

Esko's Corner

Esko Public School District #99
Connecting School and Community

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June/July/August 2023

Esko Fun Days, August 1st-5th

Mark your calendar for Esko Fun Days!! This year, Esko Fun Days are being organized and supported by Esko Community Partnership. Membership in the Partnership supports events like Esko Fun Days.

Thank you to our current members:

- Radosevich Law Office
- Rootstock Herbals
- JS Realty: Jamie Sathers-Day
- Mini Mos Child Care
- Edward Jones- Kory Deadrick
- Reliable Insurance
- Esko Community Education
- Esko Historical Society

Tuesday August 1st

- National Night Out - 5:30-7:00 , Esko Fire Hall
Bubble Show, face painting, free hot dog dinner & safety demonstrations.
- Bingo & Ice Cream social - 7:00-9:00, Esko School Cafeteria hosted by St Matthews Youth group.

Wednesday

- Esko Senior Lund and presentation of The Davis Helberg Award by Thomson Township Board at Mike's Cafe at 11:00 AM

Thursday

- Lakehead Harvest open house 6:00-8:00. Details to come

Wednesday- Friday

- History Mystery Medallion Hunt- Clues will be posted on Esko Community Partnership Facebook page and the door of the museum at 9:00 AM

Saturday August 5th

- Burkholder 5 K (registration included in this issue.)
- Parade - 11:00 Contact Wild Lily Events to participate. See info on this page.
- Games in the Park - 11:30-2:30.
- BBQ in the Park - 11:30-1:30.
- Street Dance Saturday night featuring The Northwoods Band Time & location TBD.
- The Esko Historical Society Museum open 2:00-5:00, refreshments available
- Food trucks at street dance, Holy Smokes BBQ, Littlest Bake Shop, Crepes truck

We would love to offer additional events, but we need groups to run them! Last year, the Friday night teen event was well attended & could be a great fundraiser for any group. Esko Community Partnership will cover many costs for the activities at each event. Please email eskocommunitypartnership@gmail.com if you would like to help run an event!!

Thank you to the following sponsors for donating to Esko Fun Days.

- Northwoods Credit Union
- SAPPI
- Thomson Township
- National Bank of Commerce
- Barnes Care

We are in need of additional support! Mail contributions to Esko Community Partnership: P.O. Box 177 Esko, MN 55733.



ESKO FUN DAYS ANNUAL PARADE

Saturday, August 5, 2023
11:00 am

Wild Lily Events is sponsoring and coordinating this year's annual parade!
Meet in the St. Matthews Church Parking Lot, 4 Elizabeth Ave, Esko at 10:15am
Each float will have an assigned number. All numbers will be finalized a week prior to the parade. When you arrive at the church, please find your number and line up accordingly. This will minimize confusion, and make for smooth transitions into the lineup for the parade.
To sign up for the parade please reach out to Briana Pennington either by phone or email.
218-606-0455 or wildlilyeventsmn@gmail.com
THANK YOU!



WILD LILY
Events

New Fitness Center for the School and Community

The Esko School District is proud to announce that a new 4,718 sq. ft. fitness center will begin construction this summer. This project has been in the planning stages since it was identified as a top priority in the District's new long range facility plan. The new center will be on the south wall of the current varsity gym. The community will be able to use the facility and will have access directly into the center without entering the school, which was the driving force behind moving the fitness center. We look forward to sharing this facility with all of you!



*Congratulations Esko's Class of
2023! Pages 11-14*

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Community News

Davis Helberg Community Impact Award

Purpose: To recognize community members giving their time to the community in order to encourage additional volunteerism and inspire more volunteers in the community.

Who should be nominated? The Davis Helberg Community Impact award is intended for a community member who has stoic determination, tenacity of purpose, grit, bravery, resilience, and hardiness and has shown exceptional dedication to the community of Esko. This person will have helped the community or others in our community become more successful. The award can be granted posthumously.

When are applications due? Applications are due by June 30th at 4:00 PM. Applications must be submitted to Esko Community Education either by mail or email. No late applications will be accepted. Forms can be found on the school website under community education/special events or in the community education office.

