

Energize Your Day! Eat School Breakfast

Mornings can be really crazy...the alarm doesn't go off...the kids don't want to get up...there's no time to eat breakfast before the bus comes...or they're just not ready to eat. Or maybe your teenager grabs a can of soda and a candy bar on the way to school. If this sounds like your house, we have good news for you.

Breakfast is served at school! School breakfast will energize your child's day and provide them with a healthy start. A nutritious breakfast helps students be more alert so they can learn more in class, and has plenty of vitamins and nutrients for a strong and healthy body.

Breakfast at school is affordable, too. The cost is only \$1.60. If you qualify for free and reduced price meals, you also qualify for the breakfast program, with no additional paperwork. You can't find a healthy breakfast at such a low cost anywhere else.

So help your child start the day right with school breakfast!



On April 7th Ed-Co students presented "The High Schooler's Guide to the Galaxy." Students involved included: Chloe Weipert, Kaylee Steger, Maddy Streicher, Maddison Barnhart, Anna Dolan, Ethan Staner, Carson Kirby, Cece Dolan, Emma Saddoris, Mikayla Bush, Hannah Hesseling, and Kirstyn Payne. These students did a wonderful job entertaining their audience on Saturday and earlier that week with the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students.



Competing at Loras College's 5th annual Chemistry Olympics on April 20th were Nic Bockenstedt, Morgan Vorwald, Natalie Palmersheim, Mariah Zittergruen, Erica Voss, Natalie Wessel, MacKenzie Schmitz. They had a great experience & some fun. Congratulations to Morgan & Natalie P. for taking 2nd place in titration & each earning a \$750.00 scholarship.



Edgewood Blood Drive

St. Mark's Parish Center
200 Jackson

Tuesday, May 8, 2018
12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

For an appointment, please call 563-929-6425 or visit redcrossblood.org

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May 24 (full day)
May 25, 29, 30, 31
June 1 & 4
June 5 (12:30 dismissal)



Wednesday, April 4th the Ed-Co FFA Donkey team took the title from the Starmont students and staff.



FFA Students toured the ethanol plant in Dyersville Wednesday, April 11. Amazing to see how so many products come from one commodity.

State FFA Convention April 22-24



Natalie Palmersheim, Calvin Heims, and Kohl Moser received their Iowa FFA degrees. Marketing plan of Emma Ehlers, Noelle Kerns, and Natalie Wessel received a bronze. Poultry judging received a bronze of Wyatt Rowcliffe, Bo Struble, Cory Kloser, and Quinton Knipper.

Hunter Thompson sang in the FFA choir. Kohl Moser, Calvin Heims, Chezney Priem, and Haley Fitzpatrick received a Gold in Farm Business Management. Brenden Pape and Charlie Ehlers received silvers in Green Hand Quiz. Leyla Sanchez, Payton Rochford, Logan Heims, and Jacob Wessel were 3rd overall Gold in Biotech and top test team. Jacob was 8th individual and Leyla was 5th.

Our chapter display was a bronze for Mariah and Madison Hummell and also served as chapter voting delegates. Kohl Moser was recognized as a Star finalist in agribusiness. Natalie Palmersheim was recognized for 2nd place Equine Proficiency and also performed with the FFA Band.

Charlie Ehlers and Brenden Pape acted as Courtesy Corp. The Ed-Co FFA chapter was recognized as an ambassador chapter.

High School News

News from Ms. Harbaugh



April is always an exciting time of the year for the music department. It's a time for competition, performance, and reflection. As each ensemble works to prepare for their end of the year concert, I find myself reflecting on how much each ensemble has grown both in their music making and in their relationships with each other. The band is very much like a family. We work very hard to highlight each other's strengths, improve in our areas of challenge, and encourage each other to be our very best both individually and as a group. April is also when our band starts growing! We are recruiting the 4th grades for next year's 5th grade band and we are very excited to welcome them into the band family!

As I reflect on each individual's growth as a musician, student, and citizen I find myself becoming increasingly grateful that I have been allowed to be a part in each student's story. I am so thankful for each of my students and their dedication to becoming their best, their parents and families who make so much of what we accomplish in band possible, the Friends of the Arts, administration and staff at Ed-Co, and the entire Ed - Co community. Each of you play a vital role in the band program. Thank you for letting me be a part of your community. Thank you for everything that you do to support our students. Please review the list of events below and, as always, don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.

