



News from Mrs. Bond

Greetings, I hope you all had a wonderful summer and now are ready for your child's busy schedule! The classroom is off to a very busy start and I am looking forward to getting to know your child better as the year progresses.

I have many new faces in my English 10 classrooms. We are now on a nine period day, so classes pass by quickly. My second period English class is busy reading their project books (a requirement for the quarter). Since English 10 is world literature, the first quarter focus for the second period English 10 is African authors. Third period, on the other hand, is reading hispanic authors for their outside reading project. Both classes are required to read two books this quarter. We are also working on the grammar end of things and are currently working to improve our verb usage. In addition, we complete weekly vocabulary lessons and test weekly over the assigned vocabulary words.

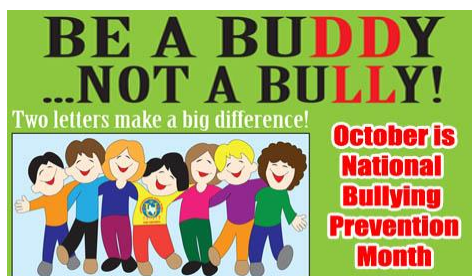
The juniors also have outside readings and must complete two books per quarter; however, their focus is American authors since eleventh grade English is American literature. The juniors are currently reading early American authors and American Romanticism authors. We continue to improve in the area of language and are currently working from the "Common Usage Errors" chapter in the language book. The juniors also are completing ACT prep vocabulary and are tested weekly over the vocabulary words.

In addition to the above mentioned classes, I teach Composition 1 which is a dual credit course, meaning the students not only get high school credit, but also get college credit for this class. The best thing about the class is that it is FREE and worth three hours of college credit to the students who take it. I will be also teaching Composition 2 second semester for another three hours of college credit.

Another elective I teach is Contemporary Literature. The class reads books from the 21st century reading list. Presently, we are reading *Peace Like a River*, a "heroic quest, a tragedy, and love story, in which 'what could be unbelievable becomes extraordinary' "(Connie Ogle, the Miami Herald). This book is also one of the Time Magazine's top five books of the year. Students are also responsible for reading one outside book this quarter too. Plus, we will be reading other books during class too.

News from Mr. King

My name is Ryan King and I am currently a University of Northern Iowa student. I have been student teaching at Edgewood-Colesburg in the social studies department with Mike Lutgen this fall. I am teaching a wide variety of classes during my time that includes World History class for sophomores as well as helping guide students in a local history class where students are working with the Edgewood History Museum to create projects that show the history of Edgewood and the surrounding area. I grew up in Manchester, IA and graduated from West Delaware High School, so I am fairly familiar with the district and extremely grateful for Ed-Co accepting my placement close to home this fall. The staff and students of the school have been very open and welcoming throughout my first couple weeks here in Edgewood. I am looking forward to my final weeks here at Ed-Co.



News from the Counseling office

October is Bullying Prevention Month! We will have different activities throughout the month with the goal of working together to stop bullying by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on all students. **Blue Tues. – Wear Blue every Tuesday in October to support Ed-Co being a Bully Free School!**

We are looking for more members to join YODA – Youth Opposing Drugs & Alcohol as well as GSA – Gay Straight Alliance. Both are awareness groups that complete activities throughout the year to help educate students. For example: **Red Ribbon Week, a Drug Prevention Campaign is Oct 23-31. Wear Red on Thursday, Oct 27th and get the conversation going!**

JUNIORS will be attending Business & Industry day on October 13th. Students will learn job and application skills as well as meet with different industries to learn about what is produced in Delaware County as well as explore various career options.

High School students should make sure they are checking their emails as there are many programs coming up that are being offered to help students educate themselves on the different college programs and job opportunities in our area! These are typically first come first serve so don't miss out!

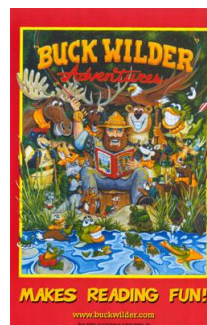
Colleges are also visiting Ed-Co during advisory time. Students in 10th-12th grade should look for sign ups outside the counseling office. Come and learn more about what different colleges have to offer!

News from Mr. Wadsworth



Ed-Co FFA attached the Tri State Dairy Days in Calmar on Sat. Sept. 10. The judging team of Calvin Heims, Kohl Moser, Matt Hense and Jacob Wessel were named the Champion team. There were 22 schools in attendance. Congratulations on a job well done.

