



## High School News

### News from Mrs. Simon

It is hard to believe that the school year has arrived already! I hope that all of the students had a great summer and are ready to enjoy another school year. I have been enjoying every weekend on my houseboat and spending the time with my family. I spent time with my oldest son and his wife at their home in Ankeny. He works as an Aerospace engineer in Marshalltown. My 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest child, a daughter, ended up moving back in with us and she has her two-year old and one-year old with her as well. That is quite a change to our home life. I helped my 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest child, a daughter, into her new apartment in Iowa City since she is attending University of Iowa for education. I moved my 4<sup>th</sup> child, a son, to his dorm at Iowa State University where he is studying to be a chemical/nuclear engineer. My 5<sup>th</sup> child, a son, is starting 7<sup>th</sup> grade and is planning to play football, basketball, and track this year. I am considered cancer free and I am doing great and looking forward to the new school year and working with all of the wonderful students and seeing them grow to young adults.

### News from Guidance Office

Welcome back to another school year! It's going to be a great year!

#### SENIORS -

FAFSA applications can now be submitted BEFORE the first of the year! Because of this we will be having a Financial Aid night for all Seniors and their parents on Tuesday, September 27 from 7-8pm in the High School IMC.

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

Scholarships are organized based on their 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.**

SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS - The PSAT/NMSQT will be offered at Ed-Co on Wednesday, October 19th from 8:30-11:00 am. 10th & 11th grade students will be excused from class during this time. The cost of the test is \$15 (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 \$15 by Friday, September 23rd 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. The next registration deadline is September 16th!

### From the AD's Desk...

#### Post Season Honors

Congratulations to the following baseball and softball players on receiving post-season honors:



Softball- Kaitlyn Ronnebaum 1<sup>st</sup> team UIC and All-District, Kyann Braden 2<sup>nd</sup> team UIC, Brylyn Clute Honorable Mention UIC, and Erica Voss Honorable Mention UIC.

Baseball- Mike Jones 1<sup>st</sup> team UIC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team IHSBCA Academic All-State, and 3<sup>rd</sup> team INA All-State; Dawson Harbaugh 2<sup>nd</sup> team UIC; Brady Helle 2<sup>nd</sup> team UIC; Nick Oldfather Honorable Mention UIC; Seth Hoeger Honorable Mention UIC.

#### State Tournament Teams

Since school was dismissed last spring both the boys golf team and baseball team participated in their respective state tournaments. Both teams did a great job representing Ed-Co with skill and character. Congratulations to coach Zieser and the boys golf team on placing 7<sup>th</sup> in the state. Also, congratulations to coach Hamann, coach Varner, and the baseball team on a great tournament run and outstanding season.

#### Schedules

Within this newsletter, you will find the fall schedules of our teams. We invite you to come and watch our athletes perform. The teams work very hard and appreciate your support.

#### Pets

A reminder that pets are not allowed at any of our athletic contests. This is a state rule and we ask that you abide by that rule.

### 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.

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. The social studies students will be taking more trips into the past to visit ancient civilizations of the eastern hemisphere.

We also have started a new Benchmark Literacy program in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We all are learning the new curriculum, and are excited to see what the future holds.

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. Trenkamp

Welcome to another new school year! To start off I wanted to share some information about effective study habits for a successful school year for your student. Parents can help their students

by helping them choose a regular time and place for homework to be done. It should be a quiet and comfortable place with little distractions. Allow some free time for your child first by letting them have a healthy snack and time to share their day with you. Postpone the screen time, making sure homework and chores are done before screen time. Encourage and teach them organization by helping them the first couple of weeks. Pay attention to your child as they do homework. If they are struggling, help them, but don't do it for them. If they continue to struggle then the teacher needs to be contacted. Please visit school as much as you can so your child knows that this is important to you and then it will be to them also.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the school at 563-856-2415. Thanks again and have a wonderful year!

### **District News**

#### **From Superintendent Rob Busch**

Welcome back to all Ed-Co students and families! This promises to be an exciting school year. As we begin a new school year, educators recognize that in order to ensure all students can achieve their highest potential we must have a productive partnership between schools, families, and community. We all need to be reminded how significant our roles are and how important we are and will be to the students. We are all teachers and mentors for our future leaders. Everyone has an important role.

I look forward to the opportunity to visit with you in classrooms, cafeteria, and school events. I encourage you to visit me anytime at school as well. Most days I spend at the elementary in Colesburg, but by appointment I could set up a time for an Edgewood meeting.

The district is in the second year of two important programs. The mentoring program is

still in need of mentors. In as little as 4 to 5 hours a week, you can have a great effect on the future. Visit [www.helpingservices.org/mentoring](http://www.helpingservices.org/mentoring) to download an application to start the process.

Ed-Co is continuing to implement the Teacher Leadership System through instructional coaches, lead teachers and mentor teachers. These teachers will work with others to improve methods and curriculum.

The district is also working with the StruXture Architectural firm. As with any building there needs to be improvements over time. During the next few months, stay posted for newspaper articles, website updates, or meetings to find out more about the recommended upgrades.

The school district website is a great source of information, and I encourage you to explore at [www.edge-cole.k12.ia.us](http://www.edge-cole.k12.ia.us). It will always be a work in progress so please let us know what information would make the site more helpful.

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 2016-2017 school year. If you have ideas for information you would like to see in this newsletter, please contact me by phone at 928-6411 or e-mail at [rbusch@edge-cole.k12.ia.us](mailto:rbusch@edge-cole.k12.ia.us).

Make it an outstanding school year!

Your Partner in  
Education,

Rob Busch



**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.

**HIGH SCHOOL  
DRIVERS  
EDUCATION-**



**Manchester  
Regional Education Partnership Center Class  
#49505**

September 8 - 26, Weekly-Mon,Thu, 6:00PM - 9:00PM and Sat 9:00am - Noon

Register on-line at <https://www.nicc.edu/trainingandoutreach/drivereducation/>

Or contact MREP Center 1200 1/2 W Main St, Manchester, [563-822-1016](tel:563-822-1016) or Paula at [hargrafenp@nicc.edu](mailto:hargrafenp@nicc.edu)

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