5th and 6th Grade

May 15th -5-12 Band & 1-12 Choir Concert-Edgewood
Call Time 6:15 Concert starts @ 7:00

Junior High Band

May 15th 5-12 Band & 1-12 Choir Concert-Edgewood
Call Time 6:15 Concert starts @ 7:00
May 17th Solo Festival – Edgewood Starts @ 4:00
Memorial Day – Details To Be Announced
June 30th – Colesburg 4th of July Parade

High School Band

May 4th Large Group Contests @ Dunkerton
May 15th -5-12 Band & 1-12 Choir Concert-Edgewood
Call Time 6:15 Concert starts @ 7:00
May 20th Graduation - Call Time 12:30 Starts @ 1:00
Memorial Day – Details To Be Announced
June 30th – Colesburg 4th of July Parade



News from Mrs. Meyer

Second semester has been a rather busy semester. The spring always means "Art Shows". Ed-Co has something to really be proud of in regards to the art projects that are being completed by our high school students. On April 11th, three students took part of the Northeast Iowa Art Show at Upper Iowa University. Cassidy Steger received a 2nd Place and an Honorable Mention for her two photography pieces. Laura Bueno received an Honorable Mention for her graphic arts piece. Brianna Hartmann also had her ceramic sculpture "Newborn Dragon" judged.

On April 20th, the Tri-Rivers Conference Art Show took place in Springville. We had around 24 students that had pieces in this show. Five students attended the show and were able to take part in four different art workshops were they learned how to do macrame, make origami cranes, make jewelry out of used materials, and how to do fish prints. Ed-Co brought home some great results!
1st Place in Digital Photography: Cassidy Steger - "Little Cowboys"
2nd Place in Digital Photography: Hayle Pillard - "Final Cast" (sunset photo in the photo with Cassidy)
2nd Place in Mixed Media: Madison Sheckles - "For the Love of the Game"
3rd Place in Mixed Media: Brianna Hartman
3rd Place in Graphic Arts: Laura Bueno - "Pizza Girl"
3rd Place in Ceramic Sculpture: Brianna Hartman - "Newborn Dragon"
3rd Place for Pencil: Akaisha Buzynski - "She's Broken"
Honorable mention in Mixed Media: Mia Kelzer - "Nelson"
Honorable Mention in Mixed Media: Tori Bolsinger



Yearbook News:

Desktop Publishing students are working to finalize the yearbook spreads before the end of the year and have been working hard on creating this year's yearbook. This year's book is called "Making Our Mark" and is on sale now until the end of the school year. Don't miss your opportunity to purchase a book. We only order 10 extra copies and those will be available by first come first serve. To guarantee your

copy, please purchase your book for \$35 prior by 5/31/18.

Art Club News:

Twenty-three of the Art Club members will be going to Chicago the first weekend of May. While in Chicago, we will be visiting the Art Institute of Chicago, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Frank Lloyd Wright's Gallery/Studio, The National Veterans Art Museum, the Shedd Aquarium, and Navy Pier. Thank you to all who have supported Art Club so that we are able to take this trip.

Art Club will be planning on doing Viking driveway paintings again to promote school spirit. We plan to start them prior to the beginning of the school year this fall. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding this!



Art Club hosted their Third Annual District Art Show this year during the Spring Play. There were pieces from grades K-12 on display for the public. We will hold the Fourth Annual District Show next Spring!



News from Mr. Calderwood

The High School Concert Choir students were to attend Solo and Ensemble Contest at West Central in Maynard on April 14 but due to weather the choir was unable to perform for a rating.

However Rose Heuchelin received a Division 1 rating and Kennedy Sheckles received a Division 2 rating for their solos they performed. Rose sang "I Know Where I'm Goin'" and "Soldier, Soldier Will You Marry Me?" Kennedy sang "The Water Is Wide" and "American Lullaby." Students are required to sing for a minimum of 2.5 minutes and sing contrasting literature.



Lynn Uhlenkamp, Emma Sadoris, Sophia Wilson, Schyler Meyer, and Nathaniel Gaul attended the Northeast Iowa Choral Directors Association Honor Choir in Oelwein on Tuesday April 17th. During the day the students worked with Travis Richard who teaches in the Waterloo Community School District. Student performed "Benedicamus Domino," "Homeward Bound," "Can You Hear," and "Three South African Songs."

