



Ed-Co Elementary Newsletter
August/September 2020

What's Happening
From Mrs. Briggs Desk

My name is Mrs. Briggs and I am excited to be your new principal. After spending 2 years in Eagle Grove Iowa as the PreK- 4 principal, I am thrilled to be back in northeast Iowa. My husband and I live in Manchester. We have 3 grown daughters, 2 son-in-laws and 6 grand dogs. I have been enjoying meeting staff and members of the community during the past month. The communities of Edgewood and Colesburg have great reputations and I am very proud to be a part of it. I am eager to get to know you and your children.

I will be sharing monthly newsletters to keep you informed about what is happening in the building. This year more than ever schools are taking extra measures to ensure the health and safety of each child. As a result, this newsletter may be a little longer than normal.

I know this year is full of unknowns, but I can assure you the administrators, teachers, custodians, secretaries and food service personnel have been preparing for your children's safe return to school. We are going to have a great year! If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me at 563-856-2415. Go Vikings!

Upcoming Dates :

- Aug. 19 - Pre-K- 6th Open House - 1:00 -7:00 pm
- 20 - PreK Open House 1:00-7:00 pm
- 24 - First day for JK-6th grade
- 26 - First day for Preschool
- 28 - Fundraiser Kick-off
- Sept. 07- No School - Labor Day
- 11- Fundraiser Orders Due
- 16 - Early Out- PD
School Pictures
- 21- Board meeting 6:00pm
- 25- Habit Assembly - Be Proactive
- 28- No School- PD



Open House - JK - 6th Grade - August 19
Preschool - August 19 & 20

Mark your calendars. We will be hosting an Open House to welcome our JK-6th grade students back on August 19th between the hours of 1:00pm and 7:00pm. Every student and parent will have 15 minutes to unpack their supplies and visit with their new teacher. Parents may use the following to schedule a time to visit your child's classroom teacher. (link for [JK-6th Open House](#)). An email reminder with the link will be sent later in the week.

Preschool teachers will not be conducting home visits. As a result, they will be scheduling time for you and your preschool child to get acquainted with the teacher and the classroom. Visits will last 30 minutes on August 19th and 20th between 1:00pm and 7:00pm. Mrs. Askland or Mrs. Streicher will be contacting you to arrange a time. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the office. We are looking forward to seeing all of you!

New Playground

The new playground will be completely installed for the first day of school. We know the students have been looking forward to this equipment and will be excited to use it. We will be encouraging social distancing during recess. As a result we will schedule grades and/or classes to be playing on the equipment. If they are not on the playground area they will be able to play on the grassy areas of the playground.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

In the interest of student's health and safety during arrival and dismissal, the following changes will be implemented.

ARRIVAL:

1. Buses and parents transporting children to school will drop off students at the main entrance.
2. One bus will unload at a time. If parents are behind a bus, please wait for the bus to move forward before allowing your child to exit your vehicle. Students exit from the passenger side.
3. Students will be allowed to enter the building at 8:00 am. While waiting, children will line up at the 3 entrances. Sidewalks will be marked to assist students with social distancing
4. Any student eating breakfast will line up and enter through the gym entrance.
5. PreK through 3rd grade students that will be going to their classrooms will enter through the main entrance.
6. The 4th through 6th grade students going directly to classrooms will utilize the southeast entrance.
7. Arrival Schedule is as follows:
7:50 Colesburg Buses Arrive (leave by 8:00)
8:00 Parents Drop Off and Walkers
8:15 Edgewood Buses

DISMISSAL:

1. All students will be escorted from the building to buses, parent's vehicles or excused to walk home. We will not have parents gathering in the cafeteria at the end of the day.
2. The office needs to know by **2:30pm** if you are changing your child's end of the day plan. This ensures we get your student to the appropriate place and home safely.
3. Edgewood Buses will line up around 3:05 and leave by 3:20
4. Once the buses leave, parents can drive up to the building. Students being picked up will exit through the Gym entrance about 3:25. There will be an adult to escort your child to the car.
5. Walkers will be dismissed through the main entrance at 3:30.
6. Colesburg buses will leave around 3:40.

Reminder, we can not ensure social distancing on the buses, so face coverings will be required. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.