



High School News



News from Mrs. Wille

What's going on in Science??

7th grade life science:

This group keeps me on my toes with lots of great enthusiasm and questions. We are currently studying cell structure and will soon be moving into cell processes. The cell processes we will focus on will be diffusion, osmosis, respiration, photosynthesis and mitosis. As we study cell processes there are many opportunities to do labs and classroom demonstrations.

9th grade physics:

My physics classes have been studying Newton's 3 laws of motion. We have been finding real life examples of each law and have been experimenting with them all. Some of our experiments have included magic tricks and inertia, mass of a ball and force and balloon rockets. Our next unit of study will be on energy.

10th grade chemistry:

Sophomores have been learning about ionic and covalent bonds and why atoms bond. We first learned how these bonds formed and then how to identify which bond holds compounds together. Lab experiences have included building models and testing physical properties of compounds. Next chemistry students will move onto naming compounds and writing formulas.

College prep chemistry

This class has me polishing all my science skills! I have enjoyed working with the amazing 7

students I have in this upper level chemistry class. So far this year we have discussed scientific procedures, types of compounds, and stoichiometry. Stoichiometry has consumed the last 3-4 weeks of our lives. Stoichiometry is the relationship between quantities of substances taking part in a reaction or forming a compound. Studying stoichiometry allows scientists a pathway to measure amounts in the lab that are equivalent to amounts of particles in a substance which are too small and too numerous to actually count or measure. These conversions become a key point in calculating the strength of a substance as well as predicting the amount of a product that will be made as a reaction occurs. Our next unit of study will be gases and gas laws.



IT IS SPEECH season!!!

First I would like to announce Ed-Co's HS large group speech team has a new assistant coach. Hilary Scherf will be assisting me with readers theater and ensemble acting as a novice coach. Ms. Scherf was involved in speech and drama productions while in high school.

Our first large group speech meeting was November 15th. Scripts and handbooks were given out at this time. We currently have 36 students signed up and as a team we will prepare two ensemble acting selections, a readers theater, a choral reading, a radio broadcast and an improvisational group. Our contest schedule this year includes the following dates: January 14, January 21 and February 4.

JH large group speech sign up is currently happening. The only contest date for JH students is January 14.





News from Mrs. Meyer

Art Department News:

The art department has been trying to adjust to being on period schedules so far this year. The following classes are being taught this semester: Advanced Arts, Arts & Ideas, 2D Art, and Graphic Arts. There have been some great pieces created so far. Advanced Art students are working on independent art projects that are used to build an art portfolio. The students taking Arts & Ideas have been creating pieces that show a meaning or an idea. So far this semester they've created a political piece, an ideal world project, and a piece of artwork that is startling. They are currently working to create a piece that portrays a song in their artwork. 2D Art students have been working on learning techniques within various mediums. So far they've completed a still life drawing using pencil, a weaved drawing that integrated drawing and colored pencils, and an oil pastel landscape. The rest of the semester will include an ink project, painting, and printmaking. Students have been helping me make sure that artwork is nicely on display in the commons. Please come check the pieces out (some are pictured in newsletter). The students in Graphic Arts are learning the ins and outs of Photoshop and are currently finishing up lessons to help them create some projects before the end of the semester.



Art Club News:

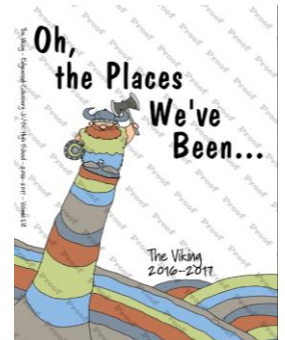
The Art Club has been busy preparing and fundraising for our annual trip. Art Club ran the food stand again this year at the annual

Edgewood Stop and Shop as our big fundraiser. This year's trip is going to be Chicago the weekend of March 17-18th. The special thing about the trip this year is we will be attending three new museums: Frank Lloyd Wrights house/studio, National Museum of Mexican Art, and the National Veterans Art Museum. We will also be visiting the Museum of Contemporary Art and the Art Institute of Chicago. We are seeking more projects to help fund this trip for members. Please contact Mrs. Meyer if you have a project for us. Past events for the club this year include Homecoming and Pink Night face painting, sale of Homecoming and Pink Night buttons. We will be participating in the Christmas in Edgewood again this year and holding our 2nd annual District Art Show during the Spring Play in April.