The next Vocal Music event will be on May 15th in the Edgewood Gym at 7pm. This concert will feature 5-12 Grade Band and 7-12 Grade Choir students. We hope to see you there.



News from Mrs. Dowell

JUNIORS & PARENTS: Monday, May 7th a representative from Iowa College Access Network will be here during advisory to meet with Juniors about College/Career Planning. He will also hold a Financial

Aid meeting that same day at 6:00 PM in the High School Library for any Junior and their parent/guardian to learn more about the FAFSA process and other financial aid information. We hope to see you there!

SENIOR'S last day is May 17th. We will have Graduation practice after lunch at 12:30 in the gym, followed by the senior walk at the Elementary. Please see the school website under Guidance for more information.

A special shout out to all of our Viking Value winners this semester!

We have been working to make these values more visible and predominant in our school - the goals that each of us works towards to make our school great: Take Responsibility for your Actions, Respect people and their property, Be an active learner, Make positive choices, Be proud to be an Ed-Co Viking! When students display these important traits and behaviors we try and recognize them by sending

home a postcard to show that we appreciate their efforts and to share their hard work with parents/guardians!

To further recognize the importance of being a good person, a good student and a valued Viking, those who are making the effort are rewarded as follows: At the end of each month the class who received the most postcards got to participate in a fun activity of their choosing during the school day, such as free time in the gym, playing games, etc.

Also 2 students who received postcards were randomly chosen to receive a prize of appreciation including a bag of items from Ed-Co as well as different colleges, businesses, and others supporters of our school!

Congratulations again to all our winners. We hope to continue this again next year in hopes that we see even more students displaying the Viking Values!

Tips for a great summer!

It's important for students to never stop challenging themselves, but it's equally as important to maintain harmony in their lives, including getting time for social interaction and fun! Without developing outlets, teens will harbor stress!

- 1.) Find ways to volunteer. Almost nothing helps a person feel as good and as inspired as community service.
- 2.) Job shadow or intern. Start your career search early, plan for your future.
- 3.) Develop a talent or learn something new as a way to challenge yourself and relieve stress.
- 4.) Set goals. Stay proactive and motivated.
- 5.) Have fun! Do what makes you happy!

8th Grade Trip to Chicago



On Friday, April 27th Ed-Co 8th graders went to Chicago. The trip included visits to Lincoln Park Zoo, Navy Pier and a Chicago Cubs game.

Elementary News **New Viking Theater**



The new Viking Theater at Ed-Co Elementary School is open for business! The space will be used by students PS-6th performing Reader's Theater (part of their reading curriculum) and can easily hold 50 to 60 students with floor seating. The space can also be used for ST Math, Guided Reading groups, and teacher meetings.

Our art teacher, Mrs. George, spearheaded the project. A big thanks to Mr. Clute for building the stage, repairing the ceiling, and fixing all of the lighting. The paint was donated by ACE Hardware in Dyersville.



News from Ms. Slight

I think it is finally starting to feel like spring and that means track season! The 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students are all signed up for track & field day set for Wednesday, May 23rd at 1:00 pm. The events will be the 50, 100, 200, 400, 600 meter dash and the 4 x 100 meter relay. The students are very excited to compete and we are working on staying in shape for this fun event. We hope to see everyone there to watch!



News from Mrs. Meyer

One of the most important things to do for your children over the summer is to keep them reading. Research shows that most children experience a "summer slide" over the summer. Reading is like any other skill, you need to practice it to improve. Here is a great article giving parents tips to prevent that "summer slide" in reading.

Three Ways to Prevent Summer Slide.

Many children, especially struggling readers, forget some of what they've learned or slip out of practice during the summer months. Try these strategies to help your reader improve her reading during the summer and beyond:

Six books to summer success: Research shows that reading just six books during the summer may keep a struggling reader from regressing. When choosing the six, be sure that they are just right — not too hard and not too easy. Take advantage of your **local library**. Ask for help selecting books that match your child's age, interests, and abilities. Libraries often run summer reading programs that motivate kids to read, so find out what's available in your area. Also check our **book lists** for recommendations.

Read something every day: Encourage your child to take advantage of every **opportunity** to read. Find them throughout the day:

Morning: The newspaper — even if it is just the comics or today's weather.

