



KAMP KAOS the Musical will be presented on Friday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the High School Gym. Admission for the night is \$5. Friends of the Arts (FOTA) will have the concession stand open before 7:30pm with popcorn, drinks, & candy. During intermission FOTA will

have a free will donation for desserts provided by FOTA members.

Come out and relive your days of going to summer camp as the counselors try to help Wally pass the health inspection, keep the richest lady in the world from buying the camp and get rid of all those mice.

## Advanced Manufacturing Day



On October 4<sup>th</sup>, Ed-Co students attended Advanced Manufacturing Day in Manchester. The day included tours to Henderson Mfg., XL Specialized Trailers, and Collins Aerospace. Students attending were Ethan Staner, Walker Schulte, Carson Knipper, Bo Struble, Jake Jones, Cameron Kirby, Xavier Reeves, Madison Hummel, Christian Weston, Riley Ashline, Cerria Drips, David Horstman, Wyatt Rowcliffe, Kody Hoeger, Elijah Keck



## Dangers of Vaping Presentation

The use of vaping by young people has been in the news quite a lot. If you love a teenager,

you'll want to attend the next St. Mark Parish Life meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 11 at St. Mark Parish Center. Ashley Havenstrite from Helping Services for Youth and Families will present on the dangers of vaping.

Everybody's welcome!



## Greenhand Fire Up

Ed-Co FFA members attending Green Hand Fire up on October 2<sup>nd</sup> were Dawson Bergan, Reagan Stelken, Collin Harris, Peyton Gaul, Mason Schilling, & Cael Funk



Our members attending the FBLA fall conference Oct. 13-14 which was led by Ed-Co FBLA state officers Alex Schmitz (President) and Kirstyn Payne (Region 1 Vice President). Members attending were: Hailey Rausch, Ella Aulwes, Jessica Avianeda, Dayanaira Cates, Mika McCool, Carson Kirby, Kenzie Barnhart, Zander Carter, Olivia Welsh, Sophia Wilson, Ethan Staner, Mia Kelzer, Reghan Steger, Reagan Stelken, Emma Pape

## Business & Industry Day



On Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Ed-Co juniors traveled to Manchester for Business & Industry Day. The held was for all the juniors in Delaware County. Our students learned from businesses at the trade show and also learned other job seeking skills at a workshop.



## Weather Information

The weather is changing, please send your child to school with the proper clothing for going outside to play. It is very important for you to label your child's clothing so that if it is lost we have a chance to return it to the rightful owner.

Please remember that the best way to be notified of school early outs or a school cancellation is by signing up for text notification. To sign up for **elementary messages text @edcoe to 81010**. For **secondary messages via text, text @edcoh to 81010**. It is also sent out to some of the local radio and TV stations, so please stay aware of those school alerts.

<u>Radio Station</u>	<u>Website</u>
KMCH(FM94.7)	<a href="http://www.kmch.com">www.kmch.com</a>
KCTN(FM100)	<a href="http://www.kctn.com">www.kctn.com</a>
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KWWL(channel 7)	<a href="http://www.kwwl.com">www.kwwl.com</a>
KCRG (channel 2)	<a href="http://www.kcrg.com">www.kcrg.com</a>
KGAN (channel 9)	<a href="http://www.cbs2iowa.com">www.cbs2iowa.com</a>

## High School News



### News from Mrs. Bond

Olivia Welsh attended the World Food Prize Event in Des Moines, Iowa on October 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Olivia was escorted by Mrs. Bond and they met many interesting people from thirteen nations as well as individuals from around the United States. Hunger projects, like cricket farms in Iowa, launching the World Hunger Fighters Foundation, the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, and many other interesting immersion programs were discussed/ attended. Olivia had the opportunity to present her World Hunger Research paper again and is now eligible for many grants and scholarships.



### News from Mrs. Thier

It is hard to believe we are approaching the end of the quarter. This year is flying by.

In 8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra, the students are learning about functions. They are going to relate the idea of a function to a vending machine. This idea helps them remember that when you push one button on the vending machine you should only get one item out of the machine - just like a function.

In Geometry, we just finished a unit on transformations. This year the curriculum is more student centered. I am enjoying all of the math conversations that are happening between the students. They are also getting to use their computers to make geometry constructions and some students are getting very handy with the online drawing tools.

