

# Cougar Scratches

## SCHOOL JOKES

by Kyle Taylor

- Q: Why is your chemistry teacher mad at you?
- A: I don't know, he just exploded.
- Q: Why is your drum teacher mad at you?
- A: Beats me.
- Q: Why is your math teacher mad at you?
- A: It just doesn't add up.
- Q: Why is your English teacher mad at you?
- A: I ain't got no idea.

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## Hurricane Ike and the Blackout

by Tory Peyton

At Galveston, Texas the hurricane hit! It was a category one wiping out many buildings and houses. The hurricane was named "Ike" on September, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Ike started in the Gulf of Mexico, and made land on September, 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 5:00 a.m., moving northwest at 15 miles an hour. Ike had winds up to 110 miles an hour. Ike is the 3<sup>rd</sup> MOST damaging hurricane in history! Ike effected roughly 40% of the Gulf of Mexico. Ike shut down oil refineries, therefore it made gas prices rise all over the country! Some gas stations had to shut down their gas pumps, but kept their stores open. Many food stores, like Kroger, Wal-Mart, etc. ran on back-up generators until they ran out of power. But anyway, Ike lasted 9 days and 21 hours. At least 16 people actually died.

Ike also left us (here in Trenton) strong winds that were category one. Trees fell, shingles fell, giving many houses storm damage. We missed two days of school and many were without electricity longer than that.

But many people in Mexico and other states Ike hit, had it worse than we did. Consider us lucky.

Some people had to boil their water. Some people were using water from wells and creeks around them to put in their commodes, to flush. People also had to use buckets of water to wash their dishes.

Mean while, Duke Energy was still going around trying to fix damage on high power cables. In Batavia, Duke Energy had to call the police because people were



getting impatient, and threatening the workers.

From Sunday—Friday, some people were stuck in the dark at night. Thank God for candles and flashlights' to help us during the dark, dark, week.

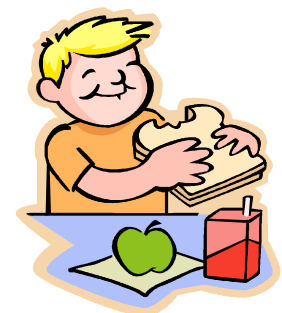
Many families kept themselves occupied by playing some board games, such as Monopoly, Sorry, Scrabble, Checkers, and Chess. Other games they played that didn't require a board are: Battle ship, Mancala, Hide-and-seek (in the dark), and flashlight tag. "There was usual family bonding, and families that don't usually bond, bonding!"

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## Thank You from Mr. Spinner and All of Us

THANK YOU: David Jewell, Becky Smith and the E.M.S. Kitchen Staff for your overall commitment to the health and wellbeing of our students when preparing for our return to school on Wednesday, September 17th.

Several other members of our staff also pitched in to assist (just too many to name here). Thanks to everyone working together Wednesday was a great success and we were able to get back to class and lunch!



# A Personality Test

by Tess Gibbs



What is your favorite color?

- A. Blue
- B. Red
- C. Pink
- D. Black

What is your favorite thing to do?

- A. Recycle
- B. Write
- C. Sing
- D. Hang Out

What color are your eyes?

- A. Blue
- B. Green
- C. Hazel
- D. Brown

Do you like to help people?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Sometimes
- D. Never

Mostly A—You are sweet and you will go out of your way to help the world.

Mostly B—You are really shy and scared to help people.

Mostly C—You are really kind and you care about other people a lot.

Mostly D—You are laid back and you don't really care about anything.



## YOU'RE WELCOME IN THE SCOUT ZONE!

If you like adventure and camping and doing good deeds you may want to check out Troop 979. They meet at the Izaak Walton League on Cotton Run Road Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

The scoutmaster is Larry Hamilton. You can call him for more information. His phone number is 465-8073.

## Hurricane Ike (continued from page 1)

In the winds of Sunday, September 14th, E.M.S. lost a very special memorial tree that was planted to the south of the Media Center in honor of a teacher, Mr. Denny, Rogers who was in a fatal car accident on his way to school in 1996.

A tree planted in honor of teacher Miss Karen Pater outside the 8th grade wing is standing firm

as is an evergreen planted outside Mr. Steckel's room in honor of a 7th grader, Jessica Babb, who died in a four wheeler accident in 2001.

