



Winter Season



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Open House

By Calliope Baise and Audrey Arce

As it is near the end of the school year, Edgewood hosted its open house, for all parents to see how far their children have come this school year. The event took place on Wednesday, February 12, and began at 5:20pm. The event concluded at 7:45pm.

To kick things off, middle and high school performers from Cheer, Band, and Choir performed opening acts for fellow Edgewood families. Food and beverage trucks, and stands were present throughout the night, as well. Snacks included popcorn, tacos, snow cones, and many other delicacies. In addition, Edgewood also hosted a Book Fair the entirety of the week, and a Science Fair project display during Open House. The week long Book Fair provided a book to every EMS Wildcat. Science fair took place in the Pride Cafe, and allowed students to show others how hard they had worked on their science fair projects, and to present their results. Science teachers also provided an opportunity to students to present their projects to other families and friends for extra credit.

Students and their families were also invited to small meetings throughout the campus, but the main event is always classroom visitations, where families get to see the work their students have completed throughout the school year. Overall, the night was quite busy and the event was very successful.

Winter Rally 2019

By Shelby Rana & Jordana Gonzalez



On December 19, the Edgewood Middle School ASB class hosted a decades themed rally as a way of closing the year. ASB students Lyla Caston and Kenidey Pesante opened up the rally with a brief introduction before handing the microphone to ASB's president Gabbie Manuel to recite The Pledge of Allegiance.

Afterwards, the rally kicked off with a captivating performance from EMS Cheer, and was followed by a photo slideshow of EMS Wildcats, which was put together by the 2019-2020 yearbook, Adviser, Mr. Bermudez.



In the games, students from each grade were chosen to compete against each other in a game of Tug-Of-War, Potato Sack Race, and a tissue pulling contest. Teachers Mr. Tan, Ms. Almeda, Mr. Hoenshell, Ms. Sarraf, Mr. Medley, and Ms. Garcia all went up against each other in a balloon popping game, which ultimately resulted in Mrs. Almeda's victory. Afterwards, students were treated with musical entertainment. Advanced Choir, sang, "Here Comes The Sun" by *The Beatles*, and Band performed "African Bell Carol", "Deck the Hall With Rock n' Roll", and "A Festival Finale". It goes without being said that the rally was certainly a successful and triumphant way to close the year.



Edgewood High School Rally

By Daniel Yu and Adal Gutierrez

On February 7th, 8th grade middle school students from the West Covina Unified School District were invited to a rally hosted by Edgewood High School, to allow students to experience all that the school has to offer. Schools that were invited follow as listed: Hollencrest, Walnut Grove, San Jose Charter Academy, and Edgewood Middle School.



The rally started with performances by Cheer, followed by the National Anthem performed by Edgewood's choir. Performances were also followed by games that involved both staff and students from all schools. One of the games was also a game that involved teachers in which a teacher from each school stood on a small platform, and had to use a foam staff to knock the other teacher off. The last game involved teams of students to flip as many cups as possible, with each color representing their school. Despite tough competition, the game was eventually won by Edgewood. The rally also saw performances from Dance and Cheer, and musical performances by Edgewood's band and EP3C, a small band that received great applause.

All in all, Edgewood's rally presented a good demonstration of the school's widespread extracurricular activities and school spirit while inspiring and intriguing students to strongly consider becoming Lions for their high school experience.

Goodbye Mrs. Lovas!

By Gavin Cordova and Jacob Campos

Mrs. Lovas was a long time counselor at Edgewood Middle School for a whole 14 years. Mrs. Lovas and her family relocated to Texas and her last day at Edgewood was Wednesday, January 15.

She will be greatly missed by all members of the Edgewood community because she connected with students, staff, and families as well as for her experience and leadership. On her last day, the staff honored Mrs. Lovas for being more than a great counselor; she was a friend and mentor to many during her time at Edgewood.



Edgewood would like to wish her and her family the best as they start a new journey in Texas. You will be missed Mrs. Lovas. Thank you for your many years of excellent service.

December Band Showcase 2019

By Ellie Castillo & Isabella Sanchez

On December 12, 2019, the Winter Band Showcase was held at the Edgewood gym. Several bands from the Edgewood Schools played, some such as Intermediate, Jazz, Symphonic, and more!

Crowds cheered as many Christmas classics were played. Plenty of warmth and support came from family and friends for the many students in the band, which certainly eased a lot of tension for them at times. Plenty of snacks were sold in order to fund the band students with enough money for supplies, fixtures for instruments, new instruments, and more. The overall experience was a great time for the many Edgewood IB families, students, and the staff in attendance.

Lastly, those in the classes thank all those who attended and donated, as well!



Choir Concert 2019

By Jordana Gonzalez and Matthew Alvarez

The Edgewood Choir concerts took place in Pride Corner on December 10th and 11th.

Both middle school and high school Choirs performed. They did a number of songs including “Here Comes The Sun” by *The Beatles* and “Don’t Be A Jerk” by *Spongebob*. The concert was comprised of mostly Christmas songs, as the concert was held around the Holiday season.

Many people attended the concert including, teachers, students, friends, parents and many more. The choir students study day after day, practicing new songs and perfecting ones they have already learned. With the help of Ms. Rubell, the Edgewood Choir Director, students learn new music and enjoy the topic as a whole. She encourages students to do their best and get better.

The night provided songs that left students, staff, and parents with a sense of warmth for the holiday season.



