



## Eat Breakfast at School!

Mornings can be really crazy...the alarm doesn't go off...the kids don't want to get up...there's no time to eat breakfast before the bus comes...or they're just not

ready to eat. Or maybe your teenager grabs a can of soda and a candy bar on the way to school. If this sounds like your house, we have good news for you.

Breakfast is served at school! School breakfast will energize your child's day and provide them with a healthy start. A nutritious breakfast helps students be more alert so they can learn more in class, and has plenty of vitamins and nutrients for a strong and healthy body.

Breakfast at school is affordable, too. The cost is only \$1.60. If you qualify for free and reduced price meals, you also qualify for the breakfast program, with no additional paperwork. You can't find a healthy breakfast at such a low cost anywhere else.

So help your child start the day right with school breakfast!

## High School News



### News from Mrs. Bond

Greeting Parents! My English classes are off to a good start. Your children will have a busy year exploring many exciting pieces of literature as well as brushing up their grammar and vocabulary skills. You may check out what your child has for assignments by going to my staff page found on the Edgewood-Colesburg High School website. Feel free to contact me any time with questions that you may have.



### News from Guidance Office

Welcome back! Make it a great year!

**SENIORS** -FAFSA applications can be submitted on October 1st! John Holland from ICAN is Ed-Co's contact person for any specific FAFSA questions:

[jholland@ICANSucceed.org](mailto:jholland@ICANSucceed.org) (319) 423-7703

Scholarship information can be found on the High School website under "Guidance."

Scholarships are organized based on the application due date but please be aware that many scholarships change yearly. \*Some deadline dates are projected.\* Some also may no longer be active. I will update information as it comes in. If how to apply is not listed, google it first before contacting me. Many applications are available online.

Also each College/University typically gives out their own scholarships as well. If you already know where you will be attending next year look on the schools website for Scholarships! Also look into scholarships through groups/organizations/churches you participate in and businesses you and/or your parents work for. **THIS IS WORTH YOUR TIME. LET MRS.**

**DOWELL KNOW IF YOU NEED ANY HELP.**

College Admission Counselors will be coming to visit this fall to provide students with an opportunity to learn more and get any questions answered that you may have – look for dates posted through email and outside the counseling office.

**SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS** - The PSAT/NMSQT will be offered at Ed-Co on **Wednesday, October 11th from 8:30-11:00 am** 10th & 11th grade students will be excused from class during this time. The cost of the test is \$16 (Checks can be made out to Ed-CO) Below are three great reasons to take this test!

1. The PSAT/NMSQT propels students toward college and career readiness. Whether or not you plan to take the SAT or ACT this pre test will be good practice for you to learn the basic format of these types of tests.
2. The test results will let you and the school know which advanced courses you should check out next year.
3. Taking the test makes it easy for colleges and scholarship programs to find you. Millions of dollars are available to help pay for college. Juniors will also be automatically signed up for the National Merit Scholarship Program which is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships.

Please email Mrs. Dowell if you have any further questions. To sign up please stop in my office with your \$16 by Wednesday, September 20th so we can order more test booklets as needed. Please also come pick up information on SAT & ACT test dates if you are planning to take it this year.

## News from Ms. Harbaugh

### **The Noteworthy High School Band!**

The 2017 - 2018 school year is off and running and so is the Ed-Co band program!

The high school band has already played for the first home football game and is having tons of fun. The typical marching band performance night starts at 5:30 with a band bonding dinner! Then off to the football field for the pregame show. Next we keep the spirit up from the stands for the first half of the game, and take the field at half time for our show! This fall we will be performing September, Under Pressure, and Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go. Come out and join the fun!!

Be sure to come and help us cheer our teams to victory at one of the following events:

September 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday – Varsity Football Game

September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday – Varsity Football Game + Homecoming Parade

October 5<sup>th</sup> – Volleyball Pink Night

October 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday – Varsity Football Game

**We look forward to seeing your school spirit!**

### **Incredible 7th and 8th grade Instrumental Music Students**

The 7th and 8th grade band students are doing a little bit of everything right now! We are having tons of fun learning how to parade march so that we will be ready to rock the Homecoming parade! We are also getting ready to perform for our Winter Concert! We've got some fun music picked out for December. You'll have to come to see what we're playing (or ask your nearest junior high band student), but we will let you in on the fact that there will be a kitchen pots and pans solo feature! This will be one Winter Concert you won't want to miss!

### **6th Grade Band Rocks!**

The 6th grade band kids are so excited! Each student has a secret handshake to come into the bandroom! The prize boxes for practice logs and lesson attendance are a big hit. We are looking forward to marching in the Homecoming Parade and getting ready for our winter concert! We will be performing at the elementary school's concert in Colesburg this year so please come join the fun!

