



### **High School News**



#### **News from Mr. Hamann** **NHS Community Service**

On May 17<sup>th</sup> the members of Ed-Co Jr/Sr high school will be around town for their annual community service day. This event is once again being planned for all students and is being organized this year by members of the National Honor Society. Many local organizations, churches, and community groups look forward to this day of sprucing up the community and the students look forward to getting out of the classroom, enjoying the outdoors, and giving back to the communities in which they live. National Honor Society members are in the process of contacting local organizations and places that participated last year, but if you know of a community project that could use some student hands, please contact advisors Eileen Bergan or Aaron Hamann at the high school so they can pass along the necessary information to the members planning the day. If rain cancels the day on the 17<sup>th</sup>, it will be rescheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>. The NHS is also encouraging community members to pitch in and help out and give a little back to the community as well. Mark your calendars and we will see you on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Boys of Summer**

Last year's state tournament run is still fresh in many Ed-Co Viking baseball fans' minds, but the 2017 team has been working hard for the upcoming season. Pitchers and catchers have been coming in early on Monday and Thursday mornings to prepare for the new pitch limitation rules that were implemented over the winter, and many of our young players from last season are eager to hit the field to prove their skills as a varsity starter. The 2017 season begins with regular practices in May.

The home opener is on May 23<sup>rd</sup> with a JV/V game against Springville. The JV game will begin at 5:30 with the Varsity game slated to begin afterwards under the lights at Community Dreams Field. Come

out and see the 2017 edition of Ed-Co Baseball and enjoy an evening at the ballpark. If you want to see the season opener, you will have to travel to Waterloo Bucks Stadium as the Vikings battle in the Pre-Season Classic. On May 22<sup>nd</sup> Ed-Co plays Oelwein at 11:00 and then Bellevue Marquette at 1:30, all in beautiful Riverfront Stadium in Waterloo.

The annual Ed-Co Tournament will be played on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. The Vikings will battle Tripoli at 11:00 AM, followed by a contest between Independence and North Linn. Following these 2 games will be a consolation game and a championship game under the lights. This tournament always proves to be the perfect warm-up for the grueling Upper Iowa Conference race. Come out and see your 2017 baseball players, and GO VIKINGS!!



#### **News from Mrs. Wille** **Chemistry Olympic**

Eight Ed-Co chemistry students competed in the Chemistry Olympics Friday, April 21 at Loras College. "I am so proud of our kiddos...we placed 1st & 2nd in solution identification and 1st in acid/base titration. Ladia Renteria, Marissa Vorwald, Natalie Palmersheim and Emily Sherrets each received \$1000 scholarships & medals for outstanding lab performances!"



#### **Yearbook Reminder**

In order to guarantee your 2016-2017 Ed-Co Jr./Sr. High Yearbook, orders must be received by **May 26th**. Books can be ordered online at <http://community.pictavo.com> or you may send or drop off a check made out to the Ed-Co Yearbook for \$35. There will only be a handful of extras ordered, so claim your book today!!!



### **News from Mr. Hanna**

Social studies classes are moving along nicely during 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Students are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel and their eagerness for the summer is starting to show! With this in mind, we are focusing on finishing strong into May and sending these young people off to summer break the right way.

US History students are learning about the Roaring 20's and how it changed the culture of American society. We will then transition into the Great Depression and discuss how and why our country could move so quickly from booming to busting. Our focus will be on the economic and cultural hardships the depression brought to our country. Finally we will crawl out of it with the onset of WWII and the prosperity that the post war era brought to our county.

In the 1960's we are learning about counter culture, Vietnam War protests and music of the time period. We will also focus on the Civil Rights movement, assassinations of RFK and MLK, and the moon landing to round out the decade.

Social problems will be learning about terrorism and its effects on our country and abroad, bullying, and other selected topics for debate and discussion in class. Students are focusing on how to see multiple perspectives in a problem, as well as how to analyze its causes and effects.

Finally Ethnic History is finishing up our unit on Jim Crow America and the segregation that African Americans faced for over 100 years. We will culminate with MLK and the Civil Rights movement and learn about Native American culture if time allows.

There is a still lot to do and the clock is winding down on the school year, so keeping our students engaged and learning will be important for the next month. It's a challenge that we love here at Ed-Co and our students will rise to meet it!