In Foundations of Math, the students are going to be reviewing solving equations. With lots of practice in this class, the students are better able to understand why they make mistakes and learn from them.



### Mathematical Matters by Mr. Hamman

Learning is once again in full swing in the math department, and students are eagerly working on their learning targets in class. Much like previous years, the students work hard at practicing with these topics, doing homework and formative assessments, before their progress is tested on a summative assessment. For those of you who have not yet asked their math student about topic currently being studied, here is a glimpse into what each of my 1<sup>st</sup> semester classes is tackling.

The students in **Algebra 2** have been reviewing some basic solving techniques and are working hard on creating equations that describe relationships. They are also spending time interpreting the structure of expressions and practicing their evaluating skills.

**Algebra III** students have been working hard on the topic of rational functions and their structure. This class tends to be very intensive for students as the targets we lay out for them are advanced, requiring a deeper level of thinking, but both sections of this class seem up for the challenge.

This semester has just one upper-level math offering that is challenging our juniors and seniors. **Pre-Calculus** is a semester long class emphasizing topics that advance beyond the Algebra previously learned

while also exploring topics that prepare students for the rigors of college math.

**Calculus** and **Statistics** will again be offered, but as a second semester class. Calculus is a logical choice for students wanting to pursue a post-secondary education in the hard sciences and engineering fields. Statistics is a topic that many students bound for a post-secondary institution will likely face. We felt it was wise to give them the basics of statistics to give them success later on, so this course is geared for any student who has completed our regular math progression



### **News from Mrs. Lange**

I can't believe we are almost done with the first quarter of the school year already. It feels like only a week ago we started. The 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade math classes are off to a great start for the year. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders have adjusted well to being in a new school building, and to having all new teachers. We are excited to see what the year holds. The first few days of math were spent getting to know each other, outlining what would be learned this year, reviewing some 6<sup>th</sup> grade topics, and we have just recently finished our first unit. It may seem like it took us quite a while to get through, but we are starting off with some brand new concepts for them. They include: learning about negative numbers: how to work with them, what negative fractions and decimals are, ordering these numbers, and will move to adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing them. Our next unit, we will begin working with variables and solving equations.

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are excited to be back, and we were able to jump in to our first unit almost right away. They learned about square roots of numbers, and how to classify a number as rational or irrational. They took this knowledge into learning about the Pythagorean Theorem. We are now wrapping up our second unit on solving equations. Much of it was review from last year, but we also introduced some new and more challenging problems as well. Finally, the freshmen have been cruising right along. We breezed through our first unit on working with rational and irrational numbers, solving equations, and now solving inequalities. We are taking all the things we learned in junior high a step further.



### **News from Mrs. Wille**

#### **7<sup>th</sup> grade Life Science**

Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders have just started the cell unit. They have been introduced to 13 organelles and are now practicing their jobs inside the cell. Later this week, students will be comparing a cell to a system in nature. This schedule this year has allowed Mrs. Ostwinkle and I to co teach one of our classes. We have been having a blast trying new things like creating passports to the land of the living to preforming skits.

#### **9<sup>th</sup> grade Physical Science**

Freshman have just started to discover Newton's laws. Last week we took a look at how inertia influences a moving object by having a running person drop a ball at a target. Next on our Newton discovery will be to discover how mass and force influence acceleration.

#### **10<sup>th</sup> grade Chemistry**

Our sophomores have been busy learning about why and how atoms bond. We have discussed ionic and covalent bonds as well as the properties of these substances. In an effort to learn these concepts we have been building clay models. This week we will be using physical properties in the lab to identify substances as ionic or covalent.

#### **11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Advanced Chemistry**

So far this year we have been in lab to understand measurement and out limitations with accuracy and precision, doing fractional distillation and determining an empirical formula using mass. We will continue using stoichiometry to calculate limiting reactants and determine mass of a product. Our goal in advanced chemistry is to expose our students to lab experiences so that students can walk into any college lab situation with confidence.

### **Yearbook: Senior Parent Reminders:**

Seniors need to get senior portraits into Mrs. Melissa Meyer by Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure your son/daughter has their photos taken and that they are emailed to Mrs. Meyer. If for some reason budget is an issue, we can make arrangements to take photos (for free) for your son/daughter. Also, senior ads are due to Mrs. Meyer by March 20<sup>th</sup>. Watch for a letter to be sent in regards to Senior Ads this fall. Senior Ads do include a yearbook so there is no need to purchase a discounted yearbook if you plan on ordering a senior ad. Those that have already purchased a book will get the Senior Ad for \$20 less.



