

High School News



From the counseling office

I will be out on maternity leave for about six weeks in March/April. There WILL be substitutes available so that students/parents can still receive the support they need. Please don't hesitate to meet with them and contact the school with any concerns.

The Counseling topic in March is Substance abuse. Our YODA group (Youth Opposing Drugs & Alcohol) will be getting the word out about the negative effects of substance abuse by creating displays and activities throughout the month, as well as classroom lessons for the Jr High. If you are a community member who received a sign last year supporting substance free celebrations this is the time to get those back out on display. Thank you for your support!

Spring college visits will also be starting this month. Any high school student who would like more information about a certain college is encouraged to attend these visits. College representatives will come to Ed-Co during advisory time.

SENIORS – It is very important to be checking your emails for important information about graduation, scholarships, and post-secondary planning.



News from Mrs. Ehlers

HTML/Web Design

What a shock this class was to its students! No one had any idea that creating a web page (with raw code/tags) could be so tedious. The course began with the basics of a computer system, the history of the Internet, and the explosion of e-commerce (buying online) in today's society. Thus far, students have been successful in creating a website project (multiple pages) for a fictitious science professor and his class. As the course builds, students will be able to work on web



pages for themselves or real businesses in our area.

Introduction to Business

Working their way through the US Economy, students are moving on to business ownership and entrepreneurship. Students have learned how businesses can be organized and the management functions business owners' use day to day. Instead of writing the usual business plan, students will be working with the Ed-Co Booster Club and Lynn Moser to make improvements to the track season concession stand. Product offering, staffing, and profits versus loss are all hands on tasks that make the concession stand a perfect way for students to see real world business activities. On Feb. 23, the students toured EIP / Mills Inc. for the advanced manufacturing tour of the Earlville facility. The students learned about the economic resources and business framework. Many thanks for exposing these students to real world business and experiences.



Pre-Employment Strategies

A new class to Ed-Co this year, Pre-Employment Strategies includes the skills to get a job and keep a job. The first unit, "soft skills" has students evaluating their communication skills, attitude, problem solving skills, and professionalism. Much like in the workplace, students are currently working on a performance appraisal of their own skills to identify areas that need improvement.



The class toured Kendrick Forest Products on Feb. 23. Kendrick's has a unique team dynamic among their employees and it showed on the tour. I'm always surprised at how many of our students have never toured such an impressive business and right here at home.

Work Based Learning

Over the past few years, participation in the Ed-Co Work Study program has grown to 20-25 students annually. For one quarter, one block per day, students leave school and report to a work site for real world learning. This quarter we have students working in beef production, respiratory therapy, auto mechanics, veterinary science, marketing, and wildlife biology. We do our best to find work sites in the student's field of choice, even if that means them having to commute to a nearby town, invest in a uniform or safety shoes, or report to work before or after school is in session. Ultimately, it's the community's support of this program that makes it so successful.



News from Mrs. Simon

I have worked and substitute taught in several other school districts; however, I am so lucky to work at Ed-Co. I previously thought that

administrators did not care about the students. When I came to Ed-Co four years ago, I realized that this was not the case at Ed-Co. I have come to realize that the administration sets the culture and the climate for a school and can make the staff and students feel like they are a part of something larger than themselves and that they belong to something.

I have never worked with staff that truly wants every student to succeed, and staff that differentiate their instruction to best help all students learn. I know that at Ed-Co, all of the staff feels that we are a system, and we all need to work together to make sure it is for the best interest of all students. I have several students that have shared with me the wonderful things that Ed-Co staff does in the classroom, and the students are surprised that all of the staff truly care about them and their successes – both in and out of school.

The school year is halfway over and the weather is turning nice. The students are ready to get outside more and are asking me to take them out and teach outside instead of in a classroom. Therefore, I asked the students if they wanted to complete some service learning in the community. This activity helps teach the whole child to learn and be a productive, well-rounded person and adult after high school.

In conclusion, I would welcome any ideas for some service learning projects. Anyone that wants to volunteer or come into my classroom to see what the students are working on or to help please let me know. Your help would certainly be welcomed.

FFA Subdistrict contest results

Edgewood-Colesburg hosted the FFA Subdistrict contest on Tuesday, Feb. 21.



Emma Kerns: Ag Broadcasting -
Gold advanced to District

Jacob Wessel: Extemp Speaking-Silver Alternate

Kohl Moser: Job Interview-Silver Alternate

Emma Ehlers: Public Speaking-Silver

Noelle Kerns and Mariah Hummel:

Chapter Program-Silver advanced to
District

Hunter Thompson: Creed Speaking- Silver

Chezney Preim & Natalie Wessel: Greenhand test
-Silver advanced to District
District contest will be held Saturday, March 11
in Monticello.



