

Drivers Education Classes offered

NICC is offering two sessions (10 seats each) of High School Driver's Education for Ed-Co students. The students will need to attend classroom sessions in Elkader in March and Guttenberg in April-May. (schedules listed below). The driving lessons will be initiated from Ed-Co High School outside of these classroom

times. Corey Coates and Steve Dudeck from Manchester will schedule the drive times with the students.

March 7 to March 31, 2022

Mon, Tues, Thurs

6-8:30pm

Elkader High School

Class ID #86176

To register, call 844-642-2338, ext.1399.

April 11 to May 5, 2022

Mon, Tues, Thurs

6-8:30pm

Clayton Ridge High School

Class ID #86177

To register, call 844-642-2338, ext.1399.

Students can also register for the open enrollment classes scheduled at the NICC Manchester Center, but driving lessons would initiate from Manchester outside of the classroom hours.

https://nicc.augusoft.net/index.cfm?method=ClassListing.ClassListingDisplay&int_category_id=7&int_sub_category_id=57&int_catalog_id=



Speech Results

We are incredibly proud of our speech students who competed Saturday, January 15th at **Large Group Conference Speech** contest at Bellevue Marquette. Everyone has worked incredibly hard and the work paid off!

High School Reader's Theatre received II
Ensemble received II

Choral Reading received I and 2nd place out of all the Choral Readings performed today

7th Grade Reader's Theatre received I

8th Grade Reader's Theatre received I

Students competed at **Large Group District Speech** contest in Cascade, on Saturday Jan 22.

The Choral Reading group received a rating of II:

Megan Pierschbacher,
Tracy Schaefer, Hailey Rausch, Ellie Bockenstedt, Kenzie Barnhart & Emma Saddoris



Reader's Theater group received a rating of I:

Zoe Walz, Sophia Wilson, Thea Bockenstedt, Tracy Schaefer, Kaitlyn Thein Brainna VanGroll, William Schulte & Emma Saddoris



Ensemble Acting group received a rating of I:

Brianna VanGoll, Ellie Bockenstedt, Sophia Wilson and Megan Pierschbacher

The Ensemble Acting and Reader's Theater move on to State. The State competition will be Saturday, February 5th at Decorah.

ED-CO STUDENTS ARE FINALIST IN IOWA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION COMPETITION

Maci Hummel, Lucas Rezende & Ike Jones are finalist in The Iowa State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division "Know Your Constitution" Project. Finalists were selected from the more than 500 students across the State of Iowa who participated in the "Know Your Constitution" Project. These finalists will be honored at a Virtual Awards Program over Zoom on February 15, 2022.

From the finalists, five students and their teachers will be chosen by a random drawing to receive scholarship grants and honoraria in recognition of their efforts.

The "Know Your Constitution" Project is designed to enrich students' understanding and appreciation of the Constitution. The students participating in the project were required to familiarize themselves with Constitution related issues. A quiz was completed by each participating student. An essay question accompanied the quiz. This year's essay topic involved Constitutional questions concerning qualifications for Social Security payments and the restriction that recipients must not leave the United States for more than 30 days. The question is modelled after a current case before the United State Supreme Court. "Best Essay" finalists will be posted to the ISBA website, with an overall winner announced during the Zoom program.

The Know Your Constitution program is sponsored by The Iowa State Bar Association, with additional funding from the Iowa State Bar Foundation and IOLTA.

High School News HS Tri-Rivers Honor Band



On Monday, January 10th, five Ed-Co High School Band Member participated in the Tri-Rivers Conference honor band at North Linn. Students were: Sophia Wilson, Tracy Schaefer, Hunter Phelps, Olivia Balk, Megan Pierschbacher
Congratulations!



