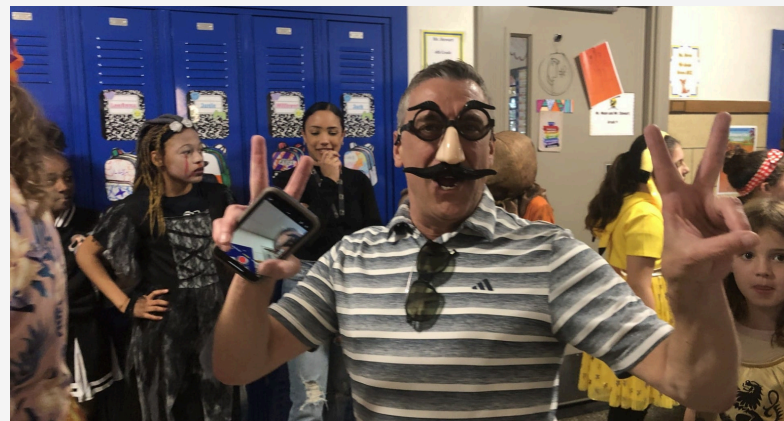




The Ed Smith Admin Team – Mr. Sanjurjo, Ms. Ellis-Smith, Mrs. Earl, and Ms. Curry



An Ed Smith Coyote in Disguise – Mr. Barber

Ed Smith Pk-8

Family Newsletter

Issue 1 - November 18th, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays!

As we enter the holiday season, let us always remember to give thanks for our families, friends, and those around us who contribute to the lives of our students.

I am pleased to share our first Family Engagement Newsletter with you. Each month, this electronic newsletter will be available to our families. It will provide information on school events, daily meal schedules, district news, PTO announcements, and important school updates.

Two-way communication with the school community is a commitment here at Ed. Smith. As such, it is important to point out that a feedback link will always be included in the newsletter. Your feedback will be reviewed and timely response is an expectation. Families should expect a follow up within 48 hours.

It is my pleasure to serve you and I look forward to more opportunities to engage with you.

Regards,
Principal Ellis

Ed Smith Students Tackle Goal Setting!

Did you know that every student at Ed Smith has a goal setting booklet? Students are engaging in goal setting in a wide variety of ways- math and ELA goals, science goals, social-emotional goals, mindset goals... you name it, we're goal setting!



United Way

PIE IN THE FACE



November 22nd during lunches

Have you ever wanted to pie a staff member in the face with a pie?

Here is your chance!
\$3 per pie for students
\$5 per pie for staff

Send in cash with your child before the day of the event to lock in their spot!

Please help us raise money for the United Way by having your child participate in the annual Pie in the Face event. For just \$3, students will have the opportunity to throw a pie at a teacher, staff member, or administrator. All money goes to the school's United Way. We have nearly met our goal of \$1800 so far!

Have a concern? Please contact us!

Principal Ellis-Smith (aellis-smith@scsd.us)
Vice Principal Curry (tcurry@scsd.us)

Please email an administrator at the addresses below or simply complete this [form](#).

Administrative Intern Sanjurjo (asanjurjo@scsd.us)
Vice Principal Earl (kearl@scsd.us)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, November 21st, at 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria

- Inclusion Talent Show

Wednesday, November 27th – Friday, November 29th

- Thanksgiving Break – No School for Students and Staff

Tuesday, December 3rd

- Picture Retake Day from 8:30 to 11

Friday, December 6th

- Half Day for Students

Monday, December 23rd – Friday, January 3rd

- Holiday Break – No School for Students and Staff



At the beginning of the school year, the district released its Strategic Plan to help guide all decision-making through August 2029. The goals and priorities in this plan are a comprehensive and include six important priorities:

- Culture – Establish a culture of learning and high expectations.
- Literacy and Numeracy – Increase student proficiency in literacy and numeracy.
- Belonging – Improve belonging for all.
- Engagement – Engage families and communities.
- Resource Allocation – Effectively and efficiently utilize resources.
- Recruitment & Retention – Recruit highly effective, diverse staff and provide incentives to retain them.

At Ed Smith, we are also centering these priorities at the center of our work.