News from Mrs. Wille

What's happening in Science with
Mrs. Wille?

7th grade Life Science

Our 7th graders have been studying the kingdoms of life. We successfully studied Monera and are currently studying the kingdom of plants. Students will be investigating the organs of plants and how plants adapt to their environments. As the year continues we will be studying the animal kingdom and dissecting.

9th grade Physical Science

Freshman are investigating solids and the kinetic theory of matter. We have investigated different types of solids and their uses. We have also learned about states of matter and heating and cooling graphs. Density is a physical property of matter and we have been learning how to calculate it and how to use it to identify materials. In the near future we will discuss density and buoyancy as we build boats!

10th grade Chemistry

Sophomores have been completing the structural model of the atom by studying electron configuration. As we studied electron configuration we reviewed line emission spectrum and were able to apply this phenomenon to fireworks, northern lights and lightening. Future learning will include polarity, chromatography and moles.

11-12th grade Advanced Chemistry

Our advanced chemistry students will be attending a Chemistry Olympics competition at Loras College in April. We have been preparing for that competition by learning more about periodic trends and applying them to actual compounds and reactivity. Stay tuned for more pictures and results.

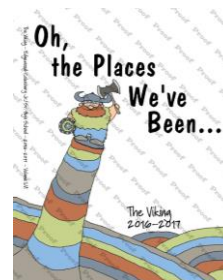


JH individual Speech

Our JH individual speech team will be traveling to NFV on February 20. I have a group of 12 energetic kiddos! All of them received Rating 1 in Prose: Kirsten Payne, Annie Hoffman, Kenzie Bockenstedt, Mia Kelzer, Chloe Weipert, Madison Nurre, Sophia Wilson, Harrison Underwood, Maddy Streicher, CJ Drips, Carson Kirby & Ethan Staner

Yearbook News:

Desktop Publishing is working on getting photos, captions, and stories placed into this year's book. We've focused on camera settings, proper caption writing, and story writing. If you have photos or information that you think would be of value for this year's book, please contact Mrs. Meyer at mmeyer@edge-cole.k12.ia.us



Yearbooks are available to order right now for \$35. Order forms can be found in the office or you can order online at <http://community.pictavo.com>

Senior Parent Yearbook Reminders:

Senior Portraits were due to Mrs. Meyer by Jan. 13th. We are still missing a few. These can be emailed to: mmeyer@edge-cole.k12.ia.us

Senior Recognition Ads can be created now online at <http://community.pictavo.com>. We would have like these completed by Feb. 28th, but if you are still interested please check with Mrs. Meyer to make sure we can still fit your ad into the book. The prices of the ads INCLUDE a yearbook with them. Don't want to create them yourself? Email Mrs. Meyer photos/message and send check to school. Questions? Contact Mrs. Meyer

HS Individual Speech results

Conference Feb. 20

Anna Dolan -Acting-I rating
Hayle Pillard-Literary Program-I rating
Delaney Bergan-Literary Program-I rating
Dayne Bergan- Radio News-I rating
Danielle Childers- Storytelling-I rating
Emma Ehlers- Expos Address-I rating
Nick Bockenstedt- Original Oratory-1 rating
Allison Voss- Solo Musical Theater
Payton Rochford- Spontaneous Speaking-I rating
Kennedy Bahls-Prose-II rating
Ethan Streicher- Radio News-II rating
Katie Snook- Poetry-II rating
Jenna Ries-Storytelling-II rating
Jacob Wessel- Spontaneous Speaking-II rating

District Feb. 25

14 Ed-Co students traveled to MFLMarMac for Individual District Speech.
The following students received a I rating & will advance to state competition on March 11 at Waldorf College.

Anna Dolan-Acting
Ethan Streicher-Radio News
Hayle Pillard-Literary Program
Allison Voss -Solo Musical Theater
Laida Renteria-Expository Address
Payton Rochford- Spontaneous Speaking
Dayne Bergan- Radio News
Nick Bockenstedt-Original Oratory

Congratulations & Good Luck

Spring Play Cast

"A Reunion... to Die For"