News from Mrs. Meyer

Art News:

During this second semester, the following classes are being taught: 2D Art, Graphic Arts I/II, Advanced Arts, 3D Art, and Arts & Ideas (8th Grade Art - 4th QTR). So far 2D Art has been focusing on showing value with pencil for their first project. They are working on creating accurate drawings looking at an image they selected. Some other materials we will use to create projects this semester are: colored pencil, oil pastels, ink, watercolor, and acrylic paint. Graphic Arts I students are rocking at completing the lessons on Photoshop. Once we are done completing the lessons, they will start doing some creative projects that use Photoshop. Like Graphic Arts I, the one student I have

in Graphic Arts II is working through lessons on Illustrator and will move onto projects afterwards.

Students in 3D Art are constructing with cardboard. They are all creating very unique projects with lots of detail. These will be showcased in the commons once completed and a video or photos will be shared online. Once we get done with cardboard, we plan to complete an altered book project. Once we get towards spring, we will start working with clay. We stay away from clay in January and February due to unanticipated snow days that tend to ruin clay projects (causes clay to dry when not completed). The students in Arts & Ideas brainstormed projects they may want to complete this semester that shows a meaning or an idea. They all agreed upon doing one that showcases what their friends and family mean to them. Once we are done with that project, we will come together and decide what our next project will focus on. My one student in Advanced Arts this semester is working individually on her own projects that will be showcased in a portfolio at the end of the semester.

Upcoming Art Shows:

- March 3rd - High School Artwork on Display during Dessert Concert at Edgewood Event Center (7pm)
- March 18th-20th - District Art Show during the Spring Play -Edgewood Gym
- April 6th - Northeast Iowa Art Show at Upper Iowa University (select students)
- April 15th - Results for the Tri-Rivers Conference Art Show - Art Show held virtually and will be shared via social media and at the Spring Music Concert

8th Grade Computer Science:

I've had the pleasure of teaching computer science to both the 7th and 8th graders this year. I'm currently teaching the 8th grade students. So far they've been learning Javascript through various lessons. At the end of this unit, they will complete an interactive card project that shows what they've learned. After the Javascript unit, we move onto a unit on problem solving and design. They will be looking at the need for an application and they will figure out a design for the application. Hopefully we will also get to Unit #5 where they work on designing the actual app. It's been really fun to see the excitement they have when they've discovered how to create something beyond what they are doing in the lessons.



Yearbook News &

Reminders:

We are slowly working our way through

completing "Destination 2022" the 2021-2022 Jr/Sr High book. There is only one student in the class for the yearbook this semester. We are always looking for help capturing photos, so if you are a student that would like to take photos please see Mrs. Melissa Meyer. PLEASE NOTE! Due to supply issues, we have to have our final book count to our publisher by April 1st. Therefore, the last day to order a copy of the 21-22 book will be March 31st, 2022. I will only order a few extra copies of the yearbook. Copies can be purchased on JMC, edcoyearbook.com, or paid via check at the school. Please note, the elementary school has a yearbook this year and they have the option to order on the website as well. Make sure to select the right book (\$30).

Parents of seniors:

- Senior Portraits were due on 1/14/22. Please make sure that Mrs. Melissa Meyer has received your son/daughter's portraits. These are needed to complete the book and also have to be given to Blaker's Photography by a set time for the senior composite.
- Senior Ads are due by March 11th. Ads include a copy of a yearbook! (Absolute last day to purchase one will be 3/31/22 due to having to have our orders in).

Into to Business take tour



On Friday, January 14, Ed-Co Intro to Business students toured Kendrick's and The MARRKET.

Students participating were: Thea Bockenstedt, Edmar Cipriano-Cruz, Marin Gaul, Audrie Helmrichs, Ava Kerns, Campbell Kirby, Chase Kirby, Conner Kirby, Zander Knipper, Mason Snyder, Kaitlyn Thein, Nathaniel Gaul and Karson Lubben

TRAP

Spring Play

The Spring Play "TRAP" by Stephen Gregg will be

presented on March 18th & 19th @ 7:30pm and March 20th @ 2pm in the Edgewood Gym. General admission of \$5 will be taken at the door. Reserved seating is available. Please contact Carston Calderwood at 563-928-6412 or ccalderwood@edge-cole.k12.ia.us

Synopsis: Location, MENACHAP, CALIFORNIA. An incomprehensible event: every person in the audience of a high school play falls unconscious--every person but one. Using interviews with witnesses, loved ones, first responders, and the investigators pursuing the case, a theatre ensemble brings the story of the strange event to life, documentary-style. But as the strands weave together into an increasingly dangerous web, it becomes clear that this phenomenon might not be entirely in the past.

