

# EDMONSON NEWS

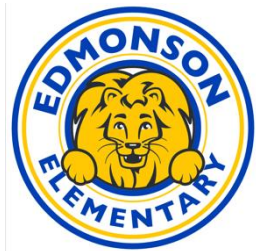
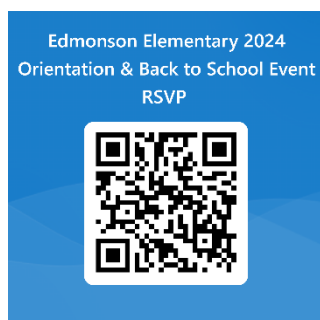
Summer Edition  
July/August 2024

1300 West Canfield  
Detroit, MI 48201  
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## Events

Informational Sessions  
8/6/24, 8/13/24 and  
8/22/24  
1:00pm.  
[bit.ly/EDMFAMILYCHECKIN](https://bit.ly/EDMFAMILYCHECKIN)

Back to School Event  
August 14, 2024  
10:00 am -2:00 pm  
Orientation will be at 10am  
Tours 11am



## What is Montessori?

Summer Edition

Greetings Edmonson Families,

I am very excited to welcome you to Edmonson Elementary School, a wall-to-wall Montessori community. It is my pleasure to serve as Principal of Edmonson for the 2024– 2025 school year. My goal is to create a partnership of support to you and your family as we provide a robust Montessori educational experience for your student. I hope you are enjoying your summer. The first day of school is five weeks away and begins on **August 26, 2024 at 8:00 am**. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly at [pashawn.johnson@detroitk12.org](mailto:pashawn.johnson@detroitk12.org) or via telephone 313-655-3181 if you have questions or concerns.

On Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>, Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, and Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm you are welcome to join optional informational sessions using this link <https://bit.ly/EDMFAMILYCHECKIN> to provide feedback and ask questions pertaining to our environment and your student needs. Updates are provided along with Q&A and feedback in a family-oriented forum.

Thank you for choosing Detroit Public Schools Community District. Thank you for choosing Edmonson Montessori Elementary School for your child's educational journey.

The Montessori Method was developed by Dr. Maria Montessori, an Italian doctor and educator. The Montessori method focuses on student independence through peer collaboration using hands on learning from a concrete to abstract perspective. The guide offers age-appropriate instructional activities to guide the process.



**ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS:** Students are expected to attend Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 3:10 pm. This year a late pick up policy has been established along with return to home school clause for chronic attendance and unsatisfactory behavior. More information to come on these new policies.

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

### FALL School Hours

8:00 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Primary (PreK/K)

Enter through Door 2 at 8:00am  
– Parking Lot entrance. Students  
must be signed in and out each  
day by a parent/guardian.

Lower Elementary (Grades 1,2,3)

Upper Elementary (Grades 4,5,6)

Lower Secondary (Grades 7,8)

Students enter at Door 1 on  
Canfield St. beginning at 7:50am  
for breakfast.

School advisory council is a small group of advisors who make decisions within the school based on school improvement. If interested in being a part of the council, please complete the link: [www.bit.ly/EDMSAC24](http://www.bit.ly/EDMSAC24)



### VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES START HERE.

Please complete the link to participate in volunteer opportunities in the school and ALL FIELD TRIPS. You must be cleared in order to volunteer in any capacity.

Cleared volunteer status will be valid until June 30, 2025

<https://dpscd.galaxydigital.com/>

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS AND  
CLUBS INTEREST FORM:

[www.bit.ly/EDMSPORTSANDCLUBS24](http://www.bit.ly/EDMSPORTSANDCLUBS24)

Please complete if you would like your student to participate in after school clubs and activities. More information will be provided about times, dates, schedules as the season nears

**BEFORE/AFTERCARE SIGN UP:** Please complete the survey if you will use before and/or aftercare services. If you utilized before/aftercare services in the past, you **MUST HAVE A ZERO BALANCE IN ORDER TO ENROLL FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR. FAILURE TO SIGN UP NOW WILL RESULT IN A WAITLIST IF SPACES ARE NOT AVAILABLE.** We must have at least 50 families to participate in order to offer the service.

<https://forms.gle/vyyWJ5fuF2VdxinNA>





### **SCHOOL UNIFORMS:**

Student uniforms are as follows:

NAVY OR BLACK SLACKS

WHITE, LIGHT BLUE, NAVY BLUE COLLAR SHIRTS

FRIDAYS WE WEAR EDDIE GEAR SHIRTS FOR SCHOOL SPIRIT

### **Items for success**

#### Breakfast and Lunch are served daily

Primary students eat breakfast in their class.

Lower/Upper Elementary students are welcome to eat breakfast in the cafeteria beginning at 7:50 a.m.

If your student has specific dietary needs or allergies, please let administration know so we can provide the proper documentation to our cafeteria staff.

Lunch is provided. However, students are welcome to bring their lunch to school each day. Edmonson is a **nut free and shellfish free** healthy living school. Please check ingredients to ensure these products are not packed in lunches.