### **The Amazing 5th Grade Band!**

The 5th grade band is just gearing up. We have several awesome new band students and are always looking for more! Do you have a kiddo at home who would like to give band a try? It's never too late to learn something new! The 5th grade band is working hard in their lesson books and very excited to be playing in the Elementary Winter Concert this year!

## **Ed-Co Hosts 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Home XC Invitational**

On Tuesday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ed-Co had the honor of hosting our



home Cross Country Invite at Wood's Edge. The meet has grown over those four years to now include 12 teams and just short of 200 total runners. The South Winneshiek boys and Central girls were the team champions. Felicity Taylor of South Winneshiek was the individual girls champion (Lily Aulwes was the top Ed-Co finisher at 36<sup>th</sup>) and Zach Nie of Don Bosco was the individual champion (Jacob Wessel of Ed-Co was runner-up).

This meet doesn't happen without the help of many people. First we need to thank Wood's Edge for allowing us to use the course that night. It is an honor to host the meet there and show off such a beautiful course to all the schools that attend our meet. It is impossible for me to list everyone who helped with the invitational, I know I would forget someone and I don't want to do that. So I will give a blanket thank you to everyone who came out and helped with the meet or supported the meet that evening. We couldn't have had this event without you.

## Elementary News

### News from Mrs. Mather



We are off to a super start in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We have a great group of students this year. They have adjusted to 6<sup>th</sup> grade very well, and are getting to know their new 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers

6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies students are reviewing map skills, latitude, and longitude.

Then they will venture back into time to study the Old Stone Age. Throughout the year, the social studies students will be taking more trips into the past to visit ancient civilizations of the eastern hemisphere.

We are on our second year of the new reading program, called Benchmark Literacy. It will be nice for the students, since they are familiar with the basic format of the curriculum. We hope this will help all the students excel this year with their reading and writing skills.

In math we will begin the year exploring whole numbers by finding greatest common factors and least common multiples. We will also review adding and subtracting decimals, and begin learning to multiply and divide them too.



### **News from Mrs. Ramsey**

Fifth grade is off to a great start! We are looking forward to a fun fall in fifth grade. Science class has given students many opportunities to practice the scientific method and scientific inquiry. Students

have been performing STEM experiments using questions, claims, and evidence. Our STEM challenges have included making the strongest or tallest possible structures using a variety of materials including edible structures on the first day of school using the tasty building materials of pretzels, marshmallows, and crackers. After becoming experts at the structure challenges, students decided engineering success can be summed up in a list of words that begin with the letter "B." These words are brainstorming, building, base, balance, and believe. Students now have the challenge of engineering a structure that will hold up a specific book for 10 seconds using materials they find around their homes. We are all looking forward to seeing what everyone designs!

Next, we will make use of our fall weather to conduct plant experiments. We will design experiments to grow grass seeds under special experimental variables. We will draw our conclusions and make our final claims supported by evidence about how our grass grows under a variety of experimental variables including conditions such as in the dark, with fertilizer, with compost, with worms in the soil, and being watered with Gatorade or lemon juice. One of the very special, exciting, and new experimental variables we will be using is growing plants under our new, awesome plantlight that Bloom's ordered for us. We will be sharing more about this wonderful addition to our science classes soon. We will apply what we learn in our plant experiments to the real world of gardening and farming by relating how pollution, temperature, and other experimental variables affect the growth of crops. Making connections and relating what we learn in our classroom to our world outside the classroom is what it's all about!



### **News from Mrs. Trenkamp**

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! Everything is off to a great start. This school year I will be working with at risk students and with English as Second Language (ESL) students. Please make sure your student gets

to bed early every night and has a complete breakfast every morning. Also, it would be beneficial to read to or with your student every night no matter their age. Keep their routines consistent as possible. The staff at the elementary has started the year off with teaching common area expectations for the classrooms, hallways, restrooms, playground, and the bus. Please encourage your student to

behave on the bus and follow the directions. Being respectful can make things so much easier for all of us. We will start handing out VP cards after all the expectations are taught. This will probably be the beginning to middle of September. When a student is displaying appropriate behaviors the staff may give them a VP card. The student will place this card in a box in their classrooms and we will have a drawing once a week. They will then have their picture taken and it will be hung up in the lunchroom for the year. Please ask your students regularly how many cards they are getting. We also will be starting Valuable Vikings again this year. Each student can get one based on exceptional performance with academic or behaviors. Their pictures will be taken weekly and will be submitted to the Edgewood Reminder. These are very exciting activities for all the students. They really enjoy this.