Music Events

With the start of a new year and a new semester the Music Department has been busy. Students



started out this semester with Djembe drums from Keystone AEA. They have been learning about the three main tones and how to play them, the origin and construction of the drums. This past week students have been working to create their own patterns that layer together with their classmates.

Along with the Djembes, Vocal students are working towards their Spring Concerts. The JH Band & Vocal concert will be on March 10th @ 7pm in the Edgewood Gym. Students have started working on the group selections and several are also working on solo and small group pieces.

The 7th grade Choir and some 8th grade members will be attending the Tri-Rivers JH Vocal Festival on Feb. 28th at North Linn. Their afternoon will be spent working with students from seven other schools in the conference. Their guest director will be Gerry Kreitzer from Mount Mercy. The event will conclude with a 5:30pm concert at North Linn.

HS Vocal students are working towards Solo & Ensemble Contest in April and their Dessert Concert. The Dessert Concert will be held on March 3rd. The event will feature High School Art, Band, Choir & Individual Speech Students. The night will include pie and dessert pizzas from Pie-Eyed & Flakey.

We hope you can join us for the HS & JH Spring Concerts either in person or through the live stream.

The concerts will be streamed through the NFHSnetwork website. These concerts are free to view and do not require a subscription. [NFHS Network: Edgewood-Colesburg High School](#)

Upcoming Dates:

- Feb. 28th - Tri Rivers JH Conference Vocal Festival 5:30pm Concert @ North Linn
- March 3rd - HS Dessert Concert 7pm
- March 10th - JH Band & Choir Spring Concert 7pm @ Edgewood Gym
- March 1st - 3rd-6th Spring Concert 7pm @ Colesburg Gym
- March 18th-19th, Spring Play "Trap" 7:30pm @ Edgewood Gym
- March 20th - Spring Play "Trap" 2pm @ Edgewood Gym
- April 7th - K-2nd Spring Concert 7pm @ Colesburg Gym
- April 9th - Solo & Ensemble Contest

Student of the Week



Mackenzie Barnhart-Jan. 3-9

Mrs. Ehlers selected Kenzie Barnhart, a senior, as Student of the Week. Kenzie is an active member of FBLA, as well as a student in several of Mrs. Ehlers'

classes. Kenzie is a great student but it was her achievements and dedication in FBLA that stuck out to Mrs. Ehlers the most. Recently, Kenzie stepped up, when she was not required to, to run the elementary blood drive. She organized groups of student volunteers and even recruited donors. Due to her perseverance, 52 usable pints were collected during the drive. Kenzie is always willing to go above and beyond without being asked and is a great role model to her fellow students. Congratulations, Kenzie!



Emma Staner-Jan. 17-23

Kaydence Uhlenkamp, *Ed-Co Echoes*

This week Mr. Hamann choose Emma Staner, a sophomore in Algebra II. "Emma comes to class every day with a positive attitude and tackles any challenge that is put before her," Mr. Hamann said. "She asks thought-provoking questions to gain a deeper understanding of the math we are studying and is always willing to lend a hand to her classmates." Awesome job, Emma!



Brock Baumgartner - Jan. 24-30

Ms. Helgemoe selected Brock Baumgartner as Student of the Week. Brock is a freshman in her

Physics class. Ms. Helgemoe said, "Brock is a wonderful classmate and one of the hardest working students I have ever taught." Congratulations, Brock!