Yearbook News:

The Desktop Publishing class has been working hard to create the 2016-2017 yearbook. The theme for this year's book is "Oh, the Places We've Been" based off the Dr. Seuss book "Oh, the Places You'll Go". The book is going to include various drawings created by the students. Thanks to our generous sponsors, we were able to purchase drawing tablets for the students to use to create these drawings on their computers. Yearbooks are available to order right now and are at a discounted price of \$25 until Dec. 31st. The price will increase to \$30 at the start of 2017. Order forms can be found in the office or you can order online at <http://community.pictavo.com>



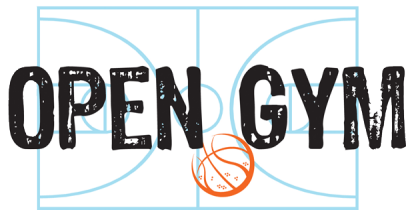
Senior Parent Yearbook Reminders:

Senior Portraits are due to Mrs. Meyer by Jan. 13th. These can be emailed right to her:

mmeyer@edge-cole.k12.ia.us

Senior Recognition Ads can be created now online at <http://community.pictavo.com>. These must be completed by Feb. 28th and 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



Ed-Co Open Gym Nights begin on Saturday, December 3rd from 6-8PM. Please bring your own ball and a clean pair of tennis shoes. This is a privilege, please be respectful of this opportunity.

Open Gym Nights

December 3rd, 10th, 17th
January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
February 4th, 18th, 25th



News from Mrs. Simon

The school year has been a busy one for everyone. The students are working to improve their grades and standardized assessments to see how they have improved from the previous time. The students were able to visit several advanced manufacturing companies in the area and several of them are hoping to find employment there after high school.

Instructional coaching has been going well at the elementary since I am there half of the day. Several of the teachers are gracious enough to allow me to work with them so we can work

together to improve student achievement and understand how to use the data from assessments that the students take throughout the year.

On a personal note, my daughter will be having another grandbaby in February. This will make it the 5th grandbaby for me already. My oldest son is enjoying married life and working as an engineer. The two college kids are doing well at college and they enjoy the razzing at the Iowa/Iowa State games. My youngest son enjoyed playing football and is not sure which sport to try now though. My husband has been working on getting the houseboat ready for winter and I am catching up on some reading.



News from the Counseling office- Mrs. Dowell

The Counseling Theme for December is "Giving" and December 5th is International Volunteer Day. Students will be provided with information on how they can volunteer and get involved in our community. Please contact me if you have a volunteer opportunity for our students that you would like me to share.



This year's Christmas is for Kids program:

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 and United Methodist Churches. Each angel will have a child's needs on it. You will shop for, wrap and drop off your donated gift back to the location you picked up your Angel. All Angel packages are due back no later than Sunday, December 4th and will be distributed to the Angel recipients in the middle of December. 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)- 500 1st St PO Bx 171, Colesburg, Iowa - [\(563\) 856-4145](tel:5638564145)

We will begin the registration process for next year's class schedules soon! Please have a discussion with your students about what classes they would like to take next year!

Ed-Co Presented Hansel & Gretel November 4 & 6



CONGRATULATIONS

- Morgan and Marissa Vorwald, and Lexi Ihde attended the **Loras Honor Band**.
- **Volleyball:** Brylyn Clute 1st team, Megan Zieser 1st team, Maddy Harris 2nd team, Kelsi Askeland HM, Mallory Zieser HM
- **Football:** Brady Helle 1st team, Killian Welsh 2nd team, Preston Rockford 2nd team, Elliott Meyer 2nd team, Ben Ernst HM, Payton Rochford HM
- **Cross:** Jacob Wessel UIC Champ, 12th at State; Hanna Hess 3rd UIC, 3rd at State; Delany Bergan 15th UIC; Ashley Clinton 21st UIC

Elementary News



News from Mrs. Mather

The 6th grade Social Studies students will be competing in the National Geography Bee this winter. We will start the competition with 35 students, and then narrow it down to a single winner in the 6th grade. After we have our one champion from the class, they then will complete a written examination that will be sent to the National Geography Bee Association in Des Moines. After hearing their results sometime in April, we will hopefully have a 6th grader making the trip down to compete at the state level sometime in May! Good luck to all the 6th graders!



News from Elementary Guidance- Mrs. Trenkamp

At the elementary we are really working hard to get our students reading. Parents are a very important factor in this process. A parent's example always teaches a powerful lesson. You can't teach a child honesty if you don't tell the truth. You can't teach a child to eat healthy foods if you never eat fruits and vegetables. The same is true for reading. If you want your child to be a good reader, your own reading habits will make a huge impact.