I will be working individually with each ESL student this year. We will be focusing on reading comprehension, writing skills, and solving math word problems. Our numbers of ESL students is rising each year. If you see one of the ESL students in the hall, be sure to say Hello! If you ever have any concerns about your child please be sure to call me at 563-856-2415 or feel free to stop in and talk to me about the situation. When we are willing to work together, we can make it a great year! Thanks for all you do for your students. You are their first and best teachers!



### **News from Mrs. McCool**

There have been many changes in the elementary special education department this year! Ms. Hilary Scherf has transferred over from the junior/senior high school to teach students in grades kindergarten

through fourth grade. She is currently on maternity leave, after giving birth to Vayda Lavonne on July 24th, and plans to return later in September. Mrs. Kim Helmricks has been hired as a para-educator, along with Mrs. Sue Moore, Mrs. Angel Kulper, Mrs. LuAnn Bolsinger, Mrs. Rebecca Hansel, and Mrs. Mary Ann Every. Mrs. Rosalee Bockenstedt and Mrs. Lynn Moser have been substituting since the beginning of the school year, and we greatly appreciate their continued help.

Special education students have been working hard to get back into the routines of school, reviewing common area plans and goals, sharing about their summer, and updating likes and dislikes through interest inventories. All of this background knowledge enables us to focus on expectations and ways to best meet their needs while making the learning individualized, personal, and hopefully fun.



**HELPING SERVICES**  
for Youth & Families



Remember growing up? Who helped you make healthy choices, build self-esteem, and made you laugh?

**Mentoring connects a youth with a responsible adult to form a healthy friendship, helping the youth aspire and achieve their fullest potential.**

*"My child's attitude has changed in a more positive way. She is more upbeat and happy, especially when she comes back from seeing her mentor." —Mentee Parent*

• **WAYS WE CAN PARTNER WITH YOU** •

**ROLE MODELS FOR AREA YOUTH**

Trained and screened volunteers (age 16 and older), called mentors, spend 4 hours a month having fun and encouraging youth.

Mentors can be an individual, couple, or whole family. You can also be a Mentor For A Day, attending an event that fits your schedule and hanging out with a youth who is waiting for a permanent mentor.

**YOUTH INVOLVEMENT**

Youth (age 5 to 16), called mentees, can request to be paired with a mentor who shares their interests. These youth gain new skills and opportunities they may not otherwise have.

**GROUP EVENTS**

Matches are invited to join events with other local matches—sometimes to watch a movie and make pizzas, and other times to go to a baseball game or a museum.

**VOLUNTEER TRAININGS**

Youth face many hurdles in their family, school, and social life. Mentors are equipped to listen and encourage their mentee through these different situations.

• **VOLUNTEER** •

Use your skills or passion to provide youth with positive role models. From becoming a mentor to assembling training materials, you can be part of creating these important friendships.

• **LET'S CONNECT** •

**563-379-3454**

**mentoring@helpingservices.org**

Visit our website to see new events, donate, request a mentor, or apply to become one.

[WWW.HELPINGSERVICES.ORG/MENTORING](http://WWW.HELPINGSERVICES.ORG/MENTORING)



### **From Superintendent Rob Busch**

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! The yellow buses rolled bright and early, and classes began on August 23. The buildings were abuzz with excitement and energy. Our school staff is looking forward to

working with our students, families, and community to provide the best educational opportunities possible. We are very fortunate to have community that shows such strong support for our school district. Thank you!

The teaching staff continues to learn collaboratively through Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to increase student achievement. Our Annual Progress Report (APR) goals for 2017-18 are the following:

- Reading: The 2017-18 6th grade cohort will increase the percent proficient from 58% in 2016-17 to 80% based on the reading assessment of the Iowa Tests.
- Math: The 2017-18 7th grade cohort will increase the percent proficient from 63% in 2016-17 to 85% based on the mathematics assessment of the Iowa Tests.
- Science: The 2017-18 10th grade cohort will increase the percent proficient from 76% in 2016-17 to 92% based on the science assessment of the Iowa Tests.

The elementary staff will be learning more about Stephen Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People and implementing The Leader in Me techniques. The secondary staff continues to improve grading practices. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

The Vikings will be returning to compete in the Tri-Rivers Conference. For schedules, check out <http://www.tririversconference.org>.

Get out and vote at the school board election on Tuesday, September 12. There are six candidates running for the three open positions.

The ballot will also include the bond referendum. School districts are required to address ongoing safety concerns, such as updating aging building infrastructure, assuring that buildings are functional for students with disabilities, and installing secure building and classroom entryways. Just as homes require continuous care and maintenance, school buildings require this same attention. Roofs and sidewalks must be maintained, upgrades bring increased energy efficiencies, and new classroom technologies require changes to technological infrastructure. If the bond referendum is passed, it will provide additional funding to make necessary upgrades to our aging infrastructure.

