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2018 NORTHERN LIGHTS COACHES VS. CANCER EVENT



Tuesday February 27, 2018

ESKO BOYS VS. CROSBY-IRONTON RANGERS

JV-5:45 PM Varsity-7:15 PM

Silent Auction, Wall of Hope, Hacky Sack Halftime Toss to win an Xbox, Merchandise, and much more!



Our very own Minnesota Timberwolves have joined our team!

YOU CAN PURCHASE A \$25.00 VOUCHER VALID FOR A 2nd LEVEL TICKET TO ONE OF THE BELOW MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES HOME GAMES:

Sunday February 11th vs. Sacramento 6:00 pm
Tuesday March 20th vs. L.A. Clippers 7:00 pm
Monday March 26th vs. Memphis 7:00 pm
Wednesday March 28th vs. Atlanta 7:00 pm
Sunday April 1st vs. Utah 6:00 pm
Monday April 9th vs. Memphis 7:00 pm



Winterquist Teachers show their holiday spirit!

Registration for 2018/2019

School Readiness Preschool

Current Students: March 1 - 9

Esko Residents: March 12 - 16

General Public: March 19

School Readiness is a 4-star Parent Aware rated program for children 3 to 5 years of age. This program, through age-appropriate curriculum, prepares children to enter into kindergarten with the necessary skills, behavior and stability they need to flourish and progress. The School Readiness preschool is located at the Esko School. The program is staffed by qualified teachers who are licensed in Early Childhood Education.

3's Class offered: Monday & Friday • Time TBD
(Children must be 3 by 9/1/18)

4's Class offered: (Children must be 4 by 9/1/18)
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays • 8:30 - 11:00am
Tuesdays & Thursdays • 12:30 - 3:00pm
Wednesdays • 11:45 - 2:15pm

All children must be potty trained by the start of class.

More Information To Come!



Movie Day

At Premiere Theatres in Cloquet
Monday, February 19, 2018

10:00 A.M.

Watch a movie currently playing and help support our

Destination Imagination
Program at Esko!

All tickets are \$10 and include popcorn and soda.

Children three and under are free.

Tickets are available at the door.

Cash or check only.

Doors open at 9:30 A.M.



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Santa's Workshop



Students enjoyed a sleigh ride during Santa's workshop

Santa's Workshop was a great success! Community Education offered a drop off event for kids in Esko in December to create two gifts for friends or family and participate in outdoor activities as well as gym games. 90 students attended and had a great day. We want to thank Ram Mutual Insurance and Republic Bank for their financial support of this program. They helped put smiles on many young faces!



Intense concentration is needed to make gifts at Santa's workshop



Working hard on a gift for mom and dad



Kids were able to learn about sled dogs at Santa's workshop



Cute kids getting cozy on their sleigh ride

Esko's Corner

Do you live outside of Esko but want to receive the Esko 's Corner community paper? Please help us continue to send out the paper to our Esko at heart residents with addresses outside of Esko . Go to our our website and click on Esko's Corner to make a donation to allow us to keep the paper coming! If you no longer want to receive the paper, please call our office at 218 879 4038 to get taken off our mailing list!

Community News

The 2008 Eskomos win Alumni Tournament



After upsetting Esko's 2014 state high school champions in the opener, the Eskomos of 2008 went on to win the first Esko Alumni Charity Basketball Tournament in December. The 2008 representatives, pictured here, surprised the 2014 team, 60-47, and then beat the 2003 squad, 50-39, for the tournament title. The 2003 team had reached the finals by defeating the 1996 "old-timers," 50-43. Third place went to the 2014 team. All proceeds were donated to the tournament sponsors, Best Christmas Ever and the Esko Hoops Club. In photo, from left, are Ryan Eskuri, Kyle Hall, Jake Olson, Scott Lindquist, Cody Townsend, Kevin Rengo, Tyler Leroux and Bryan Lindquist. The tournament's co-MVPs were Scott Lindquist and Rengo. (Photo courtesy of Hyojin Oberg, Hyojinoberg.com)

4-H Electronics starts in February

Are you interested in circuits, capacitors, transistors and resistors? If yes, consider joining the new Carlton County 4-H Electronics Project Group!



fun! Youth in grades 5 and above will learn basic component level electronics including resistors, capacitors, transistors and integrated circuits. Youth will be building, testing and troubleshooting their very own electronic circuits through the practical application of physics and mathematics.

Just look around and you will see that electronics are everywhere, so learning how they work lets you be a creator not just a user. Learning about electronics also sharpens your problem solving skills, provides a foundation for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fields and is great hands-on

Meetings start Tuesday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. and will be held once a month until July. Kits cost \$25. Please contact the Carlton County Extension Office (218) 384-3511 by Friday, January 5, 2018 to sign up!

"Men"tor Night

For boys and girls ages 3 years through Kindergarten, and that special guy in their life (Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, etc.)

Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:00pm
Feb. 22 & Apr. 26

Cost: \$6 first child / \$3 each additional child

READ ALL ABOUT IT!!

Community Education staff, in an effort to encourage reading at all age levels in the Esko community, will be sharing books they have read and loved hoping you to read them also. We will include all types of books; self-help, fiction, non-fiction, and children's books. We would love to hear from you what your favorite books are to share with the community as well. Start posting your favorite reads on our Facebook page to start a conversation about what you've read lately!

Recommended reading

from Michele Carlson, Director

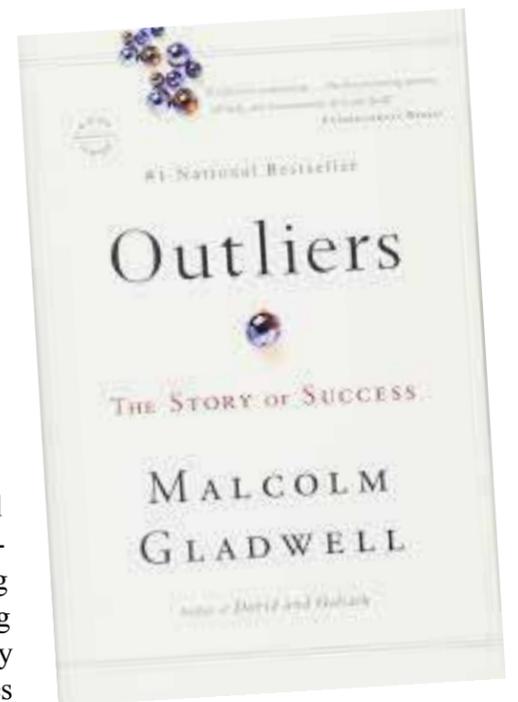
I recently read **Outliers** *The Story of Success* by Malcolm Gladwell. I read the book because my 21 year old son recommended it to me, and I was immediately intrigued since he isn't crazy about reading.

I quickly realized why he was drawn to the book since it opens with a chapter about how to become a hockey superstar!

Malcolm Gladwell is well known for looking at cultural phenomenon and trying to explain them. In reading this book, you will learn why Steve Jobs and Bill Gates were destined to become computer geeks making mega millions each year. Find out the magical number of practice hours that it takes to become an expert at any skill. It's astounding to realize that the number of practice hours is similar between professional athletes, professional musicians, and inventors/entrepreneurs. The book is filled with all kinds of data that is woven with personal stories making it an entertaining read that will leave your perspective changed forever.

Along with stories about athletes, inventors, and the ultra rich businessmen of America, you will read about genius' and whether you can make your child a genius. Also learn about educational advancements negating the achievement gap, and the flaw with some cultures in piloting airplanes together.

Pick up a copy, or ask to borrow mine- I would love to hear your feedback on the book. I hope you enjoy it like my son and I did.



Community Education

Updated Refund/Discount/Scholarship policy: Refunds can be given on classes that have not begun with notice 24 hours prior to the start of class. Once class has started, refunds can not be given. Discounts and scholarships are available for school readiness and ECFE classes with appropriate paperwork. Ask in the office for that information if needed.

ADULT CLASSES

FITNESS

BOOT CAMP FITNESS

Boot Camp

It's time to shed your holiday pounds. Boot camp will shred those pounds! Bootcamp is a full hour of a mixture of conditioning with bodyweight exercises, plyometrics, agility, and some strength training and of course CORE! From flipping tires to doing burpees you will get a mixture of a variety of exercises to get you to your highest level of fitness. Come ready to workout and bring **WATER!**

Cost: \$72.00

Esko Schools - Practice Gym Blue
5:00PM - 6:00PM
01/31/2018 02/07/2018
02/14/2018 02/21/2018
02/28/2018

Fit4MOM Body Back Transformation

Time to get your body back! Try this new class offered by Fit4Mom that's designed for mom only! Workouts will be challenging and participants will be given nutrition advice and have accountability built in. This will help you get serious about your fitness goals. Get up early, get your work out in & head out for your day energized.

Cost: \$239.00

Instructor: Randi Nyholm
Esko Schools - Cafeteria
5:30AM - 6:30AM
02/01/2018 02/05/2018
02/08/2018 02/12/2018
02/15/2018 02/20/2018
02/22/2018 02/26/2018
03/01/2018 03/05/2018
03/08/2018 03/12/2018
03/15/2018



Zumba

Did you overindulge this holiday season? Are you looking for a way to blast off those extra pounds? Try Zumba! This fitness cardio workout combines Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves that will make you forget you're even working out! Our goal is simple...we want you to be healthy, to love working out and to enjoy exciting calorie burning, body energizing movements meant to be enjoyed throughout your life at any age! Join Melinda in a fun-filled workout. Zumba is rated as one of our favorite classes through our recent class participant survey!