Make sure to get your 2019-2020 "Better Together" yearbook ordered today! Yearbooks are on sale right now for \$25 until 12/31/19. Orders can be given to the high school office or you can order your book online at [edcoyearbook.com](http://edcoyearbook.com). If you have any yearbook questions, please contact Melissa Meyer at [mmeyer@edge-cole.k12.ia.us](mailto:mmeyer@edge-cole.k12.ia.us) or by calling the school at 928-6412.



### **News from Mr. Calderwood**

#### **Ukulele finalize**

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade music students completed a ukulele unit this quarter. Students learned to play C Major, F Major, G7, and C7 chords. The goal for the students was to be able to play and sing with the ukulele and switch chords on time during our songs. Some students modified their strum pattern and added in some rest to allow them time to get their fingers to the next position on the fretboard. To complete this unit 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students went to the Edgewood Convalescent Home and Lincolnwood Assisted Living to lead sing along with the residents. Both of the sing along's were live streamed on the Edgewood Colesburg CSD Facebook page and can be found under videos to be viewed.



#### **Winter Concert**

The 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade Band & Choir Winter Concert is coming up on Monday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This concert will be held at St. Mark Catholic Church located in Edgewood.

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

- Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm: 7-12 Musical "Kamp KAOS" in Edgewood Gym
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 8:20am: Veterans Day Presentation
- Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> Athletic Booster Meeting 6pm, FOTA Meeting 7:30pm Both in HS Commons
- Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm: Tri-Rivers HS Vocal Music Festival Concert at Marquette Catholic
- Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm: K-2 Winter Concert in Colesburg
- Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm: 3-6 Winter Concert in Colesburg
- Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm: 7-12 Band & Choir Winter Concert at St. Marks Church Edgewood



### **News from Coach Olind**

**Mark Your Calendar for  
November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm!**

#### **Ed-Co Boys Hall of Pride Basketball Game for Assisting Autism Awareness**

The Boys' basketball teams of Ed-Co and Dunkerton will be giving a preview of their teams to raise funds and awareness for Autism. There will be a JV and Varsity boys' basketball game starting at 3 pm (JV) at the High School in Edgewood. There will be a gate of \$5 to get into the game as all the funding will go to The Autism Research Institute. See the event description for the opportunities that you have to help support the teams and Assist Autism Awareness. Even if you are unable to attend the game, there are different ways you can have a part in this great opportunity to give to Autism Research.

**Location:** Edgewood Gymnasium

JV and Varsity Boys Basketball Scrimmage Ed-Co vs Dunkerton starting at 3pm

(The game will be ran just like a regular game. There will be officials, score will be kept, and a great game of basketball will be played.)

#### **Event Description:**

Assisting Autism Awareness will be a night that Ed-Co and Dunkerton will cooperatively work together to raise awareness and funds for autism. At our event (Pride Scrimmage) the Ed-Co and Dunkerton Special Education Departments will have an informational display/center on autism detailing what it is, what it is like to be on the spectrum, what we can do to help, and how it affects everyone.

- Check out the informational center to learn about Autism
- Order your Assisting Autism Awareness shirts to show your support
- Enjoy the free will donation dessert bar put on by the parents/players of Edgewood-Colesburg and Dunkerton with items (such as treats, ice cream and sundae toppings) donated by community organizations and businesses
- 60 Seconds to Assist Autism Awareness (players going around the gym with donation buckets between 1st and 2nd quarters of the JV Boys and Varsity boys games for 60 seconds to gather donations)
- MOST IMPORTANTLY, the profits from the night's event will be donated to the Autism Research Institute.

## What can you do to help?

**Parents and Players:** Please plan on bringing a dessert type item for the free will dessert bar, which will take place during and after the games (for a little bit to allow players a chance to enjoy).

**Everyone:** Order your Assisting Autism Awareness shirts now to help support Autism Research and your basketball teams! Check out the order form! Orders due November 11<sup>th</sup>. If unable to attend the game and you would like to give to the event please see the businesses section below for mailing instructions.

