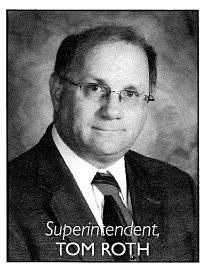


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Message from our Superintendent TOM ROTH



Edison Schools Recognized for Achievements

The Edison Schools continue to be recognized, both locally and at the State level, for our achievements and work with our students. The Ohio State Board of Education has recognized the Edison School District and Edison Middle School with the Momentum Award once again. The school district was also recognized locally by the Milan Chamber of Commerce, receiving the Youth Service Award at its' annual banquet.

The Ohio State Board of Education has awarded the Edison Local School District and Edison Middle School a 2017-2018 Momentum Award. Now in its fourth year, the Momentum Award is the State Board's way of recognizing schools that received A's on every Value-Added measure included on the Ohio School Report Cards. As a Momentum Award winner, Edison Schools' report card shows commitment to its students' success by ensuring students exceeded the growth expectations in English language arts and mathematics.

Edison Local is one of only 28 districts in the state to receive this recognition for three years (no district has received it four times). Since its inception, Edison Middle School is one of only three individual schools in the state to receive this award by exceeding expectations in student growth for the fourth year in a row.

As great as it is to be recognized by the State of Ohio, it is equally, if not more, rewarding to be recognized at the local level. I say this because the local community sees everything that we do, not just our results on tests. We are honored to be recognized at both levels.

Of course we would not be able to do what we do without the support of our wonderful community! We thank you for all you do for us!









Edison Elementary is Here to Help

In response to the ever-changing climate of our school community, Edison Elementary School staff and administrators identified a need to provide additional support to the families of our district. Parenting classes were offered due to an increase in negative behavioral manifestations and a rise in absenteeism.

We received a \$1000 grant from the Mylander Foundation that was utilized to purchase the STEP Parenting Program (a well-established and researched parenting program), instructor materials and participant handbooks. The six-week Parenting Program was co-facilitated by Second Grade Teacher, Kim Harrington and School Counselor, Kim Go. Edison High School student members of Teen Leadership Corps, under the supervision of Jenni Seel, provided childcare for the parents in attendance.

There is a known statistical correlation between positive parental involvement, student attendance and performance in the school setting. Missed days means missed learning, leading to lower test scores and a reduced likelihood of graduating from high school and thus gainful employment in the future.

Edison Elementary Counselor, Kim Go said, "Through offering parenting classes we hope to, not only bridge, but strengthen the home-school connection by increasing parental involvement and fostering a positive relationship." The methodologies being taught to the parents and caregivers directly correlate with the Positive Behavioral Intervention Strategies (PBIS) being employed in the Edison Elementary School. This complements the Edison Works Program through early intervention as a long-term investment in strengthening the employability skills of the workforce of the future.

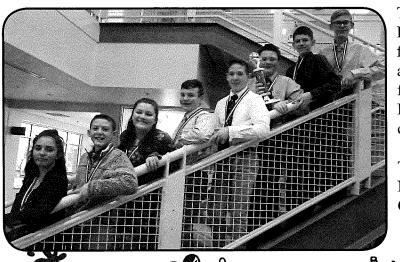
The progression of topics - misbehavior, motivation, discipline - helps parents gain confidence in their abilities. Through these sessions, parents and caregivers gain an understanding of the motivation of behavior, the power of effective communication/listening, and the implementation of natural and logical consequences. Many studies recognize the cross-generational trends of poor parenting, risk behaviors and academic outcomes, thus the greater Erie County community will benefit from this proactive intervention.

This inaugural parenting class served eight families. We plan to offer a second series in the fall, with the ultimate goal of serving 10 percent of our current family population (40 families).



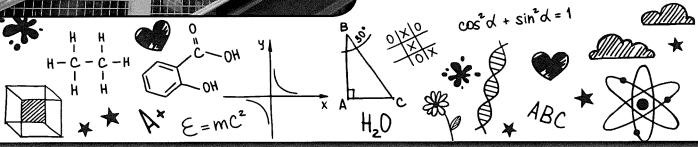
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Seventh Grade Academic Challenge



The Seventh Grade Academic Challenge team won the Erie County Championship by defeating teams from five other schools in the county. The Edison team then advanced to the Firelands match to compete against four other regional county champion teams. The Edison Seventh Grade team defeated the other county champions to claim the championship.