SchoolStore

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Elementary School Fundraiser

Help support our school fundraiser. Learn more about the fundraiser at this [video](#).

If you need a fundraiser envelope so that you can register and get a prize code to order items, please contact the school.

Meet Ms. Chico



Ed Smith Pk-8 welcomes the newest addition to the Main Office, Sarah Chico! Sarah comes to us from a 30-year career in Business and Industry. Although she has worked all over the country and the world, she remains a lifelong resident of the Westcott Nation and was a graduate of Ed Smith, Levy and Nottingham. When she's not working, you can find Sarah practicing meditation and yoga, traveling, reading or on the golf course.

Her biggest challenge now is learning the names and faces of every staff member, teacher, parent and child; so, if you see her, introduce yourself!

This Month's Lunch Menu [\(Link to Menu\)](#)

Pizza Monday	Chicken Tuesday	Hot-Wich Wednesday	NY Harvest Thursday	Tex-Mex Friday
				Mega Leg Chicken Corn Muffin Maple NY Carrot Coins Apple Crisp
Cheese Pizza Meat Lovers Pizza Tossed Salad Pear Cup	Staff Day No School	Chicken & Waffle Broccoli Apple Crisp	All Beef Hot Dog Roasted NY Potatoes Peach Cup	Beef Taco Salsa Kerrel Corn NY Applesauce Cup
Veterans' Day No School	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Pear Cup	Chicken Wings Garlic Knot Coleslaw Peach Crisp	Cheeseburger Classic Burger Roasted NY Potatoes Peach Cup	Chicken Chalupa Sour Cream Pico De Gallo NY Applesauce Cup
Cheese Pizza Buffalo Chicken Pizza Tossed Salad Pear Cup	Managers Special Hot Vegetable Side Fruit Cup	Turkey Melt Roasted NY Potatoes Peach Cup	Roasted Chicken Jollof Seasoned Rice Cucumber NY Peas	NY BBQ Chicken Poppers Macaroni Salad Corn Cobbett NY Applesauce Cup
Cheese Pizza Veggie Pizza Tossed Salad Pear Cup	Turkey Gravy Homemade Stuffing Mashed Potatoes Mixed Fruit Cup	Thanksgiving Recess No School	Thanksgiving Recess No School	Thanksgiving Recess No School

It is our intent to have these choices available to all students at all times, however, there may be occasions when choices are limited.
 K-12 reimbursable meals must serve three of the five meal components including at least 1/2 cup of fruit or vegetable.
 All five components must be served with lunch in the classroom, PK is served all five components family style.

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PK-12 LUNCH Menu

NOVEMBER 2024

Daily Entrées
 Cheese Sandwich (PK-12)
 PBJ with NY Cheese Stick (PK-12)
 Fresh Express: Parfait, Salad, Platter (K-12)
 Assorted Pizza (9-12)
 Lunch Buddy (K-12)

Daily Sides
 Assorted Fresh Fruit (PK-12)
 Hummus Veggie Boat (K-12)
 1% White Milk, Skim White Milk, or Fat-Free
 Chocolate Milk (PK-12)

ALL Menu Items are Pork Free!

"A Book for Every Student:" Annual PTO Book Giveaway!

On November 12th-13th, PTO volunteers visited every classroom, Pre-K through 8th grade, with their mobile book carts. Students were invited to browse the books and choose a "just right" book. Thanks to a grant received by PTO Member Sarah Brown in March 2024 from the Literacy Coalition of Onondaga County, the PTO was able to purchase three new book carts and a huge selection of books geared towards our ENL students. The excitement in the building was contagious- students squealed with delight as they flipped through different books and selected one to take home!

SHOUT OUTS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

Thank you, Ed Smith PTO, for making sure that every student had a brand new book!

Thank you, Ms. Forbidussi, the United Way Team, and her middle school students, for facilitating Penny Wars to raise money.

GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE BEFORE AND AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS AT ED SMITH



Students learning yoga in the Mindfulness and Literacy class.



Students participating in an art contest in Ms. Moon's Afterschool class.



Students self-reflecting in the Mindfulness and Literacy class.



Students learning Brazilian Dance with a guest presenter.