March 31st & April 1st @ 7:30pm

Kearstin Hansel will be our student director
Allison Voss: Gretchen Wilcox-Elderly aunt of Christine, Stefan & Rachel. Owner of Wilcox's Western B&B; sweet to guests but nasty to staff
Anna Dolan: Connie Carlson-a new maid on staff at the B&B-not too smart
Danielle Childers: Beatrice Goggleheimer-the cranky cook at the B&B
Morgan Fannon: Christine Franklin-Freddie's pushy new wife; Gretchen's niece
Elliott Meyer: Freddie Franklin-A wannabe detective; married to Christine - clueless
Adam Davis: The costumed guest-a comic book enthusiast who dresses as his favorite characters
Laida Renteria: Lola Matthews-Lola is a kitting champion originally from NYC & a beautiful former Vega showgirl
Kaitlyn Ronnebaum: Carla Jo Michaels-A Texan redneck who loves to hunt squirrels, Rhonda Mae is her sister
Mallory Ziezer: Rhonda Mae Michaels-Carla Jo's sister also a redneck from Texas who loves to hunt squirrels
Alex Hansel: Neil Camp-Talent manager of a group of mimes
Maddy Streicher: Molly-a hungry mime
Madison Nurre: Minnie-a mime
Mia Kelzer: Mallory-a mime
Chandler Saddoris: Joel March-a nasty hotel critic
Linus Schneider: Stefan Livingston-a regional theater stage actor with a large ego & very dramatic, married to Suzanne & cousin to Christine
Sarah Ostwinkle: Suzanne Livingston-Stefan's wife & also a regional theater stage actor with a large ego & very dramatic
Morgan Vorwald: Rachel Shanklin-an eccentric anthropologist; married to Robert & cousin to Christine
Greg Saddoris: Robert Shanklin-Rachel's husband; also an eccentric anthropologist

Art Department News:

The Upper Iowa Conference Art Show is taking place in Calmar at the NICC Student Union again this year. It will be taking place March 7th-9th and is open to the public at this time.

On March 9th, selected students will be visiting the show to see all the pieces on display from the other schools in the conference. They will also get to see what pieces are recognized and hear from the judge. We are allowed to take up to 40 pieces from the high school and 10 pieces from the junior high. Pieces that go to the art show have been on display in the past at the high school and will be on display again at the 2nd Annual District Art Show during the Spring Play. We also try to display pieces on the Ed-Co Partners page for those to see as well.

Second semester has welcomed two 3D Art classes, two 8th Grade Art classes, Graphic Arts II, and Desktop Publishing. The 3D Art students are currently creating pieces using clay. The process is rather lengthy due to shorter schedules and the firing process. Once pieces are done, they will be on display in the commons. They will also explore other 3D materials such as plaster, wire, cardboard, etc. The 8th grade students have been inspired to be creative through their first project. They had to come up with their own 'emojis'. These will be drawn without the use of the internet and phones. Once they are drawn, students will review and use watercolors. These should be on display in the commons or in the gym lobby by the time the newsletter is published. The rest of the semester will consist of some more 2D projects as well as the introduction of 3D art. Graphic Arts II students are currently working through lessons within Adobe Illustrator. One of their projects that has been assigned to them includes creating their own geofilters for the Edgewood Pro Rodeo. These will be submitted to the Edgewood Chamber and they may be used for this year's rodeo weekend.

State Large Group Speech Contest Results **Choral Reading**

*"No one EVER
Forgets a Villain"-*

Erica Voss, Marissa Vorwald, Kelsi Askeland, Mallory Zieser, BryLyn Clute, Payton Rochford, Dani Childers, Natalie Palmershiem, Delaney Bergan, Kenzie Schmitz, Kyann Brayden, Maddy Harris and Mazie Nurre received overall 2 rating.



Ensemble Acting *"The Doctor Will See You Now"*- Morgan Fannon, Sadie Abitz & Sarah Ostwinkle received overall 1 rating.

Group Improv - Elliott Meyer, Sadie Abitz, & Ethan Streicher received overall 2 rating.

Elementary News

Elementary donates to Ronald McDonald House Charities

The elementary donated 88 pounds of pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) in Iowa City. The pull-tabs collected at the Ronald McDonald House of Iowa City are shipped to a recycling center for processing. RMHC of Eastern Iowa &



Western Illinois receives money from the recycling center based on how many pounds of pull-tabs get delivered. Annually the pull-tab collection program generates over \$14,000 to support services for the families & children that RMHC of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois serves. **Every pull-tab saved helps!** At a recycling rate of \$0.50 per pound, it takes 112 pounds of pop tabs to cover the cost of caring for a family for ONE night at RMHC-EIWI.

Thanks for donating! We will make another drop-off at the end of the school year.



News from Mrs. Mather

The 6th grade students will be starting their Nonfiction Book Projects very soon. They will be choosing a demonstration topic, and using that to write a how-to-do book. They will also be adding a glossary, index, and table of contents to their nonfiction books. In addition to being authors, they will also have the opportunity to take pictures for their books. Once this process is done, they will celebrate being a published author and photographer. It is always exciting to read their final books.