Academic Spotlight

P.E

By Calliope Baise and Audrey Arce

P.E is an active class that helps students become more engaged and learn more about new sports, exercise, and health.

P. E. is also the class where students get to play a new sport around every 4 weeks. Earlier this year, The class focused on soccer, the world’s most popular sport, for this unit. Some students participated in the advanced league for a chance to win a mile run pass. The students of P.E have a lot of fun, but the whole team must show good sportsmanship in order to get a good grade. In addition, When students play soccer on the advanced team, they play against each other for a few weeks, before they have the championship; there is only one team that is the winner. Students learn how to do many sports and also learn how to communicate with each other, through this class. Thus, Physical Education helps students stay in shape and communicate in ways that are fun for everyone!

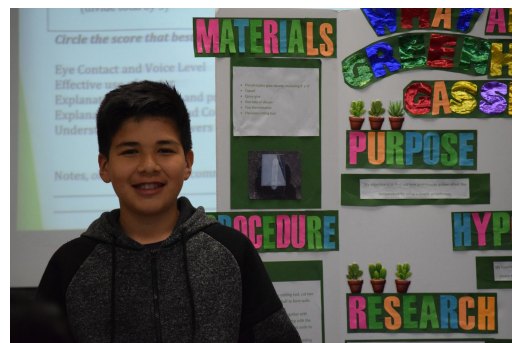


The Science Fair

By Damian Cevallos

The tradition of Science Fair is a competition of presentations students put together for their science experiments.

For the assignment, students have the choice to pick a partner they would like to work with and divide the work, or they can choose to do it alone. They pick their own topic from a list given or they are able to pick their own project topic, as long as it stays within the parameters of the competition. To begin with, students research their topic and how to perform the experiments required. With this information, they create a hypothesis and find a purpose for what they would like to find from this experience. The next step is to perform the experiment, acquire results, put the results on a digital document, print it out, and put it on a board to present to their respective classes. Lastly, students then take their finished science projects and set them up at Open House for all the parents to see and some students present their project to a group of parents.



In conclusion, Science Fair is a chance for students to explore their academic interest in scientific topics and show off their findings to others through their boards.

Edgewood Sports

Soccer Tryouts

By Adal Gutierrez and Daniel Yu

On January 13 and 15, an astounding approximately 60 students attended the soccer tryouts after school in hopes of making the school's team. The man directing and holding the tryouts was Mr. Hoenshell, a 7th and 8th grade History teacher, who would go on to coach the team for this year's season. During tryouts, the students athletes performed drills and practice games to display their skills and effort to the coach to show they are prepared and qualified to be on a proper organized team.



Although tryouts were scheduled to only take two days, because of the abundance of skilled players, Mr. Hoenshell decided to take a third day for tryouts on January 22 and do a third cut to reduce the remaining players to the maximum of 22 players that could be on the team. After three days of hard work and dedication, 21 students were selected to be kept and represent Edgewood with their specialties and expertise in the sport of soccer.

Below you will find the schedule for the remainder of the season.

Remaining Season Schedule

Home Game 1: Thursday 2/20 @ 3pm vs. San Jose

Home Game 2: Thursday 2/27 @ 3pm vs. Hollencrest

Home Game 3: Thursday 3/5 @ 3pm vs. Walnut Grove

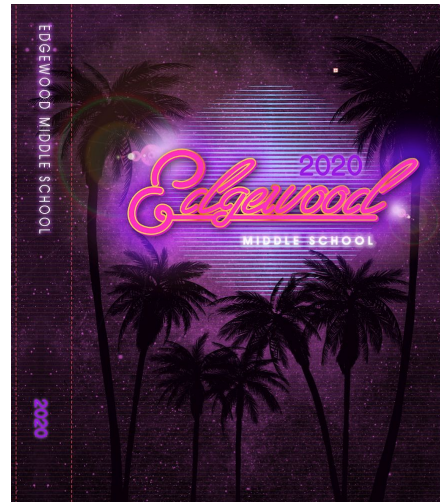
Announcements

ASB: ASB will host its last rally of the year for Edgewood Wildcats on March 19th, during 5th period. The theme for this rally is Hawaiiin. Make sure to save the date.

GATE: Attention EMS G.A.T.E. students! Mr. Bermudez will host a G.A.T.E. meeting, during lunch, in room C-3, Thursday, February 20th. He will detail the last field trip of the year, the L.A. Times Festival of Books hosted by USC. Make sure to attend in order to get the proper information

Update: Unfortunately, the G.A.T.E. Cal Poly field trip that was supposed to take place in December was cancelled, due to Rain and is now cancelled for the year due to scheduling conflicts.

Yearbook: The yearbook is on sale and the cover was revealed in December's EMS Rally via a slideshow. The class voted on going with an 80s theme for this year. To the right you will find a picture of the cover and the spine. As of now, more than half of the yearbooks have been sold. I project that the class will sell out this year due to the popularity of the book's theme and design. Anyone looking to purchase a yearbook can do so through room C-3, before school or during lunch. Yearbooks can also be purchased via the front office.



Message from the Adviser

Things are moving smoothly with the class and the yearbook is almost completed. The class will publish one more newsletter at the end of the school year. I want to, again, take a moment to acknowledge my students' hard work. The year is almost over, and I hope people like the yearbook theme & cover.

-Mr. Bermudez