**Businesses:** Consider donating to become a sponsor of Assisting Autism Awareness! Please send donations by November 6<sup>th</sup>. Make it Payable to Ed-Co basketball and send to Ed-Co HS, Attention: Coach Olind, 403 W. Union, Edgewood, IA 52042. In doing so, your business will be listed on the Autism Awareness T-shirt!

Questions: Feel free to contact Coach Olind via email at [jolind@edge-cole.k12.ia.us](mailto:jolind@edge-cole.k12.ia.us) or call (563) 928-6412. Thank you for all the support and we are excited to see everyone on November 23<sup>rd</sup>!

## Student of the Week



### **Jaiden Rieck -Week of Oct. 7-13**

Alex Schmitz, *Ed-Co Echoes*

Mr. Wright had the privilege of selecting a student from one of his classes for Student of the Week. Jaiden Rieck was his choice, a seventh-grader in his Physical Education class. Jaiden is always working hard and has a positive attitude when doing so. Mr. Wright said, "Jaiden is willing to try new and challenging things in class. He does an outstanding job!" Congratulations, Jaiden, and keep up the good work!



### **Maddy Streicher-Week of Oct. 14-20**

Emma Phelps, *Ed-Co Echoes*

Mr. Kleis selected Maddy Streicher as Student of the Week. She is a junior in his Spanish 3 class. Maddy was chosen because she has a positive attitude, works hard, and tries to use Spanish as much as possible in class. Congratulations, Maddy!



### **Zoe Walz -Week of Oct. 21-27**

Sophia Wilson, *Ed-Co Echoes*

Mrs. Lange chose Zoe Walz for this week's Student of the Week. Zoe is in Mrs. Lange's 7<sup>th</sup> grade math class. "Zoe is

a hard worker," said Mrs. Lange. "She is active in class and always willing to help her classmates." Keep up the good work Zoe!



### **Keeley Bakey-Week of Oct. 28-Nov. 3**

Maddy Streicher, *Ed-Co Echoes*

Mrs. Meyer had the opportunity to choose a Student of the Week this week, and she chose Keeley Bakey. Mrs. Meyer teaches Keeley in her photography and 2D art classes. Keeley was chosen because she has been working hard to improve her photography and drawing skills, using class time well, and even working on her projects during advisory. Congratulations, Keeley!

## Elementary News

### **Elementary Student Council**



**4th Graders:** Avery Brown, Reece Yest, Brady Brown, Kayden Williams, Brandon Heims

**5th Graders:** Ella Beyer, Abby Schilling, Aly Meyer, Nolan Gaul, Rylan Gaul

**6th Graders:** Christopher Lange, McKenna Hoefer, Lilee Boriskey, Sam Wessel, Mylie Elliott, Rylee Atkinson, Bryce Stannard

### **Elementary Student Council Officers**



Historian McKenna Hoefer: Secretary Lilee Boriskey: President Rylee Atkinson: Vice President Samantha Wessel: Treasurer Abby Schilling



### **Elementary Music Notes**

Mark your calendars! The K-2 Winter Concert will be on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Winter Concert will be held on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade Orff

groups and 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade bands will also perform on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

The K-2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Concert will be held on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade Spring Concert will be held on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade Orff groups and 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade band will also perform on March 10<sup>th</sup>. All concerts will be held in the Colesburg gym.

### Iowa's Healthiest State Initiative



On Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup> the elementary students/staff participated in Iowa's Healthiest State Initiative. Due to weather conditions, the walk was held inside the school.

The Healthiest State Initiative is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization driven by the goal to make Iowa the healthiest state in the nation. By engaging worksites, communities, schools, retail food, organizations, institutions and individuals, we can inspire Iowans and their communities to improve their health and happiness, and ultimately achieve our goal.

### News from Mrs. Wieneke



The first quarter of the 2019-2020 school year has already come to an end and parent teacher conferences are right around the corner! We have had a great (& busy) start this year at the elementary! Students and teachers have been continually practicing using The Seven Habits inside and outside of the building again this year. We plan to continue using The Seven Habits to create leaders at a young age! We love to see our students grow academically. It is also important that our students are healthy, engaged, responsible and caring young people.

This year, I primarily work with 1<sup>st</sup> grade students at the elementary and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students at the junior high. The 1<sup>st</sup> graders I see have been introduced to TouchMath and being able to incorporate it into their daily math lessons! TouchPoint math is an effective way for students to learn basic math concepts such as counting, addition and subtraction. Both grades are

continually practicing and learning new skills to help with reading fluency and spelling. Practicing the skills that are being taught at school will help your child continue to be successful in their education! We love to see growth throughout the year!



