

## A few tips from PTO....

- School uniform: solid colors, for both top and bottom, red, white, denim, khaki, navy, gray, and black. Our school logo T-shirt can be worn any day. Friday, casual - no uniform required although closed-toed shoes are always recommended.
- Class starts at 8:10a. Tardies are marked at 8:20a – the office has a tardy pass. Students can come as early as 7:30a. Three tardies after 9:00 a.m. are counted as one absence.
- All students new to Texas public schools get a free vision and hearing screening; after that, they're tested for the odd grade: 1st, 3rd, 5th, & 7th.
- Field trips – your child **cannot** go without a red, collared polo shirt and khaki shorts/pants (perhaps keep a spare in their backpack to save an extra trip to school). Younger children need their car seats. Parent drivers are very welcome and needed.
- Friday assemblies - parents are welcome to come. We learn facts, see photos of EPA kids, and watch students of the week; assemblies begin at 2:15p. School is out at 2:30p on Fridays (3:25p other days).
- Set doctor's appointments after 10:30 am. Our school gets funding from each child's attendance, taken at 10 am. The child is not marked absent after that time.
- Parents/Guardians can eat breakfast and lunch with their child, either buying or bringing their own food. Sign-in at the office. Although paying ahead is preferable, guardians may pay first thing on day of meal required. Breakfasts are \$1.25 and lunches are \$2.50. The meal for the day is posted on the PTO board by the drinking fountain. Milk is sold for 25¢.
- Ms. Diana, our school office manager, is a great one for answering questions, whether on the phone (383-0613) or via email ([dmarkus@edenparkacademy.com](mailto:dmarkus@edenparkacademy.com)). We also have a Tuesday chat, designed for parents to get together and bring up questions related to school, life, etc. Where?
- To prevent a backlog of cars, if you would like to come into the school, *even for a minute* in the mornings, please park.
- Pick up – you can park and come in to get your child or use the line on the south side of the school. Some parents stay and their kids play on the playground after school. Great time to visit with other parents.
- When driving in the neighborhoods around the school, please drive carefully and according to the speed limit, observing stop signs. You can go in and out through the back exit.
- Our school does a lot of fund raising—paper recycling is one of the more straight-forward ones. Please bring your office/junk mail/old school papers and put them in the green/yellow recycling bin on the south side of the school. No cardboard.
- Box Tops and aluminum cans – we collect them year-round.
- We also have a partnership with Randalls – we are charity number 6997 with their *Good Neighbor Program*. All you need to do is turn in your Randalls card number to their member services with our charity number. No effort required for the checks that come in from your purchases.
- Sign your child's planner's every day – it's one of the best ways to touch base with your child's teacher if you have something to mention to them or vs. versa. Email works too.
- Lost 'n Found is found in the smaller cafeteria – prevent visiting it by labeling your child's belongings!
- Newsletters & Calendars – we send home newsletters at least bi-monthly to keep you all up-to-date with many events around the school. Calendars come home once a month, usually on the back of a newsletter, filling you in for the following month. You also can receive our updates via email if you sign up on our google group ([epapto@gmail.com](mailto:epapto@gmail.com)). We have a blog – email if you want to be subscribed ([epapto@gmail.com](mailto:epapto@gmail.com)). Everything is also posted on the PTO board, above the water fountain by the gym, and EPA's website, [edenparkacademy.com](http://edenparkacademy.com). We really appreciate communication.
- A school directory is sold in Ms. Diana's office for \$2. An electronic version is also available. Within are phone numbers, addresses, and email addresses of those who consented to share their information. Great for tracking down missed homework, calling friends.
- Ms. Diana can keep and administer medicine to students. Guardians bring the medicine to the office and fill out a medicine log for her to follow.
- School pictures are taken bi-annually, once in the fall and once in the spring. If a student is absent for picture day, there is one makeup day.
- We love parent participation! Most of our PTO events are on Thursday evenings, 5:45p. We foster a community feel here and our events are an extension of this desire.

## Events Planned this Year

- July 18 Coffee & Kleenex ~ Coffee, OJ, lemonade, water, baked goods  
Aug. 4 PTO/Classroom Update ~ Pizza  
Aug. 25 Basket Bingo ~ Pizza sold  
Sept. 8 First Aid/CPR (Thursday evening), 6-7p  
Sept. 15 Teacher/PTO Cultural Night ~ cultural food offered  
Oct. 20 Original Works Art Night ~ Pizza sold  
Oct. ?? Parenting Seminar  
?? EPA work days (Saturday morning)  
Nov. 7-11 Book Fair  
Nov. 10 Poetry Cafe  
Dec. 3 Winter Festival & Silent Auction 11a-2p ~ lunch sold  
Feb. 9 Science Night ~ Pizza sold  
Mar. 2 Spring Fling Sock Hop & Silent Auction (Friday evening)  
Apr. ?? Book Fair  
Apr. 17 Phil's Icehouse/Amy's Ice Creams Fundraiser  
Apr. 19 Family Sports Night ~ Fitness Fun for Everyone ~ Pizza sold  
Apr. 28-29 Weiner Dog Races  
May 1 PTO hosts Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at 12:00p

### PTO Committees

- LeeAnn Matson:** Advocacy parent  
**Stacy Oehler:** Beautification  
**Sophia Nelson, Stephanie Blevins:** Box Tops  
**Sophia Nelson, Shea Rodriguez:** Classroom support  
**Shannon Davis, Alyson Spier:** Communications  
**Melissa Stringfellow, Amie Fielden:** Environmental  
**Christy Barton:** Events  
**Belynda Montgomery:** Fundraising  
**Tracy Buchanan, Amie Fielden:** Gardening  
**Alyson Spier:** Grant writing  
**Dena Prude:** Library  
**LeeAnn Matson:** Philanthropy  
**Kelly Poore, Shannon Davis:** Yearbook