

August 2, 2022

Dear Edgemont Families,

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope you have had a great summer and are ready to start back in a couple of weeks. We are excited to have our Edgemont students back and ready to learn. Our teachers are getting everything ready for the arrival of our students. We know this will be a great year. Below is some important information for our Edgemont families, so please read through and enjoy!

### **Class Assignments**

You can find your child's class assignment on PowerSchool starting Monday, August 8.. Here's the link: <https://grades.provo.edu/public>

While you are in PowerSchool, please follow the directions in it to update your information. It's important that the school has updated addresses, phone numbers and email addresses, as well as emergency contacts.

### **Back to School Night**

Monday, August 15, 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Come with your child to meet their teacher and see their classroom. The PTA will also be there and you can meet the PTA board, join PTA, sign up to help with our many school events, and get your school t-shirt.

### **School Supplies**

Please check our school website for a list of school supplies for your child's classroom.

<https://edgemont.provo.edu/classroom-supply-lists/>

The items on these lists will be used during the regular school day. They may be brought from home on a voluntary basis, otherwise, they will be furnished by the school.

### **First Day of School**

The first day of school for grades 1st - 6th will be August 16. **The first week of school, August 16-19, will be early dismissal at 1:30 pm for grades 1st-6th.** *Please make arrangements for your children to be picked up at 1:30 pm during this week.*

### **Kindergarten**

The first day of school for Kindergarten will be August 23. This year our school will have one full day session and two half day sessions (AM or PM) of Kindergarten. Kindergarten parents will be contacted next week to schedule an appointment for Kindergarten testing during the week of August 15-19. After the testing is complete, placement in the full day and half day programs will be determined. The full day Kindergarten program will be by a lottery with requests taken into consideration. A Kindergarten parent open house and meeting will be held on August 22 from 9-10 am in room 121.

### **School Hours:**

School hours for **Full Day Kindergarten and 1st -6th** are:

Monday through Thursday - 8:40 am - 3:20 pm

Friday - 8:40-1:30 pm

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School hours for **Half Day Kindergarten** are:

Monday-Thursday - 8:40am-11:40am-AM Kindergarten, 12:20pm-3:20pm-PM Kindergarten

Fridays - 8:40 am-10:45am-AM Kindergarten, 11:20am-1:30pm-PM Kindergarten

**\*\*Please help your children be at school and on time each day.**

### **School Office Hours:**

Our School Office hours are from 8:15am-3:45pm Monday-Friday. If you need assistance before or after that please call for an appointment.

### **Morning Student Drop Off and Afternoon Student Pick up:**

The drop off/pick up procedures are as follows, also check the map below:

*\*\* With all of the construction on Timpview Drive at Timpview High School and parking issues along Timpview Drive, do not drop off students on Timpview Drive. Provo City will be ticketing cars double parked along this road. Please follow our drop-off and pick-up procedures using the instructions and map below.*

1. There are two lanes in the driveway. The right lane is for drop-off and pick-up. The left lane is a pull-through only.
2. Students are dropped off and picked up along the sidewalk on the right-hand side. They need to exit the right side of the car. If the doors are blocked on that side, the parent needs to get out of the car, open the door, and walk their child to the sidewalk.
3. The pull-through lane is pull-through only, with no parking or drop-off, or pick-up. Cars in the pull-through lane are continuously moving.
4. All students wait on the sidewalk along the school to get picked up. No students will be allowed to wait on the sidewalk on the other side of the driveway.
5. **Do not drop off children in the parking lot!** Park and walk your child across the parking lot and to the school.
6. Cars with a handicap sticker or license plates should park in the handicap parking.



### **Before School:**

- All students arriving at school before 8:35 am go to the back playground to play until the first bell rings. Please do not drop off your child before 8:15 as there will be no playground supervision until that time.
- At the first bell, all students line up on the back playground and wait for their teacher. There are designated spots for each class on the playground along the south side. Classroom teachers will let students know on the 1st day of school where that spot is.
- Teachers will come out to pick up students and walk them to their classrooms.
- If your child eats breakfast, they can enter the building through the gray cafeteria door in the front of the building.