Elementary News

**Preschool
Registration**



Ed-Co Preschool Registration for the 2022-2023 school year will be held Thursday, March 10th at the Elementary. We will have families with last names beginning with A-L from 5:30pm - 6:15pm and M-Z from 6:30pm - 7:15pm. If you are interested in our preschool program, please contact the elementary school, 563-856-2415.



News from Mrs. Streicher

Happy New Year from preschool!!! We have been so happy to be back at school and to see our friends!!!

We just finished learning all about hibernation!!! We will begin doing some fun activities all about hot chocolate and then ending the month of January learning all about the Arctic and what animals live there!!!

We have done some science experiments. One was called, "Snowstorm In A Jar." Another one we will do is to see how ice melts. We plan on doing a STEM activity with hot chocolate as well to see how the powder dissolves quicker with using different liquids.

We have enjoyed being able to explore with the snow outside, and now we even have more snow to explore with since we are getting a snowstorm this weekend.

We have started learning about our reading strategies that we will use to read books and sight words.

For the month of February, we have our 100th Day coming up and our Valentine's Day party!!!

We continue to work on our social skills by using our mediated strategies by getting our peer's attention

and sharing toys with our peers. We continue to work hard on learning all of our other skills as well!!!

If you would ever like to come in and see what we do in preschool, please come and visit us!!! Happy Winter!!!



News From Mrs. McCool

I continue to read the book *Onward: Cultivating Emotional Resilience in Educators*, whose chapters are based on the calendar months, with habits and accompanying dispositions that result in a calendar of learning, along with a resilience manifesto. As I mentioned previously, I'm still not sure if someone at AEA, from whom I won this book, was feeling psychic or what, but this book amazes me at how well the chapters compliment my life.

October's habit *Be Here Now* and disposition *Humor* focused on our thoughts and emotions having their own existence, born out of conditions and distorted by biases, fears, habits, and wishful thinking. Practicing mindfulness through meditation changes your brain, body, and classroom to cultivate compassion and minimize bias by increasing awareness of our emotions, taking multiple perspectives, reducing anxiety, regulating responses, and increasing empathy. *Humor* allows emotional resilience to build while reducing negative mindsets. As I read this chapter, I was reminded of previous trainings about mindsets as well as current teaching of the Zones of Regulation.

November's habit *Take Care of Yourself* and disposition *Positive Self-Perception* taught me about the four reasons that we don't take care of ourselves: knowledge gaps, skills gaps, will gaps, and emotional intelligence gaps and how those easily overlap (guilty of the last two, thank you!). To build resilience, the body needs sleep, nutrition, exercise, and other fun stuff, like spending time in nature, along with learning to say no to avoid overcommitting prevents disillusionment, martyrdom, and perfectionism.

Positive self-perception allows us to take responsibility for our actions, choices, and mistakes as we aspire for self-acceptance and self-love. December's habit *Focus on the Bright Spots* and disposition *Empowerment* recognized that our brains have a negative bias, acknowledge focusing on the positive is countercultural, and emotions are real (hence the Zones of Regulation curriculum). Current collaborative special education department and

building leadership team trainings of appreciative inquiry, with the five steps of define, discover, dream, design, and deliver, reflect positive change through this strengths-based approach. RAIN was a strategy that was new to me for handling the most difficult emotions through Recognize, Accept, Investigate, and Nonidentification. By recognizing the emotion, acknowledging that it is being felt, adding some curiosity of what might be triggering it, and knowing you are having the thought (but are not the thought) has already been successfully implemented by some of the students. A suggested activity about Secret Admirers also seems like a fun way to begin 2022.

Empowerment again reminded me of mindsets with the use of "yet" as we influence outcomes of events and our surroundings, contributing to a sense of confidence and competence as we take risks, make mistakes, and get up and move on, both professionally and personally. I look forward to sharing more monthly habits and dispositions, and how they relate to current classroom activities, in upcoming newsletter articles. Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2022!