Some EMS teachers and students were really good sports and got to

school despite not having electricity or hot water. Mrs. Dunn may have been the last to get power back.

*"This is something that I hope we will be better prepared for next time, if there is a next time." - Olivia Peyton, EHS*

The bells and P.A. at E.M.S. did not work on Wednesday, our first day back, but they are now working just fine. It is good to be "back to normal".

## What's Going on in Room 306?

By Austin McKee

Have you heard about the new renovations in Room 306? Lots is happening. The work should be completed by the middle of November. The former home economics room will be the Technology Office, which will be used as a staff room, for training and for technology support. The director of technology for

the district is Mr. Chris Andrews. His office and Mrs. Korty's, Mrs. Phares', Mr. Baker's, Mr. Rees' and Mr. Refitt's will be in Room 306. These technology people serve the entire district.

This year teachers will be able to check out laptop carts that have I-



Mac computers that can switch from a Mac to a PC. Macs have I movie, I music, garage band, etc. and PC's don't.

Keep watching for the completion of this great new technology room.

# Marvelous Monthlies: The September Special

By Jake Miller

**Book of the Month**—Breaking Dawn

by Stephanie Meyer

**Song of the Month**—It's Not My Time by 3 Doors Down

**Movie of the Month**—The Dark Night

**6th Grade Teacher**—Mrs. Puma

**7th Grade Teacher**—Mr. Apgar

**8th Grade Teacher**—Mr. Hawkins

**Videogame of the Month**—Call of Duty 4

**Food of the Month**—Lime Popsicles

**Subject of the Month**—Navy Blue

**TV Show of the Month**—South Park

**Store of the Month**—Aeropostale

**Website of the Month**—Myspace.com

## Teacher's Picks

**Word of the Month**—fathom

**Biggest News of the Month**—Presidential Election

**Restaurant of the Month**—Bravos

**The Author of the Month**— John Wooden

Special Thanks to Carrie McIntosh, Delaine Couch, Tyler Comstock, Sophie Moryl, Mr. Muhn, Mrs. Creekbaum and all the other people who gave their input and voted for the September Marvelous Monthlies.

## Dress Code by Cate Siry

I interviewed Mr. Spinner about the dress code. Here are my questions and his answers.

How low are shirts allowed to be? Long enough to be tucked in and high enough to not show cleavage.

How long do bottoms have to be? To the bottoms of knees.

How many times is someone allowed to wear something inappro-

priate before a DT? 2

What rules are there for people who dye their hair? No extreme styles or colors.

Is there a rule about shoes? Yes—no heelys.

Is there a rule about make-up? Not extreme.

What rule gets

broken the most? No holes in jeans any where.

Do you want to change anything about the dress code? No.

What do you think of the dress code? I like it.

Do boys or girls break the rules more? Pretty much even.

*“Edgewood’s dress code is fair.” - Mr. Spinner*

## 6th Grade Chorus with Mrs. Wolf

by Natalie Hahn

Mrs. Wolf, 7th and 8th grade choir director and sponsor for show choir is now doing 6th grade chorus!

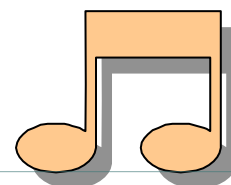
She has been asking for a couple years now for a 6th grade chorus but until this year the school couldn't fit it into their schedule. Mrs. Wolf says “I am excited to finally be

having a 6th grade choir”!

Mrs. Wolf is married to Jack Wolf and has a daughter, Lily, who is two and a half years old. Mrs. Wolf graduated from EHS and Morehead State University in Kentucky. She has been teaching here for six years.

Word Processing by Austin McKee

She is a tennis coach at the high school and will once again direct the spring musical at E.M.S..



## Meet Your Principal by Kyle Hooker

I interviewed our new principal, Mr. Tim Spinner. Here's what I learned.

Mr. Spinner feels 100% comfortable being a principal here in Edgewood. He says "I have joined an excellent staff with students who are ready and willing to learn." He is very excited about his new position. He likes being involved in the total school setting (staff, students, parents and community). He wants to have a positive impact on people; directly and indirectly.