Daytime: Schedules, TV guides, magazines, online resources, etc. For example, if your daughter likes the food channel, help her look for a recipe on the network's Web site — then cook it together for more reading practice.

Evening: End the day by having your child read to you from the book he is currently reading (one of the six books, above). Have him rehearse a paragraph, page, or chapter before reading to you. Rereading will help him be more fluent — able to read at an appropriate speed, correctly, and with nice expression.

Keep reading aloud: Reading aloud benefits all children and teens, especially those who struggle. One benefit is that you can read books your child can't, so she will build listening comprehension skills with grade-level and above books. This will increase her knowledge and expand her experience with text, so that she will do better when she reads on her own.

It's hard to keep up a reading routine in a season packed with distractions and diversions. These suggestions will fit into a busy schedule and make reading fun!

“Three Ways to Prevent Summer Slide”. Parents. Scholastic Inc. 2018. Web. 16 April 2018.
<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/artic>

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News from Mrs. Lenz

The 4th grade is busy the rest of the school year.

The students traveled to the high school on April 4th, to watch the dress rehearsal of the spring play “High Schooler’s Guide to the Galaxy.” The students had a great time and enjoyed the performance.

The students were excited to show off their own talent at the Elementary Spring concert on April 10th. They appreciated their parent support! They did a super job!

Another highlight for the 4th grade was the band instrument testing. Students are very excited to get their chosen instruments and begin lessons!

Dale Bockenstedt, from Farmer Savings Bank, came to visit our students on April 20. He taught students the importance of saving. This presentation is in conjunction with National Teach Children to Save Day on April 29.

To help celebrate Arbor Day, the Clayton County Conservation Board made arrangements with the Osborne Center to help the 4th grade plant a 6-8 foot shade tree at school. The students learned the importance of trees and how to properly care for them. Mr. Sindelar of Fort Atkinson Nursery donated the shade tree. Students also received a white pine seedling to take home to plant.

The 4th grade will visit the Clayton County Fairgrounds on May 15 to participate in Safety Day. Some of the safety topics include fire safety, animal safety, farm safety, electrical safety, ATV safety, food safety, gun safety, and computer safety.

Once a month, the students have been participating in math centers. Parent volunteers come in to work with our students on math skills. We would like to thank those volunteers for taking time out of their busy schedule to come in and help students refine their math skills.



News from Ms. Frazier

It's hard to believe that it still feels like winter outside!!! We have been wanting to get outside and do some fun activities for our ABC Countdown, but it is hard with this weather!!!! Our ABC

Countdown is a countdown for the days of school we have left, and will be doing different activities according to the letter we are on!!! Hopefully soon, it will feel like spring, so we can get outside!!!!

We are doing a lot of fun things in preschool right now!!! This week, we are celebrating, "The Week of the Young Child." It's a special week that is celebrated all over the United States for young children!!! We had Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday (no school), and Artsy Thursday!!!

In the front of the school in the trophy case at the elementary, each child made a self - portrait, and we made a sign with our handprints on it to celebrate "The Week of the Young Child."

We love to celebrate May Day, so we are getting ready to make our May Day baskets and get those handed out to the elementary staff!!!! The staff looks forward to their basket every year!!!!

On May 10th, we are inviting all mothers in for a special Mother's Day event. Each mother and child will made a snack together and a craft!!! It'll be a fun time for the children and mother's to bond together!!!!

On May 24th, we are holding our preschool graduation ceremony in the elementary gym at 6:30PM!!! Each class will sing a song, and receive a diploma from their teacher!!!! The children look forward to this special event every year, and so do the families!!!!

Anytime you would love to come and see what we do in preschool, our door is always open!!!!



News from Mr. Weber

For Earth Day, the 6th grade watched the original Dr. Seuss movie *The Lorax*. Then the students wrote a short reflection over the movie. They were asked what the

Once-ler meant when he said, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." We discussed what we can do as a school and community to better our own environment.

The 6th grade is in the process of completing the D.A.R.E. program. D.A.R.E. envisions a world in which students everywhere are empowered to respect others and choose to lead lives free from violence, substance abuse, and other dangerous behaviors. They must go through 10 sessions of trainings where they learn problem-solving and coping skills.

In math, the 6th graders have been working really hard. The students just finished their chapter on relationships between variables in algebra. Next, they will start working on using formulas to find the area of different shapes and figures.