Cost: \$30.00

Instructor: Melinda Vandervieren
Esko Schools - Cafeteria
5:30PM - 6:30PM
02/05/2018 02/12/2018
02/26/2018

Stroller Strides

FIT4MOM Twin Ports is excited to offer Stroller Strides fitness classes in Esko! Stroller Strides is a total fitness program that moms can do with their kids in the stroller or baby carrier (ages 6+ weeks). It includes running or power walking and intervals of strength and body toning exercises using exercise tubing, the stroller and the environment. Taught by certified and specially trained fitness instructors, it is a great workout for any level of exerciser. Stroller Strides instructors weave songs and activities into the routine designed to entertain and engage kids, while moms are led through an interval based workout. Kids of any age are welcome, however they must remain in the stroller or baby carrier during the entire class. A fitness band will be given to first time registrants.

For more information visit twinports.fit4mom.com or [facebook.com/fit4momtwinports](https://www.facebook.com/fit4momtwinports). For questions, contact Randi Nyholm at randinyholm@fit4mom.com unused classes can be used at other FIT4MOM Twin Ports locations within time frame

Bring to Class: Stroller, resistance bands (included for new members), water.

Age Req: Moms with young children

Instructor: Randi Nyholm
5:45PM - 6:45PM

Esko Schools - Cafeteria
02/07/2018 02/14/2018
02/21/2018 02/28/2018
03/07/2018 03/14/2018
03/21/2018

Try On PIYO

Have you ever wanted to try PIYO? This is your chance! Betsy is offering two one hour classes in February for you to give this amazing work out a try before you buy into a longer session in March. DEFINE EVERY INCH OF YOUR BODY - Sweat, stretch, and strengthen in one low-impact, body-sculpting workout. PiYo LIVE cranks up the intensity and speed of traditional Pilates and yoga to help you shape sleek arms, flat abs, and a lifted butt—no equipment needed. Bring a yoga mat, water bottle and small towel

Cost: \$5.00 each class

Instructor: Betsy Norman
Esko Schools - Cafeteria
5:45 PM- 6:45 PM
02/22/2018 Thursday
02/27/2018 Tuesday

Full PIYO sessions coming in March!*

ART CLASSES

Making Mandala Rocks

Join the new craze! Rock painting- this therapeutic art form takes a simple rock and turns it into a piece of art for you. Instructor LeAnn Oman from LeAnn Oman Creations will guide you through this process with simple steps and some fun mixed in along the way.

Cost: \$15.00

Instructor: LeAnn Oman
Esko Schools - S101
6:30PM - 8:00PM
02/08/2018

HEALTH & SAFETY

Cooking with Essential Oils

Learn the advantages of cooking and baking with Essential Oils. This class will include recipes and snacks for you to try. We will share tips on using essential oils in foods, measurements, and all of the health benefits you will experience.

Cost: \$18.00

Instructor: Noreen Peterson
Esko Schools - S100
Family Consumer Science
6:00PM - 8:00PM
02/22/2018

REGISTRATION - COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

For Esko Comm. Ed. classes-Esko students please include:

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ Birthdate: _____

Class: _____

Cost: _____

Class: _____

Cost: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please send this form, with payment to
Community Education Office PO Box 10, Esko, MN 55733
OR register online www.esko.k12.mn.us

Community Education

YOUTH

Child Safety Day- February 19th

This trio of classes is being offered on February 19th, when school is not in session. Take all three and receive a \$5 discount. Give your child a chance to learn responsibility and real world skills while giving them something to do on a no school day!

Be Prepared, Not Scared

Young children who are taught basic emergency concepts like how to call 911 can turn into Heroes in emergency situations. One of the most important things for them to know are basic first aid steps to follow in different circumstances. Class topics include recognizing an emergency and knowing what to do, calling 911, basic first aid techniques, personal safety tips, tricky people, gun safety, and fire safety. Students attend this class independently. Parents are encouraged to review the take home information and discuss it with their child. Students can bring a snack.

Bring to Class: If attending multiple classes, please plan to bring a lunch and/or snack.

Age Req: 1st-4th Grade

Time: 2:45 PM

Cost: \$25.00

Instructor: Kari Fairclough

02/19/2018 2:45PM - 4:45PM

Esko Schools - S100

Family Consumer Science

Child and Babysitting Safety/ American Safety & Health Institute

Learn the responsibilities of being a prepared, safe, responsible and professional babysitter. Topics include starting your own babysitting business, child development, behavior guidance, supervision, proper feeding & diapering techniques, personal safety, medical emergencies, basic first aid care and fire safety. Instructor provides baby dolls, bottles, diaper supplies for hands on participation skills. The course is developed by the American Safety and Health Institute and approved by the American Pediatrics Association. Class participants receive a CABS book and ASHI certification card. Students attend this class independently. Parents are encouraged to review the take home information and discuss it with their child. Students are asked to bring a lunch and/or snack.

Bring to Class: If attending multiple classes, please plan to bring a lunch and/or a snack.

Age Req: 4th through 8th grade

Time: 9:00 AM

Cost: \$45.00

Instructor: Kari Fairclough

02/19/2018 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Esko Schools - S100

Family Consumer Science

Home Alone!

Just mention the words "Home Alone," and children think of the excitement depicted in the movies of the same name. The reality of being home alone can evoke fear and anxiety in many children. Whether left alone for an hour after school or several hours a day during the summer, children should feel comfortable being alone. This workshop for children will address several topics relating to being "Home Alone" including personal safety tips, tricky people, basic first aid, fire safety, handling the unexpected, internet safety, gun safety, dealing with loneliness and boredom, storm safety, dealing with siblings as well as trust and honesty. Students attend this class independently. Parents are encouraged to review the take home information and discuss it with their child.

Bring to Class: If attending multiple classes, please plan to bring a lunch and/or snack.

Age Req: 3rd through 6th grade

Time: 12:30 PM

Sessions: 1

Cost: \$25.00

Instructor: Kari Fairclough

02/19/2018 12:30PM - 2:30PM

Esko Schools - S100

Family Consumer Science

Savannah's Pottery

Decorate a shamrock-shaped dish to hold all of your golden treasures!

Directly after school, students will meet for a snack and check-in in the cafeteria, then report to their wclub's meeting spot. You may pick up your child at the East entrance (door #6). If your child will not be attending a scheduled club, please inform their teacher AND call the Community Education office at 879-4038.

Age Req: Grades 1-6

Time: 3:15 PM

Cost: \$12.00

Instructor: Michelle Line

02/01/2018 3:15PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - S101

Elementary Cheer Clinic

Do you love to cheer? Be part of the elementary cheer clinic! The elementary cheerleaders will learn cheers, jumps, kicks, and a dance. Students will practice after school for two days, and will perform during halftime of the March 1st Girl's Varsity basketball game! The cost is \$25, which includes the clinic, a t-shirt, and admittance to the game on Thursday. Please indicate t-shirt size when registering.

Cost: \$25.00 + \$1 snack fee

Esko Schools - Cafeteria

3:15PM - 4:30PM

02/20/2018 02/27/2018

Tabletop Gaming Club

Tabletop Gaming is a group that welcomes and encourages students who are interested in playing games and having fun. We will play old classics such as Life and Checkers, as well as new favorites including Catan, Carcassonne, and Splendor. We will also explore some unique games that require only your imagination! All experience levels are welcome. Join us for some great games!

Cost: \$10.00

\$5.00 snack fee

Instructor: Steve Krueger

Esko Schools - Cafeteria

3:15PM - 5:00PM

02/15/2018 02/22/2018

03/01/2018 03/08/2018

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Open Gym

Sundays January 7th - March 18th
12:00- 4:00 PM

12:00-2:00 Time for Athletes-
Batting cages are open.

The wood court is available for basketball players through February.

In March, the court rotates weekly between basketball and volleyball.

Come and build your skills.

2:00-4:00 Family Fun time-

Bring your favorite activities to enjoy some large space play.

Suggested donation \$1 per person

Eskomo Baseball Camp

Players will receive instruction from Esko baseball coaches, youth coaches and Eskomo baseball players. Throwing, hitting, and ground ball mechanics will be emphasized using a "rotating station" format. Pitching and catching mechanics and pitch development will also

be instructed for those interested. Clinicians will tailor instruction at a level appropriate for your son-whether beginner or advanced. There will be something to learn for everyone!

***Little league evaluations will also be conducted during the camp. If your son is unable to attend the camp, but is playing baseball this summer, please make note when registering for little league when evaluations will be held. If your son attends the camp, he does not need to get evaluated again.

Grades 5 & 6

Cost: \$35.00

Esko Schools - Practice Gym

7:00PM - 8:00PM

03/05/2018 03/06/2018

03/07/2018 03/08/2018

Grade 3 & 4

Esko Schools - Practice Gym

6:00PM - 7:00PM

03/05/2018 03/06/2018

03/07/2018 03/08/2018

Softball Camp Grades 1-3

Get in the game by working on your softball skills with Esko softball players and coaches. Drills will be age appropriate and kids will learn fundamental skills and have some fun too.

Cost: \$40.00

Esko Schools - Practice Gym

3:30PM - 4:30PM

02/26/2018

02/27/2018

03/05/2018

03/06/2018

Softball Camp Grades 4-7

Advance your softball skills while working with Esko softball coaches and players. Drills will develop your skills to have you ready for the start of the outdoor season.

Cost: \$40.00

Esko Schools - Practice Gym

4:30PM - 5:45PM

02/26/2018 02/27/2018

03/05/2018 03/06/2018



After School Clubs

Esko's FIRST LEGO League program had a successful second year. The season started by adding a third team to accommodate interest at the 5th grade level and a high return rate.

