

Fall Musical



The Drama department presented “*The Addams Family: School Edition*” November 12th-14th.

Cast and crew were:

- Lucas Rezende** - Gomez
- Sophia Wilson** - Morticia
- Brianna VanGroll** - Pugsley
- Kayne Olind** - Uncle Fester
- Kassidy Krapfl** - Wednesday Addams
- Luka Schulte** - Grandma Addams
- Hunter Phelps** - Lurch
- Megan Pierschbacher** - Alice Beineke
- Ashleigh Pape** - Lucas Beineke
- Emma Sadoris** - Mal Beineke
- Lilee Boriskey** - Bride Ancestor
- Dakota Hamann** - Caveman Ancestor
- Tucker Bolsinger** - Caveman Ancestor
- Ella Beyer** - Conquistador Ancestor & The Moon
- Lauren Kirby** - Conquistador Ancestor
- Ben Pierschbacher** - Cowboy Ancestor
- Mack Perrinjaquet** - Cowboy Ancestor & Thing
- Alyson Meyer** - Flapper Girl Ancestor
- Abigail Schilling** - Flapper Girl & Cousin Itt
- Sophia Pape** - Flight Attendant Ancestor
- Kendall Wittman** - Flight Attendant Ancestor & Tassel
- Elise Pape** - Puritan Ancestor
- Roberto Rezende** - Puritan Ancestor
- Tracy Schaefer** - Soldier Ancestor
- Olivia Highland Balk** - Soldier Ancestor
- Cecilia Dolan** - Assistant Stage Manager
- Regan Steger** - Assistant Stage Manager
- Mika McCool** - Soundboard
- Jasmine Dion-Cyr** - Lightboard
- Brooke Vorwald** – Hair/Makeup & Soundboard Assistant
- Reagan Stelken** - Hair & Makeup
- Rylan Gaul** - Curtain & Stage Crew
- Millie Burns** - Spot Light, Hair & Makeup & Usher



National FFA Convention



On October 28th-30th, Ed Co FFA Members attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Members attending were Nathaniel Gaul, Peyton Gaul, Lucas Rezende, Avery Wessel, Maci Hummel, Ava Kerns, Luka Schulte, Tracy Schaefer.

Day 1: We visited Black and Gold Ranch in Vermont, Illinois. Members got to see what Temple Grandin’s theories look like in real life!

Day 2: Members got to hear from amazing keynote speakers, tour the expo center and career fair. After the long day, we enjoyed down time with members from other chapters in our district!

Day 3: Our first stop of the day was Umberger Show Feeds. We were able to tour their new facility and learn more about the company! Members got to spend the afternoon at National FFA Convention and Expo. Here we were able to attend session, cheer on fellow Iowa FFA members who competed in CDEs and go to workshops! That evening they got to see the World’s Toughest Rodeo in action!

TRC Vocal Festival



Ed-Co Choir attended the Tri-Rivers Vocal Festival at Starmont on Monday, November 15

Students participating were: Megan Pierschbacher, Brianna VanGroll, Sophia Wilson, Dakota Hamann, Gregory Hansel

Veteran's Day at Ed-Co



On Thursday, November 11th, Ed-Co National Society provided breakfast for local veterans. After the breakfast a program was held in the secondary gym to honor all veterans.

High School News

News from Ms. Kintzle



It is hard to believe that soon the holidays will be here and the school year will be half over! This year my schedule changed and I no longer teach eighth-graders but instead teach Composition I and II through N.I.C.C. for dual credit. Although I miss seeing the eighth-graders, Composition I has been both challenging and rewarding. Students recently finished writing essays about significant places and focused on incorporating description and dialogue. Meanwhile, I have been hard at work completing a course through N.I.C.C. about utilizing Brightspace, their online learning platform.

This year's seventh grade class is an amazing group of readers! They love to read and always want extra reading time. Their enthusiasm is great to see. As a class, we are working on making inferences and supporting those with evidence. Later this winter, we will delve into reading non-fiction.