News from Mrs. Brady

We are having a wonderful start to winter in third grade. There have been many exciting things happening in third grade. In reading, we have been learning about realistic fiction and story elements. In our guided reading groups, we have been working on our comprehension by drawing a five finger retell. In writing, we have started our informational text unit. We learn about researching a topic, writing a rough draft, and editing the rough draft. We then publish our rough draft and complete a project to display what we have learned. We present these projects to other students either in third grade or other grades to learn how to use our public speaking skills. In math, we learn about multiplication before our winter break and we are now moving onto learning about division. This is such a fun time in math! In science, we have started our new FOSS kit entitled *Structures of Life*. We started by learning about seeds and the life cycle of a seed. Next, we will move to learning about structures of our body, specifically our skeletal system. We end our FOSS kit by learning about crayfish and their life cycles. We are having a great time in third grade!



First Grade News from Mrs. Tegeler and Mrs. Allen



First grade's biggest event in 2022 so far has been 100 day! We made 100 Day hats, did 100 jumping jacks, wrote 100 words, played 100 math games, wrote up to 100, and had our 100 Day projects at an Open House. Good memories were still made.

In reading, we are practicing Summarizing and Synthesizing. We use the *Somebody, Wanted, But, So, Then* graphic organizer to help us retell. We are also practicing making connections to movies, books, and our own lives. We have learned nouns, verbs, and adjectives. We are writing many sentences by now and getting to be experts at using periods, exclamation marks, and question marks with the help of Punctuation People. We studied Martin Luther King and are appreciative of the world we live in today as we treat everyone equally.

Science is interesting as we learned about snow. We asked ourselves if we would eat the snow brought into our classrooms in a plastic cup. We watched it melt into a container of very dirty water. We decided that maybe it wasn't such a good idea to eat snow after all! We did snow experiments and even painted the huge snow mountain in Colesburg. It looks so beautiful!

We have learned about tens and ones in math and are writing up to 1000 in our 100 number books. We can tell time to the hour and ½ hour now. Counting pennies and nickels is also a new experience. We want to thank our wonderful parents for supporting their child's learning. Please continue to read each night as we are truly seeing the rewards of our hard work. It is fun to see our first graders grow!



News from Mrs. Priem

Second graders have worked hard to become proficient at their addition facts. We are now working on mastering our subtraction facts. Mrs. Priem's class has become penpals with a second grade classroom in Illinois. We exchanged several letters, and we were even surprised with a small Christmas gift from their class. We are busy learning about sand, pebbles, and silt in Science class. Right after Christmas, we performed in the reader's theaters, "Santa's Reindeer" and "Santa Cures a Cold" for several classes in the building. We are looking

forward to going to the Gallagher Bluedorn in February to watch DogMan the Musical.



News from Mrs. Waid

Time flies in fifth grade! We have finished our winter FAST testing and have seen some really great growth so far this school year. We will continue to practice fluency and reading comprehension skills as spring approaches. Fifth graders have been consistently meeting their class reading goals, earning them movie parties and other student selected rewards. Keep up the great work! Students recently completed a unit on Myths and even wrote their own Myth. Ask them to share their final work with you! In Social Studies students have studied the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Students will be doing a writing project about the war in Vietnam that will require them to interview family members and friends who lived through that era.

Fifth grade students will have a small Valentine's Day party on February 14th in the afternoon. Students may bring treats and/or Valentine's Day cards for their classmates IF they would like to. Class lists will be sent home at the beginning of the month. As always, feel free to reach out to your student's teacher if you have any questions.

6th Grade Science



Mrs. Schulte's 6th grade science classes are beginning their studies of human body systems. Students helped unload and set up the Heart Adventure Course from the AEA lending library and connected/continued science classes into P.E. classes. Thanks for your help Miss Slight!

