

High School News



News from Ms. Wille

It is almost unbelievable that we have reached the end of the semester! As I look back at my first semester teaching at Ed-Co, I am blown away by the amazing things students have accomplished.

This semester, we have been focused on project-based learning and hands-on experiences. The Welding 1 students have been working together to make innovative Christmas tree skeletons for lights that will be displayed outside of Mr. Busch's house during the holiday season. Agricultural Mechanics has had the opportunity to learn about structures, as well as codes and regulations by building a set of stairs for Mr. Calderwood's Addams Family production.

Currently, the mechanics class is completing a woodworking project for the baseball field. In Introduction to Agriculture, students have been working to better understand animal handling through a series of labs and learning more about Dr. Temple Grandin's work. Ag Drawing students were able to showcase their creativity through designing a tiny house using CAD equipment and traditional drafting. These students are currently constructing model bridges using only glue and popsicle sticks; we are having a contest to see which bridge holds the most weight!

As for the spring semester, ag students are looking forward to our annual spring greenhouse sale, using the hydroponics systems and working with small engines.

Lastly, the Ed-Co FFA Chapter would like to extend a huge thank you to all who supported our members through the annual fruit sale! Funds raised go towards providing our members with unique opportunities and tools to succeed, such as assisting with travel expenses, contest registration and preparation, chapter activities and much more.



News from Mrs. Anderson

The goals in the secondary special ed classroom focus on closing the academic and social/emotional gap between a student and their peers. The intensive interventions typically use reading and math strategies in a small group or one-on-one setting to reteach skills. Student's progress is monitored weekly to guide the instruction. The

social/emotional/behavioral interventions include teaching students to develop a growth mindset and understanding of resilience and promoting good time management skills.

For parents wondering how they can help their child at home here are some suggestions: 1) provide a routine for your child and promote organization by setting bedtimes (even at the middle/high school level), have a designated place to set the backpack and a quiet place to do homework, and discuss the week's activity schedule so kids can begin learning to budget their time. 2) promote reading by subscribing to a newspaper or magazine, visit the public library with your child and make sure they have a library card or promote the use of audiobooks, have your child read aloud to you (even if it's just one page or a recipe), establish a 20-30-minute time for no screens when the entire family either reads or plays a game-everyone needs some quiet time. 3) demonstrate how you use math when comparing costs in the grocery store or when estimating for daily purchases.

At the secondary level, students are taught to self-advocate for their needs by learning to improve their communications skills with teachers. The students have been instructed in how to email inquiries to their teachers and respectfully ask for clarification.

The secondary English Language Learners have been working to expand their vocabulary, and correct spelling and grammatical errors.

2021-2022 YEARBOOK UPDATE
Due to cover supply issues, we have to submit how many copies we need on 4/1/22.

Important Dates:
• Senior Portraits Due: 1/14/22
• Senior Ads Due: 3/18/22 (no exceptions this year!)
• Yearbook Orders due: 3/31/22
There will be a limited amount of extras ordered this year!

Orders can be made on JMC, at edcoyearbook.com, or by sending check to school.

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Questions? Contact Mrs. Melissa Meyer at mymeyer@edco.k12.or.us or 503.6412

\$25 price good until 12/31/21
\$30 a copy after 1/1/22

Student of the Week



Jack Wiskus-Dec. 6-12

George Butera, *Ed-Co Echoes*

Mr. Dave Millis chose Jack Wiskus for his choice of a Student of the Week. Jack is a senior and was in his Environmental Science class last quarter. Mr. Millis says, "Jack did outstanding work during the first quarter in Environmental Science. He is a great leader in the

field keeping all his classmates informed, organized, and motivated. He showed a lot of interest and enthusiasm during each unit we covered. His final project was one of the best ever written in the 22 years this class has been offered. It was great having him in class. Well done, Jack." Congratulations!



Zoey Walz-Dec. 12-19

By Brooke Bolinger, *Ed-Co Echoes*
Hallie Walz is Viking of the Week. She is a first-grade student in Mrs. Allen's class.

