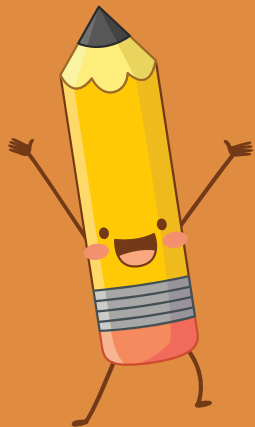


Harry L. Edson Elementary School



Back to School

September 21, 2022





Edson Mission

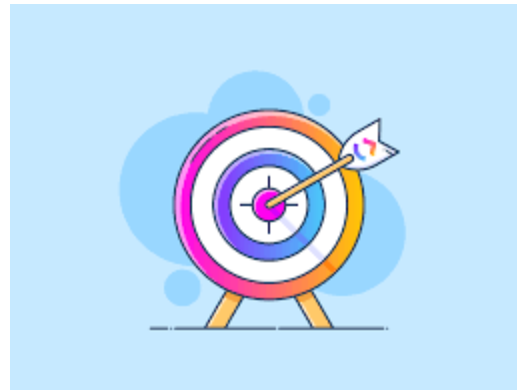
Working together, the Edson community will create a nurturing and supportive environment that integrates high academic achievement, positive self-esteem, and respect for others in order to motivate students to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens.

Edson Vision

Edson School represents a unified, diverse, and dynamic community, respectful of diversity that is committed to excellence in scholarship and character development; ensures the worth, dignity, and well-being of students and staff; and promotes lifelong learning of students, staff, and community.

Edson 2022-2023 Goals

1. All school stakeholders will create an engaging learning environment based on collaboratively set student goals as well as meaningful, interdisciplinary, and standards-based curriculum.
2. Helping students create and sustain supportive human connections.
3. Continue to support students' transition post-pandemic while focusing specifically on social, emotional, academic, and physical health.



Welcome Parents!

We are happy to welcome parents in person this year!

We love having adult family members volunteer for school events, classroom activities (per teacher request), and for field trips.

All school volunteers must be approved by the KCSD Board of Education. Approval is good for three years. If you are interested, be sure to complete and submit the volunteer form. If you have been approved in the previous three years, please inform us in writing.



Volunteer forms



Contacting Us



Main Office 845-943-3913

★ Principal, Ms. Lowell: klowell@kingstoncityschools.org

Office Manager: Mrs. Johnston

Fax: 845-331-9034

Health Office – Mrs. Decker 845-943-3364

Social Worker and DASA Coordinator - Mrs. Campbell: 845 -943-3371

School Psychologist - Mrs. Mannocchi: 845-943-3372

Attendance Social Worker - Ms. Bugbee: 845-943-3380

★ Bilingual Family Worker - Mrs. Jeri: 845-943-3366 or 845-943-3406

★ Se habla español



Our School Day

8:30 Students getting breakfast enter

8:45 – 8:55 Students enter

Drop offs:

1. Cafeteria side parking lot – adults can help their children get out of car and walk them to health office side door
2. A level (lower lot – facing Bailey MS) pull up, drop, and go
3. After buses pull out, drop and go from passenger side – students should be able to get out on their own

2:50 Buses begin to load (Please send in note with any dismissal changes or early pickups. No pickups between 2:40 and 3:10)

3:10 Buses leave and “walkers” are dismissed

Please note: Teachers are not available to talk to parents/guardians during arrival and dismissal. Your child’s teacher will share the best way for you to communicate with them.

Breakfast and Lunch

Edson qualifies for the Federal Community Eligibility Option (CEP). All students have access to breakfast and lunch daily at no cost.

Lunch: “hot” entrée or a cheese sandwich or a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, a vegetable, fruit and milk

District menus



Students should have a water bottle and healthy snack, daily!



Safety and Emergency Preparation



We practice safety drills often. This ensures that all staff and students know what to do in the event of an emergency.

Single point of entry: All parents/guardians and visitors must come to the main entrance. A staff member will assist at the main door.