### News from Mrs. Streicher

Hello from preschool land!!!! We have had a great start to our preschool year so far!!!! We have gotten to know all of our new faces, and we are starting to interact more and more with each other during the school day!!!! In my class this year, I have 18 students and Mrs. Askeland has 17 students!!!!

At this time, we are doing a study on pumpkins!!!! The children are learning all about pumpkins using literacy, math, science, cooking, exploring and doing a whole lot of hands on activities!!!! We have learned how a pumpkin grows, and what it needs to grow. We have also learned what foods come from pumpkins.

We will be talking about the life cycle of a pumpkin and doing a pumpkin investigation where the children describe and predict information about our class pumpkins next week!!!!

We have our Halloween party coming up on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> where we will play some games, eat yummy snacks and then to end our party, we will show off our wonderful costumes to the whole school up at the gym for the Halloween Parade!!!!

We have become Preschool Leaders at the elementary!!!! We have talked about six out of the seven habits for Leader In Me. After we talk about all of our 7 habits, we will be having a celebration and inviting our 6<sup>th</sup> grade book buddies down for a 7 habits program. We will say the Viking Pledge, sing the 7 habit songs, and announce each Habit.

If you want to come and visit anytime, please come on in, and see what fun we have in preschool!!!

### News from Mrs. Waid & Mrs. Lenz

#### Reading

We have completed our first literacy unit of the year! Students worked on identifying main ideas and details. Fourth graders have also been reading biographies and creating posters to share. We practiced and performed our first reader's theater of





the year to our 2nd grade Book Buds. Our new unit focuses on identifying a sequence of events.

## Writing

Students have been working hard to publish and illustrate their first writing piece. Many chose to type their final works on laptops. We are working on opinion writings next and will continue to utilize the writing process we have learned.

## Math

Fourth graders are master multipliers! Students can use their knowledge of place value and basic multiplication facts to find products of 3-digit and 4-digit numbers. They can also use the order of operations to solve multi-step story problems.

## Social Studies

Students have been analyzing one of the most important documents in American history, the Constitution! Using this primary source, students have learned about the three branches of government, the roles and duties of each, and the system of checks and balances. November's focus will be on the history and importance of voting.

## Science

Students have been learning about energy and sound waves. They will be developing models to describe how waves are a pattern of motion produced by energy.



## Viking of the Week

### McKenna Krieg-Week of Oct. 14-20

Lynn Uhlenkamp, *Ed-Co Echoes*



This week Ms. Wiskus chose McKenna Krieg for Viking of the Week. McKenna is in Ms. Wiskus's kindergarten class.

McKenna is the daughter of Ben and Andrea Krieg. Her siblings include Kaden and Jaxon. She also has a dog named Duke. Outside of school McKenna enjoys cooking with her mom, drawing, playing outside, and going four-wheeling. One of McKenna's favorite things about school is playing on the playground with her friends. McKenna was very happy that she was chosen as Viking of the Week. She always tries to help by picking up toys. Good job, McKenna!

### Lauren Kirby-Week of Oct. 21-28

Lynn Uhlenkamp, *Ed-Co Echoes*



This week Lauren Kirby is Viking of the Week. Lauren is in Mrs. Mather's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. Lauren is the daughter of

Tammy and Wayne Kirby. She has three siblings; they are Campbell, Faith, and Carson. She also has a dog named Axl. Some of Lauren's hobbies are reading and playing the piano and trumpet. Lauren also plays softball, volleyball, and basketball. Her favorite thing about school is seeing her friends. Lauren was surprised and happy that she was chosen for Viking of the Week. Around the classroom, Lauren helps others when they don't understand things and explains things to them. Congratulations, Lauren!

### Brady Thein-Week of Oct. 28-Nov. 3

Lynn Uhlenkamp, *Ed-Co Echoes*



This week's Viking of the Week is Brady Thein. Brady is in Mrs. Schulte's 5th grade class. Brady's family consists of his parents, Billie and Josh, his siblings, Mikayla, Kaitlyn, and Kinsley, and his dog, Sadie. Some of his hobbies are reading and playing football, basketball, and baseball. Brady's favorite part of school is reading because Mr. Sorn is a really funny teacher, and Brady is a really fluent reader. Brady was very surprised and proud when he found out he was the Viking of the Week. Brady's positive impact is cheering others up when they are down and making them laugh. Congratulations, Brady!

