

**Ed-Co Drama Department Presented  
"Baba Yaga & the Black Sunflower"  
November 10-12, 2023**



**Cast**

- Ella Beyer** - Cat
- Lilee Boriskey** – Dog
- Dakota Hamann** – Vanya
- Cael Helmrichs** - Fence of Skulls & Chicken
- Claire Hemann** - Fence of Skulls
- Olivia Highland-Balk** - Starukhe
- Sage Hoisington** - Serving Hands & Goose
- Faith Kirby** - Serving Hands & Chicken
- Lauren Kirby** - Izbushka
- Ryan Lange** - Hedgehog & Goose
- Alyson Meyer** - Starukhe
- Kayne Olind** - Fence of Skulls
- Sophia Pape** - Granny
- Megan Pierschbacher** - Baba Yaga
- Roberto Rezende** – Grisha
- Abigail Schilling** - Starukhe
- William Schulte** - Petya
- Brady Thein** - Fence of Skulls
- Brianna VanGroll** - Maryushka

**Crew**

- Riley Christen** - Lightboard
- Maddie Dinan** – Backstage
- Kayden Hansen** – Backstage
- Rachel Schaefer** - Soundboard
- Carston Calderwood** - Director

**Tri-Rivers HS Vocal Festival**

Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 13 HS Choir students are attending the Tri-Rivers HS Vocal Festival hosted at Midland. They ended their rehearsal day with a concert at 7pm.



Students worked with David Haas, Founder and Artistic Director of "Vocal Artists of Iowa," a semi-professional choir based out of the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City area and is the Choral Director at West High School in Iowa City.

**Go Further  
Conference in Ames  
on Thursday, Nov. 2**

Go Further is a conference for students in grades 8-10 to learn about various STEM fields, STEM opportunities at Iowa State, and to interact with STEM role models.

Ed-Co students attending were: Megan Pierschbacher, Brianna VanGroll, Sophia Pape, Jordyn Fensterman, Alyson Meyer, Kendall Wittman, Lilee Boriskey, Abbie Schilling, Kaydence Uhlenkamp, Lauren Kirby, Ella Beyer



**National FFA Convention**



On November Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup>, 8 members of the Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter travelled to Indianapolis, IN to represent our chapter at the 2023 National FFA Convention. This is a great event with a lot of fun, interesting activities for students to be a part of, focusing on leadership, networking, and career/college exploration. In addition to their time at the convention, students also got to visit and tour several locations while on the trip. We made the short trip to Louisville, KY to tour the Louisville Slugger factory. We also spent some time visiting Churchill Downs while we were in town. On the trip home, we toured Bayer's Windfall soybean production site and visited an Illinois State Fish Hatchery. All in all, it was a great experience for everyone involved, though it did make for some late nights and early mornings. Members attending were Marin Gaul, Marcus Gaul, Nolan Gaul, Ava Kerns, Ava Steger, Aspen Jones, Jake Schilling, Zoe Walz



## Secondary News



### News from Mrs. Kintzle

It is hard to believe that it is almost December. First semester has flown by. Seventh and eighth graders have been utilizing a new vocabulary program, Membean. At the start of the school year, each student took a pretest to determine his/her vocabulary baseline. Membean then put each student on an individual vocabulary list. So far, things have been going well. I love that this program challenges each student right where he/she is in the learning process; it truly allows for individualized instruction and learning.

The freshmen finished reading *Romeo and Juliet* in October. They have been reviewing basic essay format and structure and will work on writing five-paragraph essays. After winter break, they will start writing research papers.

Students in Composition I just finished their last major essay. Now, they will be writing an essay that reflects on all they have learned throughout the semester. Finally, students will spend several weeks in December revising and perfecting their writing and then compiling it into portfolios.

## Student of the Week



### **Audrie Helmrachs- November 5-11**

Maya Keck, *Ed-Co Echoes*

The Student of the Week is Audrie Helmrachs, chosen by Mr. Hakert. She is a senior in his College Prep Chemistry class.

“Audrie is a leader in the classroom and on the volleyball team who comes to class with a great attitude. Audrie is a student-athlete who takes seriously the role of being a good mentor to all our young people in the community.” Mr. Hakert says, “I look forward to following Audrie’s career decisions in the future as she gets ready to move on to bigger and better things in life.” Congratulations, Audrie!



### **Roberto Rezenda- November 19-25**

Sage Hoisington, *Ed-Co Echoes*

Mr. Hamann picked Roberto Rezende for Student of the Week because Roberto is very hard-working and puts a lot of time

into the three math classes that he has with Mr. Hamann. Those classes are Principles of Money, Statistics, and Pre-Calculus. Mr. Hamann would like to say congratulations and that he appreciates all the hard work Roberto puts in. He also appreciates

Roberto’s commitment to learning as he pushes everyone to dig deeper into why math works the way it does. Congratulations, Roberto!

