

# The Edge Academy/Akros Middle School Newsletter

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## Welcome Back!!!!

### Upcoming Events:

- *Friday Sept 28th: Harvest of the Habits (Fall Fest) 4-6pm*
- *Thursday Oct 25th : Parent teacher conferences (report cards are giving at these conferences) 3:30-7:30*
- *High School Fair: 3:30-7:00pm*
- *Friday Oct 26th: No School for students*

### Updated School

#### Mission:

*The Edge Academy/Akros Middle School will be one of the highest performing community schools, which is comprised of competent, compassionate, well rounded leaders.-*

Welcome Back—It was with great anticipation that we welcomed back all of our students for the 2018-2019 school year. The administration has been hard at work making some wonderful improvements to both buildings, including: new floors, paint, murals, a new fence in the back parking lot, and getting the parking lot repaved.

There has also been some changes amongst our administrative staff. Mr. Josh Rogers was named The Edge Academy's principal, and Marcus Bentley has joined our team as the new dean of students at Edge. Mr. Raymond Leek has joined our team as the new assistant principal of Akros Middle School and Holly

Piskula has moved to the district head of special education. Mrs. Faith DeCesare has remained the director of both schools, and Mrs. Kristina Young is still our academic coach.

As always we have an open door policy so if you need to speak with a member of the administrative staff please call either office and set up a time to meet. We look forward to an amazing school year and can't wait to see all of our families at the many fun events we have planned for this school year.



*Administrative Staff (From top to bottom; left to right):*

*Mrs. DeCesare; Mr. Bentley; Mr. Leek; Mrs. Piskula; Mr. Rogers and Mrs. Young*

## Akros Earned an Academic Achievement Award

Every school year all of our students take the MAP assessment, which is a nationally normed assessment to see how students grow academically year to year. The 2017-2018 was the first year that Edge/Akros gave the MAP assessment. Akros received their award for making significant student growth. Showing that our middle school students performed above most students in the state of Ohio in both math and reading of growth within one school year





## Update Truancy and Absenteeism Law

What is House Bill 410?

House Bill 410 is a bill created to encourage and support a preventative approach to excess absences and truancy. It is important for every student to attend school every day. Missing too much school has long term negative effects on student, such as lower achievement and lower graduation rates. The Edge Academy and Akros Middle School are required by law to establish an Absence Intervention Team (AIT) any time a student hits the Habitual Truant criteria which is the following:

Absent for 30 or more consecutive

hours without a legitimate excuse

Absent for 42 or more hours in a month without a legitimate excuse

Absent for 72 or more hours in a school year without legitimate excuse

If your child gets close to hitting this threshold a letter will be sent home. Once they meet or exceed this threshold an AIT is mandatory. During this quick meeting the team (parent, principal, teacher and truancy designee) will create a plan to reduce barriers to regular school attendance. Continued absences or failure to make progress towards the implementation of the

AIT will result in the district filing a complaint with the juvenile court.

What do I need to do as a parent?

Try to make every effort to get your child to school daily; however we understand that children get sick and need to stay home at times. Please contact the office the day of the absence so that it can be marked as excused. If there is a legitimate reason for an absence please provide that documentation (Dr. notes, etc.) so that information can be put in your child's file. If you do receive an excessive absenteeism letter in the mail, please contact the school Remember, if we synergize everyone wins!

## LEADER IN ME—Following The 7 HABITS

**"GREAT HABITS  
MAKE GREAT  
LEADERS"**

This year both schools are focusing on The Leader In Me and learning and modeling the 7 habits. The 7 habits are:

1. Be Proactive
2. Begin with the end in mind
3. Put First Things First
4. Think Win-Win
5. Seek First to Understand, them to be understood
6. Synergize
7. Sharpen the Saw



To work on the habits at home make sure you are asking your child what they are learning about in class about

## Childhood Cancer Awareness, Fire Safety, and Red Ribbon

The Edge Academy and Akros Middle School are providing information and activities to help raise awareness amongst our students about fire safety, the Red Ribbon movement, and childhood cancer awareness.

Our "End in Mind," for these is to help our students "Be Proactive" and become well-rounded leaders within the school and community.

Friday, September 28 staff and stu-

dents are allowed to wear yellow to show support for children fighting cancer across the U.S.

Fire Safety Week is October 8 through 12! Students will receive special activity books. Also, a special visit from the Akron Fire Department is planned!

Red Ribbon Week, also known as Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Prevention Week, is a national movement held October 22 through 26. Students

will have a theme each day to recognize their participation in the program. Activities, lessons and special events will occur throughout the week. Officer Jeff has also arranged for a special guest speaker to come talk to Edge and Akros students.

If you have any suggestions or would like to offer your assistance with any of these programs, please contact the school.