## **District News**



### **Edgewood-Colesburg Community School District Illness Policy IMPORTANT: Please report your child's illness to the school office**

Please review the following guidelines about student illnesses:

- Please notify the school if your child is going to be absent or tardy for any reason.
- If the absence is due to an illness, please let us know your child's symptoms (i.e. nausea, vomiting, fever, headache, sore throat, cough, rash, body aches, etc.).
- If your child sees their healthcare provider for the illness, please let us know the outcome of that visit and if your child was diagnosed with a contagious disease. This will help us track illnesses, identify outbreaks, and allow us to notify the health department if a reportable communicable disease is identified.
- If your child is ill and has a fever (100 or higher), they should not return to school until they are fever-free for 24 consecutive hours without the aid of fever-reducing medications.
- If your child is vomiting or having diarrhea (2 or more loose stools) they should not return until they have not vomited/had diarrhea for 24 hours.
- If your child is being treated for a contagious bacterial infection (i.e strep throat, pink eye, impetigo, etc), they should not return to school until 24 hours after antibiotics are started and until they are fever-free for 24 consecutive hours without the aid fever-reducing medications.

The school nurse or office personnel will evaluate students who become ill at school. If it is determined that the child is too sick to remain in school, a parent/guardian will be called and asked to come and pick the child up. If a child is sent home ill, the above policy for keeping them out of school will be followed. If your child is brought back to school and this policy is not followed, you will be contacted to pick up your child.

If there is a question, about whether a student should continue to attend class due to an infectious/communicable disease, the student shall not attend class or participate in school activities without their personal physicians' approval.

Adhering to these guidelines that will help keep our school healthy and decrease the risks of spreading contagious diseases. Please contact the School Nurse with any questions.



### **From Superintendent Rob Busch Rural School Advocates Set 2020 Legislative Agenda**

Rob Busch, Edgewood-Colesburg  
Superintendent/PK-6 Principal, and  
representatives from member school

districts of the Rural School Advocates of Iowa (RSAI) convened their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, October 16 at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny. RSAI advocates on behalf of the students, parents and communities in rural Iowa, to ensure that all students have access to a great Iowa education, regardless of where they live. RSAI members include over 100 Iowa school districts but several are among the largest geographic school districts in the state. As Dr. Robert Olson, Chair of RSAI and superintendent of the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows school district reminded the members, "this is an organization of rural schools with a common mission of equality, not an organization of small schools."

The priorities to Adequate School Funding, Formula and Transportation Equity, Student Mental Health and Educator/Staff Shortages received the most votes in the group for the top four issues of significance to rural schools.

School Funding, known as State Supplemental Assistance (SSA), was a clear priority for RSAI members. Superintendent Barb Schwamman, shared between the Osage and Riceville Community School Districts, said this funding is not just a priority, but supports the very survival of rural schools. "We have 47 fewer school districts than we did just 20 years ago," she stated. School funding primarily pays for people. The teachers, counselors, librarians, administrators, nurses, secretaries, coaches and custodians in RSAI schools. According to Ms. Schwamman, "Low funding inhibits our ability to attract and retain staff and to remain competitive with the private sector in Iowa's growing economy."

Dennis McClain, shared superintendent in Adair-Casey and Guthrie Center, advocated for RSAI to insist on a specific increase of at least 3.75% per pupil. "In 9 of the last 10 years, the increase per pupil has not been enough to cover our schools' cost of doing business. We simply can't continue with 1% and 2% increases and be expected to meet student



needs and compete with Iowa's private sector employers."

Tim Mitchell, Superintendent from Riverside Community School District, SW Representative on the Legislative Group, weighed in on two rural equity issues. 1) transportation funding in Iowa's formula. "For us, those route miles we run to get students to school take away from the instruction we could provide. This is an equity issue. The legislature made a good faith effort to close this gap. We are urging them to keep up the good work and get all districts down to the state average." 2) per pupil formula equity, which progressed in the last two legislative sessions. "Although grateful for this recent investment, if they keep the pace of \$5 per year, it will take another 33 years before student equity is achieved. We respectfully ask them to phase out the \$165 per pupil gap within the next 10 years."