## Elementary News



### News from Mrs. Askeland

I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving and took time to enjoy the things you are grateful for! It has been a fun school year so far with so much learning happening! It always goes by fast and before we know it.....it is Christmas! We learned about thankfulness and gratitude in Preschool in November. The children made Gratitude Stones that they took home to share with their families. We also read books about being thankful and about Thanksgiving.

In December we will discuss what it is to be kind and earn Kindness Rock Star awards. We will do many Christmas activities, including songs and books. Each December we have a Gingerbread Family Night. During this evening, the children come to school with their families and participate in some fun Gingerbread activities. The children love it and talk about it the rest of the school year!

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and holiday season! I’m looking forward to 2024!



### News from Mrs. Megan Bonert

Hello Ed-Co Elementary Families!

Have you ever heard the words “phonemic awareness?” This is one of those fun teacher words that sounds very

complicated and confusing but is actually very simple. It may be simple, but it can have a HUGE impact on your child’s success with reading! Would you like to know the best part about this? It requires NOTHING! No materials! No books! You can do it anywhere, anytime, it is a super fun way to “play” with words with your child, and it will help them so much with being a successful reader! You can do this while you are cooking supper, driving in the car, waiting at a restaurant, or at an older siblings sporting event. You can do it anywhere!

So, how do you practice this phonemic awareness skill? I thought you would never ask! Here are some examples:

- Ask your child what the beginning sound in a word is. Ex: What is the beginning sound in the word pig?

- Ask your child what the last sound in a word is. Ex: What is the last sound in the word map?
- Ask your child to tell you the sounds in a word. Ex: Tell me the sounds you hear in the word sit. (They will say the sound of each letter in the word: s-i-t.)
- You say all the sounds in a word and have your child blend the sounds together and tell you the word. Ex: You say the sounds in the word sip: s-i-p. Your child will blend those together and say the whole word.
- Ask your child to change the beginning sound in a word. Ex: Say the word pan. Change the /p/ to /r/ (say the sounds, not the letters). What's the new word? (ran)
- Ask your child to change the last sound in a word. Ex: Say the word pen. Change the /n/ to /t/ (say the sounds, not the letters). What's the new word? (pet)
- Ask your child to change the middle sound in a word. Ex: Say the word cap. Change the /a/ to /u/ (say the sounds, not the letters). What's the new word? (cup)

This is the just the beginning of phonemic awareness but practicing this “playing with words” skill with your child can have a big impact and help them grow as a reader so much! We hope you will try this with your kiddos and make it a fun game to play with them while helping them become awesome readers!



### **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 properties, and matter changes during physical and chemical changes. Some of the highlights of their study of matter have been doing a lot of hands-on work to explore the properties of matter including mass, volume, conductivity, and solubility and mystery bags trying to figure out what an object is based on its properties. 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. Students had fun blowing up a sandwich bag with the gas made from combining vinegar and baking soda. 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 and why?- 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 fun. Matter is everything and we have been doing everything we can to make the learning of matter real, memorable, and applicable to our lives!

6<sup>th</sup> grade has been studying Properties and Conservation of Matter as well. They have collaborated on many chemical/physical change investigations including blowing up a balloon with the chemical reaction between vinegar and baking soda, learning how to use triple beam balances to understand conservation of matter after a chemical reaction occurs, etc. Most recently, 6<sup>th</sup> graders learned about thermal energy transfer and built thermal protection devices to try to keep an ice cube from melting overnight. One group accomplished the task successfully and each one of them learned about why their device did not work out like they hoped.



### **News from Mr. Heving**

Hello Everyone!

It feels like the school year has already been flying by! Guidance lessons have been going fantastic with all of our wonderful students and we are now almost to the point we are moving on to new materials. So far our classes have been learning about creating new pathways in the brain, making practice plans to help better at the things students are doing inside and outside of the school and for my older students we are working on creating specific goals in their everyday lives. Also a reminder that the after school program is in full swing and I can't thank all of our wonderful staff that is helping out with it! We are holding it on Tuesday nights where our students who qualify receive extra help on their schooling and to improve overall classroom performance!



### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News from Mrs. Kim Bonert & Mrs. Brady**

We have been working very hard in third grade.



We got to go on our first field trip of the year in November. We went to Dubuque and saw the symphony. The students learned about the different



types of instruments which are brass, string, woodwinds, and percussion. The students enjoyed learning about the different instruments from Ms. Flint.

In Reading, we have been working on sequences of events. This pairs well with what we are learning in writing. In Writing, we are working on a unit on writing procedural text. Some of the features of this genre are including the title, and introduction, supplies needed, ordered steps, a conclusion, and illustrations. Students have been reading recipes on how to make different foods. Students will choose an area that they are an expert on and they will write steps on how to do it. They will share about theirs with their class.