Thank you for allowing us to educate your children again this year. As always, I ask that you please become involved with the educational opportunities for our young people and assist us in making Edgewood-Colesburg the best school in the State of Iowa. I thank you for taking the time to read these articles as we proceed through a very exciting 2017-2018 school year. If you have ideas for information you would like to see in this newsletter, please contact Barb Bolsinger or me by phone at 928-6411 or e-mail at [rbusch@edge-cole.k12.ia.us](mailto:rbusch@edge-cole.k12.ia.us).

Your Partner in Education,  
Rob Busch



### **Ed-Co Elementary Family Reading Night presents "THE NIGHT OF THE WALKING TACOS"**

**Monday, October 23, 2017**

**5:30 to 7:30 pm**

**Colesburg Elementary School**

Please come for a FREE Spooky Supper  
beginning at 5:30pm

Beginning at 6:30 enjoy spooky stories, games, and fall crafts. Each family member in costume will receive a free book. We hope to see you there!

This event is being sponsored by the Edgewood Chamber of Commerce, Karl's Grocery, and Edgewood Locker.

### **COURTESY AT EXTRA-CURRICULAR EVENTS**

We are looking forward to excellent extra-curricular events at Edgewood-Colesburg. We share the responsibility for appropriate behavior at the activities. For the safety of all spectators and support of the participants, the following are Ed-Co's expectations.

1. Be respectful and quiet during the national anthem. Hold your right hand over your heart.
2. Watch the game.
3. Visit with your friends.
4. Demonstrate good sportsmanship, be respectful and courteous to others; Support the teams, cheer and clap.
5. Be a positive credit to your family, school and community.
6. Leave your seat only between quarters, at half time and between games.

## September Calendar of Events

\*Events are subject to change. For the most up to date information go to [www.edge-cole.k12.ia.us](http://www.edge-cole.k12.ia.us)

### Sept. 1

5:00pm-JV Football @ Clayton Ridge

7:30pm-V Football @ Clayton Ridge

### Sept. 2

9:00am-HS Volleyball @ Beckman

### Sept. 4

Labor Day-No School

### Sept. 5

4:30pm-HS Cross Country @ Clayton Ridge

6:00pm-JV Volleyball @ Cascade

### Sept. 7

4:00pm JH Volleyball vs Maquoketa Valley @ Edgewood

4:30pm-JH Football vs Alburnett @ Edgewood

### Sept. 8

2:00-3:00pm-Elementary Grandparent's Day

7:00pm-V Football vs Postville @Edgewood

### Sept. 9

9:00am-HS Volleyball @ South Hardin HS-Eldora

FFA State Dairy Judging contest @ West Delaware

### Sept. 11

4:30pm-9<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball @ MFL MarMac

6:00pm-JV Football vs. Postville @ Edgewood

### Sept. 12

4:00pm-HS Cross Country @ Starmont

4:00pm-JH Volleyball @ Starmont

5:15pm-HS Volleyball vs Easton Valley @ Edgewood

### Sept. 14

FFA-Tristate Dairy Days @ Calmar

4:00pm JH Volleyball @ Alburnett

4:30pm-JH Football @ Maquoketa Valley

5:15pm-HS Volleyball @Lisbon High School

### Sept. 15

7:00pm-V Football @ Alburnett High School

### Sept. 16

FFA County Livestock Judging @ National

9:00am-V Volleyball @ West Delaware

9:00am-9<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball @ Western Dubuque

### Sept. 18-NO SCHOOL

4:00pm-JH Volleyball vs Springville @ Edgewood

6:00pm-JV Football @ Alburnett

### Sept. 19

4:00pm-JH Volleyball vs Cedar Valley Christian @ Edgewood

4:15pm-HS Cross Country @ Center Point - Urbana

5:15pm-HS Volleyball @ Central City High School

### Sept. 21

4:30pm-JH Football vs North Linn @Edgewood

5:15pm-HS Volleyball vs East Buchanan @ Edgewood

### Sept. 22-HOMECOMING

1:30pm-Parade @ Edgewood

5:00pm-JV Football vs. Wapsie Valley @ Edgewood

7:00pm-V Football vs Wapsie Valley @ Edgewood

### Sept. 23

9:00am-V Volleyball @North Cedar

10:35am-HS Cross Country @ Independence

### Sept. 26

4:00pm-JH Volleyball @ East Buchanan

4:15pm-HS Cross Country @ Jesup

5:15pm-HS Volleyball @ Maquoketa Valley

### Sept. 28

4:00pm-JH Volleyball @ North Linn

4:30pm-JH Football @ Starmont

5:15pm-HS Volleyball vs Springville @ Edgewood

### Sept. 29

7:00pm-V Football @ Starmont



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