Team members are as follows: Tristan Bentley, Nadia Cantelli, Jeff Esser, Sara Gates, Luke James, Chase King, Noah Proctor, and Carson Smith.



EMS Power of the Pen



Edison Middle School Seventh Grade Power of the Pen Front: Lillian Kreglow, Taryn Hahn, Nadia Cantelli Back: Sara Gates, Johan Main, Colleen Hansen (Advisor) Noah Proctor, Andrew Gray Not pictured: Gabrielle Shupe



Edison Middle School Eighth Grade Power of the Pen Front: Kelly Wilson, Marina Moore, Zachary Main, Morgan Moon, Back: Evelyn Gall, Aydan Houser, Brienna Marcy, Chloe Collins, Colleen Hansen (Advisor)

The Edison Middle School Power of the Pen teams competed in district competitions at Tiffin Middle School on Saturday, January 26. The seventh-grade team earned the title District Champions, finishing first out of 11 teams. Individual students earning honors include Lillian Kreglow - 2nd place, Taryn Hahn - 7th place, Nadia Cantelli - 9th place, Sara Gates - 10th place, and Andrew Gray - 12th place. Rounding out the Seventh Grade team was Noah Proctor finishing in 15th place. The eighth-grade team finished in second place. Individual honors were awarded to Marina Moore - 5th place and Zachary Main - 9th place. Chloe Collins and Brienna Marcy also finished in the top fifteen placing 13th and 14th, respectively. Both teams are coached by Colleen Hansen.

Eighth Annual Edison Middle School Turkey Trot



The Eighth Annual Edison Middle School Food Drive Turkey Trot took place in November. The students at EMS donated over 1700 items to help those in need in our community. In conjunction with their donations, they each participated in the "Turkey Trot" held on Tuesday, November 20. The top five boy trotters and the top five girl trotters in each grade level received an embroidered turkey trot stocking hat.

One lucky girl and boy from each grade won a turkey. The more food students brought in, the more tickets they were able to add to the raffle. Our winners were: Jace Pinkston, Morgan O'Dell, Becca Houser, Corbin Thayer, Isabell Daily, Quentin Cox, Madison Butler, Mason Kegarise, Madison Bowne and Kevin Dahs. EMS Parents Club and EMS Student Council sponsored all of the prizes. After the trot, runners enjoyed healthy snacks compliments of Quarry Hill Orchard and Edison Middle School Student Council. It was a fantastic way to usher in the Thanksgiving holiday.

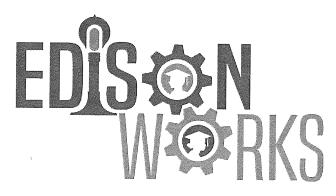




Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade Career Day

On Friday, December 21, Edison Middle School held a career day for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. Twenty professionals were on hand to expose students to many different career fields. Students were able to choose presentations they were interested in and rotated through five different speakers from various fields. Each session lasted 25 minutes and students were able to ask questions during this time. The goal was to provide students with a wide array of options to consider once they have graduated from high school. All students first gathered in the gymnasium to listen to Erie County Sheriff Paul Sigsworth. Sheriff Sigsworth spoke about the attributes that students will need to be successful when entering the work force.







New Adopt-A-Grade Program

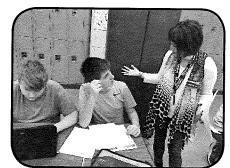
The Edison Works program is in its second year and is having a positive impact on all K-12 students. When the Works program began, there was concern about making careers relevant to elementary students. After discussions with local businesses, many had questions about new employees struggling with employability skills. These are the soft skills that could be developed in our elementary buildings. Edison teachers and staff re-purposed our district Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) program to focus on employability skills across the district.

Our elementary students are learning organizational and communication skills through our elementary leadership program. This program is built around some basic social and organizational skills that we could all use, like being proactive, beginning with the end in mind, putting first things first, and "sharpening the saw." Elementary parents have indicated their students are already applying these lessons at home. One parent shared a story from home when their son was asked to put his laundry away before he could play his video game, and his response was "put first things first." These skills can begin in the elementary grades and develop as they grow. Introducing these concepts to elementary students will help them be more successful in school and their career.