In Math, we are working learning about multiplication. We have learned a couple tricks and strategies to help us. Some of these strategies are skip counting, making arrays, repeated addition, making equal groups, and using a number line to make jumps. We have also learned more about the associative property of multiplication and the distributive property of multiplication. By the end of this chapter, it would be great if the students would have their multiplication facts memorized!

In Social Studies, we have been learning about Native Americans. We have compared the similarities and differences of the tribes who lived in different regions of the country. We are going to learn about cultures around the world for the month of December. We will be learning about countries such as France, Mexico, India, Canada, and the traditions of different parts of the United States also.

We are having a great year in third grade!

## Viking of the Week



### **Elaina Brady- November 5-12**

Kaydence Uhlenkamp, *Ed-Co Echoes*

For the first week of November, fifth grader, Elaina Brady, who was chosen by Miss Rausch, is Viking of the Week. Her family includes her mom, Michelle; dad, Cain; sister, Lola; and brother, Ike. For pets, Elaina has one cat named Fire. In Elaina's free time, she enjoys playing volleyball and dancing. In school, she enjoys math because she likes to work with numbers. Elaina makes a good impact in school by trying to put a smile on everyone's face. After Elaina was told that she was chosen for Viking of the Week, she felt really happy! Nice job, Elaina!



### **Olivia Spilman- November 12-18**

Kaydence Uhlenkamp, *Ed-Co Echoes*

For this short week, Olivia Spilman, was chosen by first-grade teacher Mrs. Allen, for Viking of the Week. Olivia's family includes her mom; dad; sister, Bexleigh; and brother, Griffin. Olivia's pets consist of her four dogs named Rosie, Piper, Penny, and Izzy. In her free time, she enjoys playing with her little brother and little sister, and playing with chalk. In school, she enjoys math because she learns math the best. Olivia makes a good impact in school by being kind, being a good friend, and by helping others do what is right. After Olivia was told that she was chosen for Viking of the Week, she felt good about herself and very excited! Congrats, Olivia!



### **Karly Kaufmann- November 19-25**

Kaydence Uhlenkamp, *Ed-Co Echoes*

For the Viking of Week, Karly Kauffman, was chosen by second grade teacher Mrs. Priem. Karly's family includes her mom; dad; and brother, Ivan. Karly's family has 3 dogs, Millie, Duke and Lola; one horse; and lots of milking goats. When Karly has free time, she enjoys riding the horse, milking the goats, and helping with the chores. In school, she enjoys math because she thinks it is very fun! Karly makes a good impact in school by helping her classmates with math and also by playing with everyone at recess. After Karly was told that she was chosen for Viking of the Week, she felt happy, and it made her smile! Nice job, Karly!



### **Kamrie Nefzger - Nov. 26-Dec. 2**

Kaydence Uhlenkamp, *Ed-Co Echoes*

For Thanksgiving week, fourth grader, Kamrie Nefzger, was chosen by Mr. Beatty. Kamrie's family includes her mom, Katie; her dad, Mark; and her siblings, Brantley, Natalie, and Easton, and their family owns one pet cat named Pumpkin. When Kamrie has free time, she enjoys swimming, playing softball, sledding in the snow, helping her dad with the chores and helping her mom cook. In school, she enjoys reading because she enjoys different kinds of books. Kamrie makes a good impact in school by helping her classmates when they are stuck on a problem and need help. After Kamrie was told that she was chosen for Viking of the Week, she was excited! Congratulations, Kamrie!

## December 2023 Calendar of Events

\*Events are subject to change. For the most up to date information go to [www.edge-cole.k12.ia.us](http://www.edge-cole.k12.ia.us)

### Dec. 1

4:00pm-JH Girls Basketball vs. Central @ Edgewood

4:30pm-JV/V Girls/Boys Basketball @ Alburnett

### Dec. 2

11:00am-HS Wrestling @ West Delaware

### Dec. 4

4:00pm-JH Girls Basketball @ Maquoketa Valley

4:00pm-JV/V Girls/Boys Basketball vs. MFL Mar Mac @ Edgewood

4:30pm-HS Wrestling @ Center Point-Urbana

7:00pm-K-2<sup>nd</sup> Concert @ Colesburg Gym

### Dec. 5

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

6:00pm-HS Wrestling @ Colesburg

### Dec. 6

1:30pm-Early Dismissal-Teacher Development

### Dec. 7

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

6:00pm-Fresh/Soph Boys BB @ Alburnett

6:00pm-HS Wrestling @ Colesburg

### Dec. 8

4:00pm-Fresh-Soph Boys/JV Boys Basketball vs. Central City @ Edgewood

4:15pm-JH Boys Wrestling @ MFL MarMac HS

6:15pm-V Girls/Boys Basketball vs. Central City @ Edgewood (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls BB @ V Girls halftime)