In high school Mr. Spinner played baseball. He coached baseball for three summers at his former high school, Valley Forge, in Parma Heights, Ohio and that is

how he decided he wanted to be a teacher. He enjoyed his players' enthusiasm in their attempts to improve. He liked helping them.

His hardest subjects in school were math and science. He enjoyed both of those subjects but was challenged by them and had to work very hard in order to be successful.

Mr. Spinner went to Miami University and got a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. He got a Master of Education degree from the University of Cincinnati.

His wife's name is Mrs. Spinner and she is a kindergarten teacher at Bloomfield Elementary School. They have a cat named Cordelia

(after a character from his favorite Shakespearean play, King Lear) and a black Labrador retriever named Tiki.

Both of Mr. Spinner's parents are educators. His brother, Todd, is a principal at Westerville Central High School.

Here is what Mr. Spinner said he hopes to accomplish this year: "Building upon the successes E.M.S. already celebrates while working with an exceptional staff as we continue to offer a first-rate education with the belief that all students can and will learn."

We're very glad to have you here, Mr. Spinner.

## My Interview with Mr. Nocton by Gina Hamey

When I sat down at lunch with Mr. Nocton, I smiled and began the interview with this question. "Do you like working at E.M.S.?" With a friendly smile, he replied, "Yes, everyone is very friendly and well-behaved." My second question was "What is your favorite food?" It didn't take him long to reply, "Texas Brisket Barbeque." I then asked "What is it like being an assistant principal?" He thought for a brief moment then answered, "Enjoyable,

but different than being a teacher." "How long do you normally work?" I questioned him. He replied, "I come at 6:35 and leave at 4:00 unless there is an athletic event." I then asked him "Do you have any pets?" He smiled. "Yes, a dog named Shelby that is a 5 year old Border Collie". Mr. Nocton said his favorite subject was social studies because that is what he used to teach. I asked him who he thought would win the '08 election and he thought

it would be Obama unless the economy gets better. I found out Mr. Nocton went to college at Marian, Indianapolis, Sam Houston and Xavier. He coaches basketball at Miami University in Middletown and he likes to jog and read. My last question was: "If you had one wish what would it be?" He answered with the kindest thing ever, "That everyone would see the good things in people." He shook my hand and went back to work.

## Mr. Wendeln, New Music Teacher by Emily Eby

Mr. Wendeln likes E.M.S.. He says "the kids are great to work with and the staff is great too."

Mr. Wendeln has wanted to be a music teacher ever since high school. He loves music. He was in band in high school and he wanted to study music. He believes it is important to teach children music.

Before he came to E.M.S. Mr. Wendeln went to Miami University until 2004. Then he got his masters' degree at Eastern Kentucky University.

Mr. Wendeln's favorite instruments are percussion instruments. He especially likes drums from different countries. He likes anything that lets him interact with talented

musicians.



His favorite genres of music are rock music and funk music.

His goal this year is to get his students to know about music and to make marching band the best it can be.

He grew up in Piqua, Ohio.

# About the 8th Grade Foreign Language Teacher, Frau Isaacson

by Garrett Johnson

I asked Mrs. Isaacson a few questions about herself and this is what I found out.

“How long have you been teaching German?” “For 31 years.”

“What made you want to start teaching German?” “Because my family is German and it reminds me of them and I love the language.”

“Have you ever been to Germany?” “Yes. 15 times with students and 5 times by myself.”

“What do you like about Germany?” “It really isn’t one of my favorite countries. I just like the language, the coffee, and the pas-

tries”, she said with a laugh.

“What is your favorite German word?” “Geschwindigkeitbegrenzungen which means speed limit.”

“When did you start teaching German at the high school?” “In 1986.”

“How long did you teach at the high school?” “For 21 years.”

“When did you come to E.M.S.?” “This year.”

“What made you want to come to E.M.S.?” “I wanted a new challenge. I heard I was going to be

next to Mrs. Brown and I heard that 8th graders were awesome.”

“When did you first start teaching German?” “In 1974.”

Mrs. Isaacson will also be teaching French and Spanish. Her semester class is a foreign language sampler. Her students are really enjoying the activities she plans for them. You will want to take the class when you’re in eighth grade.