Rob Busch encourages district patrons to learn more about the issues facing rural schools and contact their legislators for support.

RSAI members also included the following issues as additional priorities for the 2020 Legislative Session:

- Opportunity equity for students from low-income families, with funding to help cover mandated fee waivers and to provide services that these students need for success.
- Quality Preschool, including funding for 3- and 4-year old preschool at a 1.0 weighting, to help provide full day service and cover transportation costs in rural schools
- Staff and educator shortage, including additional staffing flexibilities, to ensure students in rural Iowa have access to great teachers, bus drivers and all of the supports to meet their needs.
- Student mental health, including the ability to access virtual mental health services, especially for Iowa's rural students living in communities without mental health providers.
- School safety resources including funds for development of school safety plans, staff and training costs.

### Resources:

Position papers on key issues and a Digest of the 2020 Legislative Session are available on the RSAI legislative web page, <http://www.rsaia.org/legislative.html> or by contacting Margaret Buckton, Professional Advocate, RSAI [Margaret.buckton@rsaia.org](mailto:Margaret.buckton@rsaia.org) or 515.201.3755



### 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



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## November 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)

### Nov. 1

National FFA Convention  
No School-Teacher Learning  
7:00pm-State Football Playoffs @ St. Ansgar

### Nov. 5

1:30pm-Early Dismissal  
3:45pm - 7:45pm-P/T Conferences K-12

### Nov. 7

1:30pm-Early Dismissal  
3:45pm - 7:45pm-P/T Conferences K-12  
4:00pm-JH Girls Basketball @ Alburnett  
4:30pm-JH Wrestling @ North Linn

### Nov. 8

No School  
7:30pm-Fall Musical "Kamp KAOS" @ Edgewood Gym

### Nov. 9

7:30pm-Fall Musical "Kamp KAOS" @ Edgewood Gym

### Nov. 11

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

### Nov. 12

4:30pm-JH Wrestling @ Colesburg

### Nov. 14

4:00pm-JH Girls Basketball vs Maquoketa Valley @ Colesburg  
4:30pm-JH Wrestling @ Lisbon High School

### Nov. 15-16

FBLA National Fall Conference @ Denver, CO

### Nov. 18

4:00pm-JH Girls Basketball @ Starmont

### Nov. 19

12:00pm-HS Conf. Vocal Festival @ Marquette Catholic

4:30pm-JH Wrestling @ Central City

### Nov. 21

4:00pm-JH Girls Basketball vs North Linn @ Edgewood

4:30pm-JH Wrestling @ North Linn

### Nov. 23

3:00pm-JV/V Boys Basketball vs Dunkerton @ Edgewood (Hall of Pride Scrimmage)

### Nov. 25

4:00pm-JH Girls Basketball @ Springville

### Nov. 26

4:30pm-JH Wrestling @ Colesburg  
6:00pm-JV/V Girls Basketball vs Maquoketa Valley @ Edgewood

### Nov. 27

1:30pm-Early Dismissal

### Nov. 28-29

No school-Happy Thanksgiving

## December Winter Concerts

### Thursday, Dec. 5

Elementary K-2<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm, Colesburg Gym

### Thursday, Dec. 12

Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> (includes 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> band) 7pm, Colesburg Gym

### Monday, Dec. 16

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> (Band & Choir), 7pm

St. Mark's Church, Edgewood



### BE A FRIEND

#### Youth are waiting in your community:

Hi, my name is Seth. I am 10 years old and in fourth grade. I enjoy reading, playing games, and being outdoors. - Delhi

Hi, my name is Tyler. I am 11 years old. I like watching and playing all sports, especially basketball, football, and swimming. - Hopkinton



Mentoring sounds intimidating right away, but once you get over that 'hump' and just jump in, you will like it. People get nervous about getting involved. Once they try it, they see how rewarding it really is.

Brad, Mentor

### BE A FRIEND

#### Support Rewarding Impact

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- It is simple.
- It is just being a friend.
- Team up with someone else, such as a spouse or friend, to mentor a youth.
- You get to hang out with a youth who has similar interests.
- Your time makes a difference!

Ellen Krogmann, Mentoring Coordinator  
PO Box 493, Manchester • 563-379-3454

Call Ellen to find out how you can get involved!