District News

Iowa's high school graduation rate is 91%

Iowa's high school graduation rate continues to show long-term progress, although the state experienced a slight decrease in 2017, according to figures released today by the Iowa Department of Education.

State data show 91 percent of students in Iowa's Class of 2017 graduated within four years, down from 91.3 percent for the Class of 2016. Since 2011, Iowa's four-year graduation rate has climbed 2.7 percentage points overall, with significant long-term gains in nearly every student demographic subgroup (see chart below). For example, graduation rates for African American students have increased four years in a row and by 9.1 percentage points since 2011. Iowa has set a 95 percent goal for the statewide graduation rate.

Four-Year Graduation Rate by Student Subgroup								
	Class of 2011	Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014	Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017	Comparison 2011-17
All	88.3%	89.3%	89.7%	90.5%	90.8%	91.3%	91.0%	2.7%
Individualized Education Program	69.9%	72.7%	72.7%	76.4%	77.0%	69.5%	74.2%	4.3%
Low Socio-economic Status	78.1%	79.7%	80.4%	84.1%	84.8%	83.9%	83.7%	5.6%
English Language Learner	70.0%	73.9%	75.7%	83.1%	82.9%	80.8%	80.3%	10.3%
African American	73.2%	74.1%	73.8%	78.6%	79.2%	79.7%	82.3%	9.1%
American Indian	79.2%	72.7%	83.2%	78.3%	85.6%	80.6%	83.3%	4.1%
Asian	88.5%	89.9%	91.1%	90.8%	92.7%	91.5%	92.5%	4.0%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	81.6%	76.9%	67.5%	80.0%	86.4%	88.1%	77.5%	4.1%
Hispanic	75.2%	77.5%	79.5%	81.7%	82.8%	84.5%	82.4%	7.2%
Multi-racial	82.0%	84.4%	84.9%	85.8%	83.9%	83.9%	85.2%	3.2%
White	90.2%	91.1%	91.5%	92.2%	92.4%	92.9%	92.7%	2.5%

Individualized Education Program: Students who participate in special education programs.
English Language Learner: Student whose native language is not English and participate in an English Language Learner program
Low Socio-economic Status: Eligible for free and reduced-price meals
Multi-Racial: Non-Hispanic students identified as more than one race

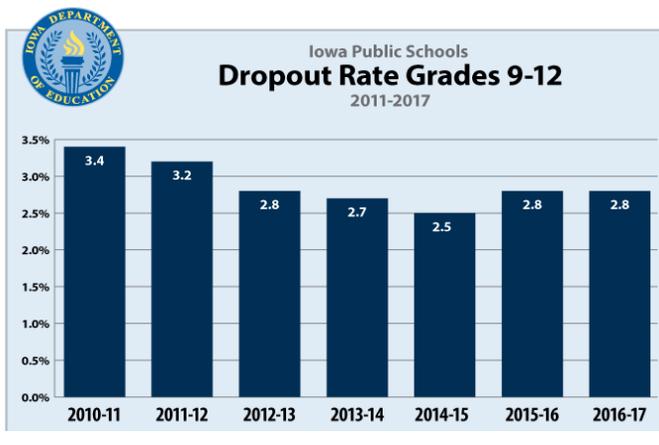
“High school graduation is an essential step for every student because it opens the door to postsecondary education and training opportunities that lead to rewarding jobs,” Iowa Department of Education Director Ryan Wise said. “While I’m disappointed in this one-year decrease, our long-term trend is still on the rise and I’m confident we have the right roadmap in place for education.”

Iowa graduation rates are calculated with a formula established by the U.S. Department of Education. Unique student identification numbers allow school districts to account for all ninth-grade students as they move through high school. At the state level, the method helps determine when a student graduates, even if the student has switched districts in Iowa during high school.

Iowa’s five-year graduation rate – which reflects students who were part of a graduating class but took an extra year to finish high school – was 93.4 percent for the Class of 2016, up from 93.3 percent for the Class of 2015.

Iowa’s annual dropout rate reflects the percentage of students in grades 9-12 who drop out of school during a single year. The annual dropout rate remained at 2.8 percent from the 2015-16 school year to the 2016-17 school year. The state’s 2016-17 dropout rate represents 4,183 students in grades 9 through 12.