# Mr. Holland of Room 329

by Cate Siry

Mr. Holland is a new eighth grade language arts teacher. Before coming to Edgewood he taught a little at Fairfield High School. He had 10th and 12th graders there. He does not miss them.

He says Edgewood has a lot of nice people and the students he has are all working hard.

He is not married. His favorite book is What’s Eating Gilbert

Grape. His favorite T.V. show is the Ultimate Fighting Championship with Mixed Martial Arts. .

His hobbies are mountain biking and playing video games.

He has a puppy named Jake and another puppy named Haley.

Mr. Holland went to Fairfield High School and Miami University.

He said, “The most important thing in my class is to try hard.”

He is on a team with Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hobson and Miss Gambrell. They eat lunch together.

Success depends  
on the second  
letter! (U)

# Miss Miller, 8th Grade Math

by Kayla Crace

I asked Miss Miller the following questions:

What made you come to Edgewood? I knew people here.

Would you teach anything else? I would also enjoy teaching science.

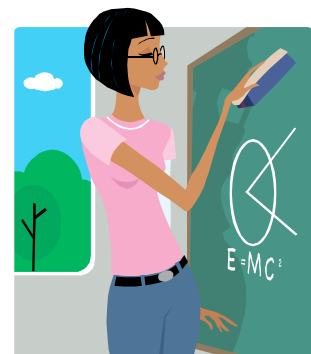
Why did you want to teach

math? My aunt was a math teacher and I really like math.

Do you like Edgewood? Yes, I love Edgewood.

Do you have a pet? Yes. have a dog named Shelby.

Welcome to E.M.S. Miss Miller!

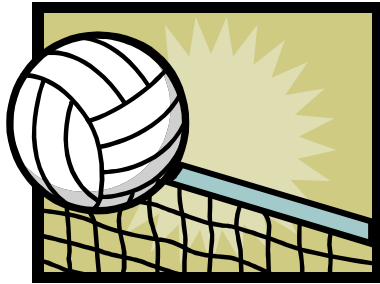


## Volleyball at E.M.S. by Wyatt Ross

Seventh grade volleyball games are at 4:30 p.m. Eighth grade games are at approximately 5:30 (depending on when 7th grade games end).

Our eighth grade team consists of:

#24 Brittany Banks  
#14 Taylor Berry  
#18 Amber Cox  
#9 Jordan Elton  
#5 Kelli Gerber  
#8 Kristin Parks  
#12 Brianna Payne



#7 Maddie Slusher  
#22 Adrielle Tindall  
#13 Kathryn Vogel  
#11 Bree Williams

They are coached by Mrs. Jen Schumacher.

Cassie Theobald is the team manager. Mrs. Schumacher's 6th grade daughter, Stephanie, also helps with the needs of the team.

7th grade coach is Mrs. Katie Vogel.

7th graders playing are:

#26 Amanda Adams  
#21 Kari Bowlin  
#4 Abby Channell  
#17 Kelsey Cottle  
#3 Haley Fakes  
#10 Morgan Hurst  
#25 Kelsey McCall  
#1 Taylor Moon  
#2 Jessica Murphy  
#19 Brittany Paulsen  
#15 Tori Stevens

## 7th Grade Football by Doug Ferguson

7th grade football is coached by Mr. Korty and Mr. Wells.

The players and their blue jersey (home) numbers are: Garren Brewer #2, Jacob Dome #5, Ryan Hurst #7, T.J. Bean #8, Austin Caudill #11, Kodi Mercurio #12, Kalap Campos #14, Greg Turner #15, Daniel McKay #16, Brandon Moore #17, Cody Drake #19, Xavier Arroyo #23, Travis Leturgez #24, Jared Sessler #26, Cory Sullivan

#29, Tyler Comstock #33, Jacob Haas #34, Patrick Casey #35, Eric Roberts #38, Taylor Minter #40, Nick King #42, Logan Gillespie #45, D.J. Campos #48, T.J. Cifuentes #49, Trevor Miller #51, Doug Diesbach #52, Kaleen Dowdy #53, Zach Baller #54, Jayden Brown #55, Dale Richtor #57, Cody Calahan #58, Josh Foxx #59, Justin Clemmons #60, Tyler Steele #61, Aaron Maynard #62, Alex Williams #67,

Brandon Tirey #70, Reo Strader #73, Tyler Todd #74, Doug Ferguson #75, Jacob Bieller #76, Wesley Sims #77, Brett Tucker #78, Matt Wagner #83, Christain Guessman #88, and Tim Streit #89.