English 9 students are hard at work writing essays. We are currently perfecting the five-paragraph essay while reviewing basic features of essay writing, such as how to write a thesis. During second semester, students will learn the ins and outs of research and write their own research papers.

News from Mrs. Ostwinkle



On Tuesday, November 23rd, Mrs. Ostwinkle's Special Education room celebrated and thanked the staff at the Ed-Co High School by planning, cooking, preparing, and delivering a Thanksgiving dinner. This has become a tradition at Ed-Co, started by Mrs. Theresa Luker years ago. Up until last year, the celebration took place in the Special Education room which was always decorated festively and turned into a gathering place for our staff. Due to the pandemic,

last year and this year, it was decided to deliver the meals instead to the teachers. Participating were Mrs. Ostwinkle, paraprofessionals Marnie Burns, Cheri Meisner, Sheila Roling, Gwen Bries, and April Schaffer. Students participating were Allan Schaeffers, Baylee Ernst, Imogen Greenlee, Levi Handke, and Jaiden Rieck. It was hard work, but everything went very well! We purchased biodegradable "to-go" containers, sent out invitations with menus, and prepared the food. The students were able to take part in the cooking, preparing, and delivering of the meals. Cooking, filling out specific orders, and delivering to proper locations provided great life and work skill lessons. Nothing teaches better than real life! On the menu: turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, corn, green bean casserole, rolls and butter, pumpkin pie and pumpkin bars, and beverages were offered to the staff. The packages were delivered to each person during their lunch time.

Each staff member also received this Thanksgiving poem:

Thanksgiving is for giving thanks
That seems quite obvious
What isn't always plain to see
Is what you do for us.
What you do's important
Your efforts are the key
For us to be our very best
At school, you're family
We know you do more than you need
You "take us home" at night
You make us a priority
And make our fight your fight
You give more than you ever get
So we want you to hear
We think of you as heroes
We're thankful that you're here.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Student of the Week



Mack Perrinjaquet-Nov. 1-7

By Millie Burns, *Ed-Co Echoes*

The Student of the Week is Mack Perrinjaquet, who was chosen by Mrs. Melissa Meyer. He is in 7th grade and is in computer class with Mrs. Meyer. She chose him because he rocked coding during computer class. He spent hours outside of school learning code that was above and beyond what was being taught in class. He also came to class excited every day to share what he figured out how to do at home. Keep up the good work!



Jocelyn Avianeda-Nov. 8-14

Miss Edens selected Jocelyn Avianeda, an eighth-grader in her reading class, as Student of the Week. Jocelyn has excellent contributions during class

discussions and did a great job participating during a recent paint chip word choice activity. Congratulations, Jocelyn!



Ellie Kirby-Nov. 15-21

By Millie Burns, *Ed-Co Echoes*

The Student of the Week is Ellie Kirby. She was chosen by Mr. Olind, and she is in health class with him. He chose Ellie because she applies the concepts they learn in health to real life. She is always active in class discussions and helps others. She is also a hard worker that submits quality work. Congratulations!



Ike Jones-Nov. 22-28

By Brooke Bolinger and George Butera, *Ed-Co Echoes*

This week's Student of the Week is Ike Jones. He was chosen by Mr. Lutgen and is in his Government and Current Events classes. Mr. Lutgen chose Ike because he says, "Ike puts integrity into his work and he uses his ability to reason. He can take the information we are learning and make connections with it. This is a great trait for students to possess." Congratulations, Ike!