[www.helpingservices.org/mentoring](http://www.helpingservices.org/mentoring)

# November Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Fruit will be served daily with breakfast</b>				1 NO SCHOOL
4 Muffin K-6 Poptart & Yogurt 7-12	5 Mini Donuts & Yogurt K-6 Long John & Yogurt 7-12	6 French Toast K-6 Muffin 7-12	7 Bagel K-12	8 NO SCHOOL
11 Breakfast Cookie & Yogurt K-12	12 Waffles K-6 Long John & Yogurt 7-12	13 Biscuits & Gravy K-6 Muffin 7-12	14 Breakfast Burrito & Toast K-6 Bagel 7-12	15 Breakfast Bar & Toast K-6 PBj 7-12
18 Breakfast Bites K-6 Sausage, Egg, Cheese Muffin 7-12	19 Sausage, Egg, Ch. Muffin K-6 Long John & Yogurt 7-12	20 Breakfast Pizza K-6	21 Ham Patty & Toast K-6 Bagel 7-12	22 Little Smokies & Toast K-6 PBj 7-12
25 Breakfast Wrap K-6 Pancakes 7-12	26 Long John & Yogurt K-12	27 Poptart & Yogurt K-12	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL
<b>Meal Prices:</b> <b>Breakfast PK-12 \$1.60</b> <b>Breakfast Adult \$2.10</b> <b>Lunch PK-6 \$2.40</b> <b>Lunch 7-12 \$2.60</b> <b>Lunch Adult \$3.75</b>	<b>PBJ offered daily</b> <b>Grades 5-12 can choose a Chef Salad, Garden Salad or Hoagie</b>  <b>Fresh Fruit &amp; Vegetables Available daily</b>			1  NO SCHOOL
4 Pizza Hut Pizza K-6 French Bread Pizza 7-12 Romaine Lettuce Cherry Tomatoes Applesauce  No Alternative Meal	5 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Peaches & Pears  Alternative Main Dish: Sloppy Joe WG Bun	6 Pancakes Sausage Tri Tators Strawberries Applesauce 9-12  Alternative Main Dish: Brat/ WG Bun Scooby Snacks	7 Chicken Nuggets K-6 Dinner Roll K-6 Roasted Chicken 7-12 Butter Sandwich 7-12 Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Green Beans Mandarin Oranges  Alternative Main Dish: Hamburger WG Bun	8  NO SCHOOL TODAY
11 Super Nachos Corn Applesauce  Alternative Main Dish: Chicken Patty WG Bun	12 Rib Patty WG Bun Broccoli Carrots Jello Jigglers Peaches  Alternative Main Dish: Pizza	13 Hoagie Baked Beans Apple Slices/Caramel  Alternative Main Dish: Pizza Crunchers	14 Hamburger WG Bun Savory Carrots Mandarin Oranges  Alternative Meal: Popcorn Chicken WG Dinner Roll	15 Fish Shapes K-6 WG Butter Sandwich K-6 Fish Sandwich 7-12 Green Beans Pears  Alternative Main Dish: Sausage, Egg, Cheese Biscuit
18 Chicken Fajita WG Tortilla Ranchero Beans Peaches  Alternative Main Dish: Turkey Fritter WG Bun	19 Pork Fritter WG Bun Savory Carrots Apple Slices  Alternative Meal: Meatball Sub	20 Chicken & Noodles K-6 WG Dinner Roll K-6 Pizza Hut Pizza 7-12 Lettuce 7-12 Cucumbers 7-12 Peas K-6 Applesauce  Alternative Main Dish: No Alternative Meal	21 Riblets WG Butter Sandwich Cheesy Potatoes/Broccoli Banana  Alternative Main Dish: Beef Fritter WG Bun	22 Roast Beef K-6 WG Bun K-6 Beef & Noodles 7-12 Biscuit 7-12 Peas 7-12 Green Beans K-6 Pears  Alternative Main Dish: Cheddarwurst/WG Bun Animal Crackers
25 Meatballs Mozzarella Sticks Lettuce Cherry Tomatoes Applesauce  Alternative Main Dish: Ham Patty WG Bun	26 Turkey & Gravy WG Butter Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Pumpkin Dessert  No Alternative Meal	27 Hotdog WG Bun Baked Beans Chips Peaches & Pears  Alternative Main Dish: Pizza	28  NO SCHOOL TODAY	29  NO SCHOOL TODAY