Iowa team to develop fine arts standards for schools

Iowa Department of Education Director Ryan Wise announced members of a new team that will develop recommended statewide standards in fine arts. The Fine Arts Standards Adoption Team met for the first time on Tuesday, Feb. 21. The team's mission is to create a series of concepts and skills designed to foster creativity and critical thinking in fine arts, which include visual art, general music, instrumental music, vocal music, theater, dance and media arts. "Iowa is committed to ensuring our students have access to a quality learning experience in all subjects, and that includes fine arts," Wise said. "Standards are a key component of high-quality instruction. The development of statewide standards marks a major step forward in further strengthening arts education in Iowa." The team was created in response to public support for offering standards that go beyond the mandatory subject areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies and 21st century skills. The team will seek public feedback and eventually will offer recommended standards to the State Board of Education for consideration. If adopted, the fine arts standards would be optional for school districts.

Learn more about the [Fine Arts Standards Adoption Team](http://www.educateiowa.gov/fine-arts-standards-adoption-team) at www.educateiowa.gov/fine-arts-standards-adoption-team

News from Mr. Busch



Thank You

I would like to take the time to thank all of the individuals that worked on the bond referendum. The needs of the district still exist so more individuals are needed to get

involved to create the best plan for the Edgewood-Colesburg School District and the communities. Watch the district website, Partners' Facebook page, and newspaper for details of meetings and opportunities.

Save the Date – Spring Conferences

Spring Conferences will be on Tuesday, March 21 and Thursday, March 23. Watch for notes and emails from the school for scheduling details soon. If these times don't work, please contact your child's teacher. Hope to see you during conference week.

School Make-up

Due to the snow and ice in January, time is needed to be made-up. So far days are rescheduled on the following: Friday, March 24; Monday, April 17; Monday, May 22; Tuesday, May 23; Wednesday, May 24; and Thursday, May 25. Cross your fingers for good weather and no other odd experiences that would cancel additional days.

Volunteering and/or mentoring at School

Raising a child takes a village. Many community members have shared their gifts and talents to enhance the educational experience in the district, but more are needed. If you are interested in volunteering in the school, mentoring a student, or know someone who is; please contact the school.

Important Legislation - Please contact your Iowa legislators to support school funding issues.


Bills have been introduced in the Iowa Legislature that would correct two factors that have negative effects on the general fund which are transportation cost and inequity funding per student. Due to the configuration of our district, we spend approximately \$130,000 above the average to transport our students and this comes from our general fund. Another issue that affects Ed-Co is the cost per pupil. For the 2016-17 school year, 164 districts are at the state minimum per pupil of \$6,591. Unfortunately, Ed-Co is one of those. The maximum is \$6,766, which is \$175 higher per student. If Ed-Co had access to this funding it would be an additional \$70,000.

If you would like to learn more about issues facing rural schools and the Edgewood-Colesburg School District, more information is available through the Rural School Advocates of Iowa (<http://www.rsaia.org/annual-meeting.html>) and the Iowa Association of School Boards (www.ia-sb.org).

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 2016-2017 school year. If you have ideas for improvement or areas of concern, please contact me.

Your partner in education,
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Edgewood-Colesburg's TEACHER of the YEAR

The Edgewood Chamber of Commerce wants to recognize Excellence in Education!

Is there an Ed-Co teacher that has gone the extra mile? Show your appreciation by nominating them for the Ed-Co Teacher of the Year Award, sponsored by the Edgewood Chamber of Commerce.


E-mail director@edgewoodchamber.com or call 563-928-7036 to receive a nomination application.

Applications will be accepted until March 15, 2017.

An award of \$750 to be used in their classroom will be given to a teacher at the high school and the elementary.

A committee, chosen by the Edgewood Chamber of Commerce, will review all applications and select the winner.

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Preschool & Kindergarten Registration Information

Preschool Registration will be held Tuesday, April 18th in the evening. Students must turn 4 on or before September 15th. Times will be announced shortly. For Preschool students it is recommended that you call the elementary office so we have an idea of who is coming, but not necessary.

Kindergarten Round-Up will be held Friday, April 21st in the morning. Students must turn 5 on or before September 15th. Times will be determined by number of students attending. Prospective Kindergarten students: Please contact the elementary office to get your student on the list. This will determine what time you and your child will need to come on the 21st.

