



Ed-Co Elementary Newsletter
August/September 2026

What’s Happening

From Mrs. Briggs Desk

Welcome Back! Once again, I will be sending the newsletter monthly. It will be posted on the webpage and shared with the local paper.. Please check the upcoming dates and mark your calendars for events each month.

Summertime goes by so quickly. I hope your families enjoyed time together and with friends. The administrators, teachers, custodians, secretaries and food service personnel have been preparing for your children’s safe return to school. We are excited to see and greet the students soon.. 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!

Registration

Registration is now open and available on-line. Directions for how to complete it can be found on the homepage of the district website. **All** returning and new students will need to register for school. There will not be an in person registration time. If you need assistance please contact the office. Chelsea will answer your questions and/or schedule a time to assist you in person. All forms need to be completed and fees paid prior to the first day of school.

Free and reduced paperwork will need to be completed to qualify for the program as soon as possible. It can be completed online via JMC Parent Portal. If you have questions please contact Barb at the District office.

Upcoming Dates :

- Aug. 03 - Registration Opens
- 11 - Board Meeting @ 6pm
- 19 - PreK- 6th Open House - 4:00-6:00 pm
- 24 - First day JK-6th grade
- 26 - First Day of Preschool
- 2:00 Dismissal
- 27 - Fundraiser Kick Off
- Sept. 02 - 2:00 Dismissal - Pro. Development
- 07 - NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY
- 09 - 2:00 Dismissal - Pro Development
- 11 - Patriots Day - 5th grade leads
- 14 - Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- 16 - 2:00 Dismissal - Pro. Development
- 18 - Homecoming Parade @ 1:30pm
- Homecoming Game @ 7:00 pm
- 23 - 2:00 Dismissal - Pro. Development
- 30 - 2:00 Dismissal - Pro. Development
- Oct. 09 - Grandparents Day - 2:00 pm



Open House - PreSchool -6th Grade - August 19th

Mark your calendars! We will be hosting an Open House to welcome our Preschool - 6th grade students back on August 19th between the hours of 4:00pm - 6:00pm. During this time, students and parents will be able to explore the classroom, unpack their child’s supplies and visit with their child’s new teacher. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back,

Preschool - Reminders

Preschool teachers will be conducting home visits. Miss Fain or Mrs. Streicher will be contacting families to schedule a time that meets your family’s needs to get acquainted with each other. Your child’s first day will be on August 26th. It is a 2:00 dismissal. All of your paperwork and fees need to be paid by the first day. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the office. We are looking forward to getting to know all of you!

Visiting the Building:

Visitors are always welcome in the building. The following procedures will ensure the safety of all of our students. The doors will be locked at all times. So when you come to the building, you will need to press the button that is to the right of the front door. There is a speaker so you can speak with us and we can speak with you. The door will be opened for you. Once you enter the building, report to the office and sign in and you will be given a visitor sticker. There is more information about visiting the school in the handbook. You are expected to sign out of the office at the end of your visit. Feel free to contact the office with any questions.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Our procedures have been created with the intent to keep our students safe during their arrival and dismissal. It is a very high traffic time. So, please read the following procedures carefully.

ARRIVAL:

Buses and parents transporting children to school and arriving before 8:00 am will drop off students at the gym entrance. We will have supervision at the entrance beginning at 7:35. If parents are behind a bus, please wait for the bus to move forward before allowing your child to exit your vehicle. Students need to exit from the passenger side.

Students will need to line up outside the gym door prior to entering the building. They will be allowed into the building at 7:45 am. All students will enter through the gym doors prior to 8:00 am

At 7:45, PreK through 6th grade students will be escorted to breakfast or to the gym. Students not eating breakfast will be able to walk around the gym or read a book until being excused to their classrooms at 8:00 am.

Arrival Schedule is as follows:

7:35	Colesburg Buses Arrive (leave by 7:45)
7:50	Walkers eating breakfast
8:00	Parent Drop Off and Walkers
8:00	Edgewood Buses

Students that arrive at school after 8:00 will want to enter through the gym door if they are going to eat breakfast. They may enter through the main entrance if they are going straight to their classroom. For your child's safety, please do not drop off your child prior to 7:35, because we do not have staff to monitor students until that time. A quick reminder, any student entering the building after 8:15 will be tardy.

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 at 3:15 and leave by 3:20
4. Once the buses leave, students being picked up by parents will exit through the Gym entrance about 3:20. Once the buses have left the driveway, parents can drive up to the building. There will be an adult to direct your child to the car.
 - a. If you park in the circle drive and want to meet your child at the gym door. Please walk to the building using the cross walk closest to the main door, walk to the gym door. An adult will excuse your child when they see you.
 - b. We have these practices to avoid having students cross in front of vehicles. Our goal is always to keep your child safe.
5. Walkers will be dismissed through the main entrance at 3:30.
6. Colesburg buses will leave around 3:40.

If you have any questions please contact me or the office at 563-856-2415.

Student Handbook

The handbook has been updated and is located on the webpage. Please take some time to review the information. I would like to highlight a couple of items found in the handbook. When your child is going to be absent please call the office and let Chelsea know. She will let the teacher know and we can record it in our attendance system. Teachers are really busy and may not get the message to the office. We want to avoid bothering you with a phone call about your child's absence.

In addition, contact the office if your child will be late or if you are changing their dismissal plans. Once again, teachers are busy throughout the day and may not read the text or email until it is too late. Contacting the office will allow us to make sure your child gets home safely.

If your child brings a phone to school they will be expected to keep it in their locker during the day from the time they enter the building (approx 7:45 am) until they leave at 3:40 pm. They will not be allowed to use it during recess or class time. This includes after school recess and while waiting in the parent pick up line or cafeteria. If you need to get a message to your child, please contact the office. We will relay the message or make sure you are able to communicate with your son/daughter. Please review all of the expectations in the handbook.

Grandparents Day

On October 9th we will host our Grandparents' Day at 2:00 pm. Please watch for more information in upcoming newsletters and notes from the office. We are looking forward to seeing our grandparents in the building!