FIRST LEGO League (FLL) is for students in 4th-8th grades, and encourages positive teamwork and problem solving. Teams of 4-10 kids use LEGO EV3 robots, sensors and Mindstorms programming environment to accomplish missions related to real-world problems. This year's theme was "Hydro Dynamics", which focuses on the Human Water Cycle. Last September, teams began meeting to design robot apparatus and write computer programs to accomplish challenges such as, flushing toilets to operate a LEGO wastewater treatment plant, removing broken water pipes, moving water to fountains and flowers, and much more. Each team also developed, researched, and promoted a solution to a real-life Hydro Dynamic issue. Team solutions included a rain-barrel gauge, a Bluetooth pipe attachment to stop faucet water flow, and a community water-exchange website.

All three of Esko's teams competed in the daylong regional tournament, held at Hermantown Middle School on Saturday, December 9th. The Robomos, Epic Eskomos, and Frozen H2O each performed well, excelling in the different areas of competition, which include robot design and performance, FIRST Core Values, and Team Project. Esko's teams each earned at least one trophy (4 total), and the opportunity to compete in MN Sectionals held in early January.

Team Frozen H2O participated in the January 7th MN Sectional Tournament held in St. Paul, where the team earned exceptional marks in Core Values and Team Project, and their robot performed as expected. Competition was fierce in the Prairie Division and Frozen H2O did not advance to the FLL State Championship in February.

Teams are already preparing for 2018 competitions (next winter) by holding weekly practices to continue learning and experimentation. Coaches and current team members also plan to offer Community Ed courses this spring focusing on



2017 Regional Tournament – Robot Performance: Right - Robomos, Left - Epic Eskomos

FLL robots and programming, with hopes to expose Esko students to LEGO's easy-to-use programming environment and generate interest for a 4th team.

FLL coaches extend an enormous **THANK YOU** to Esko SubZero Robotics coaches for program wisdom and support, and amazing student mentors for providing students relatable insight and guidance. Thank you, also, to generous sponsors, Esko SubZero Robotics and Esko P.I.E. Additional gratitude to subject-matter experts, presentation coaches, parents, school officials, and community members who listened to team presentations and provided valuable feedback.

Next year's challenge theme is "Into Orbit". If your child is interested in competing, or if you know of a mentor/coach, please e-mail eskorobotics@esko.k12.mn.us, or contact Melissa Rauner at 218-409-2420.



2017 Regional Tournament

Front Row - Epic Eskomos: Laune Radovich, Anika Elsmore, Bryce Sweere, Ben Schramm, not pictured: Jamis Halvorson, Brandon Napoli, Bobby Thornton (coaches Melissa Rauner, Bob Thornton) Middle Row - Frozen H2O: Jayden Walz, Declan Sullivan, Mason Taylor, Aiden South, Isaac Wisted, Joel Barta, Spencer Hipp (coaches Stacy South, Jeremy Taylor) Back Row - Robomos: Hunter Berg, Lucas Rauner, Noah Wells, Katie Schultz, Liberty Clifford, Talon Clifford, Ashley Schultz (coaches Jason Rauner, Chris Schultz)



January 7 Sectional Tournament - Frozen H2O and their robot

Youth Enrichment

Lego Robotics, Awesome Art, Savannah's Pottery: These are just a few of Esko's Youth Enrichment offerings. After-school clubs in Esko aim to meet the academic, social, physical and creative needs of our students, and, of course, we want them to have fun! Did you know that the activities children engage in during after-school hours are critically important to their development? Research tells us:

1 According to the American Institutes for Research (AIR), "balancing academic support with a variety of engaging, fun and structured extracurricular activities that promote youth development in a variety of real-world contexts appears to support and improve academic performance" (sedl.org). A national evaluation found that 40% of students attending learning-center programs improved their reading and math grades (Naftzger et. al., 2007).

2 Participation can also improve classroom behavior and reduce the likelihood that a student will drop out of school. Sparkpe.org, an organization that creates educational programs, says that children who frequently participate in after-school activities often pay more attention in class, are more engaged in school and are less likely to develop an inclination for problematic behavior.

3 After-school programs provide a safe environment for kids to stay out of trouble (understood.org). The AIR suggests that the hours between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. are when children are most likely to engage in negative behaviours and crime. After-school clubs can provide a safe, positive and structured environment to keep kids engaged during after-school hours.

4 Engaging in after-school clubs allows children to explore many different interests. By offering clubs featuring health, STEM, art, and enrichment, students are given the opportunity to try out something new and/or discover what they are passionate about. By growing and mastering new skills, they are able to gain a greater understanding of their own sense of character.

5 They can help to nurture social and emotional skills. Children who join clubs after school are able to establish new relationships with peers who share their interests. Club content can encourage participants to work as a team, and grow leadership, teamwork and friendship skills (understood.org).

6 They give children the opportunity to make a contribution (apa.org). Whether it be creating pottery to decorate for Breakfast with

Santa, writing for Esko's Corner, or volunteering through Kid's Plus, after-school clubs can allow children to make a contribution to their schools and communities. Which in turn, prepares them for life skills outside of school.

Participating in youth enrichment opportunities outside of school can do much more than simply keep kids occupied in the afternoon, although that is a great benefit to parents too! The improvements after school clubs provide in academics, self-esteem and life-long skills are truly invaluable.

Esko students who sign up for an after-school club will receive a snack after school, report to their club's meeting location and should be picked up at the East entrance (door #6). To sign up for any of Esko's youth enrichment opportunities, please visit our website at www.esko.k12.mn.us or visit us in the Community Education office!

SubZero Robotics is "POWERing UP" for a new season!

Kickoff for the 2018 FIRST Robotics competition season was Saturday, January 6, and it was once again a blast! This year's game is called POWER UP, inspired by retro video games like Super Mario and Donkey Kong. The objective is for one alliance of three robots to take OWNERSHIP of a giant SCALE in the center of the field, called the ARCADE, as well as control smaller scales, called SWITCHES, which are placed on either end of the field. Robots must place POWER CUBES to tip their side of the scale and switch in their favor. Robots must also deliver power cubes to a human player outside the arcade, who then places them in the alliance VAULT to earn POWER UPs for bonus points or abilities. The longer an alliance can maintain control of the scale or switches, the more points it will accumulate. In the end game, all 3 alliance robots must climb the center scale. FIRST decided to add some interesting twists to this year's game play. The first challenge our alliance will face happens during the autonomous period. Only after robots have been placed on the field and the auto period begins will the drive team know which end of the switch and scale they will be playing for. The human player will also play an important role filling up the vault with power cubes and activating bonus abilities. This season's game is sure to be a battle of minds and robots, as the new strategy, autonomous, and human player elements will be an exciting challenge for all.

Partnerships for FRC teams is crucial in the sustainability of the program. Robotics at this level is EXPENSIVE and the way in which money is spent has to be carefully managed. Thank you to all the partners listed below who help make this team possible!

Esko Public Schools
Boldt Community Foundation
Thrivent Financial
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Rotary Club of Cloquet
Daugherty Appliance - Cloquet

Now that the season has officially kicked off, over the next 6 weeks members of the strategy, fabrication, electrical, and programming departments will spend time digging into the game manual. Based on the rules and specifications in the manual, they'll be designing and developing this season's robot to meet this year's POWER UP challenge.

Behind the scenes the food, media, business, and graphic design departments will be working

to pull our team together by making dinner for all the members, updating our social media so everyone to see our progress, bringing in possible partnerships, designing our team's apparel and updating the team pit, while the safety department will have their hands full ensuring that all team members adhere to the strict safety standards we have in place to minimize injuries throughout the season.

Dates To Remember

On February 17th we will be going to Centennial High School for a pre-competitive scrimmage hosted by The Centurions Team 2472 and KnightKrawler Team 2052. It will be a day to test out our robot with other teams and practice on a mock-up of the actual competition field. After the scrimmage, we will come back and see what we need to finish or fix on the robot before we bag it a few days later.

Once our robot is bagged, we can't touch it until our first competition, which is the Lake Superior Regional at the DECC on March 8th through the 10th. The mission of FIRST Robotics is to generate excitement and interest in STEM, so FIRST Robotics competitions are always free and open to the public. We would love to see you there to cheer us on!

One of our partners, Thrivent Financial, provided funds to buy pizza and snacks to keep us going strong during strategy sessions following Kickoff.

Sports

Youth SUMMER Baseball & Softball

Registration for youth SUMMER baseball, softball and t-ball for ages 4-18 will be **February 1st - March 10th**. All registration will be online only.

Information can be found on our website at www.eskoyouthsports.org.

Like our Facebook page at Esko Youth Baseball/Softball Association.

For any questions email eskolittleleague@gmail.com

Baseball Registrations 2018

Spring Baseball (School Ball)

For: 8th - 12th graders. We will have an 8th, C, JV and V team this season.

When: Arm care practice begins Mar. 12. Regular practice begins Mar. 19.

More details on practices will be given to interested players at a player meeting TBD. Following that meeting, an email will be sent out to parents of those interested players.

Register: www.esko.k12.mn.us under the athletics tab.

Contact: Ben Haugen - bhaugen@esko.k12.mn.us with questions.

Summer Baseball (JH and HS)

For: 11th-12th grade- Legion Baseball - begins in mid June. **Fee - \$160**

9th-10th grade- VFW Baseball - begins in early June. **Fee - \$150**

8th grade- Bantams - begins in Late May. **Fee - \$140**

7th grade- Intermediates - begins in early May. Practice begins after spring break. **Fee - \$130**

More details on these seasons will follow with an email to parents.

note: This is separate from school ball. These teams are NOT LITTLE LEAGUE.

