piece of wood on the stage. Later into lunch, the staff members got into their groups and participated in a competition where the cheers of the crowd determined the best group. Each group ran up onto the stage and posed for the audience in order to attempt to get the most cheering from them. In the end, the Foreign Language department reigned supreme.



Edgewood Sports

Basketball

By Aaliyah Burke and Carmella Harper

As of recently, the Volleyball and Football season came to an end, and girls' and boys' basketball season have now officially started. The Cheer team, on the other hand, continues to work hard behind the scenes, drilling their routines, and the Cheer squad continues to root for the EMS teams.

This year, the boys' team is coached by Edgewood's Art teacher, Mr. Price, while Ms. Jackson and Ms. Shanay, Edgewood staff, are coaching the girls' team. The girls' team has 15 players while the boys have 16 players.

The girls team had 3 days of tryouts October 14th, 15th, and 18th. At tryouts, the girls were tested on their defense, passing ability, and layups. The teams final roster came out on October 21st. The boys team held their tryouts on October 14th and 15th, as well. At tryouts, the boys were scrimmaging, then they were working on pivoting drills, and eventually on defense. After 2 days of tryouts, on Thursday, October 17th, this season's current roster came out.

The teams first games took place on October 29, 2019. These games were played at home. The girls team defeated the Walnut Grove Lady Hawks with a final score of 39-15. Despite their efforts, the boys team were faced with an unfortunate loss with a score of 20-12.

All of Edgewood Schools wishes the girls and boys basketball teams' good luck this season.



Announcements

GATE: G.A.T.E. is sponsoring a study trip available for students participating in the Honors Language Arts and Math courses at Edgewood Middle School. Eligible students will visit Cal Poly on December 4th and participate in a campus tour of the university. Students will be back to school before lunch. The first 50 students to submit the permission slip and meet the grade requirements will go on the trip.

G.A.T.E. is hosting its second meeting of the year on Thursday, November the 14th, in room C-3, during lunch. Permission slips for this year's study trip will be handed out during this meeting.

ASB: ASB will host its first rally on December 18th during 6th period. Get ready for music, performances, and a general celebration of school spirit.

Yearbook:

GET YOUR YEARBOOK FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Price: \$35

Where to buy: From ASB, the Front Office, or from Mr. Bermudez in room C-3

Yearbook cover to be revealed at the next rally!

Message from the Adviser

Thank you for clicking on and reading our second newsletter. This one was a little tougher to produce because my students are now working on the yearbook, fulltime. October is also one of the busiest months of the year and many of the school's more prominent activities take place in the last two weeks of the month. Regardless, my students are doing their best to produce a worthy newsletter and I continue to be proud of their efforts. Please stay tuned for our next newsletter. We will return after the holidays in early 2020.



-Mr. Bermudez