Family emergency contacts and permission to pick up students need to be kept up to date! Take a few minutes to update information on the demographic sheet for your child this evening and return to your child's teacher tonight or ASAP.

Plans for emergency dismissal: Forms were sent home within the first few school days asking for student plans if we dismiss early. Note: County-wide early dismissal drill is 11/3 (15-minute early dismissal.)

Upcoming Events



September Events

Monday 9/26: Rosh Hashanah – No School

Friday 9/30: School Spirit Crazy Hair Day!

October Events (more will be shared soon!)

Wednesday 10/5: Yom Kippur – No School

Thursday 10/6: School Picture Day

Monday 10/10: Columbus Day – No School

Thursday 10/27: 4:30 – 7:30 Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday 10/28: 11:15 AM Dismissal for Elementary Schools

Cougar Paws



We are focused on highlighting the “Paws-itive” things our students do.

Staff members will “catch” students doing something positive, helpful, kind,... and will submit a Cougar Paw to the office.

During morning announcements, students who were awarded a Cougar Paw will be recognized.

Students will write their name on a Cougar Paw for our Cougar Paw of Fame.

If students are absent ...



Consistent attendance and on-time arrival are critical for student academic success! Students who arrive on time learn about the daily classroom and school events (birthday announcements, Cougar Paws,...), contribute to classroom morning meetings, and are set up for a successful day!

However, there are times when a child cannot be in school due to illness and appointments. Upon the return to school following an absence, we must receive a written note detailing why a student is absent. While phone calls are helpful and we appreciate them, a written note is required for the office to legally excuse an absence.

Be sure to visit...

- The tables in the lobby
- Gym
- Nurse, Mrs. Decker
- Social worker, Mrs. Campbell
- School Psychologist, Mrs. Mannocchi
- Music room (across from health office)
- Art room (downstairs, far end of hall closest to Bailey)
- The library (upstairs)
- ENL Teacher classrooms (Ms. Connors and Mrs. Zahedi are downstairs, Ms. Lee is in hallway behind gym near Ms. Corio's and Ms. Barrow's classes)
- Reading teachers (Mrs. Haaland, Mrs. Slattery, and Mrs. Tomczyk are downstairs; Mrs. Camara is in hallway behind gym)
- Math teacher (Mrs. VanValkenburgh, downstairs)
- Speech teachers (Mrs. Richmond and Ms. Pizzolo, downstairs)
- OT/PT room (hallway behind gym)



School Library



Our school librarian is Mrs. Stegmayer!
She is happy to see students in the library again!

First grade - fourth grade students began to check out books this week.

Kindergarten students will begin book checkout in October.

At home, help your student find a safe place to keep their book during the week, remind them to read everyday, and return your books each week to the library, to get new books. Library books are identified by the school barcode and stamp.

Research shows that reading everyday helps a student build a strong vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. Make reading a family event. Read aloud together. Talk about the books that your student reads. Have fun!

If you have questions, email or message Mrs. Stegmayer on Teams. estegmayer@kingstoncityschools.org