Viking of the Week



Jake Meyer-Jan. 3-9

Mika McCool, *Ed-Co Echoes*

This week, Mrs. Brady chose 3rd grader Jase Meyer as Viking of the Week. Jase's family consists of his dad, Bill; his mom, Meghan; and his two sisters, Schyler and Avery. Jase also has a dog named Max and a cat

named Princess. Jase's hobbies consist of playing in the snow, playing with Max, reading, drawing, and learning new vocabulary. His favorite class in school is math as it is fun to do and he learns things necessary for life later. At school, Jase helps his classmates with math problems and helps others when they are hurt. Jase felt weird about being nominated, as he did not know what Viking of the Week was, so he was nervous at first. Congrats, Jase!



Luke Schilling-Jan. 10-16

Luke Schilling is the Valuable Viking of the Week. He is in Mrs. Brouillette's fourth-grade class. Luke's family includes his dad, Steve; mom, Janell; sister, Ashley; and brother, Nolan. He also has a dog named Ember. Luke really enjoys spending time on the farm and chopping wood. At school, math is his favorite subject because once he understands a concept, he can easily solve the problems. Luke also makes sure to help others make good choices because he cares a lot about his classmates. He is always ready to help when needed and was excited to be chosen as the Valuable Viking. Congratulations, Luke!



Helen Fenton- Jan. 17-23

This week's Viking of the Week is Helen Fenton. Helen is in Mrs. Schulte's 5th-grade class. Helen's family includes her dad, Timothy; her dog, Expedition; and her four cats, Fluffy, Rainbow, Shadow, and Moonshine. Some of Helen's hobbies are drawing and playing with her cats and dog. Her favorite part of school is art class because they get to do creative stuff as well as have a break from learning, even though they still learn. When learning she was this week's Viking of the Week, Helen was caught off guard. Helen is helpful at school by helping her classmates catch up on schoolwork when they are gone. Congratulations, Helen!



Ava Hoefler- Jan. 24-30

Mika McCool, *Ed-Co Echoes*
This week, Ms. Lawrence chose 6th grader Ava Hoefler as Viking of the Week. Ava's family consists of her dad Jason, mom Lisa, siblings McKenna and Kota, and their dog Jax. Her hobbies consist of camping, hanging out with friends and family, baking, cooking, and watching movies. Ava's favorite class is social studies as she gets to learn about what people did in the past. At school, Ava helps her classmates

when they are stuck on problems and helps make them feel better when they are sad. She was a learning bud for the 1st graders and a book bud for preschoolers. Ava was excited when she found out she was Viking of the Week. Congratulations, Ava!

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



Since the Iowa State Legislature is in session for 2022, advocacy is as important as ever. In late October, I attended the Rural School Advocates of Iowa Annual Meeting 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 over 140 Iowa school districts, but several are among the largest geographic school districts in the state.

School Funding, known as State Supplemental Assistance, or SSA, was a clear priority for RSAI members. Superintendent Dan Peterson, Central DeWitt Community School Districts, said this funding is not just a priority but supports the very survival of

rural schools. “We have 47 fewer school districts than we did just 20 years ago,” he stated. School funding primarily pays for people. The teachers, counselors, librarians, administrators, nurses, secretaries, coaches, and custodians, many in critically short supply today in rural schools. According to Dr. Peterson, “Low funding inhibits our ability to attract and retain staff and to remain competitive with the private sector in Iowa’s growing economy.” Joel Pedersen, Superintendent at Cardinal Community School District, advocated for RSAI to insist on a specific increase of at least 3.75% per pupil. “In 11 of the last 12 years, the increase per-pupil has not been enough to cover our schools’ cost of doing business. We appreciate the legislature and Governor committing to funding for formula equity and transportation assistance, but with today’s wage inflation, we simply can’t continue with 2% increases and keep up with Iowa’s private sector employers.” The group discussed the record FY 2021 surplus carried forward in the state budget, with over \$800 million available to the state for funding Iowa’s priorities, including public education.