### **New Faculty and Staff for the 2022-2023 School Year**

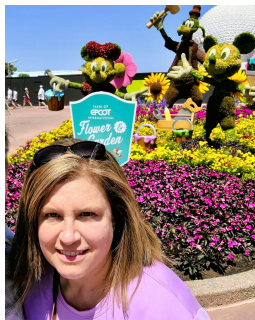
We want to introduce some of our new staff members for this school year. We're excited to have them as part of our Edgemont team this school year.

#### **Assistant Principal - Des Olsen**



Hi, my name is Des Olsen and I am so excited to join the Edgemont community as Assistant Principal! I am from Provo and received my education from the wonderful teachers in Provo School District. I earned my Bachelor's degree from BYU and a Master's in Education Administration from SUU. Over the years I have enjoyed working as a kindergarten teacher, grant coordinator, and instructional facilitator. My husband and I have 2 daughters and a dog. I love to be outdoors, travel and spend time with people. I look forward to getting to know you all!

#### **Social Worker - Vicky Shoemaker**



My name is Vicky and I am honored to be joining the Edgemont community. I have been a social worker for over 20 years with a focus in mental health. I grew up in Holladay, Utah and earned my Bachelor's degree at the University of Utah. I earned my Master's degree in social work at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. I enjoyed exploring the lakes in Minnesota but missed the mountains and returned to Utah. My husband and I have a blended family of 5 sons and 2 grandsons. We also have a dog and a cat who are best friends. In my free time I love road trips and sightseeing, walks in the mountains and spending time with family and friends. I'm also a fan of reading, watching movies and listening to podcasts.

#### **School Psychologist- Kathy Donahey**



I am working at Edgemont this year as the school psychologist and I am excited to be here! My job is to support your student's success in any way they need and help make the school a better place. I am currently finishing up my studies at BYU and love spending time outside or trying new recipes!

### **School Nurse - Emily Finch**



I was born and raised in ElkrIDGE Utah. I now live in Springville with my husband and 3 boys. I have been a nurse for 11 years. I worked in pediatrics and mother/baby at Timpanogos Hospital before coming to school nursing 2 years ago. I enjoy reading, skiing and snowboarding with my family, and watching my boys play soccer. I'm excited to be a part of Edgemont Elementary!

### **Health Clerk - Debbie Wiedmer**



My name is Debbie Weidmer. My husband and I have 10 kids and 12 grandkids. I love camping, cleaning and organizing, hanging out with family and cheering for the underdog. I grew up in Northern California near Lake Tahoe and once lived 18 months in France and Belgium. I have a Bachelor's degree in Public Health from UVU. I'm a firm believer in the power of mindfulness....a great coloring book and colored pencils make a bad day good and a good day great!

### **Receptionist - Alyssa Johnson**



My name is Alyssa Johnson. I got married to my best friend Tanner at the beginning of 2022 and I am absolutely loving my newlywed life. My husband and I love to travel, play games, and spend time with family. I graduated earlier this year from BYU-Idaho with a bachelor's degree in Social Work and love to be around children. I'm happiest when I am outside, whether playing pickleball, boating, swimming, or just laying in the sun. I'm outgoing, cheerful, and love to meet new people, so be sure to stop by and introduce yourself when you see me in the office!

### **Kindergarten - Serena Snyder**



My name is Serena Snyder and I am so excited to be joining the Edgemont community! I grew up in Lehi and love having my family close by. I love traveling, watching sports, and spending time with my two nephews. This upcoming year will be my 7th year teaching. I earned my Bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education from Arizona State University. I also recently completed my Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Gifted Education from Arizona State University. I love helping students grow and find joy in learning. I can't wait for this upcoming school year, it's going to be amazing!

### **1st Grade STEAM Class - Lauren Reed**



My name is Lauren Reed. I am so excited to be at Edgemont Elementary this year. This will be my 4th year teaching 1st grade and I absolutely love it! A little about me is that I am from Cache Valley Utah, I love to grow and arrange flowers, and my favorite thing to do is play music! I can't wait to meet you!