In year two, Edison started our Adopt-A-Grade program. This initiative connects each grade level with a specific Works Partner to develop a relationship between those grade-level students and a specific business. Traditionally, classes took field trips to area businesses but never made strong connections between the experience and their classroom learning. The Adopt-A-Grade program provides a better understanding of our businesses for our students. Each grade will plan activities throughout the year using business resources and real-life connections that students would not typically experience in a traditional school environment.

Just in the first year, second grade students met Snoopy when Cedar Point representatives visited their classrooms to discuss entertainment at the park. Third graders are learning the science behind seed germination and will then plant apple trees at Quarry Hill Orchard this spring. Our sixth graders are interviewing, filming and editing our business partners with the guidance of Buckeye Broadband, while eighth graders are preparing for the job market by creating resumes and practicing interview skills with Cedar Point.







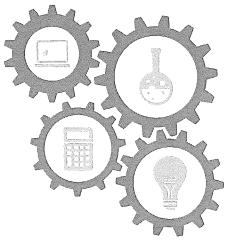


Eighth Grade working with Cedar Point representatives on resumes and interview skills.

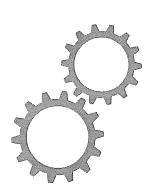








Sixth grade students work with Buckeye Broadband both in front of and behind the camera.







Second grade students discussed entertainment positions at Cedar Point and the types of costumes used in the shows and parades. Snoopy also made a surprise appearance.

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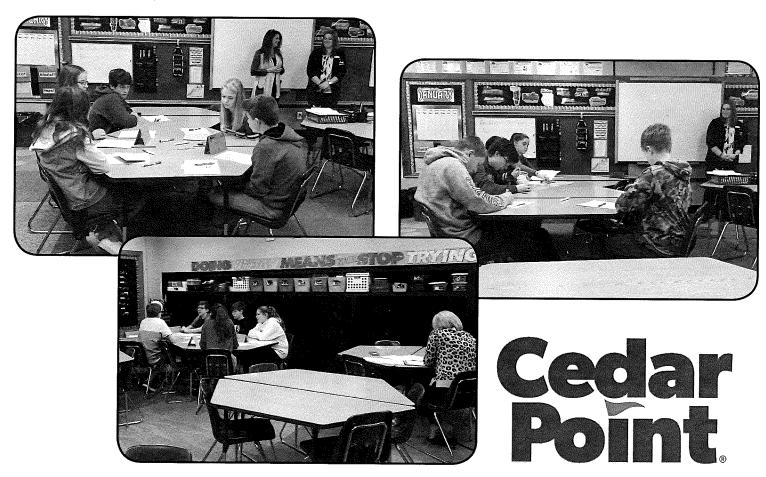


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Eighth Grade works with Cedar Point Human Resources

The eighth grade students have been working with the Human Resources team from Cedar Point as part of the Edison Works program. Students were introduced to the program during a Q and A session with the head of Human Resources and a member of the Recruiting team. Cedar Point shared the opportunities for part time employment as well as potential career positions within their parent company, Cedar Fair.

The team returned a few weeks later to instruct students on building their resumes. Students not only learned the ins and outs of resume writing, but the importance of accuracy and honesty. Furthermore, students learned about the importance of body language, dress, appropriate courtesies, etc. Students left the session with a working resume, ready for interviewing.



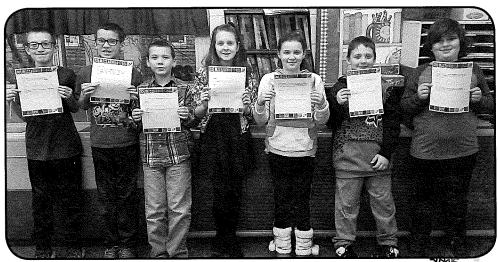
When the team returned for their final visit, it was time for mock interviews. Students were divided up into several small groups to conduct group interviews. Cedar Point sent several recruiting personnel for the purpose of conducting interviews. Students experienced what potential employees would go through during an actual interview. Students showed up with resumes in hand and dressed for success. Students who would be 14 by the summer and expressed a desire to work within the park were given the information needed to make that happen. Observers provided feedback for students in a casual, yet realistic setting.