Innovation during the pandemic will improve instruction and student engagement in the future, if students and staff have access to good internet connections. **Closing the technology divide** is a clear priority for RSAI members. Superintendent Brian Johnson, shared superintendent for Prairie Valley and Southeast Webster Grant and Community School Districts, thanked Governor Reynolds for her push on expanded Internet in Iowa last Session and encouraged her and Iowa’s Legislators to keep at it. “Iowa’s rural students and staff need reliable and affordable broadband Internet connections to continue our progress in STEM and computer science classes, as well as connecting us to resources throughout the world. This is no longer just a homework gap for our students.”

Barb Schwamman, shared superintendent for Riceville and Osage Community School Districts, advocated for flexibility and supports for rural schools to **recruit and retain great teachers, bus drivers and staff**. “Those of us on a state border see teachers drive a short commute for thousands more in salary. State licensure, accreditation and retirement requirements are barriers to recruiting local community members and retired teachers to fill vacant positions right away. Although the pandemic has made it harder to fill vacant position, we’ve seen this coming in rural Iowa for years. Educators must

be a critical component of Iowa’s Future Ready Workforce focus.”

RSAI members also included the following issues as additional priorities for the 2022 Legislative Session:

- Local School Board flexibility and authority, including a commitment to implementing home rule and interpreting Iowa’s laws (liberally construe the statute and court rulings) to effectuate the purposes of local control.
- Quality Preschool, including funding for 3- and 4-year old preschool at a 1.0 weighting, to help provide full day service and cover transportation costs in rural schools
- Student mental health, including resources to assess and address student’s social, emotional and behavioral needs, especially for Iowa’s rural students living in communities without mental health providers.
- Formula and Transportation Equity: formula equity, closing the state and district per pupil gap within ten years and continued transportation equity support without burdensome reporting requirements.
- Sharing Incentives/Efficiencies: extension of Whole Grade Sharing, Reorganization and Operational Sharing Incentives. The 21-student cap should expand to allow access to any new flexibility.
- Opportunity equity for students from low-income families, with funding to help cover mandated fee waivers and to provide services to support these students to success.

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/>) 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 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

February Calendar of Events

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

Feb. 1
5:30pm-JV/V Girls/Boys Basketball @ Alburnett

Feb. 3
4:00pm-JH Boys Basketball @ North Linn
4:00pm-JV/V Girls/Boys Basketball @ Central Elkader

Feb. 4
5:30pm-JV/V Girls/Boys Basketball @ Starmont

Feb. 5
State Large Group Speech @ Decorah
12:00pm-HS Sectional Wrestling @ Starmont

Feb. 7
4:00pm-JH Boys Basketball vs. Springville @ Edgewood
6:15pm-Fresh/Soph Boys Basketball vs. NFV @Edgewood
Game will follow JH Boys game

Feb. 8
4:15pm-JH Boys Basketball @ Clayton Ridge (Garnavillo)
6:00pm-JV/V Boys Basketball vs. Maquoketa Valley @ Edgewood

Feb. 9
1:30pm-Early Dismissal-Teacher Learning

Feb. 10
TBD-V Girls Regional Basketball @ TBA
4:00pm-JH Boys Basketball @ Central City

Feb. 11
TBD-V Boys District Basketball @ TBA

Feb. 12
12:00pm-HS District Wrestling @ Jesup

Feb. 14
7pm-V Boys District Basketball @ Edgewood
4:00pm-JH Boys Basketball @ Alburnett

Feb. 15
TBD- V Girls Regional Basketball @ TBA

Feb. 17-19
TBD-HS State Wrestling @Wells Fargo Arena

Feb. 17
TBD-V Boys District Basketball @ TBA
4:00pm-JH Boys Basketball vs. East Buchanan @Edgewood

Feb. 18
TBD-V Girls Regional Basketball @ TBA

Feb. 19
All State Large Group Speech @ TBA

Feb. 21 No School-Teacher Learning
Conf. JH/HS Individual Speech Contest @ Lisbon
FFA Subdistricts

Feb. 22
4:00pm-JH Boys Basketball vs. Maquoketa Valley @ Edgewood

Feb. 23
TBD-V Girls Regional Basketball @ TBA

Feb. 26
TBD-V Boys Substate Basketball @ TBA
District Individual Speech @ Maquoketa Valley

Feb. 28
JH Vocal Music Festival @North Linn
6:00pm-Freshman Orientation @ Edgewood

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.