Elementary News



Family Literacy Night on Tuesday, October 4th

Please plan to attend the elementary's Family Literacy Night with children's author Buck Wilder on Tuesday, October 4th at the Ed-Co Elementary School beginning at 6 PM. There will be hotdogs, smores, and stories around our indoor campfire! Buck Wilder (Tim Smith) will talk about becoming a writer and reading for fun! Wear your favorite camouflage gear and receive a free book! This free event is sponsored by the Edgewood Chamber of Commerce and the Ed-Co Literacy Team.

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. STEM stands for science,

teach, engineer and math. 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 building materials of pretzels, marshmallows, and mints. 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 creates and engineers!

Next, we decided to make use of our warm, sunny room the first several weeks of school to conduct a plant experiment. We designed an experiment to grow grass seeds under special experimental variables. We are still waiting to draw our conclusions and make our final claims supported by evidence about how the 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. We will apply this to the real world of gardening and farming by relating how pollution, temperature, and other experimental variables affect the growth of crops.

News from Ms. Amling

We are up and running and off to a great start! Our days are very busy with our new reading series. We have dug into our Thirty Days of Routines and Rituals. Some of the lessons we have covered are; Just Right Books, Good Listening Habits, Abandoning Books, Response Journals, and Nonfiction Text Features. We have been visiting with our second grade book buds on Fridays and revisiting these mini-lessons with



them by reading a good book and making connections! We are enjoying that lots! Another focus in fourth grade has been Writer's Workshop. Currently we are working on class narratives. We are making sure our stories have all the story elements they need to make them complete and are currently revising our rough drafts. We will be taking a look at the editing process next. We are finding out that the writing process is fun and takes lots of time!

Hard to believe that fall is here, Homecoming has gone, and that soon Thanksgiving will be upon us! Enjoy the fall and read a good book in a pile of leaves!

And finally, **Thank You** to all the Grandparents that visited us. We love having you here and love showing you our room, projects, and school. The best part of course is our visits and playing games together!

News from Mrs. Gaul

Sixth grade math students are busily exploring whole numbers and decimals. They have been working on estimating long division to be able to check for reasonableness in their answers. They have been working on finding least common multiples (LCM) and greatest common factors (GCF). They have done a nice job of mastering these skills. We will be looking at operations with decimals. We will be reviewing adding and subtracting decimals and exploring multiplication and division. We will also be stepping away from our curriculum to learn and work on making and counting back change. Be on the lookout for some of these 6th graders practicing these skills in the concession stands during our athletic events!

Place value, powers of ten and multi-digit multiplication have kept our 5th graders busy during math class this past month. They have made great progress in these areas. The next area we will be exploring is long division. All the

students have made a great transition to upper elementary math and completing homework and showing what they know on quizzes and assessments.

News from Mrs. Brady

Hello Families!

I hope you are enjoying the start to your week! We are having a great year here!

This week, we are reviewing making connections in reading. We have worked on text to self today, and will continue tomorrow with text to text and text to world. For writer's workshop, we are finishing learning about the last steps, which are editing and publishing. In math, we are collecting data and applying it to word problems. In Science, we are finishing our Energy unit, and next week we will begin our Rocks and Minerals unit. We will start by briefly learning about soil and erosion.

At home, if you have extra time, your student could be practicing math on one of our schools math websites. For example, all the students can try to access ST math at home. At my house it isn't working quite yet! The next option would be xtramath.org. I sent this password home a while ago, so if you need the code again, please let me know! Another example would be accessing Think Central. I will be sending home a note for this either today or tomorrow. This website is through Go Math and matches the homework we send home. There are several games to play, and problems that are similar to what we do in class. These are all great options, along with practicing flash cards. None of this is required yet, but it is fun to do in free time!!

Our spelling list is on my website if the paper has been misplaced!

Finally, I will be contacting parents next week about our Halloween party. If you didn't have a

chance to sign up at open house, please let me know if you would like to help! I can't believe we are already thinking of October activities!

Here are some important October dates:

October 4- Family Literacy Night at 6:00

October 5- Pick up Cherry Dale

October 12- Early Out

October 28- No School

October 31- Halloween Party



Special Education News

WOW! How it is possible that we are six weeks into the new school year already? Talk about how time flies! Students are settling into routines with new teachers and classmates. Any "summer slump" has disappeared through review and been replaced with new learning. Parents have joined in by reviewing the student handbook and learning the expectations and routines of this year's teachers.