As a follow-up, students worked with their language arts teachers to draft quality thank you letters. Students discussed the projects with their teachers and enjoyed the opportunity to take part in the process. Without the help of the folks from Cedar Point this activity wouldn't have been possible. The eighth graders look forward to future activities with Cedar Point, as well as projects with Edison Works.

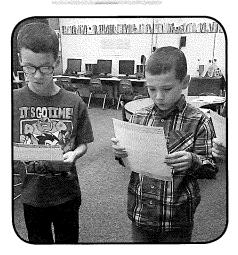


Emails for the Holidays

In December, several EMS students spent time learning the basics of writing emails. They used the skills they learned to email soldiers in Iraq before the holidays. The soldiers were very grateful for receiving the messages from home and the students were excited to read the emails that were sent back to them.











Rotary Scholarship Essay Winners

Edison Seniors Nisha Solanki and Lexi Weyer each received \$1,000 scholarships for post-secondary education from the Rotary Club of Milan. The young ladies won the Rotary Club's "What the Constitution means to me and my family" essay contest.





EHS Firelands Challenge Earns Seventh Straight Championship

The 2018-2019 Edison High School Academic Team once again brought home the Firelands Challenge Championship title at their home match on February 21. This remarkable victory marks the SEVENTH consecutive championship title for the Edison High School academic team.

Senior co-captains and three-year academic team champions, Isabel Chasney and Morgan Otto, led the young Edison team to the championship victory over second place Huron High School and third place Perkins High School. The first year Edison academic team members are Piper Nickoli, Andrew Kibler, Sean Rhodes, Nathan Spence, and Brenna Chasney.

The Edison academic team greatly appreciates the continued support for the team given by our wonderful family members, the awesome Edison students, staff, and administration, the Edison Board of Education, and the super great Edison community members.

The regular season of the Firelands Challenge Academic Program, administered by the North Point Educational Service Center, ended on Tuesday, February 7. Eighteen area high schools participated in six rounds of competition during the regular season. The final score for each team is the cumulative points earned by the team.

During the regular season, the Edison team won all six of their regular matches attaining the highest score among the eighteen schools in five of those six contests. The cumulative total points earned by the Edison academic team was 68 points greater than the next highest total number of points.



Front Row: Isabel Chasney, Brenna Chasney, and Piper Nickoli Back Row: Sean Rhodes, Nathan Spence, Shirley Wallrabenstein, Morgan Otto, Andrew Kibler Taken by Photographer Sue Medina

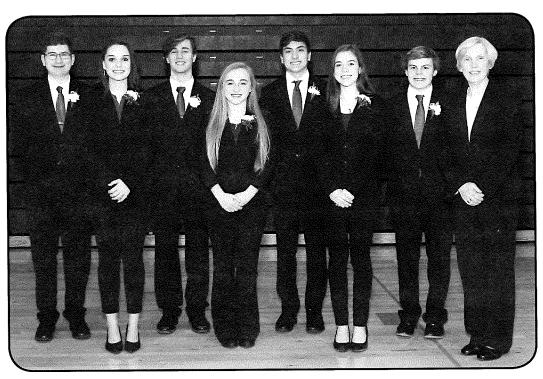
The 2018 – 2019 Edison High School Firelands Challenge Academic Team placed first in the regular season with 340 cumulative points, while Huron High School placed second in the regular season with 272 cumulative points. The Edison and Huron academic teams automatically advanced to the Championship Series.

Margaretta (270 points), Norwalk (269 points), and Perkins (260 points) placed third, fourth, and fifth, respectively, in the regular season. These three schools participated in a play-off round on Thursday, February 7 to determine which team would advance to the third place position in the Championship Series. Perkins High School won the play off match earning third place to

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complete against second place Huron and first place Edison in the three Championship Rounds.

In the Championship Series, the three teams started with no score and then accumulated points during the three championship matches. Edison's cumulative score of 131 points earned Edison the championship title for the seventh consecutive year. Huron placed second with 126 points and Perkins placed third with 91 points.

