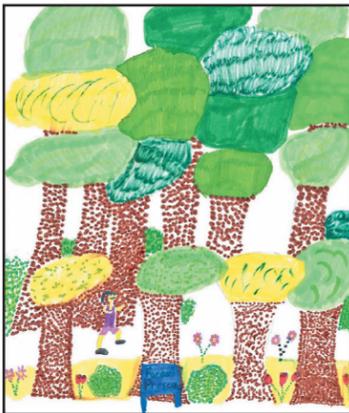
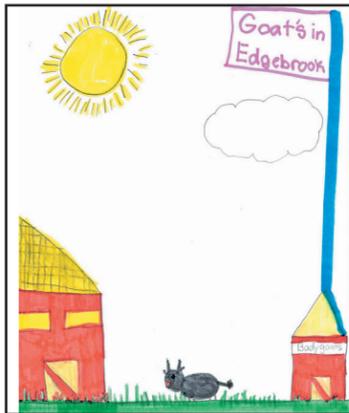


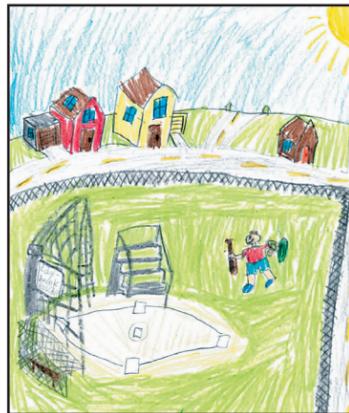
Edgebrook Celebrates the Fourth



Carly | 3rd grade | Edgebrook School



Madeline | 4th grade | SMOW



Thomas | 2nd grade | Edgebrook School



Drew | 5th grade | Edgebrook School



Evangeline | Kindergarten | SMOW

Poster Contest Winners

Building Community: Discovering the Connection

“We could make a goat farm,” fourth-grader **Madeline** from SMOW suggested. “This is good for the community because we can get organic milk and cheese at low prices.” Madeline was the 2nd place winner in the ECA’s 2015 July 4th Poster Contest.

The poster contest theme celebrated building community as epitomized by the Neighborhood Connection Project (NCP), a community endeavor which resulted in a safe and beautiful underground passageway between Edgebrook, Wildwood and North Edgebrook. Students were asked to picture the next project they’d like our community to undertake.

Our first place winner, **Carly**, a third-grader from Edgebrook School, planned a project involving our forests “because trees and plants keep you alive and jogging keeps you healthy.”

Second-grader **Thomas** of Edgebrook School, the third place winner, recommended more baseball fields for even more fun.

Fourth place winner, **Drew**, a fifth-grader at Edgebrook School, decided “an Edgebrook Visitor’s Center would make a beautiful addition” to the

neighborhood. The Visitor’s Center would give you “an understanding of how our community works.” Drew envisioned “displays of Old Edgebrook and signs describing Edgebrook history.”

Evangeline, SMOW kindergartner and fifth place winner, agreed with Carly about an emphasis on Edgebrook’s natural resources.

Walk downtown Edgebrook and discover store front art galleries exhibiting talented neighborhood students’ imaginations. Don’t forget to go to the ECA’s website at <http://edgebrookcommunity.org> to view, in greater detail, other outstanding and too-good-to-miss contest entries.

And, while you’re at it, wouldn’t it be a great time to visit the NCP at Kinzua, Hiawatha and Lehigh?



Vidushi | 6th grade | Edgebrook School

Saturday, July 4

11 AM - 3 PM

Celebrate in Edgebrook

March with your neighbors, enjoy a picnic in the park, and dance to a new beat.

The Parade

March from Edgebrook School at 11 AM. Head west to Central, south to Devon, north on Lehigh, west on Hiawatha and end at Wildwood Park.

The leaders of the NCP will be our grand marshals. **Jac Charlier** and **Gina Metalica** were on board from the start. **Rick Graham** served as lead community artist. And Jac’s son, **Jean-Luc Charlier**, provided the spark. When he and his dad first looked at the tunnel to gauge necessary repairs, he asked “Can’t we paint this or do *something* else besides just fixing the walls?”

The Picnic

At 12 NOON at Wildwood Park enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, brats, cold drinks, ice cream and more as the ECA presents an old-fashioned picnic. There will be games for the kids and prizes to be won.

The Concert

Cropduster 4 performs Americana/classic country music. Their music is self-described as “loud enough to make you dance, but not so loud that you can’t hear yourself think.”

ECA partnerships that make your summertime more fun.

Sunday, July 19

11 AM - 4 PM

Edgebrook Garden Walk 2015

Get your ticket to the scents and sensibilities of Edgebrook on the day of the event at the North Branch Arts Garden (east of the Metra station). Then enjoy a self-guided tour of over a dozen local gardens.

Stop by the ECA’s **Lemonade Stand** to enjoy a cold glass. Investigating the beautiful gardens of Edgebrook is thirsty work.

Admittance to the Garden Walk is by donation, with proceeds to be shared by the ECA and NBA.

Put your mark on the NCP

The NCP begins its third and final year the last week of June and runs through the middle of August. Every Saturday during the project’s run, neighbors are invited to add their mark to the mural by coming out for NCP Community Days. All ages, abilities and backgrounds are invited (*and needed*) to place tiles and make the mural reflective of who we are as a community.

Started in Spring of 2010, the NCP is a citizen-led initiative to build community by repairing and beautifying the Metra railroad underpass at Kinzua,

Hiawatha and Lehigh. Upon completion, NCP will be the largest outdoor public art bricolage mural on Chicago’s Northwest side.

For more information, please contact ECA Vice-President **Jac Charlier** (jac.charlier@gmail.com).

Saturday, August 1

2 - 4 PM

Explore and Soar Celebration

Summer Learning Challenge participants and their families are invited to celebrate their achievements in reading, discovering and creating. Enjoy refreshments and enter the cosmic prize raffle. Musician **Rick Kelley** will have participants singing and dancing across the universe with his interactive program, **Far Out Songs About Space**. Participants will be presented with their **Explore and Soar** certificates and will take home a prize book.

Bike Trail Information

The ECA is working with Commissioner Gainer’s office to find solutions for safety and traffic concerns residents have expressed over the proposed bike trail. Watch edgebrookcommunity.org for details.



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