Students in the special education department often have the same special education teacher for multiple years, resulting in one less "new" transition. The beginning of fourth grade, as well as seventh grade, is typically the exception. Beyond the change in special education teachers, often there is a change in special education paraeducators. While many preparations take place to ensure a smooth transition, these first few weeks can sometimes be trying. Through communication, support, and a little creativity, familiar or similar activities, as well as new ones, begin to balance to become another productive year.

With the start of the school year comes another 180 days of educational opportunities. We are reminded of the daily need to not only teach academics but also functional skills for successful citizenship. As a staff we are learning about the 7 Habits to increase effectiveness, like being proactive through self-awareness, conscience, imagination, and willpower. This

new learning will aid in overall transitions and eventually become the routine.



Elementary Music Notes

Thanks to a grant received from the Dubuque Racing Association, the students at

Ed-Co Elementary will be playing music on new keyboards this year! Ed-Co Elementary was able to purchase 20 new Yamaha Keyboards with money that was received from the grant. This will allow the music classroom to have enough keyboards for every student in a class.

In previous years, the music classroom did not have enough keyboards for each student. While participating in the keyboard unit during general music, students would have to take turns and share the keyboards. Also, the keyboards used were very old, and they were not always working properly.

The new Yamaha keyboards come with the latest technology, which will be very valuable for students who are just beginning to practice their piano skills. The keyboards can split into duo mode. This will allow a teacher to demonstrate a skill while the student follows along and practices. The keyboards also have recording and playback features. These features will allow students to record and immediately hear their own performance. The keyboards can even be synced with external music devices, such as ipods.

Youth Basketball Program

On Sunday, September 18, there was a meeting for all girls in grades 3rd through 8th that were interested in playing on a youth basketball team. Practices will begin on Saturday, September 24 at 8am. The coaches are very excited about this upcoming season. The



5ht/6th grade team is looking into playing in local teams to keep traveling time down. The 3rd/4th grade team will look mostly at playing at half time of the varsity girl's games, and maybe getting into a tournament or two. If you are still interested in joining a team, you still can. You can show up to practice, or you can contact Jenny Lange, Jessie Kirby, or Tammy Kirby. Also, if you are interested in helping to coach, please let us know.

News from Mr. Busch

Hard to believe more than one month of the 2016-17 school year has passed. A couple of important dates are approaching for the district. Official count day is on October 3rd this year. The school's budget is driven by very few factors but the biggest one is enrollment. The other key date is November 8th. Please make sure you get out and vote not only for the national candidates but also for the local races. If you have reviewed the flyers at volleyball or football games, you know Ed-Co receives \$175 per student less than some other districts. This amounts to an annual shortfall of approximately \$70,000. On the expenditure side, Ed-Co spends \$328 above the state average per student for a total of \$132,000. Contact local legislators at www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find or candidates at www.sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/2016/general/generalcandidatelist2016.pdf to find out their views/plans for public education.

If you are interested in helping out, we are always in search of people that would like to be mentors for kids, people that can assist kids at the elementary with reading skills, and we are specifically looking for community members that would be willing to help us with crossing guard duty for a few minutes in the morning and/or afternoon. You can do 1 day a week if you want! Please contact one of the offices if you are interested in any of these roles.

Please remember that the best way to be notified of school early outs or a school cancellation is by signing up for text notification. It is also sent out to some of the local radio and TV stations, so please stay aware of those school alerts. You are able to receive a text on your phone for school changes if you so desire. Check out the district website for more information.

Buses leave the elementary at approximately 3:18; students who walk home or get picked up by parents are dismissed after that time. Please make sure your child knows what they are doing each day by sending a note to school if they are doing something different than their normal routine.

Ed-Co Elementary is a school-wide Title I school allowing for Title I teachers to work with all elementary students. All teachers at Ed-Co Elementary meet the highly qualified requirements under the Title I guidelines. The teachers in our elementary have earned either a Bachelor's degree or a Master's degree in elementary education.

One of the things that teachers will focus on throughout this year is learning about appropriate interventions for students that are having difficulty learning new skills and/or concepts. This is called a Multi-Tiered System of Supports, where teachers find different ways to help students learn. This is not really a new concept; just something that teacher learning will focus on this year.

Select grades will be participating in the Iowa Youth Survey through the Iowa Department of Public Health. Letters will be sent home to students involved.

Last year Congress enacted the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which replaces No Child Left Behind. ESSA requires that states develop

plans to address standards, assessments, school and district accountability, and special help for struggling schools. The Iowa Department of Education is holding a series of meetings across the state to gather public input as part of its process. The following is a link to information about the process:

<http://pluriolink.com/edit/2sq/x13dzn>

If you have concerns or questions about your child's school performance, please contact the school staff involved. We are here to provide the best learning environment possible. Thank you for allowing us to educate your children 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 2016-2017 school year. If you have ideas for improvement or areas of concern, please contact me by phone at 856-2415 or e-mail at rbusch@edge-cole.k12.ia.us.