Elementary News



News From Mrs. Schulte

Fifth & Sixth Grade Science

Matter is everything and the fifth graders have been studying almost everything about matter! They have learned that matter has parts, matter has properties, and matter changes during physical and chemical changes. Some of the highlights of their study of matter have been making cereal models of the parts of an atom and doing a lot of hands-on work to explore the properties of matter including mass, volume, conductivity, and solubility. Clues like bubbling, producing a gas, turning hot or cold, changing color, and producing a new substance have been evidence to see if a chemical change has happened to matter as students researched safe chemical changes and performed a chemical change demonstration with a partner for the class. From making elephant toothpaste with hydrogen peroxide, dish soap and a saturated solution of potassium iodide, to blowing up a sandwich bag with the gas made from combining vinegar and baking soda, students did a great job with their demonstrations and sharing with their classmates how fun it can be to see matter change firsthand. Another favorite way students learned about matter was to make slime and witness how the properties of the substances before and after that chemical change are so different and to test the properties (elasticity, state of matter – is it a solid or a liquid?- density, solubility) of their completed product. An important concept of matter is how it is conserved in chemical and physical changes. We use songs about atoms and matter to make the concepts It's also timely with the holidays fast approaching. Matter is everything and we have been doing everything we can to make the learning of matter real, memorable, and applicable to our lives!

6th grade has been studying Properties and Conservation of Matter as well. They have collaborated on many chemical/physical change investigations including making black snakes, blowing up a balloon with the chemical reaction between vinegar and baking soda, steel wool and a battery, using the triple beam balances understand conservation of matter after a chemical reaction occurs, etc. They had a fun time planning with peers and performing a Science Show of Chemical Reactions for the 4th graders.





News from Mrs. Askeland

Time is flying by in Preschool! It is hard to believe that Christmas is approaching. This year, in our classroom, we have done Name, Pumpkin and Gratitude Studies.

Math, literacy, science, technology, art and social-emotional development were all enhanced during these studies! The preschoolers love any hands on activities and they are a great way to promote all areas of a child's development.

The preschoolers continue to learn letter names and letter sounds. We are beginning to notice letters in many words and say the letter sound when they see a particular letter. It is so much fun seeing their interest and excitement!

We are also practicing spelling and writing first names. Many of the children can spell their names and are working hard at learning how to write all of the letters.

We continue work on counting and writing numbers up to 10. The preschoolers love playing card and board games, which help with these skills. There are so many simple activities families can do at home to promote math skills.

Many math and literacy activities that families can do at home can be found on the *keenonkindergarten* website. Check it out!

Thanks for all of the community and family support this school year!



Music Notes From Mrs. Pierschbacher

Concert dates are scheduled for the year, and as of now, we are planning to have them IN PERSON. We are excited to invite everyone back into the building to

see our concerts that we work hard to prepare. All concerts will be held at 7:00 p.m. There will be an open dress rehearsal the same day as each concert. 3rd-6th dress rehearsal will be held at 1:30. Here is the concert schedule. Please mark your calendars!

3rd -6th Grade Winter Concert-Tuesday, December 7

7th-12th Grade Winter Concert-Monday, December 13

Spring Concert-Tuesday, March 15—3rd-6th Grade

Spring Concert-Thursday, April 7—JK-2nd Grade



News from Mrs. Trenkamp

Family meals are linked to school success. Busy schedules can make it hard to find the time for family meals. However, studies show that kids who eat meals regularly with

their families tend to earn better grades. They are more likely to talk with parents and are less likely to use drugs and alcohol. This school year, strive to eat dinner as a family at least once a week. To get the most out of family meals:

- Ask your child to help. Get her involved in planning and preparing the meal.
- Turn off the TV and keep mobile phones and tablets off the table.
- Talk about everyone's day. Ask each family member to share something that happened that day.
- Keep the conversation positive. Don't use this time to lecture your child about something. Make family meals and dinnertime conversations something everyone in the family looks forward to!

Enjoy your holidays and time with your children!



News From 1st Grade- Mrs. Tegeler & Mrs. Allen

First grade earned a leaf raking party on November 5 by Putting First Things First



and reaching their reading goal for the month of October. We also practiced our Leader in Me skills by Synergizing with each other. We would also like to thank the Ed-Co Pride Committee for purchasing the rakes for our students. We picked up 8 bags of leaves off of the playground!



