

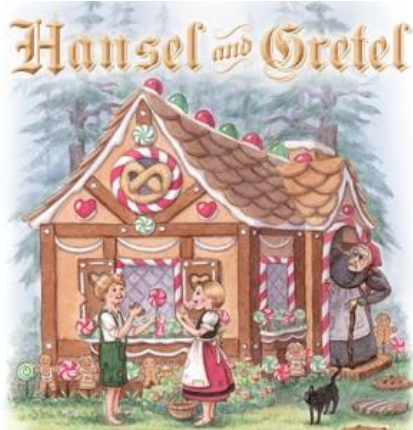
**Ed-Co High School presents**

**BOOK BY VERA MORRIS**

**MUSIC AND LYRICS BY BILL FRANCOEUR**

**Friday, November 4 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, November 6 at 1:30 p.m.**



**Performances in the high school gym**

**High School News**

**News from Mr. Hanna**

October is here and the school year is off to a great start. Kids are back in the groove of school and classes are going well.

This year has brought changes here at Ed-Co with the transition to periods. Students and staff had a big transition at the beginning of the year, but now that we are almost done with first quarter, things are settling down and going back to business as usual.

With the change to periods, most teachers are teaching twice as many classes as before, and I am no exception. I am teaching US History, Street Law, America @ War I, Social Problems and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Computer. US History and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Computer both have two sections. In all of these classes, students have been transitioning to the periods well. The biggest challenge for a teacher has been adapting lessons that usually take over an hour into a 43-minute period. This has been challenging, but it is getting easier every day.

Students in US History are learning about the Railroad right now and will soon be transitioning



into Immigration and how our country grew. These two classes have been doing great and have been asked to learn about our country in ways they have not thought about before. I am happy with their progress.

Social Problems has been going through our unit about addiction and how it affects people. We cover causes, effects, and an overall understanding of addiction and how it can be so devastating to a person.

Street Law and America @ War are also chugging along well. Both electives are easier to teach in a block but the students and I are adapting to the changes and making it work. We have plenty to do still and will get there over the next quarter.

Lots of changes to our school lives lately, but as usual, our kids are stepping up and doing a great job of learning and adapting. That is why we love Ed-Co. Go Vikings

**Library News**

We have some exciting things happening in the high school library this year. We have a new opportunity for the students to experience some makerspaces in the library during homeroom. Makerspaces are spaces where the students can gather to create, invent, and learn. They involve many activities that promote STEAM education. This is education in the areas of science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics. It has been exciting so far to see what the students have created, and the ideas they have for more makerspace to be added later on. Other happenings in the library include creating book trailers and book talks. Some

students at the elementary are creating book trailers for the library website, and have been enjoying promoting books for the other students to read. Other students gave book talks to the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders about the Goldfinch Award Winning books. An exciting opportunity at the elementary this year is the addition of the Wonder Tree. We have a research station set up where students can research an answer to a question that they may be wondering. Finally we have lots of new book titles in both libraries, so plan to make a trip to check them out. Research shows that students who read outside of class have higher reading scores, increased vocabulary and higher content knowledge, than those who do not read outside of class. The benefits are huge, so come on in to the library and we will find you a good book to read!

## National FFA Convention

Ed-Co FFA members attending the National FFA convention Oct. 19-22 in Indianapolis, IN were Natalie Palmersheim, Noelle Kerns, Emma Kerns, Pagie Ashline, Matt Hense, Kohl Moser, and Logan Heims



**Day light savings time ends on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 2am**

## Volleyball Pink Night Sept. 29



### News from the Counseling office

During the month of November we will be focusing on Respecting Differences and Being Kind to others. November 13<sup>th</sup> is World Kindness Day and November 16<sup>th</sup> is International Day for Tolerance. Students are encouraged to make a difference and put what they learned from last months bullying activities to work!

Seniors will take the ASVAB test on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. This is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success.

Real Life Academy is Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at Ed-Co, for all Seniors. Seniors will be guided through various career, personal finance strategies that simulate what life for them may be like in 10 years.

**Christmas for Kids:** This year's program will be run a bit differently. Instead of monetary donations we are encouraging community members to pick up an "angel" which will be available at both the Colesburg and Edgewood schools, churches and local businesses. Look for more specific info to come soon. Each angel will have a child's needs on it. You will shop for, wrap and drop off your donated gift to the Colesburg United Methodist Church. However if you would prefer to donate, monetary donations can be sent to the Elementary, High School, or the Colesburg United Methodist Church (please make your checks out to UMC Christmas is for Kids). We are so lucky to have such a generous and caring community! Thank you for your participation!

### Upper Iowa Conference Vocal Concert



Ed-Co hosted the UIC Vocal concert on Tuesday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> in the Edgewood gym. Six schools participated.



### Red Ribbon Week



The Elementary students & staff participated in Red Ribbon Week-October 23-29

### Elementary News

#### News from Ms. Johnson

Keyboarding, keyboarding, keyboarding! That's what we have been focusing a lot of our time on in Elementary Technology. We have been practicing home row position. Some students are just beginning to understand the keyboard while older students are able to find all of the keys when using home row and are now beginning to work on there speed.

In Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade the students are learning where the letters are by typing simple words and their names. Kindergarten students also spent some time learning how to correctly hold and use the mouse. In 1<sup>st</sup> Grade students are encouraged to use both hands when typing. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students are also beginning to have an understanding of the "Caps Locks" and "Delete" keys. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students are challenged to complete assignments while having their hands in home row. In 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are beginning to have a better understanding of where the letters they need are without having to search for them. The students have been typing words and short stories but are currently working on PowerPoints. In the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have been using the Internet to research and type reports. Students are learning more about how to decide which sources are reliable when searching on the internet, taking the research and putting them

into their own words, typing the report, and proofreading their work.

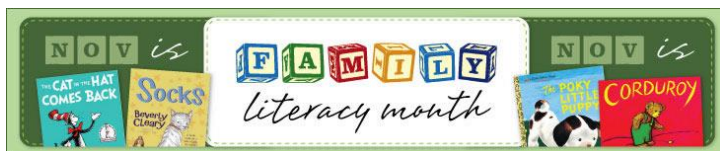
Home row is something we will be working on all year when we are typing. One of the students' favorite typing games is Dance Mat Typing. The address is <http://www.dancemattypingguide.com>.

## Elementary Literacy Night



The elementary's Family Literacy Night with children's author Buck Wilder was held Tuesday, October 4th at the Ed-Co Elementary School. There were hotdogs, chips and smores. Buck Wilder (Tim Smith) talked about becoming a writer and reading for fun! We had an awesome turn out. This free event was sponsored by the Edgewood Chamber of Commerce and the Ed-Co Literacy Team.

For more information on Buck Wilder visit <http://www.buckwilder.com/body.html>



## Lindale Mall School Cents

The School Cents program is up



and running again at Lindale Mall! For those of you that don't know what that is, it is a friendly competition between 15 area schools for \$25,000 in cash prizes from Lindale Mall in Cedar Rapids. There are a number of good activities involved with the program that earns us points (Hat and mitten drive, canned food drive, special needs trick or treat), but the easiest way to get point is by turning in receipts from Lindale stores and restaurants. There is a collection box by the fountain at the mall with each schools name on it. Simply putting your receipts in this collection box from now until December 31st gets our school points. The more points we get, the more money we will receive as a prize.

As members of the small communities we live in, we urge you to try to buy locally when at all possible. There are some things that are difficult to get here, so if you are going to go shopping out of town, perhaps give Lindale Mall a try. You can turn in your receipts and our local school can also benefit.

There will be two weekends that will be triple points, so every dollar you spend is like spending 3 dollars for the competition! Friday-Sunday, receipts must have those dates on them. Keep an eye out for that information!

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Kevin Kleis, Student Council Advisor, at the High School, 928-6412

Thank you for your continued support of Ed-Co and Go Vikings!

**News from Mr. Busch**

**Improvements for the Edgewood-Colesburg School District**



**Your Input is Needed!**

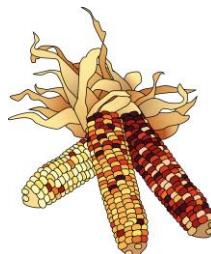
You are invited to a public forum

Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Colesburg Elementary Cafeteria @ 6:00pm OR Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> in the high school library in Edgewood @ 6:00pm

In April of 2016, the district began working with StruXture Architects from Waterloo to develop a long-range master facilities plan. Team members from StruXture Architects toured and examined the buildings for various elements of design, architecture, code compliance and accessibility. Consultants from KCL Engineering examined the building for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing adequacies. The facilities were evaluated based on prior and current building codes and the American with Disabilities Act. A series of meetings were held with StruXture personnel, school staff, board members, and community members to discuss the facilities, space planning and utilization. StuXture used the community information coupled with their own knowledge and experience in order to determine and recommend facility considerations and generate cost estimates. The report is available at <https://goo.gl/etnoYL>.

The Board invites your ideas and suggestions on our prioritized list of items for the district. Come learn about and guide the changes being proposed. Future changes will need your voter approval and we want you to be a part of this exciting process.

We hope to see you in November!



**Rural School Advocates Set 2017 Legislative Agenda**

Representatives from member school districts of the Rural School Advocates of Iowa convened their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, Oct 12, at 5:30 PM at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny. RSAI advocates on behalf of the students, parents and communities in rural Iowa, to ensure that all students have access to a great Iowa education, regardless of where they live. RSAI members include 68 Iowa school districts, ranging in enrollment from 93 to nearly 16,000 students.

The Edgewood-Colesburg Community School District is an active member in RSAI and Rob Busch, Superintendent/PK-6 Principal, attended the meeting and helped to set the legislative agenda for the group.