Students should bring the following items:

1. Gym shoes- Students will have physical education. Students are not able to participate with boots on as it harms the gym floors nor croc style as it is a safety hazard.
2. Quiet shoes (recommended) - Students will be able to change into quiet shoes to minimize the germs that enter our environment.
3. Primary Students (PreK/K) – a full set of extra change of clothing for accidents. (pants, shirt, undergarments, socks)
4. Primary Students (PreK) – Crib sheet and blanket for naps. (Optional) NO STUFF ANIMALS.
5. Headphones (optional)- students will still have to complete i-Ready and headphones will assist them in concentration. (K-8)
6. Water bottle (optional)- The stations are equipped with water bottle filling stations that allow students to fill water bottles in order to hydrate throughout the day.



# Congratulations

## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

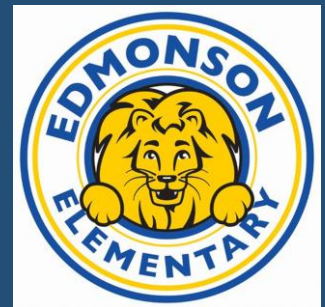
### Greeting Edmonson Families,

Congratulations to the following officers who will lead our PTA for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.

### President – Monique Whitfield



Monique Whitfield, born and raised in Detroit, lives on the eastside with her husband, three children, a dog, and even a few lizards. Her oldest will be a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, middle child will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, and her youngest will be starting Pre-K this school year. She's the proud owner of MMAD GOOD FUN, specializing in organizing epic water balloon battles for all occasions. When she's not orchestrating water warfare, she enjoys traveling with her family, exploring new places, experiencing different cultures, and creating lasting memories. And then there's her unique pastime: staring off into space.



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**SCAN TO JOIN**





## Vice President – Erin Archerd



Erin Archerd lives with her daughters Cassandra and Teresa and husband Josh Feasel in a historic home in Virginia Park. When she's not teaching law at the University of Detroit Mercy, Erin loves reading, gardening, and consuming caffeine. This will be her family's third year at Edmonson, where her daughters are entering first grade.

## Recording Secretary – Joy Hardnett



Joy K Hardnett is a sixth-generation Detroiter. Born and raised in the city, she hails from the University District on Detroit's Westside. A product of Detroit Public Schools, Joy's collegiate experience was her first experience living outside of the city. After several years pursuing both academic and professional endeavors, Joy relocated back to Detroit where she dedicated herself to years of public health through non-profit organizations. Joy is a devoted wife and mother of two children, both of which attend schools in Detroit Public School Community District. Her youngest, Zuri Cruz, attends Edmonson and will be transitioning to the first grade for the 2024-25 school year.

## Correspondence Secretary – Jodi Trombley



Jodi works at Amazon in Business Development for their Smart Vehicles organization and enjoys running, gardening, and home projects in her spare time. She lives in Woodbridge with her husband and three boys - Augustus, Julius, and Maximus. She's been part of the Edmonson community for three years already and will have kids in pre-K and 1st grade (x2) next year.

## **Treasurer & Fundraising Chair Lead – Wendy Caldwell-Liddell**



Wendy Caldwell-Liddell was born and raised in Detroit and grew up in the Dexter-Linwood community. As a startup Founder with deep family roots in the city's historic Black Bottom neighborhood, Wendy is strongly dedicated to serving both residents and small businesses in

Detroit. Through her professional work and community organizing, Wendy has built a reputation as a committed and active community member. Wendy is a mother of two children, with her youngest daughter, Nina, attending Edmonson and preparing to enter first grade next year.

## **Parliamentarian – Justin Long**



Justin Long is an active volunteer at Edmonson, primarily as the coach of the Academic Games team (and formerly Chess Club coach). He has been an Edmonson parent since the fall of 2020. Before that, he was president of the

PTA at Palmer Park Prep. He lives in Woodbridge with his wife, Ariana Silverman (rabbi of the Downtown Synagogue), and their kids, Rebecca (4th grade) and August (2d grade). In his spare time, he is a law professor at Wayne State specializing in education law.

## **Sergeant at Arms – David Valdez**



David Valdez is the proud parent of Savi, who is about to enter 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Originally hailing from Mexico City, he was raised in San Francisco Bay area. In 2018, he made the move to Detroit, where he currently resides in the Jefferson Chalmers neighborhood. He is the coffee shop owner of Alba

in Corktown, quesadilla flipper, and crossword failure (for now), semi ska-aficionado, and mosh pit retiree.

## **Membership Chair Lead – Arjuna Durrant**



Arjuna Durrant, affectionately known as Juna, resides in the Jefferson Chalmers neighborhood on the east side of Detroit. Her son, Savi, will be starting first grade this fall. She has been part of the Edmonson community for three years, with Savi's educational journey beginning in pre-K back in 2022.

Juna is the digital content manager for a Design and Build company as well as the owner of a small business, Juna, focused on experimental design, handcraft, and sustainability. Her hobbies include gardening, reading, art, crocheting, biking and aimless wandering.

## **Beautification Chair Lead – Angie Coe**



Angie Coe lives in Woodbridge with her husband and two children, Nora and Peregrine, and their dog Franklin. She is an illustrator and printmaker involved with community print shops in Detroit, and enjoys gardening, bicycling, and comics. Next year

will be her second year involved at Edmonson as Nora enters Kindergarten.