Viking of the Week



Haley Lange-Nov. 1-7

By Mika McCool, *Ed-Co Echoes*

This week, Ms. Wright chose 3rd grader Haley Lange as Viking of the Week. Haley's family consists of her mom, Jennifer; her dad, Andrew; her brothers, Christopher and Ryan; and their dog, Kate. Some of Haley's hobbies are playing softball, volleyball, and soccer, dancing, reading, spending time with her family, and doing math problems. Her favorite thing about school is reading, as she learns from the lessons given. Reading also inspires her to write her own stories. At school, Haley helps out her classmates by using positive words to help them face their fears. When Haley found out she was chosen for the week, she was happy! Congratulations, Haley!



Kiptyn Knipper-Nov. 8-14

Kiptyn Knipper, a fourth-grade student, is Viking of the Week. He is in Ms. Gaul's class. Kiptyn's family includes Kevin, Andrea, Karter, and Adalee. He has a variety of pets including two dogs, Bear and Daisy; a cat, Oscar; and a potbelly pig, Wilbur. Kiptyn enjoys baseball, basketball, football, soccer, swimming, go-karts, Legos, farm toys, and helping his dad farm. His favorite part of school is math because he likes to learn new things. Kiptyn always makes sure to help his classmates when they need assistance. Congratulations, Kiptyn!



Faith Kirby- Nov. 15-21

By Mika McCool, *Ed-Co Echoes*

This week, Mrs. Waid chose 5th grader Faith Kirby as Viking of the Week. Faith's family consists of her mom and dad, her siblings Carson, Campbell, and Lauren, and her dog Axl. Some of Faith's hobbies are playing softball, volleyball, basketball, and gymnastics. Her favorite thing about school is science class with Mrs. Schulte as they get to do fun experiments and activities. At school, Faith helps put the American and Iowa flag up with classmates. When Faith found out she was chosen for the week, she was excited and happy. Congratulations, Faith!



Natalie Voss- Nov. 22-28

By Mika McCool, *Ed-Co Echoes*

This week, Mrs. Mather chose 6th grader Natalie Voss as Viking of the Week. Natalie's family consists of her mom, Amanda; her dad, Doug; her siblings Lance (Doug), Abby, and her 2 dogs, hamster, and 9 cats. Some of Natalie's hobbies are playing basketball, doing crafts, reading, and being involved in student council. Her favorite thing about school is seeing her friends, music class, and art class. At school, Natalie is involved in student council, helping people, and signing up for jobs. When Natalie found out she was chosen for the week, she was excited, proud, and happy. Congrats, Natalie!



Hattie Venteicher- Nov. 29-Dec. 5

Hattie Venteicher, a preschool student, is Viking of the Week. She is in Mrs. Mary Streicher's class. Hattie's family includes her parents, Dan and Jamie; and her siblings, Paul and Clara. She also has several dogs: Toby, Molly, Dodger, and Cooper. Hattie loves to run around at home. While she is at school, she likes to play on the playground, do arts and crafts, and color. Still, Hattie's favorite thing about school is the train table and all the different trains. Hattie always makes sure to share and helps her friends zip their coats. Congratulations, Hattie!



News from Ms. Wright

We can't believe it is already November! This year has seemed to go by quickly! Everyone in Third Grade has been making growth and learning about many things.

In Reading, we have been working hard on our Benchmark curriculum. For each unit we spend a week working on a comprehension strategy, the next week we focus solely on a genre, and the third week we put both together. So far, we have studied biographies, personal narratives, and historical fiction. Students have enjoyed getting to read true stories or stories based on true events.

In Writing, we have finished up our personal narrative unit. Students spent time going through the writing process to publish a story about a memory they have. Everyone enjoyed getting to share their stories with the class. We are now working on procedural writing, so students are writing about tasks they are experts on.

In Math, we have covered place value, rounding, and graphing. We are now working hard on learning multiplication. Students are spending lots of time learning how to multiply.