Hallie's family consists of her parents, Jonathan and Alicia; and her siblings, Zoe, Miley, and Wyatt. She also has a dog, Rizzy. Hallie enjoys art, playing outside with her friends, going to school, and showing cattle as well as watching her siblings show cattle. At school, she likes math because "you get to get smarter". Hallie was very happy to be chosen as Viking of the Week because she knows her mom and dad will be proud of her. She always helps get balls ready for recess and is actually the "recess manager" for the month. On top of that, Hallie always helps Mrs. Allen and her peers, especially anytime they are sad or hurt. Congratulations, Hallie!



Jasmine Dion-Cyr - Dec. 20-26

The Student of the Week is Jasmine Dion-Cyr. She was chosen by Mr. Calderwood. Jasmine is a sophomore and is in High School Choir and was involved in Ed-Co's

production of *The Addam's Family*. Mr. Calderwood said, "Jasmine has really stepped out of her comfort zone by singing the National Anthem at basketball games. She is willing to help others and do what needs to be done. Jasmine is constantly working to improve herself and has really grown." Congratulations, Jasmine!



Elementary News



News from Mrs. Allen

Wow! We can't believe how fast time has flown by in 1st grade!

The first half of the year is always crazy getting into the routine of things, celebrating big holidays, and making new friends. Our students have done a great job!

We are practicing our reading strategies: making connections, story elements, problem/solution, and visualizing. These strategies help us become better readers!

We also published our own book recently! It is called *I am NOT a Turkey* and it is about turkeys disguised so they wouldn't get eaten for Thanksgiving dinner!

Math has been fun and we are learning so much! We are really trying to get our addition and subtraction facts memorized so that we become more fluent. This is something that can be practiced at home as well with flashcards!

We hope everyone had a great holiday season and we can't wait to see what 2022 has in store!

Preschool Gingerbread Man

On Thursday, December 9th, Ed-Co Preschoolers enjoyed Gingerbread Family Night in their classrooms. They were able to rotate to different stations, including decorating a Gingerbread Man cookie, making a boat to get the Gingerbread Man across the river, creating a Gingerbread House and gingerbread playdough. It was a fun night for families to spend some special time together before the business of the Christmas season!



Holiday Trees

The Jr. Kindergarten and Kindergarten students created snow globes for their tree called Winter Magic. First grade and second grade students shared the center tree which featured gingerbread boys & girls, and Frank Lloyd Wright Gingerbread Houses. The 3rd grade students created mixed media designer mittens for their trees. The 4th grade students created designer winter hats from popcorn bags. Our 5th grade students used old picture books to create large paper snowflakes for their tree. Finally, the 6th grade students created self-portrait tree ornaments from paper cylinders, fabric, and discarded holiday decorations



Snow Globe Tree
Jr. Kindergarten & Kindergarten



The Gingerbread Tree
1st & 2nd grade



The Mitten Tree
3rd Grade



Winter Hat Tree
4th Grade



Fabulous Flakes Tree
5th Grade



Self-portraits tree
6th Grade



Art Snow Art Show
Art Room Door

Viking of the Week



Beau Perrinjaquet-Dec. 6-12

Sophia Wilson, *Ed-Co Echoes*

This week's Viking of the Week is Beau Perrinjaquet. Beau is in Mrs.

Streicher's kindergarten class. His family includes his parents, Jenni and Jordan, and his brothers, Mack, Huck, and Zeke. He also has two dogs, Hazel and Crew. Some of Beau's hobbies include playing dinosaur chess and Clue. Beau's favorite thing about school is lunchtime because he gets to eat. When learning he was this week's Viking of the Week, Beau was happy! To help others at school, Beau helps people when they are in need of help. Congratulations, Beau!



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Matilda Kuhlman-Dec. 20-26

This week, Mrs. Priem chose 2nd grader Matilda Kuhlman as Viking of the Week. Matilda's family consists of her dad Kenneth, her mom Donna, her sister

Dagny, and her two brothers, Kermit and Teddy. She has a horse Chyann, and two dogs, Gary and Charlie. Matilda's hobbies consist of gymnastics, horseback riding, and playing with her family pets. Her favorite classes in school are math, as she likes to learn and

understand new things, and recess as she enjoys playing with her friends. At school, Matilda helps her classmates in math when they don't understand or are lost. When finding out she was chosen, Matilda was happy! Congratulations, Matilda!



News from Mrs. Lawrence

Happy January! I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday break. I know us teachers did!