### **News from Mr. Wadsworth** **State FFA Convention April 9-11**

Ed-Co FFA was well represented at state convention. Members attended

workshops, sessions, career show, toured Iowa State, saw past graduates, and competed in various contest. Below are the results:

**Natalie Wessel & Chezney Priem:** Greenhand quiz-silver

**Jacob Wessel, Kohl Moser & Calvin Heims:** Farm Business-gold

**Noelle Kerns & Mariah Hummel :** Chapter delegates: Chapter Display, silver

**Matt Hense:** Sang in the choir

**Natalie Palmersheim:** 2<sup>nd</sup>place Equine proficiency award: also played drums in the band

**Emma Kerns:** Iowa FFA degree



### **News from Ms. Degenford, Nurse**

For the 2017-2018 school year, and all future school years, all students entering, advancing or transferring into 7<sup>th</sup> grade and born after September 15, 2004, will need proof of one dose of meningitis vaccine. All students entering, advancing, or transferring into 12<sup>th</sup> grade and born after September 15, 1999, will need proof of two doses of meningitis vaccine; or 1 dose if received when the student was 16 years of age or older. Proof of this vaccine will need to be provided **PRIOR** to the start of the first day of school or at school registration. In addition to the meningitis vaccine for those entering into 7<sup>th</sup> grade they will also be required to provide proof of Tdap vaccine. Please contact your health care provider or Delaware County Public Health at [563-927-7551](tel:563-927-7551).



### **Ed-Co attends World Food Prize Event**

On Monday April 24, several sophomore students traveled to Ames to attend the World Food Prize Event. This event, held at Iowa State University, is in conjunction with the Dr. Norman Borlaug World Food Prize Day. The sophomores attending were Morgan Vorwald, Kelsi Askeland, Erica Voss, Elizabeth Meisner, Emma Ehlers, Josephine Cialfi and Haley Fitzpatrick.

Students were asked to write a research paper about a certain issue in another country. Ed-Co English teacher Victoria Bond then chose papers that she thought correctly addressed the issue and submitted them into the contest. Participating in this event also qualified the students for a scholarship. Bond feels that students benefit from this event by being exposed to individuals who work with these issues and being able to give their thoughts on how to solve these issues as well.



“Students are taught more about the world hunger issues and their awareness of the problems in the world is increased,” said Bond. “This experience is a fabulous event for the students.”



### **News from Ms. Thier**

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of our school year already. It is amazing how fast the year has gone.

The Geometry class continues to work hard. We were just introduced to trigonometric ratios and the class seemed to catch on to the concepts quickly. They were able to solve simple triangles and use trig to solve word problems they created themselves.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Geography is wrapping up a unit on natural resources. We learned about alternative uses for

natural resources, how our population affects our need for natural resources and why it is important to have good relationships with other countries. The students completed a trading simulation to find an effective trade route and strategies for making the most money.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade History is studying the Industrial Revolution and seeing how America changed during this time. The Industrial Revolution greatly impacted how things were made in our country and set up the factory system.

## **Elementary News**



### **News from Ms. Johnson**

Coming soon to the Elementary: STEM Makerspaces!

The elementary recently received a grant from the Foundation of the Future of Delaware County to buy supplies for Makerspace stations. There will be one Makerspace station in the computer lab for students to work on and we will also have a traveling Makerspace cart at the elementary. The cart will have grade appropriate materials and robots that the students will be able to work with in their classroom for a period of time before the cart moves on to another classroom.

**What is a Makerspace?** A Makerspace is a place where students can gather to create, invent, tinker, explore, and discover using a variety of tools and materials. The “makers” are artists, crafters, builders, engineers, inventors, and more. Makerspaces give students the opportunity to explore and play, learn new things informally throughout the time they are problem solving and creating, and also gives students the chance to work in groups which help students learn skills about working in a team.

**What do you do in a Makerspace?** The great thing about Makerspaces is the students are free to be creative. They might create something based on an idea they are curious about or they might make something based off of their imagination. The students are not told what to do or how to do it—students might receive an idea of something to build from their teacher, but are free to construct and



create however they want. For example, in the lab currently the students have the challenge to construct a bridge that holds people (made out of play-dough). The students are able to use skewer sticks, straws, cardboard, gum drops, marshmallows, and other household items to create their bridge however they want to. Many of the teachers at the elementary have started using Makerspace materials in their classroom and students seem to really enjoy getting to create what they want and having the freedom to decide how it is constructed.