In Social Studies, we have finished up a unit on immigration and migration. We then spent a couple weeks learning about the regions of the United States, so we could learn about the Native Americans from each region. At this time, students are learning about different Native American tribes and are comparing and contrasting them.

In Science, we have completed our first FOSS kit. The first kit is all about motion. Students really enjoyed getting to experiment with magnets and building carts. We even competed to see what group could make a cart go the farthest. Then we spent a day trying to complete cart tricks to finish out the unit.

Happy Winter from Third Grade!

District News

“Skip the Trip” program offered at Edgewood-Colesburg CSD

“Skip the Trip,” is a program from the Iowa Department of Transportation that allows students to take the permit test, non-commercial driver’s knowledge test, online. The Iowa DOT has approved educational sites to administer the test using an electronic device, which saves parents time away from work and students’ time away from school. If a student does not pass the first time, they can take it again 24 hours later and skip the multiple trips to the courthouse.

Secondary Principal, Dawn Voss, is certified to administer the test at Ed-Co. After the test is completed, the student will receive an email with the test results. Once the student has passed the test, the parent and student will need to visit a DOT service center or county treasurer’s office to get their instructional permit.

For more information on "Skip the Trip" visit <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/driverslicense/skip-the-trip>

If you would like to take your permit test and “Skip the Trip”, please contact the secondary office at 563-928-6412



News from Superintendent Busch

Public Education Needs You!

It is more important than ever to make sure your voice is heard in the political arena. 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.

Besides low increases in State Supplemental Aid per student, schools are experiencing staff shortages and students that need additional assistance in social, emotional, and behavioral health. 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 (<https://www.rsaia.org/2022-legislative-session.html>) and the Iowa Association of School Boards (www.ia-sb.org).

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 Iowa 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 Reynolds’ office by calling 515-281-5211 or leaving an email message here <https://governor.iowa.gov/contact>.

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 2021-2022 school year. If you have ideas for improvement or areas of concern, please contact me by phone at 928-6411 or e-mail at rbusch@edge-cole.k12.ia.us.

Your Partner in Education,
Rob Busch



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. 2

4:00pm-JH Girls Basketball vs. Alburnett @ Edgewood
6:00pm-HS Wrestling @ Colesburg

Dec. 3

4:00pm-JH Girls Basketball vs. Central Elkader @ Edgewood
4:30pm-HS Wrestling @ Cascade
5:30pm-JV/V Girls/Boys Basketball @ Calamus-Wheatland

Dec. 4

9:15am-Fresh/JV Boys Basketball vs. Alburnett @ Springville
10:30am-Fresh/JV Boys Basketball vs. Springville @ Springville

Dec. 6

4:00pm-JH Girls Basketball @ East Buchanan
4:00pm-JV/V Girls/Boys Basketball vs. MFL MarMac @ Edgewood

Dec. 7

1:30pm-3rd-6th Music Concert Dress Rehearsal @ Colesburg
7pm-3rd-6th Music Concert @ Colesburg
6:00pm-HS Wrestling @ Beckman

Dec. 9

4:00pm-JH Girls Basketball @ Maquoketa Valley HS
4:00pm-JV/V Girls/Boys Basketball vs. Marquette Catholic @ Edgewood
6:00pm-HS Wrestling @ Colesburg

Dec. 10

4:00pm-JV Boys Basketball vs. Prince of Peace @ O'Donnell's Athletic Center
4:15pm-JH Wrestling @ MFL MarMac(McGregor)
5:30pm-V Girls/Boys Basketball vs. Prince of Peace @ O'Donnell's Athletic Center

Dec. 11

8:00am-JV Boys Basketball @ Clayton Ridge HS
10:00am-HS Wrestling @ Oelwein

Dec. 13

5:00pm-HS Wrestling @ West Delaware
7:00pm-7th-12th Winter Concert @ St. Mark's Church, Edgewood

Dec. 14

12:00pm - 6:00pm-FBLA Blood Drive @ Colesburg Gym
4:00pm-JV/V Girls/Boys vs. Springville @ Edgewood