7th grade has lost to Winton Woods and Pleasant Run but won against Kings.

Go Cougars!

## 8th Grade Football by Doug Ferguson

The 8th grade football players this year are: Austin Bishop #38, James Armstrong #77, Mason Back #3, Matt Barger #20, Zach Beavan #51, Chance Conley #31, Alex Cottle #33, McQuade Crank #35, Jacob Dell #10, Austin Farler #14, Michael Flannery #39, Austin Garrett #18, Cody Hall #55, Chad Heine-man #68, Alan Heizer #12, David

Jones #25, Matt Kincaid #62, Matt Kugel #58, Cody Lee #30, Corey Manning #44, Dustin McFarland #8, Austin Middleton #56, Kaleb Payne #75, Eric Pelfrey #22, A.J. Pieratt #32, Christian Prewitt #40, Jimmy Purdy #45, Austin Rice #76, Austin Rogers #88, Caleb Taylor #50, Jake Warner #80, Caleb Wells #16, and Skylar Watkins #28.

The coaches for 8th grade football are Mr. McDonnell and Mr. Muhn.

The 8th grade won against Winton Woods and Pleasant Run but lost to Kings.

The 8th grade is going for a season record of 6 and 1! We play Ross away this coming Thursday.

Come to our home games and cheer us on!

## Cross Country by Hannah Brown



What is Cross Country? It is pretty much a lot of long distance running. I am on the Cross Country team myself. I have had so much fun! Our coaches, Ms. Malicote and Mrs. Spinelli are the greatest! The meets can get hard at times (we run two miles as fast as we can up hills and down) but everyone else that runs is always saying "Good job!" or "Keep it up! to encourage us.

I have interviewed two people on the team, Alicia Walton and Landon Kovach. I also interviewed Ms. Malicote. Here's what they had to say:

Me: What do you think of cross country? Alicia: It's one of the best sports I've ever done! Landon: It's

fun and exciting? Ms. Malicote: It's the best sport there is. It is a life-time sport.

Me: What is the best part about it? Alicia: The bus rides to meets and hanging out with friends. Landon: Getting medals. Ms. Malicote: Hanging out with 20 teenagers.

Me: Would you recommend it to other students and why? Alicia: Yes, it is very fun and you'll get great exercise! Landon: Yes, it keeps you very fit. Ms. Malicote: Yes, because you may not be able to play football at 80 years old, but you can still run. It is a sport you can enjoy the rest of your life. It is also very healthy.

Ms. Malicote has been a cross country coach since 1990. This is her 18th year. She loves it.

This year's runners are: Lacey Abplanalp, Megan Gilbert, Lindsay Thorman, Alicia Walton, Seth Adkins, Nick Haas, Matt Harris, Danny Holden, Kohle Snethen, Austin Spencer, Emily Grooms, Caitlin Larison, Sophie Moyl, Kaitlin Siler, Abby West, Kayla Viel, Tyler Arrowood, Brett Haynes, Alex Holden, Landon Kovach and me.

There you have it, the four one one on cross country!

## Mrs. Lovely by Brittany Duff

Mrs. Linda Lovely comes to E.M.S. from Bloomfield's media center. She loves to be at our school. She really likes our wide selection of books and computers that we are always doing research on. She likes middle school age kids.

Mrs. Lovely will be one of the sponsors of the EMS book club for students and teachers who love to read. She says anyone who loves to read would make a good librarian!



## CHEERLEADING

Mrs. Lindsey Clemmons is the sponsor for the fall cheerleaders.

8th grade cheerleaders are: Maria Resendes, Anna King,

Cheyenne Zimmerman, Erica Melton, Erin French, Kaelyn McAdams, Brittany Meyer, and Kayla Sheffstall.

7th grade cheerleaders are: Kaysey VonStein, Danielle Fletcher, Kaila Hollister, Kayla Hamblin, McKenzie Long, Abby Griessmann, Cody Lunsford, Cassidy Harris, Britni Thompson and Delilah Davis.

The cheerleaders give a lot of support to our teams and promote school spirit with their cheers!

## Three Mrs. Browns and Two of them Melissa Browns

Don't Be Confused! Get it straight here!

For some years, now we have had two Mrs. Browns in our building: an eighth grade science teacher (Mrs. Melissa Brown) and a seventh grade social studies teacher (Mrs. Ann Brown).

This summer a secretary to work in the 7-8 office was hired. Her

name is also Melissa Brown. To keep things simple (and less confusing), our new secretary is going by the nickname, Missy!

Missy Brown is the mother of 8th grader, Hannah Brown, and the wife of high school social studies teacher, Mr. Greg Brown. She also

has a daughter Emma in kindergarten and a daughter Maura, 4, in preschool.

Before coming to Edgewood for work, Mrs. Missy Brown worked as a secretary for Hamilton City Schools. Welcome! We love your smile already!

## A New Class, Study Skills

by Jacob Campbell

When the rest of the 6th graders were nervous about the first day of school, Mrs. McKinley might have been too! She taught 7th graders last year. This year in the sixth grade, she teaches Study Skills, which is new to the schedule here at E.M.S. The first week of school, everyone has help getting their lockers to work and learning to read their class schedules, thanks to Mrs. McKinley.

6th graders have Study Skills either Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday and every other Friday. Students learn to GET organized and STAY that way!

Mrs. McKinley also gives study tips, hands out spelling lists and study guides for each class, and just helps everyone get ready for the day ahead.

When asked what students can do to ensure a great school year, Mrs. McKinley says this “Use your ECHO constantly! Write everything down! Keep your papers in the correct folders and TRY TO MAKE AT LEAST 5 NEW FRIENDS!”

## Mr. Smallwood

by Brittany E. Goad

**Today I sat down with a new apple in the barrel. His name is Mr. Smallwood and he teaches 8th grade language arts. I know, I know. Most of you give groans and moans and comments like “Uhh!! Reading!!! Grammar!!! Where’s the lunch bell when you need it?”**

**But from having Mr. Smallwood in class I know that he is a regular person like you and me. This interview was my chance to find out about him. I took it.**

**Mr. Smallwood went to college at Cumberland for two years and then he graduated at U.K.. In 8th grade he did not think he’d be a teacher. That came later—around college. His favorite subject in 8th grade was social studies.**

**His favorite baseball team is the Reds. I like the Yankees—so we had a minor disagreement (well, he told me to get out and that I was failing his class). After laughs we moved on.**

**I asked him what’s his favorite throw down phrase (throw down is a vocabulary exercise we do in class). He said “I like the way you hover.” Yeah, that was good.**

**Mr. Smallwood says Edgewood students and staff are great. Excellent. I’m looking forward to his class.**

## SUMMER FUN

by Kelsey Fields

## Destination Imagination

Doesn’t it seem like the summer has gone by so fast? I hope all of you at E.M.S. had a great summer! This month I interviewed sixth, seventh, and eighth graders to see what their most exciting summer memories were. Here are some of their responses.

Logan Turner— “I went to my first My Chemical Romance concert!”

Dylan Watkins— “I went to Niagara Falls”.

Megan Warndorf— “I went to Hilton Head”.

Joey Blust— “I went to The Beach Water Park.”

Hannah Bake - “I went to Myrtle Beach”.

Erica Melton— “I went to Disneyland!!”

Lindsay Warndorf— “I caught a toad!”

Anna King— “I went cliff diving”.

Lynley Mainous— “I went to Daytona Beach.”

Matt Huff— “I played baseball all summer.”

Wow! Sounds like you guys all had amazing summers! Let’s all have an amazing school year too!

You’ve heard of spelling bees, quiz bowls, robotics competitions and science fairs. In fact, there is almost a special event for every subject taught at school. Well, D.I. is none of those things—and all of those things!

Kids in D.I. take what they know and what they are good at and apply it to solve challenges, working together and cooperatively with a team, and competing with other teams. It builds creativity, problem solving and teamwork in enjoyable and meaningful ways.

To get involved as a coach or participant call Mrs. Judy Scherrer, Edgewood’s D.I. coordinator at 988-5750 or e-mail her at [scherrj@edgewood.k12.oh.us](mailto:scherrj@edgewood.k12.oh.us).