Thank you to the Foundation of the Future of Delaware County for this wonderful opportunity!



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

Dear Parents,

Thank you for entrusting me to teach and learn from your children the past 180 days. While there were days that seemed never-ending, the time overall flew by. We both felt the pressure to make the most of those days, covering academics, social skills, and life in general. I hope you can see how much growth has been experienced, in height, skills, and maturity. Your support during this time has been greatly appreciated, and I hope that you don't mind if I ask for a little bit more of your help. Here is how I hope you enjoy your summer:

**Stay in routine:** Now that they know they have to read daily, continue to expect them to, even some days more than others. Support them by asking them about what they read, discussing vocabulary words they may not know, asking them to predict what may happen next, asking them to summarize what they read, identify setting, characters, problem, and solution, and so on. Support them by taking them to the library, borrowing books from a grandparent or neighbor, or asking them to read road signs, restaurant menus, the paper, ads on TV or electronics, and even the junk mail. If your child never got in the habit of reading daily, now is a perfect time to practice for next year!

**Upset that routine occasionally:** Serve breakfast for dinner. Eat dessert first. Walk in the rain without an umbrella. If you normally dress more casually on the weekends, dress up with nowhere to go. Teachers get

sick, schedules change. Support your children's ability to be flexible when it comes to rolling with the curveballs life throws at all of us.

**Mind your manners:** While you may not think they are listening or watching, they are constantly learning from you, too. They have been with you long before they came to school to see me. They see how you interact with the world and want to be like you. Support them by showing kindness, even when it's hard. People can be annoying. Pets can be annoying. By holding yourself accountable for your actions, you are displaying cause and effect in real time. We live what they live with you.

**Make memories:** It doesn't have to be some big expensive trip to a faraway destination (although I would not mind a postcard myself). Turn a one-day road trip into an educational lesson, incorporating reading and social studies with map skills and math with mileage. It's the quality of the time spent together that matters. Incorporate the kids into your favorite activities to let them see you enjoying yourself. Teach them a favorite childhood game or song. Just snuggle with them while watching a movie. It's impossible to guess what they'll remember, but at least they'll remember that you tried.

**Educate yourself:** While you're at it, try to learn something new for yourself. Maybe it's a book that you always wanted to read. Maybe it's that math problem they had clear back in November that still makes absolutely no sense. Maybe there's a hobby that you always wanted to try. Show them that hard work and determination pay off. They have, hopefully, put in their best effort for a very long time and will be asked to again very soon. Let them know that the struggle is real for everyone at one point or another, and that everyone can learn.

**Relax:** Whether you're counting down the 88 days until they return to the routine of school or planning to make the most of this summer vacation, know that I truly appreciate the person that you have created and I have had the opportunity to work with. They'll grow up before you know it. Some days, just be. But, remember to breathe!

### Keystone to host LitCamp

Keystone will be hosting LitCamp (a family literacy night for grades PK-5) on May 5, 2017, from 5-8 p.m. Please visit: <https://my.visme.co/projects/y4vej74-litcamp> for more information



### Please keep your lunch account current

The goal of Edgewood-Colesburg's breakfast & lunch program is to provide healthy meals to children during the school day. In order to serve healthy, high-quality meals to all children, we must make sure we are financially secure. You play a key role in this effort & are responsible for purchases made by your child in our school cafeteria.

