

Eden Park Summer 2011 Newsletter

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Summer Ramp-Up

- Entering grade 1 parents and students look for an invitation to attend our summer ramp-up program offered in August.
- Several parents have commented that the program helped the transition to a full day much smoother.
- Children learn the routines of lunch, recess and lining up.
- Children engage in fun learning experiences to boost their reading and math skills before school begins.
- Children meet and work with the teachers that they will encounter in first grade.
- Children will receive their log on information for RAZ-Kids – an on-line reading program they can also do at home!!!
- Save the dates August 22 -August 26
- Don't miss out on this opportunity!!!!

Reflection on the 2010-2011 School Year

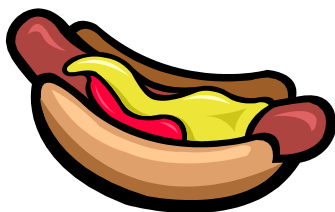
Summer is time for students, teachers and staff to recharge their batteries as well as reflect on the past school year. As I look back at our year at Eden Park I have much to be proud of and look forward to with the new school year. We have fresh and exciting new initiatives incorporated into our school wide plan. I am very proud of the students at Eden Park-they work hard, respect their teachers and their peers. Along with help from their parents and teachers, they bring a strong sense of community to our school. Thank you for your support as we helped families in need throughout the year. I am also very proud of the teachers at Eden Park. Several teachers volunteered to be teacher leaders in science as the whole school learned and implemented a new science curriculum. Also, three teachers and I worked collaboratively to pilot a new teacher evaluation process that will be implemented in September. We learned new methods of teaching and how to examine teachers' practice in the classroom with a stronger focus on student achievement. The motto for the new process is "the learners doing the learning." I am excited for the impact that this process will have on students' ability to be successful in the 21st century. I am also proud to announce that Eden Park students made adequate yearly process on the 2011 NECAP assessments. With your help we will continue to strive to ensure that all students have access to high quality instruction so that all students are proficient readers, writers and mathematicians.

Click on <http://infoworks.ride.ri.gov/> and type in Eden Park into school finder to see more information.



Dates to Remember

- Office Returns 8/17
- Class Lists 8/19 Posted
- Grade 1 Summer Ramp-Up 8/22
- Kindergarten Orientation 8/22
- Hot Dog Roast 8/22
- 1st Day of School 8/30
- PTO Meeting 9/7
- Open House 9/13 7:00pm



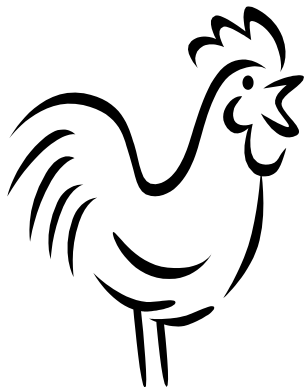
Eden Park's Annual Hot Dog Roast

All are invited
August 22, 2011 from 5:30-7:00

Come meet your new teacher, reconnect friends and classmates you haven't seen all summer and, of course, have hotdogs and watermelon!!

This event is made possible with help from the Parents and Teachers as Partners (PTP) at Eden Park. If you are interested in helping out please call 270-8029 or send me an email canderson@cpsed.net.

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Start your summer reading with Rooster Games books. Keep track of the books you read by recording highlights from the stories. Get ready for exciting activities and games throughout the year!!

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New Initiatives at Eden Park 2011-2012

Teachers and administrators are very busy this summer learning new ideas and strategies to help all students be successful. At Eden Park we are implementing a new school wide behavior program “Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports”. A group of seven teachers and I attended an intensive training to provide clear expectations for children when learning how to get along with others and how to act responsible in a variety of situations. We are looking forward to sharing this with the entire staff in August to begin implementation on August 30, 2011. We are looking for Eden Park STARS being caught in the act of practicing the new school wide rules.

Teachers and I have also started on a journey that is near and dear to my heart-improving mathematics

instruction at Eden Park. Along with other Cranston educators, we are learning from mathematics educators and researchers from the Dana Center. I am excited as we learn how to implement the new Core Standards that have recently been adopted in Rhode Island. This will help U.S. children to compete with children from other high performing countries throughout the world. Something the researchers said to us during the training has left a lasting impression on me “Why is ok for adults to say oh I was never good at math but no one is comfortable with saying I can’t read?” It is embarrassing to say one can’t read but not so to say one can’t problem solve. We need to change this mind set. Let’s work on this together. Join me in welcoming our new

Math Specialist, Mrs. Dimaio, as Mrs. DiMario retired at the end of the school year-we wish her much happiness.

Mrs. Driscoll, our Reading Specialist, will begin the Rooster Games in the fall. The program, The Rooster Games, is offered to students in grades 4, 5 and 6. Students will read and participate in a variety of games and fun activities that test their knowledge of the twenty books nominated for the Rhode Island Children’s Book Awards. This link will get you to the list of books. Why not stop by the local library (it’s air conditioned) and read a few this summer?

<http://www.ri.net/RIEMA/RICBA%202012%20Nominations.pdf>

**I am looking forward to a another great year at Eden Park!!
Any questions/concerns please give me a call, stop by or
send me an email this summer.**

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