The following graphic shows a comparison of Iowa’s annual dropout rates dating back to the 2010-11 school year:



The elementary had a Leader in Me Assembly Friday, April 6, focusing on the Habit of Think Win-Win. The 4th graders did a great job of performing a skit, showing students when Think Win-Win could be used at recess and some of our 6th graders led us in the habit song. Pictured are the students who were nominated for showing Think Win-Win. Way to go!



From Superintendent Rob Busch

The winter of 2017-18 took a while to get started (I think the first snow was during winter break) but didn't want to seem to let go. The snow and ice school cancellations have pushed the final day

with students to Tuesday, June 5th. Let's hope there are no fog days, floods, or raccoons in electric transformers that extend it more.

Join me as we all celebrate the hard work and important contributions of our teachers and staff make during **National Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week May 7-11, 2018**. This is a week to reach out and thank those who work so hard to provide educational services to the Edgewood-Colesburg community. Our teachers and staff deliver inspiration, knowledge and motivation to our students on a daily basis. During this week take the time to send a note or offer a work of recognition to a special teacher or staff member. Thank them for all they do to help our students achieve great things each and every day.

Summer 2018 should be an exciting one for **building and grounds improvements** for the Ed-Co School District. The Board has approved a bid to replace numerous windows and doors in the elementary and secondary buildings beginning as soon as school is dismissed for the summer. Quotes are also being reviewed for improvements for bathroom remodels and parking lot expansions. I would love to come and talk to any group about things happening in our district.

I would like to thank all the **volunteers** we have had in the past calendar year. It takes a lot of people donating time to make our school and students successful. From helping at preschool and kindergarten centers, providing activities at post prom, or working in the concession stands at numerous activities, I want you to know your assistance is greatly appreciated. With numerous track meets coming up, volunteers will continue to play an important role.

The 2018 Iowa Legislation is finishing up with the main sticking points being funding issues. The district has benefited from equity legislation passed this session. The student equity added five dollars per pupil. Transportation equity will add \$130,000 to the budget next year. Increases in state supplemental state aid have lagged behind with 1% increase. Iowa's state cost per pupil has experienced record low increases. In eight of the last nine years, the rate of growth in the state cost per pupil has been lower than the cost increases typically experienced by school districts. Extension of the SAVE (state penny) and operational sharing funding are two very important funding streams yet to be extended.

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 or <http://promiseiowa.org/take-action/>), and the National School Board - <http://www.standup4publicschools.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 2017-2018 school year. If you have ideas for improvement or areas of concern, please contact me by phone at 856-2415 or e-mail at rbusch@edge-cole.k12.ia.us.

Your Partner in Education,
Rob Busch

Vikings of the Week



April 2-8 Faith Dugan

By Kelsi Askeland, *Ed-Co Echoes*

Mr. Sorn chose a second grader, Faith Dugan, as Viking of the Week. Faith's family includes her parents and siblings, Lucy and Leah. Faith enjoys playing on her iPad and going on vacation to Disneyland. Her favorite part of school is P.E. class because she gets to run, scream, and have fun. In order to help her classmates out at school, she comforts her friends when they get sad.



April 9-15 MaCauley Heer

By Kelsi Askeland, *Ed-Co Echoes*

Mrs. Lenz chose fourth grader, MaCauley Heer as Viking of the Week. MaCauley's family includes his mom, dad, step-mom, and siblings: Aliyah, Whitney, Waylon, Tallen, Rhett, and Avada. He has four dogs: Sweetie, Nova, Kimber, and Kia. MaCauley enjoys riding on his dirt bike, going horseback riding, playing with his siblings, playing baseball, and farming. His favorite thing about school is P.E. because he can run and jog. MaCauley helps out at school by being kind and including others. MaCauley said he felt good about being chosen as Viking of the Week.



April 16-22 Claire Aulwes

By Kelsi Askeland, *Ed-Co Echoes*

Sixth grader Claire Aulwes was chosen by Mr. Weber as Viking of the Week. Claire's family includes her parents, Jess and Brad, along with her siblings: Kayla, Jake, Carter, Lily, and Ella. Another family member includes her dog, Remi. Some of Claire's hobbies include playing sports, swimming, hanging out with friends, baking, and cooking. Claire's favorite thing about school is math because she likes to challenge herself and learn new things. She assists her classmates at school by helping them answer any questions they have. Claire was happy that she was chosen as Viking of the Week.