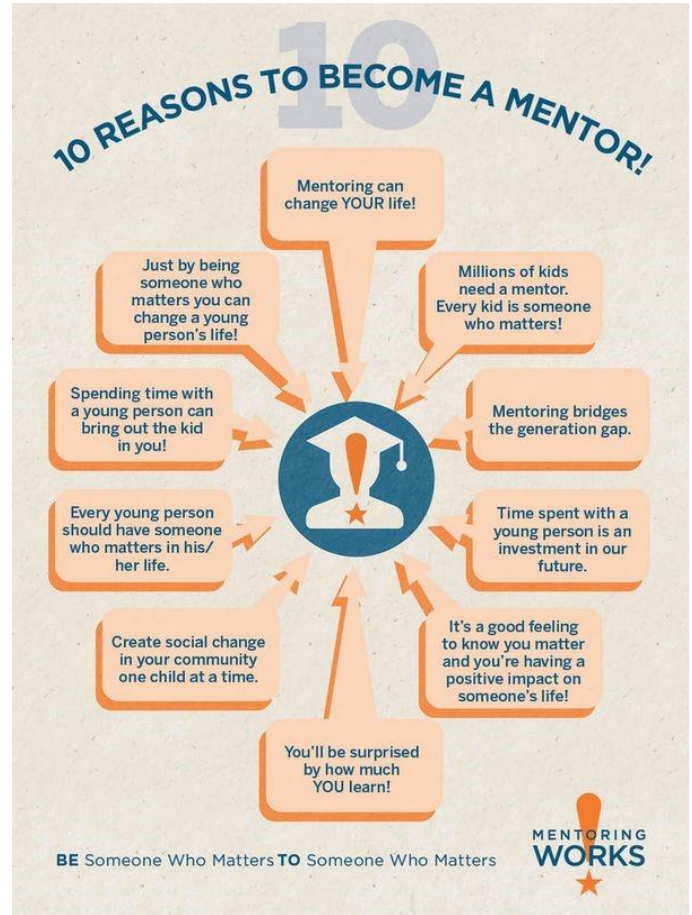
Keeping your children's lunch account current keeps our food service program strong & ensures all children at our school have access to the healthy food they need to focus in the classroom.

All past due lunch accounts need to be paid in full by the last day of school **Friday, May 26, 2017.**

Questions concerning the school nutrition program can be directed to Mandi Pedretti, Nutrition Director [mpedretti@edge-cole.k12.ia.us](mailto:mpedretti@edge-cole.k12.ia.us), 563-856-2415



**Class of 2017  
Commencement  
Sunday, May 21, 1pm  
Edgewood Gym**



<http://www.bridgeyouth.org/programs/services/mentoring-youth-council/>

Do you want to make a difference? Become a mentor! There are many kids that are waiting to be matched with someone like you. It only takes 4 hrs a month, and it looks great on a college application and/or resume. Contact Ellen Krogmann or Rachel Becker to **become a hero.**

[ekrogmann@helpingservices.org](mailto:ekrogmann@helpingservices.org) OR 563-379-3454  
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## Elementary Vikings of the Week



**April 3-9**

Kindergartener Kinzley Robbins from Miss Borgerding's class is the Viking of the Week. Her family includes mom, dad, grandpa, grandma, and an aunt. She has two dogs named Bella and Copper. She also has two cats named Shadow and Yoko. Her hobbies are playing video games, reading books, coloring, playing "teacher", and playing with cars and Barbie dolls. Her favorite thing about school is playing with friends and learning because it's fun, and she needs to learn things before going to first grade. She was happy to be chosen for Viking of the Week. She helps others by building a tower with blocks, working on puzzles, and reading books with friends. Keep up the good work Kinzley.



**April 17-23**

Carlee Gummert is in Miss Prestemon's kindergarten class. Carlee has one little brother named Brantley and she has her Mom, Dad, and Aunt Frieda. She also has two pets: Ruby the dog and Pearl the cat. Some of Carlee's hobbies include going on walks, going to the park, and swimming. Her favorite thing about school is learning. "It's important so I can learn stuff. I love recess, especially playing on the gymnastics bars!" She helps others when they need help at school too. Keep doing well in school Carlee!



**April 10-16**

Emily Hogan, a fourth grade student in Ms. Amling's homeroom, is the Viking of the Week. Her family members are Ashley, Hadley, Harrison, Imogen, Cody, Chelsea, Doug, and Tracy. She also has two cats and two dogs. Emily enjoys playing soccer, riding her bike, and swimming. At school she enjoys science and art because she gets to make crafts. Emily was surprised to be picked as Viking of the Week and didn't even know what it was. She tries her best to help others when they need it and is always nice to everyone.



**April 24-30**

Zander Knipper is in fifth grade. His teacher is Mrs. Lueken. His family consist of Randy, Karrie, Quinton, and Kara. He also has six pets. His hobbies are four wheeling and painting. His favorite thing in school is art because he gets to create things. He was very excited to be chosen as Viking of the Week. Zander helps others at school by explaining how to do things so they can get it.