Elementary Office 563-856-2415

Elementary Vikings of the Week



Jan. 30-Feb. 5

Brianna Van Groll's parents are David & Stephanie Van Groll, Colesburg. Brianna has a wonderful, positive attitude & comes to school happy,

cheerful, & ready to learn. She is an excellent listener and uses her great critical thinking skills to make connections, solve problems, & to come up with creative, real-world applications about what we are learning in class. When something needs to be done in our classroom, Brianna enthusiastically volunteers to help and is also very thoughtful & considerate to her classmates. Being a good friend comes naturally to her. The TAG program is something Brianna enjoys being a part of at school. She is an avid reader, as well, appreciating all kinds of literature. Brianna has a special interest in the Iowa Children's Choice books as she has already read several of them this year. She also loves drawing and participating in soccer & basketball. In addition, one of Brianna's absolute favorites is being a fan of her favorite team, the Green Bay Packers.



Feb. 6-Feb. 12

Mason Schilling is a polite, respectful sixth grader in Mrs. Mather's class. His parents are Mark & Melissa Schilling and Sarah & Dan Leonard. Mason

always works hard in class, and has great study habits. He is also considerate, and seems to really like being a role model for the younger kids in school. A few things that Mason is passionate about is playing football and working on the farm. He is always willing to help, and be a team player. It's great having him be a student here at Ed-Co!



Feb. 20-Feb. 26

Claire Hemann is the daughter of Bruce and Kely Hemann. Claire has two sisters, Eden and Lydia. Claire says her favorite thing about school is science! Her

favorite part right now is researching winter animals. Claire is learning up a storm in Mrs. Anderegg's 2nd grade class! Keep it up, Claire!



Feb. 13 -Feb. 19

Brooklyn Landt is the daughter of Katrina and Jared Landt & a kindergartener in Miss Prestemon's room. Brooklyn enjoys spending time with her

brothers Jackson, Colton, and Luke. She likes to write about her family during journal time and is a phenomenal illustrator! She is being recognized for being a tenacious learner. Brooklyn strives for excellence and always does her best! She is also a great helper and role model for her peers. Keep up the excellent work, Brooklyn!



Feb. 27-March 5

Kassidy Krapfl is a 6th grade student in Mrs. Mather's room. Her family consists of her dad, Navada, Tammy, Sydney, & Cole,

& her Mom, Amanda, Daniel, & Violet. She has four pets, Roxy, Hugo, Calypso, & Star. When she is not at school, she likes to make YouTube videos on the internet, play video games, climb trees, play soccer, & read & write. Her favorite thing about school is her writing class, because she loves expressing her feelings through writing. Kassidy makes a positive impact on our school because she enjoys helping others with their reading strategies & suggesting topics for others in writing class. Her teacher described her as a "voracious reader" as she tackled the Harry Potter books. Great job Kassidy!

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Code No. 102.E1

Students, parents, employees and others doing business with or performing services for the Edgewood-Colesburg Community School District are hereby notified that this school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age (except students), religion, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender, creed, socioeconomic status, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs and activities.

The school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age (except students), religion, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender, creed, socioeconomic status, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment in its hiring and employment practices. Any person having inquiries concerning the school district's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), § 504 or *Iowa Code* § 280.3 is directed to contact:

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**Elementary Carnival-March 17
6:00pm-7:30pm**

We are looking for volunteers to help set up the carnival on Thursday, March 16th at 4:00pm. We will also need volunteers to help work at the carnival. Shifts will be from 5:45 to 6:45 and 6:45 to 8 (+ clean-up). Please call the elementary office 563-856-2415 if you are able to help out.

March Calendar of Events

***Events are subject to change. For the most up to date information go to www.edge-cole.k12.ia.us**

March 3

7:00pm-9-12 Dessert Concert/Band & Choir @ Edgewood

March 6

6:30pm-HS Girls Basketball Banquet @ Edgewood Commons

March 7

12pm-FBLA Red Cross Blood Drive- Edgewood gym

4:00pm-HS Girls/Boys Track @ Wartburg

March 11

FFA District contest @ Monticello

State Individual Speech @ Waldorf College

March 14

7:00pm-7-8 Band/Choir Concert @ Edgewood

March 16

Ag Luncheon @ Delaware Co. Fairgrounds

6:30pm-Labor Auction @ Edgewood gym

March 17

No School-Prof. Development

6:00-7:30pm-Elementary Carnival @ Colesburg

March 20

4:00pm-HS Girls/Boys Track @ Luther College

March 21

3:45pm-7:45pm-PK-12 P/T Conferences

March 23

3:45pm-7:45pm-PK-12 P/T Conferences

March 27

All State Individual Speech @ UNI

March 28

4:30pm-HS Girls/Boys Track @ Sumner-Fred

March 30

6:30-FFA banquet @ Edgewood Event Center

March 31

7:30pm-Spring Play

2nd grade field trip to Cedar Falls