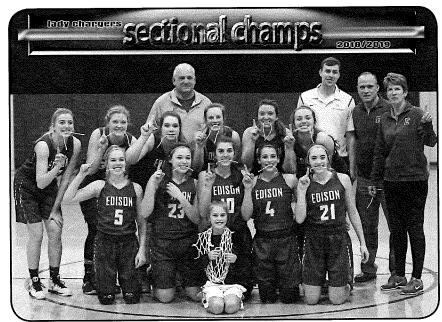


Left to Right: Sean Rhodes, Brenna Chasney, co-captain Morgan Otto, Piper Nickoli, Nathan Spence, co-captain Isabel Chasney, Andrew Kibler, and advisor Shirley Wallrabenstein Taken by Photographer Sue Medina

The varsity girls' basketball team defeated Ashland Crestview 41 to 39 to earn a sectional championship. Hannah Vitaz paced the attack with 14 points and 7 rebounds, while Molly Houser and Aliyah Caporini added 8 points each. Alana Fidler contributed 5 points and hauled down a team-high 10 rebounds. Also, Jessica Stoll tallied 4 points and 4 boards and Mariah Medina added 2 points and 3 steals.

With the victory, the Lady Charger basketball team tied the school record for most wins in a season with 19. Congratulations!!! The team would also like to thank the students, the staff, and the community members for their support.



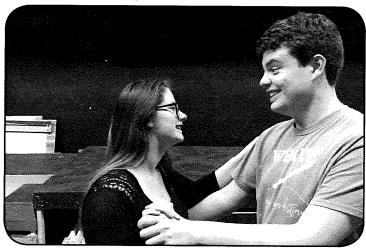


First Row: Becca Houser Second Row: Emma Houser, Deana Blatnik, Lillian Schuster, Aliyah Caporini, Jayla Medina Third Row: Samantha Smith, Alana Fidler, Jessica Stoll, Molly Houser, Mariah Medina, Hannah Vitaz Coaches: Dino Caporini, Grayson Murray, Mike Moyer, Tracey Moyer

Edison Drama Goes Big and Goes to State



Big Fish



After wrapping up a successful evening of one-act plays in January, the Edison Drama Club performed their

spring musical, *Big Fish*, the first week of March. *Big Fish* tells the story of Edward Bloom (Senior Evan Hoffman), a traveling salesman who loves to tell tall tales, and Will (Sophomore Leo Schnellinger), his son. *Big Fish* is directed by Rex Stanforth with musical direction by Jann Glann, technical direction by Amy Cull and choreography by Kayliann Schwinn.

Big Fish is a musical about Will, who is about to become a father himself and wants to learn the truth behind his absent father's stories of a mermaid (Sophomore Ruby Bement), a fortune teller (Sophomore Katie Jeremay), a giant (Senior Morgan Otto), and a werewolf (Senior Vernon Kluding). As Will says, "My father talked about a lot of things he never did, and I'm sure he did a lot of things he never talked about." As Will discovers, the truth is much bigger than any of his father's stories.









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But wait, there's more! Before the month is out, the Edison Drama Club will present a Featured Full Length performance of *Don't Drink the Water*, at the State Thespian Conference, March 29 - 31. This performance marks Edison's eighth Featured Full Length State performance.

The invitation means that immediately following *Big Fish*, the Drama Club will begin preparations to take *Don't Drink the Water* on the road. The full set will be taken from storage and re-assembled, and in preparation for the conference performance, the show will be rehearsed and performed for students from the Edison Middle School. In addition to rehearsing the show, students will also practice assembling and disassembling the set, since at the conference each school is only guaranteed one hour to unload and assemble the set and one hour to strike and re-load the set, props and costumes following the performance.

The opportunity to re-mount *Don't Drink the Water* more than four months after it was last performed, and then to present the show to a new audience in an unfamiliar performance space provides the students with high stakes problem-solving experiences that will be of value to them later in life.

On Tuesday, March 12, Jim's Pizza Box hosted Edison Drama Day. Ten percent of all sales for that day, both eat in and carry out, was used to help defray the cost of sending Edison Drama Students to the conference.