### Dec. 9

8:00am-Fresh/Soph Boys Basketball @ Independence

10:00am-HS Wrestling @ Oelwein

### Dec. 11

7:00pm-7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Band/Vocal Concert @ St. Mark's Church, Edgewood

### Dec. 12

1:00pm - 6:00pm FBLA Blood Drive @ Colesburg Gym

5:30pm-JV/V Girls/Boys Basketball @ East Buchanan

### Dec. 14

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

6:15pm-HS Wrestling @ Lisbon

### Dec. 15

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

4:30pm-HS Wrestling @ Clayton Ridge HS

### Dec. 16

10:00am-Fresh/Soph Boys Basketball @ North Cedar

### Dec. 18

4:00pm-JV/V Girls/Boys Basketball @ Central

5:00pm-HS Wrestling @ West Delaware

7:00pm-3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Concert @ Colesburg Gym

### Dec. 19

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

### Dec. 21

4:30pm- Fresh-Soph/JV/V Boys Basketball vs. Beckman @ Edgewood

### Dec. 22-

12:30pm-Early Dismissal

### Dec. 23-Jan. 2, 2024

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 half time and between games.

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(Board Policy 102.E2)

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## December 2023 Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Milk served daily with breakfast and lunch</b>	<b>K-6<sup>th</sup> Cereal Available daily</b>			1 Fruit & Yogurt Parfait Toast K-12
4 Pancakes K-6 Poptart & Yogurt 7-12	5 Long John & Yogurt K-12	6 Breakfast Pizza K-12	7 Breakfast Tornado & Toast K-6 PBJ 7-12	8 Omelet & Toast K-6 Bagel 7-12
11 Muffin K-12	12 Glazed Donut K-12	13 Pancake Stick K-12	14 Little Smokies & Toast K-6 Blueberry Crumble 7-12	15 Sausage & Toast K-6 PBJ 7-12
18 Mini Cinnis K-6 Poptart & Yogurt 7-12	19 Biscuits & Gravy K-6 Cereal & String Cheese 7-12	20 Sausage, Egg, Cheese Croissant K-12	21 Breakfast Bar & Toast K-6 Bagel 7-12	22 Poptart & Yogurt K-6 PBJ 7-12
25 <b>Merry Christmas</b>	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL
<b>Grades 5-12 can choose a Hoagie, Chef or Garden Salad with crackers</b>  <b>Alternative Main Dish Includes a fruit and Vegetable</b>	<b>Meal Prices: Breakfast PK-12 \$1.60 Breakfast Adult \$2.10 Lunch PK-6 \$2.40 Lunch 7-12 \$2.60 Adult Lunch \$4.85</b>	<b>Fresh Fruit, Vegetables &amp; PBJ Available Daily</b>		1 Mandarin Orange Chicken WG Rice Broccoli Mandarin Oranges  Alternative Main Dish: Hotdog/WG Bun
4 Chicken Fajita WG Tortilla Corn Pears  Alternative Main Dish: Rib Patty WG Bun	5 Cheese Filled Breadsticks Romaine Lettuce Cherry Tomatoes Peaches  Alternative Main Dish: Meatball Sub	6 Chicken Nuggets WG Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Mandarin Oranges  Alternative Main Dish: Hamburger WG Bun	7 Ham & Turkey Croissant Baked Beans Apple Slices  Alternative Main Dish: Pizza Crunchers	8 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese/Crackers Celery Carrots Applesauce  Alternative Main Dish: Turkey & Dressing WG Bun
11 Pizza Romaine Lettuce Cherry Tomatoes Mandarin Oranges  Alternative Main Dish: Ham Patty WG Bun	12 Hamburger WG Bun Baked Beans Pears  Alternative Main Dish: Chicken Strips WG Dinner Roll	13 Goulash Garlic Knots Green Beans Banana  Alternative Main Dish: Brat/WG Bun	14 Fish Shapes K-6 WG Butter Sandwich K-6 Fish Sandwich 7-12 Peas Grapes  Alternative Main Dish: Cheese Bites	15 French Toast Sausage Tri Tators Oranges Applesauce 9-12  Alternative Main Dish: Grilled Cheese
18 Chicken Patty WG Bun Broccoli/Cheese Peaches  Alternative Main Dish: Sloppy Joe's WG Bun	19 French Bread Pizza Romaine Lettuce Cucumbers Pears  No Alternative Main Dish:	20 Pork Fritter WG Bun Savory Carrots Banana  Alternative Main Dish: Popcorn Chicken WG Dinner Roll	21 Super Nachos Corn Mandarin Oranges  Alternative Main Dish: Fish Sandwich	22 Hotdog WG Bun Baked Beans WG Chips Applesauce  Alternative Main Dish: Chicken Quesadilla
25 <b>Merry Christmas</b>	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL

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