The Esko Baseball Association is the governing body of these leagues in Esko.

To register fill out this form:

Player Name _____	Grade _____	Jersey size _____		
Level (circle one)	Legion	VFW	Bantams	Intermediates
Parent Name _____	Parent email _____			

Have your son give the form and a check to Mr. Haugen or put in Mr. Haugen's school mailbox or mail to Ben Haugen at: Esko Schools (Attn. Ben Haugen) PO Box 10 Esko, MN 55733

Checks payable to Esko Baseball Association

Contact: Ben Haugen - bhaugen@esko.k12.mn.us with questions.

Summer Baseball (Little League)

For: Pre K through 6th grade

This is Little League: Fun League, Developmental League, Rookies, Minors and Majors

ELLSA is the governing body of these leagues in Esko.

Register: <http://eskoyouthsports.org>

Contact: Kevin Koskela - kkoskela@mnpower.com with questions.

Esko Sports Hall of Fame Names 5 New Members

Five new members of the Esko Sports Alliance Hall of Fame will be honored in a noon luncheon Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Dry Dock restaurant on Midway Road.

Hall of Fame chairman Davis Helberg said the new inductees are:

Mel Koivisto, 1951 Esko graduate and four-year starter in basketball who set school records for career and single-season scoring, later was four-year starting guard at UMD and then became highly successful coach at Proctor High School;

Mike Antilla, Class of 1968, an All-State football player who still holds school record for most points in a basketball game (45) and also was outstanding baseball player, then played football and baseball at UMD before dying in an auto accident at age 20;

The 1975 football team, after being denied entry into postseason playoffs the previous year by a fraction of a point in a state rating system, became Esko's first state champion in any sport by overpowering two previously unbeaten playoff opponents 32-0 and 62-0;

Julian Bertogliat, athletic director who guided growth and development of 26 boys and girls teams for more than 25 years until retiring in 2000, has served since then as State High School League Region 7 representative and was elected to Minnesota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Hall of Fame in 2010;

Nikki Flynn (now Flynn-Gregg), 1996 graduate who started every Esko softball game for six years, was Duluth News Tribune Area Player of Year in 1996, then started for four years as shortstop at North Dakota State, where she led the Bison to a national championship and set many still-existing NDSU and national records.

They were voted in by a community-wide selection committee following public nominations.

In addition to the Feb. 10 awards luncheon, the inductees will be recognized on Feb. 9 following an Esko girls basketball game against Cook County and prior to a boys game, also against Cook County.

This is the second year of the Sports Alliance Hall of Fame. A year ago, nine charter members were installed.

The Feb. 10 awards luncheon is open to the public. Pre-registration is not essential, but Helberg said it would be helpful if those attending would contact Russ Davidson at rdavidson@nesc.k12.mn.us or Athletic Director Chad Stoskopf at csstoskopf@esko.k12.mn.us by Feb. 7.

Esko Community Education is looking for groups who would like to collaborate on the planning and implementation of

ESKO FUN DAYS!

This event can be a successful fundraiser for your group as well as a great event for the community.

Contact Gretchen at

879-4038 or ggrover@esko.k12.mn.us or Michele at mcarlson@esko.k12.mn.us

Cool Kids

Cool News

We are happy to say we have been able to add some after school options to Cool Kids in the past month. Our staff has been offering homework club 1-2 times per week, so kids have a chance to go to a quiet room in order to complete their homework daily. Kids also get a chance at the end of the day to work at a homework table to finish up homework. This helps with our no Ipad policy during regular programming.

We have also added some STEM learning activities on Wednesdays when the kids are here

longer than usual. Our first learning opportunity was "All about Owls". It was a HOOT! We are lucky to have Cassie here to share her expertise about all kinds of animals and outdoor activities. Look for more options to come this spring! We are targeting age groups with the events, so kids get a handout in order to sign up for these special events.

We are looking for some additional instructors to offer up some specialty craft options too. Can anyone say knitting? Contact the community education office if you are interested in teaching our kids new skills.



Cool Kids had the opportunity to learn about Owls from Cassie



Teamwork when dissecting pellets



GEOGRAPHY BEE

On Tuesday, January 9, Esko Schools hosted two Geography Bees. During the morning, 24 fifth and sixth graders participated in their Bee, and during the afternoon, 27 seventh and eighth graders had their Bee.

During late November/early December, a majority of Esko's 5th-8th graders took a preliminary qualifying test in their classrooms. The top

scoring students were invited to participate in the oral Geography Bee. Esko students joined students from thousands of schools in the United States in participating in a Bee. Materials are prepared by the National Geographic Society and the contest is designed to motivate students to learn about the world and how it works.

Dylan Putzke was the Winterquist Elementary

School champion. Aiden Lewis placed second and Joel Barta placed third.

Rusty Anderson was Lincoln High School's champion. Nathan Barta took second place and Jack Johnson placed third.

Congratulations to all of our Geography Bee participants!



Top 3 Geography Bee finishers:
Jack Johnson - third place,
Rusty Anderson - school champion,
and Nathan Barta - second place.

Esko High School News



BY GREG
HEXUM,
EHS Principal

Thank you, Ms. Peterson and Ms. Ringat!

February 5 - 9, 2018 is National School Counselors Week. This time is designated annually to focus attention on the unique contributions made by school counselors in U.S. schools. High school counselor, Ms. Nicole Peterson, and K-8 counselor, Ms. Christine Ringat provide a multitude of services to students and families. Their support is crucial for the social-emotional and academic well-being of our students in their planning and preparation toward college and career readiness. Please join me in thanking these superb Esko Public Schools staff members.

Dates to Know

- February 27 and 28 – EHS Mock Interviews/Imagine It Day
- March 23 – End of Quarter 3
- March 26-April 2 – Spring Break
- April 12 – Esko High School Spring Conferences
- April 3 – ACT (available for all EHS juniors)
- April 12 – Esko High School Spring Conferences
- April 10 – Accuplacer (College in the Schools Placement Test)
- April 17 & 18 – MCA Reading (Grades 7 and 8)
- April 24 & 25 – MCA Math (Grades 7, 8 and 11)
- April 24 & 25 – MCA Reading (Grade 10)
- May 1 & 2 – MCA Science (Grades 8 and 10)

It has been a fantastic year for the Esko Music Program, students in the band and choir participating in state-sponsored events throughout the Northland. In the month of October, multiple members of the Esko Jazz Ensemble participated in the UW-Superior Jazz Festival, working with clinician Dave Hagdorn from St.Olaf College. Around the same time, six band students participated in the 60th Annual UMD Senior High School Honor Band Festival, four of those student assigned to the Gold Band. They had the opportunity to work alongside Maestro Giancarlo Castro D'Addona, a Venezuelan conductor and composer. One student reflected on working on the piece Sanganxa. He wrote, "it was that dynamic, powerful-ending, audience-pleasing march that everyone loves to hear and that's even more fun to play."

As for the choir members, many of them had an opportunity to attend the 2017 UMD Honor Choir and work with Dr. Richard Robbins, the festival clinician. The students were all quite pleased with their experiences, many of them finding opportunities to build a better understanding of their support in singing, how to work with new conductors, and to never give in when working towards a goal. Favorite pieces ranged from Eric Whitacre Seal Lullaby to Paul John Rudo's Gamaya. Funding for students to attend all of the above-mentioned programs was provided by the Esko Music Boosters.

The band and choir programs are now working towards preparations for the upcoming statewide competitions in the spring. Students are working on individual as well as group pieces, incorporating new ideas they learned in these recent events into their work for their future performances.

PIE

Partners in Education January 2018 Meeting Minutes

Financial Report: Ending balance in December \$33,126.90

Teachers requests still to be paid is \$4,928.76

Emily Waldo made a motion to continue to use Clubs Choice for the fall of 2018 for the fund raiser and Katie Nelson 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

PIE will be using the Clubs Choice bouncy house from fall fundraiser at the National Night Out this summer. Congratulations to Garret East and Isabel Bowmen for selling the most items for the fundraiser. They will receive a whole day with the bounce house at a location of their choice.

Jen and Scott Prachar from Farmers Insurance will be providing the teachers with meals at conferences in January and February on both nights. Thank you for reaching out to our school and providing this wonderful donation.

Stylus' were provided to the elementary classrooms by the PIE group. Thank you to Emily Waldo, Nadine Miller, and Bridget Peterson for researching the product and ordering them.

An online apparel order form will go out again. We had a huge response from families wanting to order, so a note will be sent home with the students with information for ordering.

A fundraiser idea from Jana Clifford with Texas Road House will be tabled until our February meeting. The idea needs to be brought to the school board for approval before moving forward.

Teachers asked the PIE group if they would be willing to let the teachers take over the Pound the Pavement 5k. The vision for the teachers to take this over is to provide a scholarship for a student. PIE voted and consented to the teacher's request.

We always have room for more parents and volunteers in PIE. Would you like to become a Partner in Education to provide opportunities and educational supply support to Winterquist elementary teachers? We accept new members anytime. Feel free to attend a meeting to check us out. In addition, we are looking to fill a seat on our board. Nominations will be taking place at the April meeting and voting will occur in May. Consider becoming a leader in the school by serving a term on the PIE board. The future of PIE and their contributions to the school and your child's education are in your hands.

