



Edgewood City School District Top News!

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From the Superintendent's Desk

Mission: To create a unifying force throughout the communities to ensure all students succeed as **lifelong learners and productive citizens**, through challenging and meaningful learning opportunities distinguished by a dedicated team, safe, well-maintained learning environment, and a climate of innovation.

District Goals:

1. Student Learning
2. Student Wellness
3. Engagement
4. Operations

The EDGE Top 5 News:

Instruction

Edgewood Middle School students auditioned for the District 13 honor band. The Honor Band is made up of all the top band students from the entire Butler County. They will be performing in a special concert with this group on Jan 15th at Mason HS. The following students from EMS were selected to represent Edgewood Middle school this year. Haylie Manganaro, Justin Mayo, Drew Benanzer, Thomas Saunders, Katie Helms. Go cougar BAND! You make us proud. **We see you!**

Engagement and Wellness

The last several weeks have been tough. Experiencing loss impacts all of us and it becomes easy to withdraw and disengage. I want to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to our administrators, counselors, and staff members who have invested in our students, parents, and community. Our counselors set up care rooms and met with individuals; our ministerial staff prayed over our students, staff and families; our administrators continue to nurture our staff and students through difficult times. Some of our teachers put lesson plans aside to create a safe place for reflection. Thank you to Mrs. McClelland and others who took time away from the curriculum to connect with the students. It is so easy to let our emotions take over. A BIG shout out to those that put in the effort to display kindness and respect even when others didn't display that back to

them. Relationships matter. Thank you for the investment in our students and families. **We see you!**

Another shout out to the music department. The community, staff, and students have thoroughly enjoyed all of the winter concerts. **We see you!**

Operations

Edgewood High School is seeing some positive results with their newly adopted building goal to improve student attendance. Did you know that students in grades 10-12 have improved their attendance by an average of 2%? Way to go Edgewood High School! **We see you!**

Innovation

We love our partnership with BT. Manda King-Carmen's students were medical detectives as they studied and solved problems around common disease. The pictures below demonstrate some of this work. Thank you for implementing critical thinking and communication skills into the lessons. **We see you!**