In 5th Grade math, students have been learning about operations with decimals.

We modeled, added and subtracted decimals and learned how it related to adding and subtracting whole numbers. Students just finished the multiplying decimals. Now starting in the new year, we will begin dividing decimals. They are doing great!

In 6th Grade math, students have been learning all about fractions and ratios. 6th graders brought in a recipe special to them and used ratios to determine multiple batches. Starting in the new year, students will be relating fractions and ratios to percentages.

District News



News from Superintendent Busch

Edgewood-Colesburg Schools Safe and Proactive With Radon

Did you know that January is Radon Action Month? During January, the Iowa Department of Public Health joins the American Lung Association of Iowa and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in encouraging Iowans to test their homes for radon. Because the safety of students, staff and community is a priority for Edgewood-Colesburg Community School District, we have decided to also test our schools for radon.

What is radon and why does it matter? You can't see, smell or taste it, but radon could be present at dangerous levels if it becomes trapped inside buildings. Radon gas moves upward through cracks and other openings in the foundations of buildings from the soil under a building. In the United States, radon is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among nonsmokers.

Ed-Co Schools is in the process of testing our junior/senior high school buildings for radon. Because testing can consist of several rounds of information gathering, we are still in the midst of

tests. We will share the final results with the public after all tests come back and are analyzed and interpreted.

The State of Iowa only requires 4-year old preschools/Head Start rooms to be tested for radon. We believe ALL of our staff and students should be safe! Ed-Co has proactively placed all of our school buildings on a continuous rotating radon test schedule. In 2017 we tested the whole elementary, so it is time to retest the entire building.

For most students and staff, research suggests that schools are actually the *second* largest contributor to radon exposure. *The home is likely to be the most significant source of radon exposure.* Please test your home for radon and if necessary, take action to reduce the risk of lung cancer by reducing elevated radon concentrations. Rest assured we are doing everything we can on the school side of things to keep our students, staff and community safe.

If you have questions regarding radon testing for Edgewood-Colesburg Community Schools, please feel free to contact Rob Busch, superintendent, at 563-928-6411. More information regarding residential radon testing and Radon Action Month can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/radon/national-radon-action-month-consumer-information>.

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 halftime and between games.