Teachers Request passed:

- K- 6 I love to read month \$580.00
Brenda Mattson and 1st grade teachers
- OSMO Game \$130.00
- 3-5 grade recorders (instruments) \$250.00
- Ms Uecker and 2nd grade classrooms 2 cross Numbers Puzzles \$72.00

Community Education Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:
12:00- 4:00
Wednesday: 8:00- 4:00
Friday: 8:00- 12:00
Call us at **879-4038**
Email:
mcarlson@esko.k12.mn.us,
ggrover@esko.k12.mn.us

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1

GIRLS & BOYS LEAGUES
AGES 5-14

VISIT WWW.ARROWHEADTITANSLAX.COM FOR MORE INFO



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Arrowhead Titans Youth Lacrosse registration for the spring season begins on February 1st. The Arrowhead Titans offer both boys and girls lacrosse.

Ages are 5-14. Season begins in April.

For more information or to register, please visit our website
www.arrowheadtitanslax.com or like us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/Arrowheadtitans

Winterquist Elementary News



BY BRIAN HARKER

Important Dates

Thursday, Feb. 1:
Conferences – 3:30 – 7:00
Monday, Feb. 12:
PIE Meeting – 6:30 – library
Monday, Feb. 19: No School
Thursday, Feb. 22:
Kindercamp – 5:30 – 6:30
Play with a Purpose

Second Semester

It is hard to believe, but we are officially half way through the school year and entering our 3rd quarter. It is important that our students continue to stay focused on their school work. As spring approaches, the warm weather arrives and more school activities take place. Please continue to work with your children and help them make the second semester as successful as the first.



Future Kindergarteners

We are already planning for next year and are excited about our new kindergartners that will be joining us in the fall. If you are new to our community or don't think you are on our census, contact the elementary office to get your child on our lists. We want to make sure that each of our families will be receiving our kindergarten mailings. Our first "Getting Ready for Kindergarten" night is February 22 at 5:30 p.m. Please look for more information to come. If you have any questions please call the elementary office at 879-3361.

Open Enrollment

During the next couple months our administrative team will be deciding on staffing needs for the 2018-2019 school year. Please notify us if you are looking at attending our school next year. This will help us as we put together classes for this fall. Families are more than welcome to call and schedule appointments to meet with me and discuss our programs and tour our facilities. We look forward to meeting you soon. To set up an appointment, please call us at 879-3361



Spelling Bee participants



From left to right: Tyler Salmela - 2nd place, Ryan Napper - 1st place and Claire Anderson - 3rd place.



Kindercamp

An introduction for students eligible to start Kindergarten in the fall of 2018

Please join us for
Play with a Purpose
Thursday, February 22
5:30—6:30 pm

Please enter through door #3 or #4

To register call 879 - 4038 — free child care for siblings

- **Magic of Math:** Thursday, March 15, 2018 • 5:30 - 6:30
- **Spring into Reading:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 • 5:30 - 6:30

SPELLING BEE

On Wednesday, January 17, 16 Esko Junior High students participated in the Spelling Bee. Students were given tests in their English classrooms and the top qualifiers participated in the school bee.

The top three finishers were: Claire Anderson-3rd place, Tyler Salmela-2nd place and Ryan Napper-1st place. Ryan has the opportunity to compete in the Regional Spelling Bee on Thursday, February 8, at the Northeast Service Cooperative in Mountain Iron. Congratulations to all of our Spelling Bee participants!

THANK YOU to the local artists who have supported the Winterquist Elementary Art Program through donations: Gianna M., Ethan K., Talin T., Joe J., Aubrey M., Titus P., Cruz M., Augie M., Kaden H., Paige H., Trent R., Ava S., Addison B., Jake R., Chloe H., Ainslie P., Madison H., Ava P., Aliya D., Anastasia S., Logan D., Handsum J., Connor D., Ahna B., Signe H., Irellynn D., Keola F., Tommy M., Kadance G., Dallas L., Derek N., Annika T., and Alivia N.

Thank you to these regional artists who have supported our art program through donations: Gretchen Matuszak, Lea Carr, Monica Ares, and Wendy Savage.

We appreciate all of you for your support!

Kindergarten Round Up:
Tuesday, April 3, 2018 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Visiting Day: Friday, April 6, 2018

From Our School Board

Clerk's Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the board conference room.

Members present: Julian Bertogliat, Jerry Frederick, Mark Nyholm, Todd Rengo, Jeff Salo, Margaret Sunnarborg, and Superintendent Aaron Fischer. Member absent: None.

Call the Meeting to Order

Chairperson Julian Bertogliat called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved Todd Rengo, second by Mark Nyholm to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Jerry Frederick, second by Todd Rengo to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Approve the minutes of the September 26, 2017 regular school board meeting.
- Approve the checks as follows:

Date	Check #s	Total
9/28/17	84135-84166	\$20,997.71
10/9/17	Void 84026	(\$400.37)
10/9/17	Void 84043	(\$155.00)
10/9/17	84167-84246	\$79,316.77
10/23/17*	84247-84344	\$157,334.09

* = Pending Treasurer's Review

- Treasurer's Report – September 2017.

Date	Payroll Type	September 2017 Checks	Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Grand Total
9/15/17	Regular	# 105887-105906 For \$88,051.51	\$176,309.73	\$188,708.98	\$453,070.22
9/30/17	Regular	# 105907-105933 For \$87,153.29	\$187,727.25	\$135,555.94	\$410,436.48

Date	Acct. Transferred From	Acct. Transferred Into	Amount
9/15/17	Assoc. Bank (PMA)	Republic Bank	\$750,000.00
9/28/17	Assoc. Bank (PMA) Bond Acct.	Assoc. Bank (PMA) Oper. Acct.	\$715,217.60
9/29/17	MSDLAF Daily Account	Assoc. Bank (PMA) Oper. Acct.	\$400,000.00

- Personnel:
 - Semester I Lane Change Request from Kristy Strevler to MA 30.
- Donations:
 - Winterquist PIE Group in the amount of \$7,500 for elementary teacher requests.
 - Winterquist PIE Group in the amount of \$500 for elementary Knowledge Bowl.
 - Weets Bros. Flatwork Inc. in the amount of \$200 toward fieldtrip activity.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Annual Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the annual financial audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 as presented by WIPFLI. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Actual Dollar Amount of Previously Committed Funds

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Jeff Salo to approve the actual dollar amount of previously committed funds for separation/retirement to be \$281,451 at June 30, 2017. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Commitment of Funds from the Unassigned Fund Balance

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Todd Rengo to approve the commitment of funds from the Unassigned Fund Balance for separation/retirement benefits at June 30, 2018. The actual amount needed will be determined during the yearly fiscal end-of-year accounting process. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Revised Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Jeff Salo to approve the revised fiscal year 2018 budget as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2017-2018 Revised Budget
October, 2017

Fund	Revenues	Expenditures
General Fund (fund 1)	\$11,079,795	\$11,226,110
Food Service Fund (fund 2)	\$443,865	\$412,010
Transportation Fund (fund 3)	\$384,659	\$376,003
Community Service Fund (fund 4)	\$465,798	\$442,819
Capital Operating Fund (fund 5)	\$544,707	\$795,457
Building Constr. (LTFM) Fund (fund 6)	\$5,500	\$3,069,820
Debt Service Fund (fund 7)	\$304,437	\$374,900
Irrevocable OPEB Trust (fund 45)	\$20,617	\$18,669
OPEB Bonds Debt Service (fund 47)	\$1,111,496	\$1,058,000
Total Budget	\$14,360,874	\$17,773,788

Accept Letter of Resignation from Leann Fetter

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Todd Rengo to accept a letter of resignation from Leann Fetter from Food Service effective October 24, 2017. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Leann Fetter

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Mark Nyholm to approve the hire of Leann Fetter as paraprofessional effective October 25, 2017 for 6.25 hours per day. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letter of Resignation from Christine Timblin

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Mark Nyholm to accept a letter of resignation from Christine Timblin, housekeeper effective October 26, 2017. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Increase for Braden Senarighi

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Jerry Frederick to approve an increase in F.T.E. for Braden Senarighi from 4 hours per day to 8 hours per day as housekeeper effective October 25, 2017 and approval to post for the resulting 4 hour per day position. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the hire of Layla McDonald

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Mark Nyholm to approve the hire of Layla McDonald as Cool Kids Program Assistant effective October 25, 2017 for 10 hours per week. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the 2017/2018 Winter Coaching

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Mark Nyholm to approve the 2017/2018 winter coaching as presented. Motion carried by the following vote: In favor: Margaret Sunnarborg, Jerry Frederick, Julian Bertogliat, Jeff Salo, Mark Nyholm. Abstaining: Todd Rengo.

Approve 2017/2018 Snow Removal

Moved by Jerry Frederick, second by Jeff Salo to approve Erosion Control Specialists, Inc. for snow removal for the 2017/2018 school year per their quote. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Revised Emergency Planning and Procedures Guide

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Jerry Frederick to approve the revised Emergency Planning and Procedures Guide dated October 2017 as updated and also to recommend a committee to look at protocols for emergency planning. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports

Board Committee Reports:

Mark Nyholm – Policy meeting.
Margaret Sunnarborg – Esko Educational Foundation.
Jeff Salo – Facilities committee meeting.
Julian Bertogliat – Safety Committee meeting, Facilities meeting.
Todd Rengo – Safety Committee meeting, Freshman Leadership at UWS, Community Education, Facility meeting.
Jerry Frederick – Meeting at Proctor High School with Jim Schwartzbauer regarding simulated welding.