## JH/HS Students of the Week



**April 3-9**

Mr. Olind chose Josephine Cialfi. He chose Josephine because she is a hard worker and she puts high quality in her work. "She always has a positive attitude and she's a joy to have in class," Mr. Olind said. Keep up the good work Josephine!



**April 17-23**

Mrs. Thier selected Kelsey Hansel, a seventh grader. Kelsey is a great role model for other students. In addition to that, she always has a positive attitude and tries to help others stay focused. Congratulations Kelsey!



**April 10-16**

Mr. Kleis picked Jenna Ries. She is a junior in his Spanish II class. Mr. Kleis noted that during a recent group test, Jenna took the initiative to lead her peers. In addition to that, she helps her classmates and is a good role model.



**April 24-30**

Mr. Putz chose Kelsi Askeland. He has Kelsi in his Journalism class. A quote about Kelsi that Mr. Putz said is, "She thinks like a journalist, she has good story ideas, and her writing continues to improve." Congratulations Kelsi.



## May 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)

### May 1

4:00pm-HS Girls Golf vs. Turkey Valley @ Colesburg  
4:00pm-HS Boys Golf vs. Turkey Valley @ Edgewood  
4:00pm-JH Vocal Solo/Ensemble Contest @  
Edgewood IMC  
4:30pm-HS Girls Track @ Edgewood

### May 2

Elementary Farm Safety Day @Colesburg  
1:00pm -6:00pm-City Blood Drive @ St. Patrick's  
Church parish  
4:15pm-JH Girls/Boys Track @ Central City

### May 3

1:30-Early Dismissal

### May 4

3:30pm-HS Girls/Boys Track @ Edgewood (Conference)  
4:00pm-HS Girls/Boys Golf vs. Starmont @ Backbone

### May 5

HS Band/Choir State Large Group Contest @ Maynard  
4:00pm-JH Girls Track @South Winn  
4:00pm JH Boys Track @ Guttenberg

### May 8

*Conference Golf tournaments*  
9:00am-HS Girls Golf @ Jackson Junction  
9:00am-HS Boys Golf @ Elkader

### May 9

7:00pm-5-12 Band/9-12 Choir Concert @ Edgewood  
Gym

### May 11

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Farm Safety Day @ Clayton County  
Fairgrounds, National  
4:00pm-HS Girls/Boys Track @ Edgewood  
(State Qualifying Meet)

### May 12

9:00am-HS Boys Golf @ Winthrop (Sectionals)

### May 15

9:00am-HS Girls Golf @ Backbone (Regionals)  
5:30pm-JH Conference Vocal Festival @ Guttenberg  
6:30pm-FBLA Banquet @Edgewood Event Center

### May 17

Seniors' Last Day

### May 19

9:00am-HS Boys Golf @ Iowa City (Districts)

### May 21

1:00pm-Commencement

### May 22

9:00am-HS Girls Golf @ Wyoming (Regionals)  
11:00am-V vs. Oelwein @Waterloo-Riverfront Stadium  
1:00pm-V vs. Marquette @Waterloo-Riverfront Stadium

### May 23

5:30pm-JV Baseball vs. Springville @ Edgewood  
7:30pm-V Baseball vs. Springville @Edgewood

### May 25

5:00pm-V Baseball @ Dunkerton High School  
5:30pm-V Softball @ Elkader  
7:00pm-JV Baseball @ Dunkerton

### May 26- Last Day of School

10:00am-HS Boys Golf @  
Marshalltown (State)  
12:30pm-Early Dismissal  
5:30pm-JV Softball vs. Elkader @  
Colesburg

### May 27

10:00am-HS Boys Golf @ Marshalltown (State)  
11:00am-V Baseball @ Edgewood (Tournament)

### May 30

10:00am-HS Girls Golf @ Marshalltown (State)  
5:30pm-V Baseball vs. Kee High @ New Albin  
10:00AM-JV Softball @ Postville

### May 31

10:00am-JH Softball & Baseball @ Maquoketa Valley  
10:00am-HS Girls Golf @ Marshalltown (State)  
4:00pm-JV/V Softball @ Turkey Valley  
5:30pm-JV Baseball vs. Kee  
High @ Edgewood



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