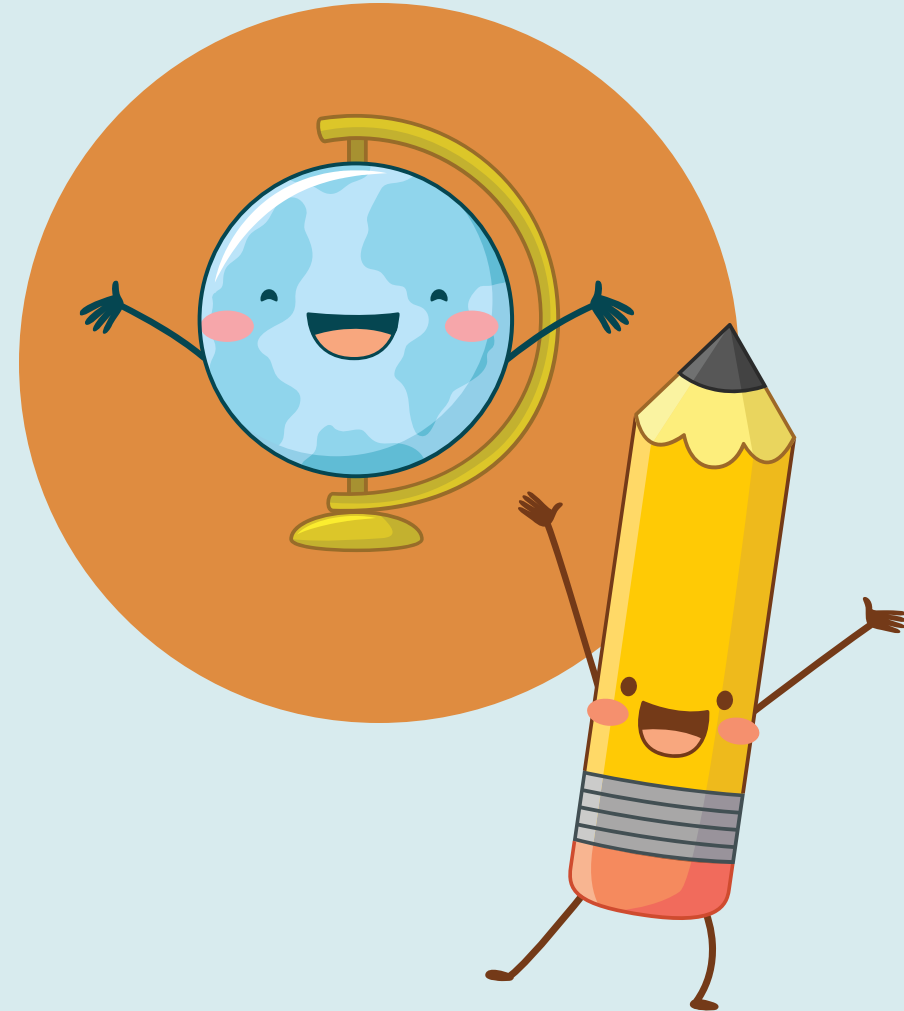
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Grant Funding is provided under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

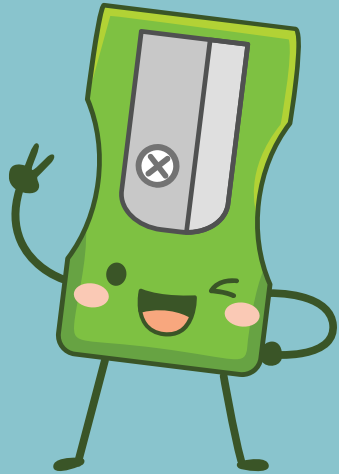
Funds provided to schools with high percentage of students eligible for Free/Reduced lunch.

How Title I Funds Help Us

- 4 full-time reading teachers and 1 Rtl TA
- Full time dedicated Math teacher
- 1.5 Speech/Language Improvement teacher
- Professional Development workshops and conferences to enhance quality of instruction for teachers and teaching assistants
- Enrichment Opportunities



Family Rights under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)



- Know Teacher Qualifications
- Notify you if your child is not taught by a Highly Qualified Teacher for four or more weeks
- Request opportunities to meet regularly with staff
- To actively participate in decisions affecting your child
- Review application for Title I and make suggestions

Parent Teacher Organization

PTO fundraising supports the school programming for students:

- funds for field trips
- school assemblies
- school supplies
- playground equipment
- holiday and after school programs

Contact the PTO:

ptoedson@gmail.com

Greg Fleischer, PTO

President: 845-430 -7665



Get involved! Participate in PTO Meetings (Third Tuesday of every month from 6:30 – 7:30 PM on Zoom)



Before and After Childcare



- Through Kingston YMCA
- At Edson
 - Begins at 7AM
 - Ends at 6PM

YMCA
Registration
Information



Thank you for your time!

