



# MONTCLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## EDGEMONT MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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*Principal*

November 17, 2023

Good afternoon Edgemont families,

I hope everyone is well.

A tremendous thank you to Ms. Lepari for 42 amazing years of loving, teaching, and guiding our young people. Ms. Lepari is retiring and her last day with us will be December 22. We are so honored and grateful for Ms. Lepari's passion and dedication- 35 of those 42 years were at Edgemont Montessori. Thank you Ms. Lepari!

It was wonderful seeing so many parents last night at the district's first "Parent Academy" Workshop, "Recognizing and Addressing Children's Emotions & Building a Resilience Toolkit", presented by Quantum Psychotherapy. We hope to host many more district events throughout the year. I would like to thank Ms. Adams and Ms. Gunaydin for working closely with Ms. Dock, District Mental Health/Anti-Bullying Coordinator, in order to make this event such a huge success.



We hope to see you at **Fall Fest-** Edgemont PTA's Biggest Fundraiser of the Year! Please join us for *Parents' Night Out* with Food, Drinks, Music, and FUN! **Purchase tickets [HERE](#).**

A friendly reminder for next week- Wednesday, November 22 is an abbreviated day, and Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, the district is closed.

The holiday season is swiftly approaching, and we know that it has not been an easy year for some. If your family is in need of assistance, we would like to offer support with your gift giving needs for your children. The "Wrap and Roll" program allows us as a district to spread cheer through a confidential gift giving and receiving initiative run by the Montclair Education Association (MEA). To participate in this year's program, please complete this google form by Wednesday, November 22. If you have more than one student at Edgemont, please complete one form per student.

<https://forms.gle/xmAy1tG1KqbfCecU7>

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**Parent Conferences** will take place in December. Teachers will reach out to discuss next steps in regard to signing up/time slots. Please note dates listed below:

Wednesday, December 6- **Evening** Parent Conferences- Abbreviated Day

Thursday, December 7- **Afternoon** Parent Conferences- Abbreviated Day

If your child is missing an item, please remind them to visit the lost & found. The lost & found bins are located outside of the Multipurpose Room. We will also display all lost & found items during the Holiday Sing so parents have an opportunity to check for items before we donate them to local organizations.

The Holiday Sing is scheduled for Friday, December 15 @ 9:15AM. As always, we hope to have our concert outside, in front of the building.

The district will host a workshop called "Navigating Parent-Teacher Conferences," on Monday, November 27, 6:30PM-8:00PM at Charles H. Bullock School. Strategies to engage families to ask key questions that will support their children in achieving success at school. See flyers in [English/Spanish](#) and [register to attend](#).

The district will host a workshop called "Open Forum for English as a Second Language Parents of Multilingual Learners," on Monday, December 4, 6:30PM-8:00PM Charles H. Bullock School. ESL overview, Parent Portal tutorial and more. See [flyer](#) and [register to attend](#).

If you haven't done so already, please [register to attend](#) one or more of the Board of Education's Strategic Planning Community Forums. We encourage you to participate in these important conversations to create a shared vision for the future of Montclair Public Schools. The first one is coming up on Monday, November 13, 6:30PM, in the George Inness Annex Atrium. See [flyer](#) for more information.

There are [Free Health Services](#) for all Montclair residents at our Community Schools, Hillside and Glenfield. Please see the [fall schedule and details](#).

Remember to 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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**Important Date/Reminders:**

Our doors open at **\*8:10AM\***.  
Drop-off takes place between **\*8:10AM-8:20AM\***.  
Dismissal is at **\*2:35PM\***.

November 22- Abbreviated Day

November 23 & 24- District Closed

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