*School transportation costs were a key focus of the group. Willie Stone, Superintendent from Villisca and Corning, and SW representative on the RSAI Legislative Group, shared statistics of the miles traveled getting to and from school. "For us, that \$288,000 above the state average transportation cost means 5.5 teachers we can't provide for our students. It's not our students' fault that they live in a district with many miles and fewer kids."*

RSAI members discussed the resources needed to provide a good education for students, including a 6% increase in the state cost per pupil. They call on state lawmakers to set the amount quickly as the 2017 session convenes. Due to non-educational priorities of the legislature, the education of students in rural districts has been disadvantaged by many years of low per pupil increases. Formula funding is especially critical to rural Iowa due to transportation costs, economies of scale, unique needs of students, mandates and compliance, the

need for quality AEA services, and the ability to attract and retain quality staff in rural Iowa. The survival of rural schools depends on the return of education as the state's top priority with an investment of meaningful new resources to improve opportunities for students. *"For our school district, this funding is needed if programs and opportunities are going to be provided for students. There is no more "fat" to trim.* Without adequate funding, elementary class sizes will have to increase and secondary course offering will have to diminish." says Rob Busch, Superintendent/PK-Principal.

RSAI members also discussed these issues as additional priorities for the 2017 Legislative Session:

- Funding equity and flexibility for students at-risk of not succeeding in school,
- Aligned assessment, high standards and the technology required to administer the tests on line
- Continuation of operational sharing incentives
- Student equality in the funding formula to correct the \$175 difference in funding per student.
- Local district flexibility of decision making
- Rural teacher quality programs to address shortage area and accreditation needs
- Local district authority to determine if supplemental interventions during the school year, in addition to the regular program, would be more beneficial to non-proficient third-grade readers, if the district determines barriers will prevent offering a quality summer school program.

Position papers on each issue and a Digest of the 2016 Legislative Session are available on the RSAI legislative page, <http://www.rsaia.org/legislative.html>



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### **Campus Life Coordinator Needed**

(Edgewood/Colesburg, IA)

10-20 hours per week

*Job Responsibilities:*

Backbone Area Youth for Christ currently has 1 site in need of high school/middle school director. Campus Life Coordinators engage with local teenagers and build personal relationships through relational ministry actions (RMAs) including weekly club meetings, on-site contacting, small groups, one-on-one appointments, trips & events. Campus Life Coordinators are also responsible for investing in teams of adult leaders and student leaders; as well as building a personal support team (fundraising and prayer).

*Job Requirements:*

Relational ministry with a passion to reach un-churched teenagers. Strong communication and leadership skills. Previous experience in Campus Life or a similar para-church ministry is preferred but not required. On the job training available

Contact:

Email resume to Mike Cantonwine

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Website: [www.backboneyfc.org](http://www.backboneyfc.org)

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**Winter Concert**  
**Date Changes**  
*Elementary*  
**Thursday Dec. 8 7:00pm**  
*Colesburg Gym*

*Junior/Senior High*  
**Thursday Dec. 15 7:00pm**  
**St. Mark's Catholic Church**

**Homecoming 2016**

September 25-Nov. 1



## November 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)

### Nov. 1

4:00pm JH Girls Basketball @ Alburnett

### Nov. 3

All Day-3rd graders to symphony

All Day-4th-6th graders to Cedar Falls

4:00pm JH Girls Basketball @ Mac Valley

4:30pm JH Wrestling @ North Linn

### Nov. 4

7:30pm Fall Musical-Hansel & Gretel

### Nov. 6

1:30pm Fall Musical-Hansel & Gretel

### Nov. 7

4:00pm JH Girls Basketball @ Starmont

4:30pm JH Wrestling @ Colesburg Gym

### Nov. 8

12:30-Dismissal

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

### Nov. 9

Real Life Academy (Seniors) @ Edgewood Gym

### Nov. 10

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

4:30pm JH Wrestling @ Lisbon

### Nov. 11-Veteran's Day

No School-(Make up day if needed)

### Nov. 12

8-11pm Harvest Ball

### Nov. 14

4:00pm JH Girls Basketball vs. Cedar Valley

Christian @ Edgewood

### Nov. 15

4:30pm JH Wrestling @ Central City

### Nov. 17

4:00pm JH Girls Basketball vs. Springville @ Colesburg

4:30pm JH Wrestling @ North Linn

6:00pm V Basketball @ Cascade

### Nov.18

6:15pm JV Basketball @ Decorah

7:30pm V Basketball @ Decorah

### Nov. 19

Opus Festival- @ Ames

### Nov. 21

4:00pm Girls JH Basketball @ East Buchanan

### Nov. 22

4:30pm JH Wrestling @ Colesburg

6:30pm JV Basketball @ Starmont

7:45pm V Basketball @ Starmont

### Nov. 23

1:30 Dismissal

**Nov.24 & Nov. 25** No School-Happy Thanksgiving

### Nov. 28

4:00pm Girls JH Basketball @ North Linn

### Nov. 29

4:00pm JV Basketball @ Clayton Ridge

4:30pm JH Wrestling @ Colesburg

4:00pm JV Girls Basketball @ Clayton Ridge

5:00pm JV Boys Basketball @ Clayton Ridge

6:15pm V Girls Basketball @ Clayton Ridge

7:45pm V Boys Basketball @ Clayton Ridge

