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Principal

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Good afternoon Edgemont families,

I hope everyone is well.

Students enjoyed our AAPI assembly this week with Discover India. Students learned about culture, customs, and the history of India!



We are so proud of all of our students that participated in the musical, *The Lion King Jr.* Thank you Ms. O'Connor, Ms. Allen, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Lawrence! You are amazing! And thank you Mr. Velasquez, Mr. Singleton and all the parent volunteers who helped everything run so smoothly.

Please stop by Edgemont's 5th Grade Class Good Clean FUNDRAISER- a Car Wash on **Saturday, June 1, 9:00AM- 12:00PM**. See more information at the end of this letter.

A friendly reminder, schools are closed on **Tuesday, June 4**.

Get ready for Fun Day on **Friday, June 7, 2024**- Calling all parents to volunteer at the best end of year celebration at Edgemont! We still need lots of volunteers to make Fun Day 2024 a success.

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1019805240118/false#/invitation>

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Fun Day is our annual field day with endless fun (water games, outdoor sports, a bouncy castle, arts and crafts and more) and it will take place during the school day on Friday, June 7 (rain date June 14). Please email Maëlle at mfonteneau@gmail.com if you have any questions about Fun Day!

Congratulations to Ms. Antinoro for winning the Weston Award! Sixteen Montclair Public Schools teachers have been named winners of the 2024 [Judy Weston Awards for Inspired Teaching](#), selected from a pool of 300 total nominations. Each will be awarded a \$2,000 cash prize. New this year is the Peer Inspiration Award, which is based on teacher nominations and given to a teacher who has served as an inspiration to their colleagues. The inaugural winner of this award is **Susan Bleecker**, a special education teacher at Watchung Elementary School.

The 15 other Weston Award winners, selected from MPS parent/caregiver and student nominations, include:

- **Jacquie Antinoro**, Edgemont Montessori Elementary School
- **Dr. Ellen Cahill**, Bradford Elementary School
- **Alison Campbell**, Northeast Elementary School
- **Jessica Dehn**, Charles H. Bullock Elementary School
- **Susan Eckert**, Montclair High School
- **Christopher Golinski**, Hillside Elementary School
- **Brienne Kvetkus**, Montclair High School
- **Nina Lorusso**, Renaissance at Rand Middle School
- **Taylor Mandel**, Buzz Aldrin Middle School
- **Troy Mullins**, Nishuane Elementary School
- **Anna Panckekha**, Montclair High School
- **Diane Tehranian**, Renaissance at Rand Middle School
- **Eric Weintraub**, Watchung Elementary School
- **Eleni Zapantis**, Glenfield Middle School
- **Alexander Araton**, Charles H. Bullock Elementary School (Special Education Award).

The awards, established by **Josh and Judy Weston** in 1991 to acknowledge and celebrate MPS teachers, were given each year until 2016. After a brief hiatus, the awards returned in 2023 and are administered by the Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence ([MFEE](#)). All nominations were reviewed with the nominator's name redacted. MFEE is not involved in the selection process. Winners were chosen by an independent committee of community leaders and education professionals. The community is invited to the recognition ceremony on **Monday, June 10**, which will be jointly hosted by MPS, MFEE and Josh Weston. Please [RSVP to attend](#).

This summer we'd love for you to "adopt" the garden for a week at a time!! Please sign up here if you are interested in supporting the garden: <https://signup.com/go/AnJPhdr>

Toast a Teacher This Spring, Fuel Innovation All Year! 'Tis the Season for MFEE's [Toast to the Teachers!](#) These family-hosted parties, a long-standing tradition of the Montclair Public Schools, will be held from now through June 23, 2024. Ticket sales help raise critical funds to support Educational Excellence Grants, which allow teachers to pilot



innovative projects, tools, and experiences for our children. This year, we've got backyard cocktails, piano bar sing-a-longs, and more in the works. Please visit MFEE.org for details on how to host or attend.

As we come to the end of the school year, the Edgemont team will meet and plan for next year. A great deal of thought and effort goes into the process of student placement. Teacher input, data, student learning styles and needs, as well as appropriate settings (IEPs, 504s, ESL, etc.) are considered. Additionally, classrooms are balanced to reflect the great diversity of Edgemont. Please do not contact the school to make a teacher request.

Please remember our student arrival takes place between 8:10AM-8:20AM. Instruction (period 1) begins at 8:20AM. **Students that arrive after 8:20AM are marked tardy and are late for instruction.**

Please continue to remind your child to check the Lost & Found. Lost & Found bins are located outside of the Multipurpose Room. Please continue to label items as well.

Please check the Montclair Public Schools [Digital Backpack](#) often. A lot of information is posted here.

School Lunch Application can be found here: <https://www.nlappscloud.com/>

Lunch Menu information can be found here: <https://www.fdmealplanner.com/>

Merchandise can be found here: <https://edgemontessori.memberhub.com/store>

Take care,



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Our doors open at ***8:10AM***.

Drop-off takes place between ***8:10AM-8:20AM***.

Dismissal is at ***2:35PM***.



**Edgemont's 5th Grade
Good Clean FUNDRAISER
A Car Wash & Bake sale**



Saturday June 1st 9 am-12 pm

Edgemont School Front Driveway

\$10/Car

[Pre-purchase Tickets Here](#)

[Can't Attend? Donate Here](#)

*Money raised helps support 5th grade events and activities

Thank you for your support!

The 5th Grade Class

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