April 30-May 6 Dylan Bowman

By Kelsi Askeland, *Ed-Co Echoes*

Sixth grader Dylan Bowman was chosen as Viking of the Week by Mrs. George. Dylan's family includes his mom, Stephanie; step-dad, Frank; and brother, Bryan. Other

members of Dylan's family include his two dogs and five birds. In his free time, Dylan enjoys reading, playing with animals, and cooking. His favorite thing about school is art class because he has an awesome teacher and loves to draw. Dylan assists others at school by helping them with the spelling and pronunciation of words. When Dylan found out he was chosen as Viking of the Week he felt "happy and excited".

Students of the Week



April 2-8 Cassidy Steger

By Mikayla Bush, *Ed-Co Echoes*

Mr. Olind chose Cassidy Steger for the student of the week. Cassidy is a freshman and in Health and P.E. with him. Mr. Olind said, "Cassidy asks great questions and she is a joy to have in class." Congratulations, Cassidy. Keep up the good work!



April 9-15 Maddy Streicher

Mr. Kleis selected Maddy Streicher, a freshman, as Student of the Week. Maddy is in his Spanish I course. Mr. Kleis notes that, "She always has a positive attitude in class and is willing to help others when they are confused." Maddy also excels with vocabulary and comes to class ready to learn. Congratulations, Maddy!



April 16-22 Kalie Jaster

By Maddy Streicher, *Ed-Co Echoes*

Mrs. Thier had the opportunity to choose the Student of the Week this week. She chose Kalie Jaster, a student in her Geometry class. When asked why she chose Kalie, Mrs. Thier said, "I chose her because she always has a smile on her face, has things completed for class, and is always willing to help her classmates." Congratulations, Kalie!



April 23-29 Emma Lange

Ms. Solsma selected Emma Lange, a seventh-grade student, for Student of the Week. Emma is in her English class and always maintains a positive attitude. Ms. Solsma also said, "Emma volunteers to help other students who may need assistance with something if I am busy helping another student. She also completes her work on time, and she goes above and beyond while doing it." Congratulations!



April 30-May 6 Natalie Wessel

Mr. Hamann selected Natalie Wessel for Student of the Week. Natalie is a sophomore and in his Algebra 3 class. Mr. Hamann noted that, "She works hard on challenging problems and always asks deep questions." In addition to that, Natalie makes sure to get work that she misses anytime she is gone and always gets things done before they are due. Congratulations, Natalie!



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.

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

Use of Recording Device Notice

The Edgewood-Colesburg Community School District Board of Directors has authorized the use of recording devices on school premises and district buses. The recording devices will be used to monitor student behavior to maintain order and to promote and maintain a safe environment. Recordings of students in the classroom will also be used to improve educational practices. Students and parents are hereby notified that the content of the recording may be used in a student disciplinary proceeding. The content of the recording are confidential student records and will be retained with other student records. Recordings will only be retained if necessary for use in a student disciplinary proceeding or other matter as determined necessary by the administration. Parents may request to view the recording of their child if the recordings are used in a disciplinary proceeding involving their child. A parent may view the recordings without consent from any student or parent of a minor student also shown in the recording if the other students are bystanders. But if there is an altercation between multiple students, then all parents must give consent in order for the recordings to be viewed by parents.

Elementary Earth Day Activities



With rakes and garbage bags in hand, Ed-Co 4th graders walked to the softball field and park to do some cleaning up for Earth Day!



First grade worked hard picking up garbage around Colesburg to keep our Earth clean!



COFFEE Friday's

TIME: 7:20am-8:15am

LOCATION: In front of ED-CO High School

DAYS: May 4th, May 11th, May 18th & May 25th

Food & Drinks

- Cinnamon Rolls
- Casey's Breakfast Pizza
- Fruit
- Coffee w/ Creamers
- Juice
- Cappuccino



THAT IS JUST SOME OF THE FOOD/DRINKS WE WILL BE HAVING.
MAKE SURE YOU LOOK OUT FOR WEEKLY SPECIALS.

Are you too busy rushing around in the morning and don't have enough time to eat?

IF THATS YOU THEN YOUR LUCK IS ABOUT TO CHANGE!



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West Delaware Summer Food Program

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN

June 18 - August 10, 2018
(closed the week of July 2-6)

Lambert Elementary Commons
1001 Doctor Street, Manchester

FREE MEALS SERVED Mon-Fri

Breakfast served at 8:00 AM

Lunch served at 11:30 AM

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION Code No. 102.E1

Students, parents, employees & others doing business with or performing services for the Edgewood-Colesburg Community School District are hereby notified that this school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age (for employment), religion, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender, creed, socioeconomic status, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs & activities.

