



Thomas A. Edison Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER December 2011/January 2012

Dear Families,

The Principal's Newsletter will be published every other month to help communicate important information about our school. One of our goals at EDISON is to ensure that our community is well informed and the lines of communication are wide open between all of us. As we head into this holiday season, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your active participation in your child's education. Your involvement in your child's education is the key to their success.

Please remember, if you have any concerns at all regarding your child's education, please speak to me right away. The best times to catch me are in the morning as children arrive or at dismissal. If you cannot make those times or see me during the school day, **you may call me at the school or email me at itolentino@portchesterschools.org**.

Sincerely,

Ivan Tolentino
Principal

- 1) On the note of communication, please remember to look in your child's take home folder each day. Important information is stored in the folder and notices are sent home frequently.

LOOK INSIDE YOUR CHILD'S
TAKE HOME FOLDER EVERY DAY



- 2) **December/January School Calendar:**
 - NO SCHOOL Winter Break Monday, Dec. 26 thru Fri. Dec. 30
 - Students return Tuesday, Jan. 3
 - HALF DAY on Monday, Jan. 9
 - NO SCHOOL on Monday, Jan. 16

- 3) PTO: Our next PTO Meetings are on December 13 and January 10 at 7:00PM.
- 4) Homework- Our children require your assistance with their homework, whether it is some time to review it, or to help them complete it. Children see their parents as mentors; they love to show off what they have learned and it's important to tell them they have done a good job. Allow them to make mistakes-it is a natural part of the learning process. Ask them questions about their school day and let them talk about the day's events. If you feel your child is struggling with homework, send a note to the teacher in the take-home folder.
- 5) Attendance- Your child's yearly goal for **daily attendance is 95% (which means no more than 1 absence every 20 school days)**. Children must be in their classrooms and **ready to learn** by 8:30AM. Please arrive no later than 8:25AM to ensure your child is on time.
- 6) Student Government at EDISON! Our fifth grade will be holding elections for the positions of President, Vice-President, and Secretary shortly. After these elections are completed, Council Members will be elected from each 4th and 5th grade classroom to join the student officers in forming Edison's new Student Council. The group will be sponsored by Mr. Tolentino, who will meet with the group regularly to discuss student concerns.
- 7) **The EDISON TOY & GIFT SALE will be held at the school on Friday, December 20 throughout the day.**
- 8) Our school's website, <http://tae.portchesterschools.org> , contains valuable information and is updated frequently to include school news and happenings.
- 9) **BOOKFLIX IS HERE-** BookFlix, an Internet book site offered by Scholastic Books, is available to you. This website will allow your child to read books online, as well as listen to them with animation and other features at home. You may access the site at the following website: <http://bkflix.grolier.com> . The username is: **taedison** password is: **bookflix**

ENJOY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!!