Message from our Treasurer/CFO ANNE ARNOLD

Mother Nature Makes Heating a Challenge

With the dramatic changes in temperature over the past month, our staff has worked hard to maintain a comfort level in the buildings that makes a better learning environment for our students. The age and structure of our buildings provides many challenges and consistency amongst classrooms is usually difficult in regards to the temperature in our buildings. Since 2013, we have replaced the boilers in all three of our school buildings. We have also added automated logic controls with computerized monitoring that allow us to make sure that the boilers are functioning properly. This gives us the

ability to check the boilers on evenings and weekends without having to have staff come in. We can also set time schedules within the buildings to accommodate various activities and make sure that we are heating at the appropriate levels and times. This allows us the opportunity, for instance, to reduce heat on unoccupied times which helps to minimize our gas consumption. This has helped immensely!

Now....let me introduce you to our new Director of Maintenance and Operations.

Bob Langenfelder comes to us from K&K Interiors, Inc. Bob was with K&K for five years. Prior to that, he was the General Maintenance Supervisor at EHOVE Career Center and Erie County Board of DD bringing 27 years of experience to his position at Edison.

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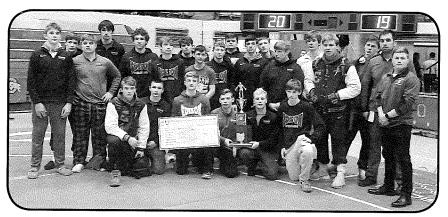
Bob lives in Sandusky with his wife, Laura. They have two children, Brittany and Joshua, and two grandchildren. He loves the outdoors, enjoys camping, boating and spending time with his family. "I am blessed to be chosen as part of the Edison Local Schools family," Bob said. Edison is grateful to have someone with his expertise and professionalism in the district. Welcome Bob!

Wrestling Team State Runner-Up at OHSAA State Duals

Once again, the wrestling team provided more excitement for the Edison Community. Team members began their journey in the OHSAA Dual Tournament when they defeated Ayersville 76-3 in the regional quarterfinal, Liberty Center 47-22, and Delta 46-27 advancing them to the St. John Arena in Columbus, Ohio on February 13, 2019.

In the State Quarterfinal Round, they defeated Bidwell River Valley 54-18, and then defeated

Versailles 45-23 in the state semifinal to advance to the state championship match. In the state championship match, the Chargers faced #1 ranked Genoa and fell short by a score of 52-23. Congratulations to Coach Hermes and all the members of the Edison Wrestling Team for their state runner-up performance.







Cafeteria Cerner

School Lunch Trivia!

Did you know:

- Last year the Edison Food Service Department served 42,410 school breakfasts and 131,636 school lunches.
- If your student is free/reduced for lunch... they are free/reduced for breakfast as well.
- The school food service department is a self-sustaining operation.
- The Edison Food Service
 Department has a Benevolence
 Fund created by community
 donations to help students receive
 full meals at school.
- All food service staff complete ten hours or more of professional development each school year.
- The Edison Food Service staff has a combined total of 165 years experience in school food service.
- And most importantly:

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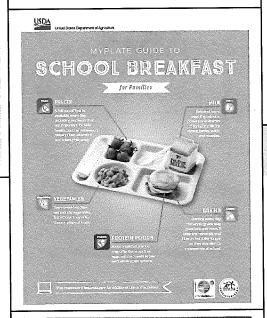
National School Breakfast Week: March 4th-8th!

A reminder- A full school breakfast is still offered on a 2-hour delay day!

Become a Charger Cafeteria Sub Today!

We are always looking for wonderful cafeteria subs. Work while your student is in school, earn some extra money and have a little fun with our wonderful lunch ladies too.

Contact Shelly Today!





Have you set up an online account at www.k12paymentcenter.com? It's a convenient way to monitor your student's lunch account, pay student fees and pay lunch charges online. All you need is your student's ID number (which can be found on their schedule or by contacting your cafeteria) and your email address and you're ready to go.

Events in the Charger Cafes:

March 4-8: National School
Breakfast Week
Celebrate National Foreign
Language Week EHS

March 6th: National Oreo Day

March 13th: National Chicken Noodle Soup Day

March 15th: St. Patrick's Day Lunch March 18th: National Sloppy Joe Day

March 21st: EES Birthday Lunch

Up-to-date Online Menus:

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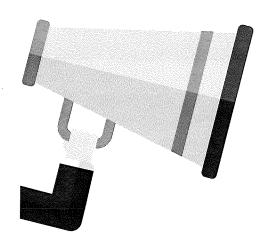
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