### **1st Grade French DLI Class - Amélie Massé-Flageul**



I am from France and have been a teacher for 16 years with various experiences in different levels of elementary school and in specialized education. I graduated in teaching French as a second language and have welcomed many foreign children in my 5th-grade class for the last 8 years. I have also developed the teaching of English through other subjects in France. This year I am looking forward to teaching 1st grade at Edgemont Elementary School in Utah!

### **4th Grade STEAM Class - Susan Diamond**



I have lived in Utah and Virginia. I taught students in preschool to third grade, yet most of my journey seems to always land in second grade! It must be my favorite! My favorite vacation spot is Hawaii. I love reading, collecting children's books, food, and creating ways to make learning exciting!

### **5th Grade English DLI Class - Maryann Phillips**



My name is Maryann Phillips. I am from Spokane, Washington. I have a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). I have been teaching English for four years and am very excited to start teaching elementary school.

### **5th Grade STEAM Class - Nicole Sellers**



Hello! My name is Nicole Sellers and I am so excited to be teaching at Edgemont this year! I feel like I'm coming back home, I grew up in Provo School District and graduated from UVU. I've been working as a reading aide in the district for the last year, and I've been doing all kinds of work with kids for the last 4 years. I love hiking, pickleball, exploring new places, curling up with a good book, and challenging anyone who thinks they know more about Harry Potter than me. I'm looking forward to meeting my students and their families this fall!

### **Special Ed - Michaela Swanson**



Hi, my name is Michaela Swanson. I am from Beaver County, Utah and I recently graduated from Brigham Young University in December with a bachelor's in Special Education. I have been working with the school district since January and I was also given the privilege to do my student teaching at Edgemont. I love teaching and I am excited to learn and SOAR with my students at Edgemont this year. Go Eagles!!

### **Special Ed Aide- Brenda Hales**



I am originally from Canada and love to go there to visit. I graduated from BYU in Community Health Education many years ago. I am married and have 3 sons and 1 daughter. I enjoy the outdoors, especially camping, water-skiing, mountain biking and hiking. I worked for the last 5 years as an aid for Adapted PE throughout PSD.

### **Space Lab - Annie Chase**



I've lived in Arizona, Hawaii, Mexico, Chicago, Peru, Michigan, and Washington DC, but now call Provo home. While in Chicago, I worked for years at the Chicago History Museum helping researchers of all ages and managing a huge collection of decades and centuries-old manuscripts. In the last few years, I've led STEAM activity and craft classes for elementary-age kids.

### **PE - Annie Lewis**



My name is Mrs. Annie Lewis! I was born and raised in the small town of Brigham City, UT. I recently got married to my husband Tysen and we love to hammock, make yummy food together, and go on walks together! Basketball, volleyball, and pickleball are my go-to sports, and I'm always down to go get a Diet Coke! I love kids and being active. I can't wait to be Edgemont's new PE teacher!!

### **Custodial - Debbie Walker**



I am Debbie Walker. I grew up on the West side of Provo and went to Provo High School. After, I went to Snow College and received a degree in Home and Family Studies. After I graduated, I came back home to sweet Provo and eventually became Assistant 3 which was full-time at Centennial Middle School. As much as I loved working with the staff and teachers at Centennial, I decided to apply for Edgemont as it opened up. When I was called that I got the job I was ecstatic. I was able to have new learning opportunities and

create relationships with more people! As a person outside of school and work, I enjoy reading and love writing even more! I find it a passion of mine. Having any chance to write makes me who I am. With things I enjoy, I love hanging out with my friends and family any chance I get. I think having strong relationships with the people around you is the most important thing in life.

**Social Media:**

Follow us on our social media and website to keep up with the latest information.

Facebook: @EdgemontElementary

Instagram: edgemont\_elementary

Twitter: @edgemonteagle

Website: <https://edgemont.provo.edu/>

We're looking forward to seeing everyone on August 15 at Back to School Night! If you have any questions before then, please call our front office at 801-221-9984.

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