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May Calendar of Events

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

May 1

FFA-District Agronomy @ Waterloo
12:30pm - 3:00pm-Farm Safety Day @ Colesburg
4:00pm: JH Girls/Boys Track @ Central City

May 2

1:30pm-Early Dismissal-Teacher Learning

May 3

4:00pm-HS Golf @ Postville
4:00pm-HS Girls/Boys Track @ Central City

May 4

HS Band Large Group Contest @ Dunkertown
4:00pm-HS Boys Golf vs. Monticello @ Edgewood

May 7

9:00am-HS Girls Golf @ Manchester
4:00pm-V Boys Golf @ Edgewood
6:00pm-Financial Aid meeting @ Edgewood

May 8

FBLA Blood Drive @ St. Mark's
FFA-District Floriculture @ Waterloo
4:00pm-HS Boys Golf vs. MV/Marquette @ Edgewood
4:00pm-HS Girls Golf vs. MV/Marquette @ Colesburg
4:00pm-JH Girls Track @ Edgewood
4:00pm-JH Boys Track @ Maquoketa Valley

May 10

4:00pm-HS Girls/Boys Track @ Edgewood
(State Qualifying Meet)

May 11

9:00am HS Boys Golf (Sectionals) @ TBA
Drive 4 Your School @ Welterlen's, Edgewood

May 14

Community Service Day
9:00am-HS Girls Golf (Regionals) @TBA

May 15

Community Service Day-Rain date
4th grade Farm Safety Day @ Clayton County Fairgrounds
7:00pm-5th-12th Band/7-12 Choir Concert
@Edgewood Gym

May 17

Seniors' Last Day
4:00pm-JH Solo Festival @ Edgewood

May 18

9:00am-HS Boys Golf (Districts) @ TBA

May 20

1:00pm-Commencement @ Edgewood

May 21

9:00am-HS Girls Golf (Regionals) @ TBA
5:00pm-V Softball/Baseball @ East Buchanan

May 22

5:00pm-JV Baseball vs. East Buchanan @ Edgewood
5:00pm-JV Softball vs. East Buchanan @ Colesburg

May 23

1:00pm-3th, 4th, 5th & 6th field day @ Edgewood
5:30pm-JV Softball vs. Lisbon @ Colesburg

May 24

TBD-HS Boys State Golf @ TBA
5:00pm-V Baseball vs. Easton Valley @ Edgewood
5:00pm-V Softball vs. Easton Valley @ Colesburg
6:30pm-Preschool graduation @ Colesburg

May 25

TBD- HS Boys State Golf @ TBA
5:00pm-JV/V Baseball vs. Bellevue @ Edgewood
5:00pm-JV/V Softball vs. Clayton Ridge @ Colesburg

May 28

Memorial Day (No School)

May 29

TBD-HS Girls State Golf @ TBA
5:00pm-V Softball/Baseball @ Midland

May 30

TBD-HS Girls Golf @ TBA
5:00pm-JH Baseball vs. Maquoketa Valley @ Edgewood
5:00pm-JV Softball/Baseball @ Midland
5:00pm-JH Softball vs. Maquoketa Valley @ Colesburg

May 31

5:00pm-V Baseball vs. North Linn @ Edgewood
5:00pm-V Softball vs. North Linn @ Colesburg

June 1

10:00am-V Softball tournament @ NFV
5:00pm-JH Baseball @ North Linn
5:00pm-JH Softball vs. North Linn @ Colesburg

June 2

9:00am-V Softball tournament @ NFV

June 4

4:30pm-JH Baseball vs. Alburnett @ Edgewood
4:30pm-JH Softball vs. Alburnett @ Colesburg
5:00pm-V Softball/Baseball @ Alburnett

June 5-LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

12:30pm dismissal
5:00pm-JV Softball/Baseball @ Alburnett

Custodian NEEDED

The Edgewood-Colesburg Community School District is seeking a custodian for our Elementary in Colesburg to begin June 2018. Position is 2nd shift during the school year and days during the summer. Salary will be based on experience.



Applications are available at Elementary or High School offices or online at www.edge-cole.k12.ia.us.

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