Some things that you as parents can do is to show your child how you read for information. If you are trying to figure out how a computer program works for your job, then tell your child you are reading this article to help explain it. Another option is to read for a purpose. Show your child how you read a recipe or how to search online for some information you may need. You can also read for leisure. Show your child you are reading for enjoyment, not for work or an assignment. Share things that you read with your child. Maybe an interesting fact

or make a copy and leave it in their room and they can read it on their own. Take your child to the library routinely. Also you can bring something to read with you everywhere you go so they see that reading is a constructive way to pass time and it is also enjoyable.

The elementary will also be starting an after school program in January 2017. You may sign your child up to stay after school 2 days a week and during this time they will work on reading and math skills. Please watch your child's book bag, as more information will be coming home with the students. You can also call the school and talk to Mr. Rob Busch or Mrs. Karla Trenkamp at 563-856-2415. Thanks for all you do for your children. It means the world to them!



News from Mrs. Lueken

It's hard to believe that we are into the second quarter of school already!

The first quarter ended with a couple of nights where we were able to meet with our fifth grade students' parents for conferences! There were interesting conversations, and it is great to know that we are all working toward the same goal: helping the students to be successful!

The first quarter found us busy learning the Reading and Writing Workshop routines for our new Benchmark Literacy program. Each day we are digging deeper into the academic area of literacy whether it be learning new comprehension and metacognitive strategies in whole group mini-lessons, working together with shared reading, practicing our new skills and strategies within small guided reading groups, actively breaking apart prefixes and base words to determine word meanings, or practicing fluency in class-wide interventions or when performing a reader's theater script. Soon the students will be performing "One Giant Leap" based on the first moonwalk by Neil Armstrong. This is a great opportunity to not only speak in

front of a group, and to learn about that part of history but to practice reading with expression and at the right rate. Some of the students have even built in some technology aspects so there will be a Keynote presentation of slides running in the background of their performance. They've worked hard to locate and match the correct pictures with the script to enhance the class performance!

Students are writing, writing, and writing in Writer's Workshop! A good deal of time has been spent learning and practicing the writing process that includes these steps: prewrite, draft, revise, edit, and publish. Topics have been chosen by the students and lessons each day include things like indenting paragraphs, adding specific, descriptive details, writing a good lead that will hook their readers, starting sentences in a variety of ways, writing transitions between paragraphs, and improving their writing with better word choices. In response groups, students learn to critique each other's writing in a positive way. They also work together to edit each other's writing looking for capitalization, usage, punctuation, and spelling. Currently, students are listening to, reading, and learning about memoirs written by a variety of people. Memoirs are a collection of personal narratives, told as a story in first person that also include emotions and details, as well as dialogue. They typically will include events that have somehow shaped the author's life. Memoirs will be written by each of the fifth graders during the second quarter, based on important events or times in their lives.

In another class, Social Studies, the states have been the recent research project. Books and Internet sources were used to find out information about some of our United States. Keynote presentations were created and prepared by the students using the information they had found. Photos were added to make their Keynotes more meaningful. Each student did an oral presentation about his/her state where they

worked on voice level, posture, eye contact, speaking rate, and sharing of information.

The second quarter is off to a great start!! We look forward to the many speaking, writing, reading, and learning opportunities to come!



News from Mr. Busch

Public Education Needs You!

Now that the elections are over, it is more important than ever to make sure your voice is heard. The funding for public education has recently been at historic lows. The needs of students attending these public schools have been increasing! The need for advocacy on behalf of Iowa public schools has never been greater.



In May of 2015, the Davenport School's superintendent and students made headlines by pointing out the unbelievable disparity in per pupil foundation delivered by Iowa's school formula. For the 2016-2017 school year, 164 districts including Davenport are at the state minimum per pupil of \$6,591. The maximum across the state is \$6,766, which is \$175 higher. Their students wore shirts with the slogan "I'm Worth-Less," and the same is true for Ed-Co students. Based on enrollment, this is a \$70,000 shortfall for the district.

To make matters worse, inequity in school expenditures also exists in our transportation costs, which are paid from that same per pupil cost formula. School transportation costs per student enrolled varies across Iowa from a low of \$58 to a high of \$1,143 (according to the Iowa Department of Education Annual Transportation

Report 2014-15.). Rural schools like Ed-Co have the highest costs. No surprise there! This means less money for teachers, textbooks and other educational expenses. Simply because our students are spread out over the countryside, Ed-Co spends approximately \$130,000 above the state average on transportation cost. We have no control over that, yet our students have less because of it.