Would you like to be notified directly when classes are cancelled? Sign up for **Iowa School Alerts** — an e-mail and text notification service provided by the State of Iowa! Ed-Co will continue to use services through Remind 101, television and radio stations. If you were signed up through School Alerts, you will need to renew your information.

This school district is a participant in the Iowa School Alerts program, which means you can sign up to receive e-mail or text notifications when classes for our district, or a particular school building, are to be closed, dismissed early

every week. How? Become a mentor, and take one hour a week to hang out with a young student after school this next year.

How does it work?

1. Text “mentor” to 41444 to get an application to complete. Ellen, the Youth Mentoring coordinator at Helping Services, will connect you with a youth, age 7 to 13.
2. You’ll get a bit of training and conversations ideas from Ellen throughout the year to help you help your mentee.
3. One hour each week you will meet together at a time and location to be determined. During that time you can do whatever you two choose, such as play board games, do a craft, work on a mentee’s school assignment, or play on the playground.

Currently, 15 young students are waiting for a mentor in your school district! You can be that positive adult role model they look up to.

Studies show that a child who has a mentor:

- improves school attendance
- develops positive habits that lead to success not only in school but in life
- has a higher self-esteem and a more positive attitude
- enriches relationships with other family members
- enhances attitude towards school
- is less likely to use alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs
- experiences a decrease in negative behavior

Every child needs a caring and supportive adult in his or her life. Take one hour each week this 2016-2017 school year to be a unique role model for someone. You’ll reward yourself by investing

in someone else. Guaranteed. For more information call (563) 379-3454, visit our website at www.helpingservices.org/mentoring, or find us on Facebook.

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October Calendar of Events

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

Oct. 2-3

FBLA-State Fall Conference-Des Moines

Oct. 3

4:00pm Football-JH @ North Linn

4:00pm Volleyball-JH vs. North Linn @ Edgewood Gym

6:00pm Football-JV vs. Starmont @ Community Dreams Field

Oct. 4

4:00pm Volleyball-JH @ Lisbon

4:30pm Cross Country-Girls & Boys HS @ Hart Ridge Golf Course (Manchester)

6:00pm Elementary Family Literacy Night @ Colesburg

Oct. 5

4:00 to 5:45pm Pick up Cherry Dale Orders @ Colesburg

Oct. 6

4:00pm Volleyball-JH vs. Central City @ Edgewood Gym

5:30pm Volleyball-HS @ North Fayette Valley

Oct. 7

All Day-Advance Manufacturing Day

7:00pm Football-V vs. North Linn @ Community Dreams Field

Oct. 8

9:00am Cross Country-Girls & Boys HS @ North Linn

9:30am Volleyball-HS @ Hudson

Oct. 10

6:00pm Football-JV vs. North Linn @ Community Dreams Field

7:00p HS Conference Vocal Festival @ Edgewood Gym

Oct. 11

All Day-3rd Grade Field Trip to Cedar Falls

4:30pm Football-JH @ Lisbon HS

5:30pm Volleyball-HS @ MFL MarMac

Oct. 12

1:30p Dismissal-Prof. Development

Oct. 13

All-Day-Business & Industry Day

4:00pm Cross Country-Girls & Boys HS @ Starmont

4:30pm Football-JH vs. East Buchanan @ Community Dreams Field

Oct. 14

7:00pm Football-V @ East Buchanan

Oct. 15

9:00am Volleyball-HS conference tournament @ TBA

Oct. 17

6:00pm Football-JV @ East Buchanan

Oct. 18

7-12 grade-Picture Retakes

Oct 18-22

FFA-National Convention @Indianapolis, IN

Oct. 20

4:30pm Cross Country-Girls & Boys HS State Qualifying meet @ TBA

6:00pm Football-JV vs. Lisbon@ Community Dreams Field

Oct. 21

7:00pm Football-V vs. Lisbon @ Community Dreams Field

Oct. 25

7:00p 7th/8th Choir Concert- @ Edgewood Gym

Oct. 26

All Day-5th Grade to Symphony

Oct 27

5:30p Marching Band Community Show
Community Dreams Field

Oct. 28

No School-Prof. Development

Oct. 31

2:30 Elementary Halloween Parade @ Colesburg Gym



CALENDAR CHANGE

November 8th will now be a 12:30 dismissal