Principals' Reports:

Elementary – Principal Brian Harker reported that the Halloween parade is being set up. Kindergarten will be performing their circus instead of the parade that day. He reported that the Language Arts curriculum is 10 years old and that during the second quarter a series called "Wonders" will be piloted.
High School – Principal Greg Hexum reported that last Wednesday was the All Carlton County "Ed Camp" collaborative day for teachers. He reported that this spring there will be a distracted driving mock accident. There was a planning day today with various agencies that will be involved.
Tony Bastien has transferred to another job and will no longer be the local Carlton County traffic officer. His replacement will be Rob Lucas.

Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Aaron Fischer reported on:

- Enrollment update.
- Busses all passed recent inspection.
- McNeil performed a mock OSHA inspection. Concerns will be addressed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Jeff Salo, second by Mark Nyholm to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motioned carried by unanimous vote.

Todd Rengo, Clerk

Clerk's Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the board conference room.

Members present: Julian Bertogliat, Jerry Frederick, Mark Nyholm, Todd Rengo, Margaret Sunnarborg and Superintendent Aaron Fischer. Member absent: Jeff Salo.

Call the Meeting to Order

Chairperson Julian Bertogliat called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved Mark Nyholm, second by Jerry Frederick to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Todd Rengo to approve the Consent Agenda (Consent Agenda #f.ii. removed to Agenda #4.):

- Approve the minutes of the October 24, 2017 regular school board meeting.
- Approve the checks as follows:

Date	Check #s	Total
10/23/17	84274-84344	\$157,334.09
10/27/17	Void 84318	(\$212.48)
10/27/17	84345-84383	\$10,823.42
10/31/17	Void #84360	(\$338.00)
11/1/17	84384-84418	\$28,026.86
11/14/17	84419-84479	\$57,582.87
11/20/17	84480-84530	\$415,282.85

- Treasurer's Report – October 2017.

Date	Payroll Type	October 2017 Checks	Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Grand Total
10/13/17	Regular	# 105934-105964 For \$92,876.47	\$183,606.13	\$133,927.93	\$410,410.53
10/13/17	Supple.	# None For 0	\$72.96	0	\$72.96
10/31/17	Regular	# 105965-106006 For \$94,068.79	\$186,793.66	\$138,280.77	\$419,143.22

- Donations:
 - Winterquist PIE in the amount of \$500 for Destination Imagination.
 - Winterquist PIE in the amount of \$439 for Esko FLL Robotics.
 - Ram Mutual Insurance in the amount of \$50 for Breakfast with Santa expense.
- Personnel:
 - Semester II Lane Change Request from Andrew Roberts from BA 15 to BA 45 and Semester I 2018/2019 Lane Change from BA 45 to MA.
 - Increase in Food Service hours for Lisa Kruse from 3.5 to 5 hours per day effective 11/29/17.
 - Increase in Food Service hours for Cynthia Campbell from 2.5 to 3.5 hours per day effective 11/29/17.
- Fundraiser Request:
 - Music Boosters – Silent Auction for desserts at Jazz Concert/Big Band Dance.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Fundraiser- Esko Hoops with Custodian Service

Discussion was heard regarding a fundraiser request from Esko Hoops Club. She inquired if this was a charity – where are the funds going? Todd Rengo representing the Hoops Club indicated funds raised would go to "The Best Christmas Ever". The Board discussed charging for custodial costs associated with the fundraising events. Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Jerry Frederick to approve the Hoops Club Fundraiser Request with the use of a school custodian. Motion carried by the following vote: Aye: Julian Bertogliat, Jerry Frederick, Mark Nyholm, Margaret Sunnarborg. Abstain: Todd Rengo.

Approve Final Payments Related to HVAC Project

Moved by Jerry Frederick, second by Mark Nyholm to approve final payments (pending receipt and final certificate) to: Benson Electric, Bartley, MAVO, Twin Ports Testing, Hanco, Stack Brothers, North Shore Steel, Kolb Construction, Northern Door & Hardware. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Revised Winter Coaching 2017/2018 (Basketball Changes)

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve revised Winter Coaching 2017/2018 (basketball changes) as presented. Motion carried by the following vote: Aye: Julian Bertogliat, Jerry Frederick, Mark Nyholm, Margaret Sunnarborg. Abstain: Todd Rengo.

Approve Girls Head Track Coach

Moved by Jerry Frederick, second by Mark Nyholm to approve Jessica Reckinger as the Girls Head Track Coach for 2017/2018. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Fitness Center Fee

Moved by Jerry Frederick, second by Mark Nyholm to approve a Fitness Center fee in the amount of \$5,500 for student athletes in grades 7-12. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

From Our School Board

Approve New Advertising Rates

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Mark Nyholm to approve new advertising rates as presented. A copy of rates is on file in the office of the superintendent. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letter of Resignation from Leann Fetter/Cool Kids

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Mark Nyholm to accept a letter of resignation from Leann Fetter from Cool Kids program assistant position effective November 15, 2017. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letter of Resignation from Laina Bottila/Maintenance

Moved by Jerry Frederick, second by Todd Rengo to accept a letter of resignation from Laina Bottila from maintenance position effective December 7, 2017. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Debra Majchrzak

Moved by Jerry Frederick, second by Todd Rengo to approve the hire of Debra Majchrzak as Cool Kids Program Assistant 10 hours per week effective November 29, 2017. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Emily Compo

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the hire of Emily Compo as Food Service Worker for 2.5 hours per day effective November 20, 2017. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Additional Alternate Van Route

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Todd Rengo to approve an additional alternate van route contingent upon contract language agreeing to keep this as an alternate route rather than a regular route. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the 2017 Payable 2018 Final Levy

Moved by Jerry Frederick, second by Todd Rengo to approve the 2017 Payable 2018 Final Levy in the amount of \$1,994,104.25 (at a decrease of 17.06% from the previous year). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports

Principals' Reports:

Elementary – Principal Brian Harker reported that elementary conferences went well and were very well attended. Without the Open House at the beginning of the year, this was a time for some parents to tour the building for the first time. He reported that the elementary Holiday Program will be held December 12, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m. He presented the MCA testing results showing the continued growth in scores over the past six years and all above state averages.

High School – Principal Greg Hexum presented the high school testing results which also showed Esko's students' results between 10 to 23 percent above state averages. It also included ACT test results (now required for all students) continuously above the state and national average levels.

Board Committee Reports:

Todd Rengo – Community Education Advisory Committee, Board Work Session.

Margaret Sunnarborg – Board Work Session.

Mark Nyholm – Board Work Session, Negotiations Committee for RAM building.

Julian Bertogliat – ARCC meeting, Board Work Session, Negotiations Committee for RAM building.

Jerry Frederick – Board Work Session.

Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Aaron Fischer reported on:

- The cabinet work is close to being completed.
- Informal negotiations are still ongoing regarding the RAM building.
- Based on Board interest and other commitments, Esko staff will not be attending the MSBA workshop.
- Provided comments on the academic success of District testing.

Congratulations & Commendations

- Ms. Susan Northey for receiving the Physical Education Teacher of the Year from MN SHAPE.
- Directors and cast & crew for the fall musical.

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Jerry Frederick, second by Mark Nyholm to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motioned carried by unanimous vote.

Todd Rengo, Clerk

BEEKEEPING and More!

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, in partnership with the Northeast Minnesota Beekeepers Association, is hosting a day-long workshop called "Beekeeping and More!" on Saturday, February 17, 2018, for anyone interested in learning about beekeeping as a hobby or as a commercial enterprise. The symposium will open at 8:30 a.m. and sessions run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. starting in the college commons. Pre-registration is encouraged. The first Beekeeping and More workshop held in 2016 drew in more than 150 beekeepers and the event has continued to grow, making it one of the largest beekeeping workshops in northern Minnesota.

Session topics include equipment, general troubleshooting, queen biology, risks to native pollinators, varroa mites, gentle beekeeping, and the challenges of overwintering honeybees in northern climates. Hands-on activities are also a part of the program, during which attendees can learn practical applications for products from the hive.

Experts from the University of Minnesota Bee Lab, the Northeastern Minnesota Beekeepers Association, and the Xerces Society will present the sessions and answer questions throughout the workshop. Informational displays, vendors, and door prize drawings will also be a part of the third annual event.

"This will be a great day of learning and information sharing for both novice and experienced beekeepers," said Courtney Kowalczak, Director of the Environmental Institute at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. "There will be plenty of time to meet other beekeepers, ask for advice, get questions answered, and share ideas."

Opening speaker Roy Ober of the Northeastern Minnesota Beekeepers Association will introduce the basics of beekeeping and cover everything a new beekeeper needs to

understand. His talk will cover co-existing peacefully with neighbors, equipment requirements, developing a timeline for a new beekeeper's first year of beekeeping, getting stung, and more.

Jessica Helgen and Jenny Warner of the University of Minnesota Bee Squad will present information about gentle beekeeping, queen biology, overwintering, and understanding the impact of cultured hives on native bees.

Pam Herou of the Xerces Society will present on native bees' biology, habitat, biggest threats, and how to help them thrive. Informational tables from local authorities on pollinator habitat installation, avoiding invasive plant species, and apiary supplies will be set up in the student commons. Beekeepers will have the opportunity to pre-order native pollinator plant seed mixtures, and will be able to order apiary tools, hives, and more.

The third annual "Beekeeping and More!" workshop is presented by Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College through support from a USDA-NIFA grant and in partnership with the Northeastern Minnesota Beekeepers Association. The workshop is part of Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College's Environmental Institute and Extension programs.

Lunch will be available for purchase from Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College's Environmental Science Club.

Registration is \$10.00 for Northeastern Beekeepers Association members, and \$15.00 for non-members. Pre-registration is encouraged and available online at www.fdltc-beekeeping.zapevent.com. Same-day registration will be available as space allows, payment by cash or check only.