January Calendar of Events

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

Jan.4-Classes resume

5:30pm-JV/V Girls/Boys Basketball @ Central City

Jan. 6

6:00pm-Fresh/JV Boys Basketball vs. Alburnett @ Edgewood

6:00pm-HS Wrestling @ Maquoketa Valley HS

Jan. 7

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

Jan. 8

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

10:00am-HS Wrestling @ Central Elkader

Jan. 10

HS Conf. Instrumental Festival @ North Linn

6:00pm-JV/V Girls/Boys Basketball vs. Easton Valley @ Edgewood

Jan. 11

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

5:30pm-HS Wrestling @ Sumner-Fredericksburg HS

Jan. 13

6:00pm-HS Wrestling @ Colesburg

Jan. 14

5:30pm-JV/V Girls/Boys Basketball @ Maquoketa Valley HS

Pink Out Night

Jan. 15

Conf. HS Large Group Speech Contest @ Marquette Catholic

8:00am-Little Vikes Wrestling @ Colesburg

Jan. 17

No School-Teacher Learning

6:00pm-8:00pm-HS Band/Vocal & JH Band Fun Night

Jan. 18

4:00pm-JH Boys Basketball vs. NFV @ Edgewood

5:30pm-JV Girls/Boys Basketball @ Springville High School-Practice Gym

5:30pm-V Girls/Boys Basketball @ Springville HS-Main Gym

Jan. 20

4:00pm-JH Boys Basketball vs. Alburnett @ Colesburg

6:00pm-HS Wrestling @ Starmont

6:15pm-Fresh/JV Boys Basketball vs. Springville @ Colesburg

Game will follow the JH Boys Game

Jan. 21

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

Jan. 22

District Large Group Speech

9:30am-JV Boys Basketball @ South Winneshiek HS

10:00am-HS Wrestling @ East Buchanan

Jan. 24

4:00pm-JH Boys Basketball @ East Buchanan

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

Jan. 25

5:30pm-JV/V Girls/Boys Basketball @ North Linn

6:00pm-HS Wrestling @ Colesburg

Jan. 27

4:00pm-JH Boys Basketball @ Maquoketa Valley HS

4:00pm-JV Boys Basketball vs. Prince of Peace @ O'Donnell's Athletic Center

5:30pm-V Girls/Boys Basketball vs. Prince of Peace @ O'Donnell's Athletic Center

Jan. 28

4:00pm-JV/V Girls/Boys Basketball vs. Central City @ Edgewood

Jan. 29

FBLA Regional Contest @ Edgewood Jr/Sr Bldg

10:00am-HS Wrestling @ Lisbon

TRC Tournament

Jan. 31

4:00pm-JH Boys Basketball vs. Starmont @ Edgewood

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



January Menu

Fruit and milk will be served daily with breakfast				
3 NO SCHOOL	4 Muffin K-6 Poptart & Yogurt 7-12	5 Cereal Bar & String Cheese K-12	6 Fruit & Yogurt Parfait K-12 Toast K-6	7 Breakfast Burrito & Toast K-6 PBJ 7-12
10 Mini Cinnis K-6 Cereal & String Cheese 7-12	11 Long John & Yogurt K-12	12 Breakfast Pizza K-12	13 Breakfast Bar & Toast K-6 Mini Cinnis 7-12	14 Little Smokies & Toast K-6 PBJ 7-12
17 NO SCHOOL	18 Mini Donuts & String Cheese K-12	19 Breakfast Nachos K-12	20 Biscuits & Gravy K-6 Muffin 7-12	21 Sausage & Toast K-6 Mini Cinnis 7-12
24 Sausage, Egg, Cheese Croissant K-12	25 Pancakes K-6 Long John & Yogurt 7-12	26 Poptart & String Cheese K-12	27 Breakfast Bar & Toast K-6 Mini Cinnis 7-12	28 French Toast & Toast K-6 PBJ 7-12
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	PBJ offered daily Grades 5-12 can choose a Chef Salad, Garden Salad or Hoagie			
3 NO SCHOOL	4 Chicken Fajita WG Tortilla Corn Applesauce Alternative Main Dish: Pizza Burger WG Bun	5 Cheddarwurst WG Hotdog Bun Baked Beans Pears Alternative Main Dish: Pizza	6 Spaghetti Breadsticks Romaine Lettuce Cherry Tomatoes Banana Alternative Main Dish: Chicken Nuggets WG Dinner Roll	7 Ham Patty American Cheese WG Bun Green Beans Peaches Alternative Main Dish: Shrimp WG Butter Sandwich
10 Chicken Wrap Corn Apple Slices NO Alternative Main Dish:	11 Chicken Nuggets WG Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Alternative Main Dish: Hamburger WG Bun	12 Pizza Romaine Lettuce Cherry Tomatoes Banana Alternative Main Dish: Ham Patty WG Bun	13 Pizza Burger WG Bun Baked Beans Peaches Alternative Main Dish: Rib Patty WG Bun	14 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Celery Carrots Applesauce Alternative Main Dish: Hotdog/ WG Hotdog Bun
17 NO SCHOOL	18 Super Nachos Ranchero Beans Apple Slices Alternative Main Dish: Rib Patty WG Bun	19 Meatball Sub K-6 Mozzarella Sticks K-6 Pizza Crunchers 7-12 Green Beans Peaches Alternative Main Dish: Chicken Patty/WG Bun	20 Chicken & Noodles WG Biscuit Peas Pears Alternative Main Dish: Brat/WG Bun Animal Crackers	21 Breadsticks Romaine Lettuce Cherry Tomatoes Sidekicks Alternative Main Dish: Meatball Sub
24 Rib Patty WG Bun Broccoli Carrots Peaches Alternative Main Dish: Pizza	25 Walking Taco's Corn Apple Slices Alternative Main Dish: Chicken Patty WG Bun	26 Hoagie Green Beans Banana Alternative Main Dish: Hamburger Bun	27 Fish Shapes K-6 WG Butter Sandwich K-6 Fish Sandwich 7-12 Peas Pears Alternative Main Dish: Breadsticks	28 Hotdog WG Bun Baked Beans Applesauce Alternative Main Dish: French Bread Pizza