What are the requirements to nominate? There are two requirements: 1. Complete and submit the application form, 2. The person you nominate must be able to have a representative attend the Esko Senior Luncheon during Esko Fun Days in August to accept the award and serve as the Grand marshal in the Esko Fun days parade on Saturday.

What does the winner receive? The Davis Helberg Community Impact Award winner(s) will receive wide recognition for their efforts and their name will be displayed on a perpetual plaque that is displayed in Thomson Town Hall.

Why was the award created? Davis served on the boards of the Esko Educational Foundation, the Esko Tree Board, the Esko Historical Society, and Carlton County Historical Society. In his last years, he served as the secretary of Esko Sports Alliance and organized the creation of the Esko Sports Alliance Hall of Fame. Davis was also the editor of “Esko’s Corner: an Illustrated History of Thomson Township” (2013) and “Thomson Township’s Night of Terror” (2018). Davis was the perfect example of SISU and his efforts will solidify the history of Esko forever.

Davis Helberg Community Impact Award Nomination Form Deadline June 30th

Name of Organization or Event: _____

Contact person: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Contact email address: _____

Name of person being nominated: _____

Nominee’s Phone Number _____

How many hours has this person donated to your organization or event in the last year?

What was/is their role with your organization or event?

What three words would best describe the person you are nominating?

On a separate page, please describe how this person went above and beyond the expectations for your organization or event and why they should receive the Davis Hellberg Community Impact Award.

Return to:
Esko Community Education
16 E Hwy 61
P.O. Box 10
Esko, MN 55733
OR email to : mcarlson@esko.k12.mn.us

26th Annual Kristin Burkholder 5k

Saturday, August 5, 2023 @ 8:30 am

Creating awareness in the Esko community for walking safety for our children and organ donation since 1997.

Race Information

Date: Saturday, August 5, 2023
Day-of Registration: begins at 7:00 am
Kids Race at 8:00 am
5k Race at 8:30 am
Location: Esko Sports Complex, 62 Canosia Rd, Esko
Stroller Friendly
Awards given to runners in the following categories:

1. Top overall male and female
2. Top two runners in each division: 5-8, 8-12, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70 and older

Entry Fee

Early-Bird Pricing (register by July 15th)
Ages 5-12: \$12 Ages 12-18: \$20 Adults (19+): \$25

Race Pricing (July 15th – August 4th)
Ages 5-12: \$17 Ages 12-18: \$25 Adults (19+): \$30

Day of Registration
Ages 5-12: \$20 Ages 12-18: \$30 Adults (19+): \$35

Register by 7/18 to guarantee a race shirt!

Registration Form

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Sex: ____ Male ____ Female
Age on day of race: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone: _____
T-shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

Esko students entering grades 7-12: \$10 of your entry will be donated to the school-sponsored club/team of your choice. Please designate your choice on the line:

Register online:
<https://www.tempotickets.com/burkholder5k2023>

Mail forms to: Esko Educational Foundation, PO Box 27 Esko,
Checks Payable to: Kristin Burkholder 5K

Summer Speech Therapy

The CMH Speech Therapy Department provides speech therapy during the summer for the following:
Autism spectrum disorders
Language formation/comprehension
Speech sounds
Stuttering
Communication devices

For more information, call 218-878-7010

Summer hours for the Esko Historical Society Museum

Sundays 2:00-5:00
starting June 4th -
August

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Articles and submissions may be sent to the Esko Community Education office or e-mailed to mcarlson@esko.k12.mn.us. The deadline is the 15th of each month for the next month’s issue. The publication schedule can be found on the website. Articles may be edicted for space and content. If you have questions, please call the community education office at 879-4038. Visit the school website: www.esko.k12.mn.us