What did the calculator
say to the pencil on
Valentine's Day?

✖

"You can always
count on me."

February Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Muffin K-6 Poptart & Yogurt 7-12	2 Cereal Bar & String Cheese K-12	3 Fruit & Yogurt Parfait K-12	4 Breakfast Bar & Toast K-6 PBJ 7-12
7 Mini Cinnis K-6 Cereal & String Cheese 7-12	8 Long John & Yogurt K-12	9 Breakfast Pizza K-12	10 Breakfast Bites & Toast K-6 Mini Cinnis 7-12	11 Little Smokies & Toast K-6 PBJ 7-12
14 Pancake Stick K-6 Cereal & String Cheese 7-12	15 Breakfast Burrito K-6 Long John & Yogurt 7-12	16 Poptart & String Cheese K-12	17 Waffles K-6 Bagel 7-12	18 Omelet & Toast K-6 PBJ 7-12
21 NO SCHOOL	22 Mini Donuts & String Cheese K-12	23 Breakfast Nachos K-12	24 Biscuits & Gravy K-6 Muffin 7-12	25 Sausage & Toast K-6 Bagel 7-12
28 Sausage, Egg, Cheese Croissant 7-12				Fruit will be served daily with breakfast
Meal Prices:				
Breakfast PK-12 \$1.60 Breakfast Adult \$2.10 Lunch PK-6 \$2.40 Lunch 7-12 \$2.60 Lunch Adult \$3.95	1 Chicken Patty WG Bun Broccoli/Cheese Peaches Alternative Main Dish: Cheese Bites	2 Ham & Turkey Croissant Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Alternative Main Dish: Fish Square WG Bun	3 Pizza Green Beans Applesauce Alternative Main Dish Ham Patty WG Bun	4 Waffles Sausage Tri- Tators Oranges Applesauce 9-12 Alternative Main Dish: Brat/WG Bun Animal Crackers
7 Chicken Fajita WG Tortilla Corn Applesauce Alternative Main Dish: Pork Fritter WG Bun	8 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Peaches & Pears Alternative Main Dish: Sloppy Joe's WG Bun	9 Sloppy Joes K-6 WG Bun K-6 Teriyaki Dippers 7-12 WG Butter Sandwich 7-12 Tater Tots Banana Alternative Main Dish: Meatball Sub	10 Mandarin Or. Chicken WG Rice Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Alternative Main Dish: Brat/ WG Hotdog Bun Scooby Snacks	11 Ham Patty American Cheese WG Bun Green Beans Peaches Alternative Main Dish: Southwest Queso Pull Apart
14 Chicken Wrap Corn Apple Slices NO Alternative Main Dish:	15 Cheddarwurst WG Bun Baked Beans Pears Alternative Main Dish: Pizza	16 Spaghetti Breadsticks Romaine Lettuce Cherry Tomatoes Banana Alternative Main Dish: Chicken Strips WG Butter Sandwich	17 Chicken Nuggets WG Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Alternative Main Dish: Hamburger WG Bun	18 Goulash Breadstick Peas Peaches Alternative Main Dish: Mini Corn Dogs
21 NO SCHOOL	22 Taco Two's Day Corn Apple Slices Alternative Main Dish: Fish Square/ WG Bun	23 Meatball Sub K-6 Chicken & Noodles 7-12 Biscuit 7-12 Green Beans Banana Alternative Main Dish Chicken Patty WG Bun	24 Ham Patty American Cheese WG Bun Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Alternative Main Dish: Pork Fritter WG Bun	25 Breadsticks Romaine Lettuce Cherry Tomatoes Sidekicks Alternative Main Dish: Meatball Sub
28 Pork Fritter WG Bun Corn Pear Alternative Main Dish: Pizza				