



## Edgewood City School District Top News!

**MARCH 2024**

From the Superintendent's Desk

**Mission:** To create **lifelong learners** and **productive citizens in a safe environment**.

**District Goals:**

1. Student Learning
2. Engagement
3. Communication
4. Safety

### Top News for the EDGE:

#### Instruction

Edgewood Intermediate Language Arts teachers have been working with Robin Szary from the Butler County ESC on Writing Checkpoints for the upcoming writing portion of the OST. Students are learning how to use their fingers as reminders for elaboration, conventions, and organization. The students recently completed the Restart Readiness checkpoint where there was a significant increase in the student's writing scores. EIS students are ready for the Spring ELA OST! Way to go, students. You make EDGEWOOD proud. **We see you!**

#### Engagement

Edgewood High School juniors participated in Character Day on Friday, March 8th. Character Day's goal was to equip juniors with vital listening, teamwork, and conflict-resolution skills through a series of engaging team-building activities and discussions. These activities helped foster unity among students and staff alike. Students reported that they enjoyed the "family time" sessions, where they were grouped with a teacher as a facilitator, allowing them the opportunity to share their thoughts and actively listen to their peers. Character Day was a successful event as it allowed students to know their classmates better and build stronger relationships with their peers and Edgewood staff. **We see you!**

This year, the superintendent and high school principal implemented a student leadership committee that meets quarterly. The students used this space to actively voice their opinion about various topics that they brought to the table or the administrators brought to the table. Some of the topics included bullying, school discipline, use of cell phones, school unity and pride. The

students are greatly appreciated for using their voice for the betterment of their school. **We see you!**

## **Health and Safety**

The district has applied for several safety grants to enhance safety and security measures throughout the district. Some of the funding to date has included safety barriers, additional cameras/servers, emergency radio improvements to allow for direct communication with the Butler County Sheriff's Department, shatterproof safety film on all entrances and windows, emergency supplies and resources for all classrooms, and GPS technology in our buses. The district wellness committee has secured funding for bottle filling stations in all buildings. We are thankful for the grant funds and the people behind this work to improve our school operations. **We see you!**

## **Innovation**

The Middle School students participating in the community service work have been focusing on Respect, Responsibility, Safety, and Kindness. The teachers and students are very proud of the work and development of the leadership skills demonstrated throughout this school year. Recently, they took their presentation to EIS. What a great way to demonstrate student leadership skills! **We see you!**

## **Teacher Highlight:**

### **Congratulations, Mr. Nick Fields!**

Mr. Nick Fields and Mrs. Carmen Fields are the first married couple to be recognized as part of the Yamaha 40 Under 40 list. Yamaha is featuring and honoring all 40 Under 40 educators for 2024 for their positive impact on their students, school, district and wider musical community.

The full 40 Under 40 article and teacher bios can be found at: [Yamaha.io/40Under40](https://yamaha.io/40Under40).

We thank Mr. and Mrs. Fields for their continued commitment to high-quality music programs.

**We see you!**