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Find out about Taft

Monday, November 16, 7 PM

Meet Taft High School

Principal Mark Grishaber



Taft High School recently achieved a Level One quality rating from Chicago Public Schools — designating Taft as a “high performing” institution and “a good school choice” for Edgebrook residents.

Edgebrook neighbors are invited to hear **Principal Mark Grishaber** speak about why Taft IB World School is the *best* neighborhood high school in Chicago.

- 97% of Taft students were accepted to a College or a University last year.
- Nearly 90% of Taft students come from our neighborhood — a personal source of pride for Principal Grishaber, a lifelong northwest side resident.

Principal Grishaber will take questions from the audience after his presentation.

This General Meeting is a great opportunity for parents with soon-to-be-high-school-age students to learn more about the Level One school that's in our neighborhood.

The ECA General Meeting with Taft High School Principal Mark Grishaber will be held **Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7:00 PM at Edgebrook Elementary School, 6525 N. Hiawatha Ave.**

The annual election of ECA Board Members will take place prior to the meeting.

Contact talk2eca@gmail.com with questions.

Enjoy a Holiday Concert

Wednesday, December 9, 6:30 – 7:15 PM



Holiday Harp Recital

Chicago harpist **Janelle Lake** presents an interactive harp recital for the holidays, mixing shimmering standards with holiday delights, at the same time highlighting the instrument's capabilities.

From Hasselmann's *La Source* to *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, Ms. Lake's will create an oasis from the holiday hustle and bustle and bring traditional joy to attendees.

This holiday harp program, sponsored by the Edgebrook Community Association, takes place **Wednesday, December 9, 6:30 PM – 7:15 PM** at the **Edgebrook Branch Library, 5331 W Devon Ave.**

Registration is required. Please call **312-744-8313** or email the Library at edgebrook@chipublib.org.

Celebrate the Holidays

Sunday, November 29, 3 – 6:30 PM



Holiday Party

A recipe for family fun — Carolers, Claus, Cookies, and Caring

Welcome the season with family and friends. Join your neighbors at the ECA's holiday gathering, co-sponsored this year by **Everyday Edgebrook**.

This is a party for family, friends and neighbors of all ages. It celebrates old and new traditions.

Stroll downtown Edgebrook's cookie walk, visit local businesses that are decked out for the holidays, take a photo with the **Real Santa** (*you will believe*) at **Creativo!**, and help yourself to pizza and cider at the **NBA Garden**.

Here's a schedule for the magic.

- ☞ 3-5 PM Cookie Walk
- ☞ 3-5 PM Pictures with the Real Santa
- ☞ 3-5 PM Make an ornament at North Branch Arts
- ☞ 3-5 PM Hot cocoa at Ivy's
- ☞ 3-5 PM Ornament wrapping at Ivy's
- ☞ 5:15 PM Triangle tree lighting ceremony at the corner of Devon and the Metra station (overlooking the Triangle)
- ☞ 5:15-6:30 PM a bonfire, pizza, festive food and drink, and caroling in the NBA Garden

Gain a new perspective

Welcoming you home

The ECA, as part of its landscaping commitment, started a major project by the Edgebrook sign on Lehigh, west of the Metra tracks. Board members and volunteers cleaned the area and planted



24 grasses, 24 rose, 3 forsythia, and 6 lilac bushes, as well as an assortment of 100 lily, tulip, and allium bulbs. Drivers and visitors will have an eye-catching preview of our neighborhood's beauty.

Helping a neighbor

Shoveling a sidewalk

It's the neighborly thing to do

Make Chicago safe by clearing snow and ice from the public sidewalks around your property.

We are all pedestrians at some point during the day, whether making our way to the bus, to a car, or to a neighborhood store. Without a wide, clear path, snow and ice on the sidewalk make it difficult for all of us — especially people with disabilities, seniors, and children — to move about safely.

Be a good neighbor and offer help to those in your community who are physically unable to clear their own sidewalks.



The ECA's Snow Plowing Efforts

The City of Chicago's primary concern is keeping major traffic arteries clear from snow. Plowing side streets is a much lower priority. The ECA, on the other hand, is concerned about emergency vehicle access to our side streets, as well as egress for parked cars so that our neighbors can go about their business.

The ECA's service plows a single path down the middle of the side streets when snowfall exceeds 4 inches.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact our snow plowing hotline at **773-774-4651** and ask for **Jody McDowell**.



Food Bank Challenge

An anonymous ECA member issued this challenge to fellow Edgebrook neighbors. **“Donate to the Greater Chicago Food Depository at the ECA Holiday Party. I will then match — two for one — the first \$500 the neighborhood raises. With the neighborhood's generosity, let's contribute \$1,500 or more to the GCFD.”**

Collection tins will be at the ECA's cookie table at the NBA.



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