For more information, contact Courtney Kowalczak at (218) 879-0862 or via email at courtneyk@fdltcc.edu. Additional updates will be posted to the official Environmental Institute at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College Facebook page.



Children's Dental Services
Will be providing dental care at the
**Carlton County Public Health and
Human Services Building**
14 North 11th Street, Cloquet, MN 55720-1634

These services will include:

- Exams
- X-Rays
- Cleanings
- Fluoride
- Sealants
- Oral health education
- Fillings
- Crowns
- Extractions

Upcoming Dates:
Thursday, December 21, 2017
Thursday, January 18, 2018
Thursday, February 15, 2018
Thursday, March 15, 2018
Thursday, April 19, 2018
Thursday, May 17, 2018
Thursday, June 21, 2018



Program is for children to age 26 and all pregnant women who are on private insurance, medical assistance, Minnesota Care or who have no insurance (based on sliding scale fee).

Please call Children's Dental Services at 1-866-543-6009 to set up an appointment and ask for the Carlton County Public Health and Human Services location!

Bookmobile Schedule

Come and check out some books in the Northwood United Methodist Church parking lot.

9:30-10:30 AM

February 5, 26, March 19,

April 9, 30 May 21, June 11,

July 2, 23, August 13

Around Town

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

The Town of Thomson Board of Supervisors holds their regular meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are held in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall, 25 E. Harney Road.

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 16, 2017

Present: Ruth Janke, Terry Hill, Bill Gerard, Tony Compo, Jason Paulson, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett

Chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Paulson made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Hill. Motion carried.

Gerard made a motion to approve the current vouchers (with the exception of Check # 42654, \$15,070, Sinnott Blacktopping) in the amount of \$ 100,276.19 (Check #'s 42628-42665) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 6,635.86. Second Paulson. Motion carried. The check for Sinnott will be held until the Road Foreman can verify which roads were completed for crack filling.

October receipts in the amount of \$ 38,083.38 and October fund balances were reviewed.

Discussion was held on the natural gas hookups being done. Dan Stangle, Zoning Official, worked with the Town's Building Official and contacted surrounding communities to see what they require. An application was developed. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Gerard to set the permit fee at \$ 25.00. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on reducing the speed limit on Puline Road. Paulson has been researching the issue. He'll discuss his findings further with the Carlton County Engineer.

Matt Decaigny and John Klaers were present to continue the discussion on Whistling Pines subdivision and MSA's role as the design engineer. Pritchett was present to give his legal opinion that there is no conflict of interest. Discussion was held on the billing for the project. Normally all bills would pass through the Town and the Town would collect from the developer. Decaigny would prefer to pay the MSA fees directly to them. Bills for the design phase will go directly to Decaigny. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Hill to approve MSA acting as design engineer on the Whistling Pines subdivision. Motion carried. A preliminary development agreement will be written to establish

A letter was received from the League of Minnesota Cities insurance regarding a claim that was filed for damage to a motorcycle on E. Stark Road. The claim was denied.

Gerard received three quotes for replacing the end treatments on the Marks Road Bridge. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Hill to approve the quote from Global Specialties in the amount of \$ 13,050. Motion carried with 4 yea and 1abstention (Paulson).

Three residents from the north mile of Erickson Road were present to discuss the condition of the road. They feel that the section of the road is being ignored. Discussion was held on the condition of all gravel Town roads due to the weather experienced this year. Questions were also asked regarding future paving and how the decision is made.

Peleski presented a list of delinquent sewer accounts. A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Paulson to approve the list in the amount of \$8,131.77 for certification to Carlton County for collection with the 2018 property taxes. Motion carried.

Peleski presented the Board with options for the upcoming Christmas holiday and what days would be considered holidays for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Board left it for staff to decide which days the office would be closed.

Hill provided an update from Eric Rish regarding Cloquet Area Fire District activities. They are moving forward with the new 10-13 million dollar facility. Boldt has been hired as the construction manager.

Compo reported that Esko Fire Dept. will be hiring 4-5 new members in the near future.

Up to \$ 800 will be authorized for a new snowblower for the Town Hall.

Peleski provided an update for the MN Energy Resources natural gas line hookups.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:46 p.m. by Compo with a second by Paulson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Ruth Janke, Chairperson,

DECEMBER 7, 2017

Present: Ruth Janke, Terry Hill, Tony Compo, Jason Paulson, Bill Gerard, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett

Chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Paulson made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Hill made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of

\$140,865.50 (Check #'s 42666-42728, Void # 42668) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 13,950.03. Second by Paulson. Motion carried.

Minnesota Statutes now require that the election polling place be designated annually. A motion to approve Resolution # 17-04 which designates the Thomson Town Hall, 25 E. Harney Road, Esko as the polling place for the 2018 elections for Thomson Township was made by Hill with a second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Dan Stangle, Zoning Official, received a request from residents in the area of E. Stark Road to post "Neighborhood Watch" signs within the right-of-way. Discussion was held on whether the Town's standard sign permit fees would be collected or if these were considered exempt from the permit fee. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Paulson to approve the placement of the 18" x 24" signs within the road right-of-way. These will be considered exempt from the Town's sign ordinance permit fee. Motion carried.

Steve Larsen from the Esko Historical Society was present to request permission to have a new electrical outlet be installed in the entrance to the Town Hall. This would be used for lighting the historical society display cases that are located there. After discussion a motion was made by Gerard with a second by Paulson for the Town to hire a licensed electrician to install the outlet. This will be at the Town's expense. Motion carried. Larsen will contact area electricians for quotes.

A motion was made by Compo with a second by Hill to approve an agreement with Wipfli LLP to audit the Town's 2017 financial statements. Motion carried. The cost for the service is \$ 11,000.

Compo presented four names for membership on the Esko Fire Department. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Gerard to approve the hiring of Alexa Byrnes, Dan Sertich, Jason Johnson and Jonathan Ulvi effective December 7, 2017. Motion carried. The members will have a six month probationary period and will have to pass a background check.

Two quotes were received for 10,000 yards of class-five gravel. After discussion it was requested that the Road Foreman contact two additional contractors for quotes.

A hot-mix patch trailer has become available for purchase. A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Paulson to purchase the trailer from Greg Larson in the amount of \$ 2,000. Motion carried.

The recent minutes from the fire department business meeting were reviewed.

One response was received from the letter sent out requesting quotes for the remodel of the Town Offices. The

request will be sent out again with a deadline of mid- January.

The sign at the entrance to the Business Park needs to be revised. A mock-up was received from Graphic Technologies. A motion to approve the revision was made by Hill with a second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Deputy Rob Lucas was present with his report for the month of November.

Stangle reported on a recent meeting with Pritchett and Peleski to work on the stormwater ordinance. Work also continued on the private road policy. Another meeting has been scheduled.

Discussion was held on cell towers and small wireless facilities and whether the Town should adopt or amend current controls. Recent changes to State law means that the Town will need to do a study in order to consider any changes. It also means that a moratorium must be adopted by year end in order to make any local changes that might be decided upon. A motion was made by Paulson with a second by Compo to adopt Interim Ordinance # 17-01 which will authorize the study and impose a moratorium on permits and approvals for cell towers and small wireless facilities and structures. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the water issues at Northridge Park. Gerard will discuss the issue further with A & T Pump.

Paulson inquired about "Welcome to Town of Thomson" signs at the entrances to the Township. This will be looked at in the future.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:15 p.m. by Gerard with a second by Compo. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Ruth Janke, Chairperson
Town of Thomson

DECEMBER 21, 2017

Present: Terry Hill, Bill Gerard, Tony Compo, Jason Paulson, Rhonda Peleski

Absent: Ruth Janke, David Pritchett
Vice-chairperson Hill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Gerard made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Compo. Motion carried.

Paulson made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 46,434.38 (Check #'s 42729-42779) and Check # 42654 in the amount of \$ 15,070 to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 9,539.14. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

November receipts in the amount of \$ 42,756.21 and November fund balances were reviewed.

An update was given on the information requested from Friends of Animals before the 4th quarter payment is made. Those statistics will be emailed

to Peleski soon. FOA is currently operating without an executive director.

The road foreman is waiting for two additional quotes for gravel.

Peleski presented a list of donations that were received in 2017. A motion was made by Paulson with a second by Compo to adopt Resolution No. 17-05 to accept the donations. Motion carried.

Peleski presented the proposed 2018 budget and explained where increases or other changes were needed. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Paulson to approve the 2018 budget in the amount of \$ 2,031,639 total receipts and \$ 2,037,246 total disbursements as presented. Motion carried.

Peleski presented a list of year-end transfers between funds that will need to be made. A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Compo to approve the proposed transfers. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on storage issues at the Town Hall. With the upcoming office renovations additional storage will be needed. The storage areas in the Board Room will need to be used for Town records. Peleski will be speaking with the groups that currently store supplies and records at the Town Hall to have them arrange another location.

Discussion was held on the upcoming legislative session and the Cloquet Area Fire District's attempt to get legislation changed so they can bond for a new facility. The Town Board passed a resolution last year in support of some of the proposed changes. The resolution will be forwarded again to Senator Tony Lourey and Rep. Mike Sundin.

Compo informed the Board that his State sewer certification will be expiring soon. A motion was made by Paulson with a second by Gerard to reimburse Compo for the license renewal fee. Motion carried with Compo abstaining.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:07 p.m. by Compo with a second by Paulson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Terry Hill, Vice-chairperson
Town of Thomson

SNOW PLOWING REMINDER

The Town of Thomson reminds all snow removal operators/property owners that it is unlawful to deposit snow on or next to a public highway or street.

Minnesota law prohibits the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow onto public roadways. **This includes the ditch and right-of-way area along the roadside.**

This would include pushing the snow from your driveway across the street onto the right-of-way of a vacant lot. **The snow from your driveway needs to remain on your property.**

According to state law, violations are considered misdemeanors, but civil penalties also apply if the placement of snow creates a hazard such as a slippery area, frozen rut or bump that contributes to a motor vehicle or pedestrian crash. The civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person who placed the snow.

Other hazards created by improper placement of snow on or near a public roadway include drainage problems, drifting, sight obstruction and safe accessibility. Special attention should be made to keep crosswalks, intersections, entrances and exits clean and unobstructed.

We appreciate your cooperation in this manner.

THOMSON TOWN OFFICE

The Thomson Town Office is located at 25 E. Harney Road. The regular office hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

TOWN HALL RENTALS

Remember: The Town Hall is available for private rentals. Contact the Town Office at 879-9719 for details or visit our website: thomson.govoffice.net

Community Church

ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH

And Little Eskomo Lutheran Preschool

A family of believers grounded in, growing in and reaching out in Christ

4 Elizabeth Avenue - Esko, MN 55733
218.879.3510 - www.stmatthewsesko.org

Pastor Jeffrey Walther & Pastor Tom Brinkley

- Sundays:** Worship: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School (preschool - 6th grade) and Christian Ed Hour - Multiple Bible Studies for teens (grades 7-12) and adults: 9:15 a.m.
- Tuesdays:** Totally Terrific Tuesdays "T3" - For grades 7-12
Tuesdays after school 3 - 5 p.m.
- Wednesdays:** 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation: 2:45-4:30 p.m.
Mid-week Lent Worship begins Ash Wednesday, February 14th at 6:30 p.m. and continues through March 21st (Soup Supper 5:30 -6:15 p.m.)
- Thursdays:** Youth Group - For grades 7-12 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Our website www.stmatthewsesko.org has additional information.



NORTHWOOD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The little church with a BIG heart.

62 W. Hwy. 61 ~ Esko, MN 55733

608.495.3147 ~ www.northwoodesko.com

Pastor Cheryl Fleckenstein~
fleckensteincheryl@yahoo.com

Sunday Worship: 9:00 - 10:00 am
First Sunday is Communion Sunday

Fellowship 10:00 - 10:30 am

Toddler Sunday School Class 10:15 am
Sunday School for all ages 10:30 - 11:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, February 11

Mardi Gras Service! A lively service followed by a Cajun potluck including the delicious King's Cake!

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 pm preceded by a time of fellowship with a potluck at 5:00 pm.

Sunday, February 18

Muffins for Mission fundraiser.

Donations for muffins will go to the June 2018 Mission Trip to Florida. Fundraiser also held March 18 & April 15.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Sunday, February 11 Mother-Daughter Tea. Time TBD

Monday, February 12 Quilting for Mission at 10:00 am.

Find us on FACEBOOK at
Northwood United Methodist Church, Esko, MN
(include ESKO MN in the address).

Check out our website for pictures,
weekly bulletins and weekly newsletters.
www.northwoodesko.com



**Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge
Choir is coming to St. Matthews
Sunday, February 11th
8:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship services**

One of the ways Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge reaches out to the community is through their resident choir. Each weekend the choir visits churches sharing music and testimonies. The choir's goal is to be a blessing to congregations by testifying about God's healing power in our lives and helping others see that in Him, they too, can overcome their struggles. A potluck will follow the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

School Lunch Menu

School Lunch/Breakfast Prices:

<u>Lunch:</u>	
Grades 1-6	\$2.30
Grade 7-12	\$2.40
Adults	\$3.65
Reduced Lunch	\$.00
Milk	\$.35

<u>Breakfast:</u>	
Kindergarten	\$.00
Grades K-12	\$1.10
Adult	\$1.75
Reduced Breakfast	\$.00
Milk	\$.35

Please send check in an envelope labeled with exactly what is being purchased.
Lactose reduced milk will be provided to a student upon written request from a parent/guardian.

Floy Gilman Scheidler Scholarships

Scholarships for post-secondary study in fields related to communications and/or business have been announced by the Floy Gilman Scheidler Scholarship Foundation for 2018-19. The \$1000 scholarships per semester will be awarded in May 2018 and are renewable for seven semesters for a total of \$8,000. Application forms are available from the counselor's offices at Carlton County high schools and post-secondary schools in the area. Completed applications are due by April 18, 2018.

Applicants must be in the top 50 percent of a Carlton County high school graduating class and have earned a grade point of 3.0 or higher. Residents of Carlton County who have graduated from a Carlton County high school or earned a GED or have been home schooled are also eligible to apply. In addition to school achievement, applicants should show participation in extra-curricular activities, community volunteer work and/or employment. Financial need is a consideration.

The Scheidler Scholarship Foundation was established in 1999 by Floy Bud Dickison and Ona Maurita Scheidler in memory of their mother with the intent of helping student pursue post-secondary education in fields of study related to communications and/or business.

For more information, contact Linda Suer at 218-879-9541 or suerlinda01@msn.com.



Breakfast is served from 7:50 - 8:10 am
No Charging Meals

View student's meal accounts on Parent Portal www.esko.k12.mn.us

Alternate menu for grades 7-12 only. Subject to change.
Daily ala carte options available for grades 9-12.

FEBRUARY 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><i>*Alternate menu for Grades 7-12 only.</i></p> <p><i>*Subject to change.</i></p> <p><i>*Ala Carte (Smart Snack) Line available for Grades 9-12 daily.</i></p>	<p><i>*Low fat or fat free milk offered daily with breakfast & lunch.</i></p> <p><i>*Fruit & a juice cup offered daily with breakfast.</i></p>	<p><i>*WGR cereal may be substituted for main breakfast item.</i></p>	<p>1 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Breaded Pork Chop, Cheesy Hash Browns, Green Beans, Cinnamon Roll, Fresh Fruit Alt: Orange Chicken with Egg Rolls</p>	<p>2 Breakfast: Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel Lunch: Quesadilla Pizza, Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Mexican Corn, Fresh Fruit Alt: Meatball Sub</p>
<p>5 Breakfast: Muffin Choice, Yogurt Cup Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Twister Fries, Peas & Carrots, Dinner Roll, Fruit Sauce Alt: Turkey/Bacon Wrap</p>	<p>6 Breakfast: Mini Pancake/Sausage Wraps Lunch: Hamburger/Bun, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/Tomato, Baked Beans, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Fruit Alt: Sausage, Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich</p>	<p>7 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Turkey Sandwich, WG Mini Crackers, Fresh Broccoli/Cauliflower Cup, Fresh Fruit Alt: Taco Salad Bar</p>	<p>8 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: "Lunch Brunch" French Toast, Sausage Links, Tri Tater, Baby Carrots, Applesauce Alt: Mini Pizza</p>	<p>9 Breakfast: French Toast Sticks Lunch: French Bread Pizza, Spinach/Lettuce Salad, California Veggie Mix, Fresh Fruit Alt: Chicken Enchilada</p>
<p>12 Breakfast: Bagel Choice, Cream Cheese Lunch: Mini Corn Dogs, Sweet Potato Tots, Baked Beans, Steamed Carrots, Fruit Sauce Alt: Soup/Sandwich</p>	<p>13 Breakfast: Mini Pancakes Lunch: Chicken Patty/Bun, Waffle Fries, Steamed Broccoli, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Fruit Alt: Garlic Cheese Bread</p>	<p>14 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Shrimp Poppers, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit Alt: Salad Bar</p>	<p>15 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: "Taco in a Bag" Chips/Meat/Cheese Lettuce/Tomato/Fixings Spud Bites, Bread Stick, Baby Carrots, Fruit Sauce Alt: Ham & Cheese Sub</p>	<p>16 Breakfast: Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel Lunch: Turkey or Fish Sub, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/Tomato, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Pickle Spear, Fresh Fruit Alt: Lasagna Roll Up</p>
<p>19 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>20 Breakfast: Pancake/Sausage on a Stick Lunch: Hot Dog/Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chips, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Fruit Alt: Tater Tot Hot Dish</p>	<p>21 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Spaghetti in Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast, Whole Kernel Corn, Baby Carrots/Dip, Frozen Fruit Cup Alt: Salad Bar</p>	<p>22 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Popcorn Chicken, Sweet Potato Fries, Bread Stick, Steamed Broccoli/Cheese, Fruited Gelatin Alt: Cheese Pizza Crunchers</p>	<p>23 Breakfast: French Toast Sticks Lunch: Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit Alt: Shrimp Poppers</p>
<p>26 Breakfast: Bagel Choice, Cream Cheese Lunch: Corn Dog, Sweet Potato Tots, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Fruit Sauce Alt: Chicken Burger</p>	<p>27 Breakfast: Mini Pancake/Sausage Wraps Lunch: Chili, Cheesy Bosco Stick, Carrots/Celery Sticks, WG Mini Crackers, Fresh Fruit Alt: Soft Shell Taco</p>	<p>28 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Sloppy Joe/Bun, Cheese Slice, Whole Kernel Corn, Cukes/Dip, Fresh Fruit Alt: Salad Bar</p>		



Lost & Found Overflowing!

Do any of these items look familiar to you? We have an abundance of wonderful jackets, sweatshirts, and water bottles galore that have taken residence in the lost and found. Please stop by the overflowing boxes just outside of the cafeteria to see if you can claim any of the items. We want them to find their homes!