Dec. 15

1:30pm-Early Dismissal-Teacher Learning

Dec. 16

4:00pm-JV/V Girls/Boys Basketball vs. Clayton Ridge @ Colesburg
6:00pm-HS Wrestling @ Midland

Dec. 17

4:30pm-HS Wrestling @ Clayton Ridge
5:30pm-JV/V Girls/Boys Basketball @ East Buchanan

Dec. 18

10:00am-JV/Fresh Boys Basketball @ MFL MarMac (Monona)

Dec. 20

6:00pm-JV/Fresh Boys Basketball @ Monticello

Dec. 21

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

Dec. 22- End 1st Semester

1:30pm-Early Dismissal

Dec. 23-Jan. 3-No School (Winter Break)



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 halftime and between games.

December Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fruit and milk will be served daily with breakfast		1 Muffin K-12	2 Fruit & Yogurt Parfait K-12 Toast K-6	3 Breakfast Burrito & Toast K-6 PBJ 7-12
6 Mini Cinnis K-6 Poptart & Yogurt 7-12	7 Long John & Yogurt K-12	8 Breakfast Pizza K-12	9 Breakfast Bar & Toast K-6 Bagel 7-12	10 Little Smokies & Toast K-6 PBJ 7-12
13 Mini Donuts & Yogurt K-12	14 Breakfast Nachos K-12	15 Biscuits & Gravy K-6 Muffin 7-12	16 Sausage & Toast K-6 Bagel 7-12	17 Omelet & Toast K-6 PBJ 7-12
20 Sausage, Egg, Cheese Croissant K-12	21 Pancakes K-6 Long John & Yogurt 7-12	22 Poptart & String Cheese K-12	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL
PBJ offered daily Grades 5-12 can choose a Chef Salad, Garden Salad or Hoagie	Meal Prices: Breakfast PK-12 \$1.60 Breakfast Adult \$2.10 Lunch PK-6 \$2.40 Lunch 7-12 \$2.60 Adult Lunch \$3.95	1 Hoagie Green Beans Banana Alternative Main Dish: Hamburger WG Bun	2 Fish Shapes K-6 WG Butter Sandwich K-6 Fish Sandwich 7-12 Peas Pears Alternative Main Dish: Breadsticks	3 Cheddarwurst WG Bun Baked Beans Applesauce Alternative Main Dish: Pizza
6 Pizza K-6 Pizza Crunchers 7-12 Romaine Lettuce Cherry Tomatoes Apple Slices Alternative Main Dish: Ham Patty WG Bun	7 Chicken Nuggets WG Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Alternative Main Dish: Hamburger WG Bun	8 Pizza Burger WG Bun Baked Beans Peaches Alternative Main Dish: Rib Patty WG Bun	9 Macaroni & Cheese WG Butter Sandwich Little Smokies Peas Applesauce Alternative Main Dish: Chicken Nuggets WG Dinner Roll	10 Pancakes Sausage Tri Tators Oranges Applesauce 9-12 Alternative Main Dish: Brat/WG Bun Animal Crackers
13 Super Nachos Corn Applesauce Alternative Main Dish: Rib Patty WG Bun	14 Breadsticks Romaine Lettuce Cherry Tomatoes Side Kicks Alternative Main Dish: Meatball Sub	15 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Peaches & Pears Alternative Main Dish: Sloppy Joe's WG Bun	16 Ham & Turkey Croissant Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Alternative Main Dish: Hotdog WG Bun	17 Hamburger WG Bun Savory Carrots Peaches Alternative Main Dish: Chicken Strips WG Dinner Roll
20 Pork Fritter WG Bun Corn Pears Alternative Main Dish: Pizza Crunchers	21 Chicken Patty WG Bun Broccoli/Cheese Peaches Alternative Main Dish: Pizza Burger WG Bun	22 Hotdog WG Bun Baked Beans Applesauce Alternative Main Dish: Pizza	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL

