

2022-2023 New Staff



Kim Brehm

Kim Brehm grew up on a dairy farm near Rickardsville, Iowa. She has six siblings and 15 nieces and nephews. She graduated from UNI where she majored in elementary education and she also got a reading endorsement. She currently lives outside of Petersburg with her fiancé, Brandon Bonert. They own some cattle and have a dog named Bo. In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with her friends and families. She is excited to move from math interventionist to third grade!



Rob Fankhauser

Rob Fankhauser will be the new PE teacher at the elementary school. Rob graduated from the University of Nebraska Omaha and spent the last 3 years teaching elementary PE in Omaha Nebraska for Omaha Public Schools. Originally from Eagle Nebraska, he grew up visiting family in eastern Iowa and trout fishing around Lansing.

Along with his teaching duties, Rob will be coaching JH Girls and Boys Basketball. "I am excited to start the school year and become a part of the Ed-Co community, Go Vikings!"



Abby Flint

Abby Flint is from Cedar Falls, graduated from UNI with a degree in Music Education in 2022, and is excited to begin teaching at EdCo! Abby is passionate about students experiencing music in many different ways and being able to share it with others. In her spare time, she enjoys baking, spending time with family, and playing piano among other things.



Elise Bergan

Elise Bergan joins Ed-Co this year to teach digital marketing as part of the Career and Technical Education Program. Elise grew up in Elkader, Iowa, on a farm near the Turkey River and Big Springs Fish Hatchery. Elise graduated from Iowa State University with a BS in Housing and the Near Environment. She has been marketing Edgewood since 1995 and is excited to teach Ed-Co students about digital marketing and learn from them. Elise has two children, Delaney, a Senior at UNI, and

Dawson, a Senior at Ed-Co. Her hobbies include watching her kids in activities, volunteering, and spoiling her puppies.



Steve Zaruba

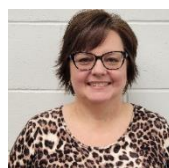
Steve Zaruba lives in Osterdock where he raises rabbits and chickens. He taught Vocational Agriculture/FFA at Guttenberg/Clayton Ridge for 38 years until he retired. Steve graduated from Iowa Central Community College and Iowa State University but is a die-hard Iowa Hawkeye Fan. Mr. Zaruba is also an American Rabbit Breeders Judge and has traveled the United States judging fairs and shows. Steve umpires' softball and refs volleyball in the summer and fall. Steve looks forward to working with the Ed-Co FFA members and helping them achieve their goals in the FFA.



Matthew Beatty

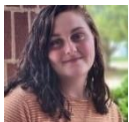
Matthew Beatty will be teaching 4th grade at the elementary this year! He will also be coaching JH football and basketball, as well as the assistant HS track coach. Mr. Beatty is excited to be returning home, as he is a 2011 graduate of Ed-Co. After growing up around rural Edgewood and Colesurg, Matthew attended Upper Iowa University and graduated in 2015 with an Elementary Education degree, as well as endorsements in reading, ELL, and coaching. His first seven years in education were at South Tama Elementary, where he taught 4th grade and ELL.

Matthew moved back to this area this summer with his girlfriend Kiya, her son Etzio, two dogs Rustee and Daisy, and a cat named Conner. They have been busy this summer with many house projects, but they are excited to be wrapping up soon hopefully, and getting out into the communities more. Mr. Beatty and his family look forward to all the opportunities NE Iowa has to offer!



Ronda Bagge

Ronda Bagge has joined Ed-Co as the Secondary Secretary. She is excited at the opportunity to join the Ed-Co Staff. She lives on a family farm in the Petersburg area. She has three kids - 25, 17, 16 and 4 dogs. Ronda enjoys spending time with her family and spoiling her dogs. She looks forward to getting to know all of the amazing students and families in the Ed-Co district.



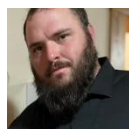
Emma Pape

Hi, my name is Emma Pape! I live outside of Edgewood with my dad, Mike and sister, Elise. I graduated from Ed-Co in 2021. I really enjoy going for walks, watching the sunset, watching movies, and spending time with family and friends on the weekends! She is working as a paraprofessional in the elementary.



Anne Carbona Barbosa

Anne has joined Ed-Co as the secondary library paraprofessional. She is also a student at UNI.



Adam Meyer

Adam Meyer joins Ed-Co as the shared Transportation Director for Ed-Co & Central. He resides in St. Olaf with this wife Joy and four kids-Tenley, Tatum, Rowan & Rhett.



Jody Dahlstrom

Jody has joined the Ed-Co team as secondary evening custodian.

- 11/4-5, Musical - 7:30pm
- 11/6, Musical - 2pm
- 11/11, Veterans Day Assembly - 8:30am
- 3/17-18, Play - 7:30pm
- 3/19, Play - 2pm
- K-12 Music Calendar:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GVpOkVwB70iTQE_DFILj6aCCctpv0JlNgBNJDZUIA/edit?usp=sharing

Elementary News



6th Grade News
from Mrs. Mather
and Mrs. Lawrence



We are off to a great start in 6th grade. We have a super group of students this year. We have worked really hard on setting up classroom and school expectations to help the 6th graders be great leaders this year. They have adjusted to 6th grade very well so far, and we hope to see great things from this group.

6th grade social studies students will be reviewing map skills, latitude, and longitude. Then they will venture back into time to study the Old Stone Age. The social studies students will be taking more trips into the past to visit ancient civilizations of the eastern hemisphere.

6th grade math students are also really working hard this year with Mrs. Lawrence. We can't wait to see what happens this year in 6th grade.



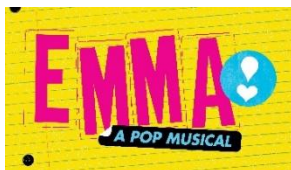
News from Mrs. Askeland's Preschool

We are excited to welcome 19 Preschoolers into our classroom this year! Preschool started on Wednesday, August 31 st . Prior to the

beginning of Preschool, we conduct Home Visits with each family. This is a great opportunity to get to know the families better before the first day. The children love that we come to their house and talk about it the whole school year!

The beginning of the school year is busy in Preschool learning school rules, routines and expectations. We provide many opportunities for playing and working with our new friends! We also do many activities that promote social skills, such as taking turns, following directions, teamwork and problem-solving. We're so excited for a new school year and watching the Preschoolers play, work and grow each day!

High School News



Fall Musical November 4th & 5th

Synopsis

Emma, a senior at Highbury Prep, is certain she knows what's best for her classmates' love lives, and is determined to find the perfect boyfriend for shy sophomore Harriet by the end of the school year.

Will Emma's relentless matchmaking get in the way of finding her own happiness?

Based on Jane Austen's classic novel, this sparkling musical features hit songs from legendary girl groups and iconic female singers including The Supremes, Katy Perry, Whitney Houston, Sara Bareilles and Cyndi Lauper. Girl power has never sounded so good!

Performance Dates: Nov. 4th & 5th @ 7:30pm, Nov. 6th @ 2pm

EMMA! By Eric Price

Produced by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing. (www.broadwaylicensing.com)

Upcoming Music Dates:

- 10/25, Fall Concert (HS Choir, 7/8th Band) - 7pm



Title News from Mrs. Bonert and Mrs. Harber



Hello Ed-Co Families!

Welcome back to the 2022-2023 school year! We hope that you all had a wonderful summer and were able to spend time with your children and families doing all the things you love!

As we all get back into a school routine, many parents are thinking about how they can help support their students outside of the school day to ensure they each have a successful year of learning and growth! With this in mind, we thought we would share some tips that can help you to support your young readers at home this school year!

Say each sound in a simple word such as all of the sounds in the word “cat” and have your child tell you what word it is.

Do the opposite! Give your child a word such as “zip” and have them tell you each sound in the word.

When your child is spelling, tell them the word, have them repeat the word, have them tap their fingers as they say each sound individually, and then finally have them say the sounds as they spell the word.

Be open to trying different ways of practicing reading with your child. Try having your child read a page and then you read one, echo reading (you read a line of text and then your child reads it back to you, or choral reading (you both read the text together at the same time.

If your child is interested in reading something that might be too difficult, read it aloud to them and discuss interesting vocabulary words and ask them questions about the text to boost your child’s oral language skills.

Most importantly, make this a fun time that you and your child look forward to each night. Have fun, read something that your child is interested in, and be patient with your child...learning to read is hard work but if we all work together as a team, it will make the experience of learning to read much more enjoyable!

We hope you have an amazing year of learning and growth with your children and that you find lots of joy in reading with them!



News from Mrs. Anderegg

It’s so hard to believe it’s August! As a new year approaches, I reflect back on what I taught last year. I think about what things worked, what things did not go well, and what things I plan to continue for this year. A few times, parents have asked “How can I help my child learn sight words?” Sight words are difficult to learn because most sight words cannot be decoded, or sounded out. Most of us have learned that sight words cannot be sounded out and that you have to memorize them. From what I’m learning about the Science of Reading, this is not exactly true. One new strategy that I have found to be the most beneficial when it comes to sight words is the Heart Word Method.

The Heart Word Method involves teaching students to recognize sight words using irregular letter patterns. Heart words are irregularly spelled high frequency words, like the word “said”. The goal of using the Heart Word Method is to teach the irregular high frequency words by decoding what can be sounded out and using a heart to represent the irregular spelling patterns in the word. The heart represents the part of the word that “we have to know by heart” - so in other words, the only part(s) of the word that we have to memorize. Here’s how to introduce it:

1. Introduce the word and have the students repeat it.
2. Say the sounds in the word
3. Identify the parts that are phonetically regular. Ask “What sound do you hear first? How do you spell that letter?”
4. Identify the parts that are phonetically irregular. Place a heart above, around, or under this part of the word. Ask “What sound does this make in this word?”
5. Explicitly teach this irregular sound that the heart letters make. Tell the child that this is the part they need to know ‘by heart’.

The Heart Word Method is a strategy that I plan to continue teaching for this year. I have noticed that my students are able to have sight words stored in their memory much quicker using this method rather than trying to have them memorize the words. Here is a link with videos and more explanation if you’re interested in trying this method with your child as well! Wishing you a great new school year!
<https://www.reallygreatreading.com/heart-word-magic>



News from Mrs. Trenkamp

Welcome back to the new school year and hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer. This school year will be very similar to last year. I will be meeting with students individually and in small groups. We will have the After School Program on Tuesdays and Thursdays again and there will be more information coming home to those students who qualify for that program. We are planning on starting this in October and will finish about mid April as kids get started with outside activities at this time.

With school starting it's a great idea to get into routines. One way to do this is by having children do chores. How do you get your child to want to do chores?

Remember that elementary-age children love to plan and carry out their plans. So first, involve your child in brainstorming what needs to be done and when. Also:

- Be a good model. Happily do chores yourself. Acknowledge your satisfaction when you finish a chore.
- Give your child a choice of chores. She should be able to take out the trash, vacuum, fold laundry, feed a pet, help with yard work.
- Rotate chores each week, so no one feels "stuck" doing a chore she doesn't like. Put chores on slips of paper family members draw from a bowl.
- Make a game of it. Race to put things away. Or set a timer and see if your child can "beat the clock."
- Use a chore chart. Place a star on it when chores are finished.
- Schedule a "work time" when everyone is doing a job.
- Curb criticism. Don't immediately say what your child did wrong. Gently ask what she might do to improve her work.
- Be encouraging. Say, "Here's the broom so you can help! You can do it. Let's do this together."
- Follow chores with fun. Have a basket of index cards listing fun stuff to do after chores.

As always make sure your child has a set bedtime, this includes weekends as well.

If you ever have questions about your child please call me at the elementary office or come in and visit with me.



District News



News from the Nurse

Let's Have a Healthy Year!

Here is some guidance in regards to illnesses, including the ever-present Covid 19.

Our students' health and well-being is very important to us. We will continue to work closely with local and state health departments to monitor and respond to any illness trends.

General Guidance:

1. Stay home when sick
2. Stay home until symptoms are improved
3. It continues to be our policy to be free of any fever, vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hrs (without the use of meds) before returning to school
4. Please notify the school nurse with any significant health needs or concerns.

Covid-19

Covid-19 is very prevalent in the community right now and everyone should be aware, be cautious, and use good hand washing habits as well as monitor for symptoms. Please understand the exposure risks and utilize available tools or information.

CDC link for information:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>

Recommendations:

- For those at high risk-consider optional masks while indoors and in crowded spaces.
- Keep a supply of rapid tests at home for use when sick or exposed

IF YOU ARE EXPOSED

- CDC recommends masking for a full 10 days.
- Monitor for symptoms, which can include:
 - ✓ Fever or Chills New loss of taste or smell
 - ✓ Cough Sore throat
 - ✓ Shortness of Breath/Difficulty breathing Congestion or runny nose

- ✓ Fatigue Nausea or vomiting
- ✓ Muscle or body aches Diarrhea
- ✓ Headache

If symptoms develop, please get tested and isolate at home per CDC guidelines. If no symptoms develop, you should consider testing on day 5 after exposure. If a rapid test result is negative, it is recommended to re-test in 48hrs.

IF YOU TEST POSITIVE

Thank you for letting us know, we really appreciate your help in keeping our community and our buildings safe and healthy.

- Consider Day 0 the first day of symptoms or test date if symptoms are not present
- Stay home and separate from others for a full 5 days. If around others, wear a mask.
- If you have no symptoms or symptoms have improved after 5 days, you may return to normal activity wearing a mask for another 5 days. This would be days 6-10.
- Continue to stay home if fever or severe symptoms are still present
- If two rapid test results taken 48 hrs apart are negative, you may shorten the duration of mask use.
- If you are unable/unwilling to wear a mask, continue to stay home through day 10

If you have any questions, please contact your healthcare provider, reference the CDC website or contact the school nurse.

Again, thank you so much for your efforts to make this a safe and healthy school year!!!

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News from Superintendent Busch

Thanks to all the custodial crew for their dedication to summer deep cleaning over the last few months.

This summer's list of construction projects was a bit shorter than the last few summers. The trophy cases and concession stand were redone at the elementary. Annual tuckpointing address exterior needs. Parking lots were sealed and painted.

These projects are funded by the voted Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) and the State Penny for School Infrastructure also referred to as SAVE. Thanks for supporting the vote to approve the PPEL and contacting legislators to extend SAVE. There are some larger projects in the looming and additional funding may be needed.

Another crucial vote is approaching for the Ed-Co School District. On September 13, 2022, registered resident district patrons can head to the polls to cast their ballots on the proposed bond referendum. Ed-Co Bond Referendum information is available at www.edcobond.org. If you are thinking of questions that aren't on the FAQs page, please call me.

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. If you have ideas for improvement or areas of concern, please contact me by phone at 928-6411.

Your Partner in Education,
Rob Busch



September Calendar of Events

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

Sept. 2

7:00pm-V Football vs. Springville @ Edgewood
2022 Hall of Fame Introduction at Halftime

Sept. 5

Labor Day (No School)

Sept. 6

4:30pm-JH/JV Football vs. Springville @ Edgewood
5:00pm-HS Volleyball @ East Buchanan

Sept. 8

4:00pm-JH Volleyball @ Starmont
4:15pm-JH/HS Cross Country @ La Porte City Golf
6:15pm-HS Volleyball @ Midland

Sept. 9

FFA State Dairy Contest @ Manchester
7:00pm-JV/V Football @ Central City High

Sept. 10

9:00am-HS Volleyball @ South Hardin

Sept. 11

1:00pm-5th & 6th football @ Midland

Sept. 12

No School-Teacher Learning
4:30pm-JH/JV Football vs. Central City @ Edgewood

Sept. 13

4:00pm-HS/JH Cross Country @ Starmont
4:00pm-JH Volleyball @ Maquoketa Valley

Sept. 15

Tri-State Dairy Days
3:30pm-JH Volleyball @ Starmont
6:15pm-HS Volleyball @ Starmont

Sept. 17

9:00am-HS Volleyball @ West Delaware
7:00pm-5th & 6th football @ Edgewood
4:15pm-JH/JV Football @ Elkader

Sept. 20

4:00pm-JH Volleyball @ North Linn
4:15pm-JH/HS Cross Country @ Center Point-Urbana
6:15pm-HS Volleyball @North Linn

Sept. 21- School Pictures-JH and HS

FFA - District in-service @Waterloo

Sept. 22- School Pictures-Elementary

3:30pm-JH Volleyball vs. Maquoketa Valley @ Edgewood
6:15pm-HS Volleyball vs. Maquoketa Valley @ Edgewood

Sept. 23

7:00pm-V Football @ West Central

Sept. 24

8:45am-HS Cross Country @ Independence HS
Back-up location Independence JSH

9:00am-HS Volleyball @ North Cedar

9:45am-JH Cross Country @ Independence MS
Back-up location Independence JSH

Sept. 25

2:00pm-5th & 6th football @ Edgewood

Sept. 26

4:30pm-JH/JV Football vs. Calamus Wheatland @ Edgewood

Sept. 27

4:00pm-JH Volleyball @ Alburnett
4:15pmHS Cross Country @ Jesup Golf Course
4:15pm-JH Cross Country @ Jesup School
6:15pm-HS Volleyball @ Alburnett

Sept. 28

FFA-District Soils

Sept. 29

3:30pm-JH Volleyball vs. Central City @Edgewood
6:15pm-HS Volleyball vs. Central City @ Edgewood
Senior Night

Sept. 30

7:00pm-V Football @ Kee HS

COURTESY AT EXTRA-CURRICULAR EVENTS

We are looking forward to excellent extra-curricular events at Edgewood-Colesburg. We share the responsibility for appropriate behavior at the activities. For the safety of all spectators and support of the participants, the following are Ed-Co's expectations.

1. Be respectful and quiet during the national anthem. Hold your right hand over your heart.
2. Watch the game.
3. Visit with your friends.
4. Demonstrate good sportsmanship, be respectful and courteous to others; Support the teams, cheer and clap.
5. Be a positive credit to your family, school and community.
6. Leave your seat only between quarters, at half time and between games.

September Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Omelet & Toast K-6 Bagel 7-12	2 Waffles & Toast K-6 PBJ 7-12
5 NO SCHOOL	6 Mini Donuts & String Cheese K-12	7 Pancake Stick K-6 Long John 7-12	8 Sausage, Egg, Cheese Croissant K-12	9 Muffin & Toast K-6 Muffin 7-12
12 NO SCHOOL	13 Pancakes K-6 Cereal & String Cheese 7-12	14 Breakfast Bites K-6 Muffin 7-12	15 Sausage & Toast K-6 Bagel 7-12	16 Breakfast Bar & Toast K-6 PBJ 7-12
19 Mini Cinnis K-6 Poptart & Yogurt 7-12	20 Long John & Yogurt K-12	21 Breakfast Pizza & Toast K-12	22 Breakfast Bites & Toast K-6 Muffin 7-12	23 Coun. Scramble & Toast K-6 PBJ 7-12
26 Poptart & Yogurt K-12	27 Biscuits & Gravy K-6 Long John & Yogurt 7-12	28 Little Smokies & Toast K-6 Blueberry Crumble 7-12	29 Breakfast Bar & Toast K-6 Bagel 7-12	30 Strawberry Pancakes K-6 PBJ 7-12
PBJ offered daily Grades 5-12 can choose a Chef Salad, Garden Salad or Hoagie	Fruit and milk 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 \$4.15	1 Hotdog WG Bun WG Chips Baked Beans Peaches & Pears K-6 Strawberries 7-12 Alternative Main Dish: Pizza	2 Breadsticks Romaine Lettuce Cherry Tomatoes Strawberries K-6 Peaches & Pears 7-12 Alternative Main Dish: Meatball Sub
5 NO SCHOOL	6 Walking Taco Corn Pears Alternative Main Dish: Hamburger/WG Bun	7 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Banana Alternative Main Dish: Pizza	8 Sloppy Joe's WG Bun Green Beans Applesauce Alternative Main Dish: Meatball Sub	9 Pizza Cruncher/Cheese Bites Romaine Lettuce Carrots Peaches Alternative Main Dish: Nacho Pollock Wedge WG Butter Sandwich
12 NO SCHOOL	13 French Bread Pizza K-6 Taco Pizza 7-12 Romaine Lettuce Cherry Tomatoes Pears Alternative Main Dish: Rib Patty WG Bun	14 Chicken & Noodles WG Dinner Roll K-6 WG Biscuit 7-12 Peas Peaches Alternative Main Dish: Hotdog/ WG Bun Scooby Snacks	15 Meatballs Mozzarella Sticks Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Alternative Main Dish: Ham Patty/WG Bun	16 Hoagie Baked Beans Applesauce Alternative Main Dish: Hamburger WG Bun
19 Beef Fingers WG Butter Sandwich Augratin Potatoes Peaches Alternative Main Dish: Chicken Quesadilla	20 Mandarin Orange Chicken WG Rice Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Alternative Main Dish: Brat/WG Bun Animal Crackers	21 Spaghetti WG Breadsticks Romaine Lettuce Cherry Tomatoes Banana Alternative Main Dish: Chicken Nuggets WG Dinner Roll	22 Brat/Cheddarwurst WG Bun Baked Beans Peaches & Pears Alternative Main Dish: Pizza	23 Chicken Nuggets WG Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Chicken Gravy Green Beans Sidekicks Alternative Meal: Hamburger/ WG Bun
26 Super Nachos Corn Applesauce Aternative Main Dish Hamburger WG Bun	27 Macaroni & Cheese WG Butter Sandwich Little Smokies Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Alternative Main Dish: Chicken Strips WG Dinner Roll	28 Rib Patty WG Bun Broccoli /Carrots Peaches Alternative Main Dish Pizza	29 Ham & Turkey Croissant Baked Beans Apple Slices Alternative Main Dish Fish Square WG Bun	30 Pancakes Sausage Tri Tators Oranges Applesauce 9-12 Alternative Meal: Hotdog/ WG Bun Animal Crackers