Although legislation was introduced to correct these two inequalities, Iowa Legislators decided they could not accept these legislative options to help rural schools during the 2016 Legislative Session. If you want to impact legislation, you can do that by becoming an advocate for your school. Take a few minutes to contact our new legislators in the House and Senate, tell them you are a voter and you support equitable funding for rural schools! You can find your legislators and their contact information at www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find I would also encourage you to contact Governor Branstad's office by calling 515-281-5211 or leaving an email message here <https://governor.iowa.gov/contact> .

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 by phone at 856-2415 or e-mail at rbusch@edge-cole.k12.ia.us

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Veteran's Day Program
November 10



December Calendar of Events

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

Dec. 1

4:00pm-JH Girls Basketball vs. Lisbon @ Edgewood

6:00pm-HS Wrestling @ Oelwein

Dec. 2

4:00pm-JH Girls Basketball @ Elkader Central

4:00pm-JH Wrestling @ Clayton Ridge Middle School

4:45pm-JV Boys/Girls Basketball @ Maquoketa Valley

6:15pm-V Boys/Girls Basketball @ Maquoketa Valley

Dec. 3

8:00am-9th grade Boys Basketball @ South Winn

10:00am-HS Wrestling @ Monticello

Dec. 5

4:00pm-JH Girls Basketball @ Central City High School

4:00pm-JV Girls Basketball vs. North Linn @ Edgewood

5:00pm-JV Boys Basketball vs. North Linn @ Edgewood

6:15pm-V Girls Basketball vs. North Linn @ Edgewood

7:45pm-V Boys Basketball vs. North Linn @ Edgewood

Dec. 6

4:00pm-JV Girls Basketball vs. MFL MarMac @ Edgewood

5:00pm-JV Boys Basketball vs. MFL MarMac @ Edgewood

5:30pm-HS Wrestling @ Colesburg

6:15pm-V Girls Basketball vs. MFL MarMac @ Edgewood

7:45pm-V Boys Basketball vs. MFL MarMac @ Edgewood

Dec. 7

1:30pm-Dismissal

Dec. 8

3:45pm-JH Girls Basketball vs. Maquoketa Valley @ Edgewood

7:00pm-Elementary Winter Concert @ Colesburg Gym

Dec. 9

4:00pm-JH Wrestling @ MFL MarMac: McGregor

4:00pm-JV Girls Basketball @ North Fayette Valley HS

5:00pm-JV Boys Basketball @ North Fayette Valley HS

6:15pm-V Girls Basketball @ North Fayette Valley HS

7:45pm-V Boys Basketball @ North Fayette Valley HS

Dec. 10

8:30am-9th grade Boys Basketball @ Clayton Ridge High School

10:00am-HS Wrestling @ Oelwein

Dec. 12

7:00pm-5th-12th Band Concert @ Edgewood Gym

Dec. 13

4:00pm-JH Girls Basketball vs. Clayton Ridge @ Edgewood

4:00pm-JV Girls Basketball @ South Winn

5:00pm-JV Boys Basketball @ South Winn

5:30pm-HS Wrestling @ Colesburg

6:15pm-V Girls Basketball @ South Winn

7:45pm-V Boys Basketball @ South Winn

Dec. 15

7:00pm-7-12 Vocal Concert- @ St. Mark's Church, Edgewood

Dec. 16

4:00pm-JV Girls Basketball @ Turkey Valley

4:30pm-HS Wrestling @ Clayton Ridge

5:00pm-JV Boys Basketball @ Turkey Valley

6:15pm-V Girls Basketball @ Turkey Valley

7:45pm-V Boys Basketball @ Turkey Valley

Dec. 19

6:15pm-JV Boys Basketball @ Central City

7:30pm-V Boys Basketball @ Central City

Dec. 20

Noon-6pm-Blood Drive & Colesburg gym

4:00pm-JV Girls Basketball vs. West Central @ Edgewood

5:00pm-JV Boys Basketball vs. West Central @ Edgewood

6:15pm-V Girls Basketball vs. West Central @ Edgewood

7:45pm-V Boys Basketball vs. West Central @ Edgewood

Dec. 22

4:00pm-JV Girls Basketball vs. Beckman @ Edgewood

5:00pm-JV Boys Basketball vs. Beckman @ Edgewood

6:15pm-V Girls Basketball vs. Beckman @ Edgewood

7:45pm-V Boys Basketball vs. Beckman @ Edgewood

Dec. 23

12:30pm-Dismissal

Dec 24-Jan. 2

No School-Winter Break

Jan. 3

Classes Resume