I, knowingly and at my own risk, herby apply to enter the Kristin Burkholder Walk Race and do herby waive and release any and all claims of damage that I may incur as a result of my participation in this event against the Esko Educational Foundation, Inc., I.S.D #99, Thompson Township, Carlton County, all sponsors, or any employees, agent, volunteer, or elected official of these organizations for said injuries and damages. I further hereby certify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved with this event and am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate. If, however, as a result of my participation, I require medical attention, I hereby give my consent to authorized medical personnel and first responders to provide such medical care as deemed necessary by such authorized personnel. I understand that due to time of year there is a risk of extreme heat and weather during the running/walking of this event and do assume all heat and weather related risks with my participation in this event, I further give permission to the Esko Educational Foundation, Inc., or their designee or agents authorized by them, to use any photographs, video, motion picture, recordings or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose at any time without compensation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent Signature (if participant is under 18): _____
Emergency Contact: Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Check our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/Burkholder5K
or email burkholder5k@gmail.com
for updates.
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On April 24, 1997, 12 year old Kristin Burkholder died from injuries suffered from a pedestrian-car accident while running for track practice along Canosia Road in Esko. Proceeds from the race benefit the EEF Kristin Burkholder Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Community Education

62nd Annual LAKEHEAD HARVEST SHOW August 25, 26, and 27, 2023

70 E. St. Louis River Rd., Esko, MN

- ◆ Flea Market
- ◆ Petting Barn and Kid's Activities
- ◆ Blacksmithing
- ◆ Steam & Gas Engines
- ◆ Sawmilling
- ◆ Shingle Making
- ◆ Vintage Craft Activities
- ◆ Threshing
- ◆ Steam & Gas Plowing
- ◆ Antique Rock Crusher
- ◆ Tractors
- ◆ Food Concessions
- ◆ Exhibitors Welcome



ADMISSION
\$10 Daily •
\$20 Weekend Pass
Children 11 and
under are FREE!
Includes a wristband
Free Admission for Exhibitors
up to 2 persons
Credit/Debit Cards Accepted



**Grounds &
3-Day Cafe
open to the
public at 9 a.m.**

FRIDAY
Daily Activities Until 5 p.m.
Kids Pedal Tractor Pull at 2:30 p.m.
Parade at 4 p.m.

SATURDAY
Daily Activities Until 5 p.m.
Antique Tractor Pull at 12:30 p.m.
Kids Pedal Tractor Pull at 2:30 p.m.
Parade at 4 p.m.

SUNDAY
Stock Garden Tractor Pulling
Contest at 1 p.m.
Kids Pedal Tractor Pull at 2:30 p.m.
Parade at 4 p.m.
Raffle Tractor Drawing
After Parade

www.lakeheadharvestshow.com



Handicap Accessible ◆ Machines Operated by Experienced Operators ◆ All Boilers State Inspected & Certified ◆ Parade and Displays
Subject to Weather Conditions ◆ Lakehead Harvest Reunion, Inc. is an Educational Non-Profit Organization.
For more information contact: Ryan Hansen at 218-390-5920 or Gary Bauer at 218-391-0414.
For Flea Market information contact: Nikki Bauer at 715-815-0292.

Cool Kids is Hiring

We are looking for Esko Juniors (next fall) to begin working with us after school in the fall.

Work anywhere from 3-15 hours per week after school and have the weekends off! If you are considering going into the field of education- this job is a great way to see if teaching is right for you! Email Emily at edavey@esko.k12.mn.us if you are interested.

**Esko
Community
Ed**
SUMMER UPCOMING
EVENTS

**June
12-23 Drivers Ed M-F 12-3 PM**

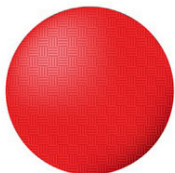
**June
13-29 Summer Track & Field
T & Th 6-7:15 PM**

**August
14-25 Drivers Ed M-F
9:30 AM-12 PM**

**Wednesdays Summer Community Ed
8-1 Office Hours**

**August
1-5 Esko Fun Days**

Esko Sports Court



Donations so far:

Sinnott Blacktop—Site prep

Thomson Township-\$20,000

Hoops-\$10,000

Community Ed-\$10,000

Donations also to be collected
from:

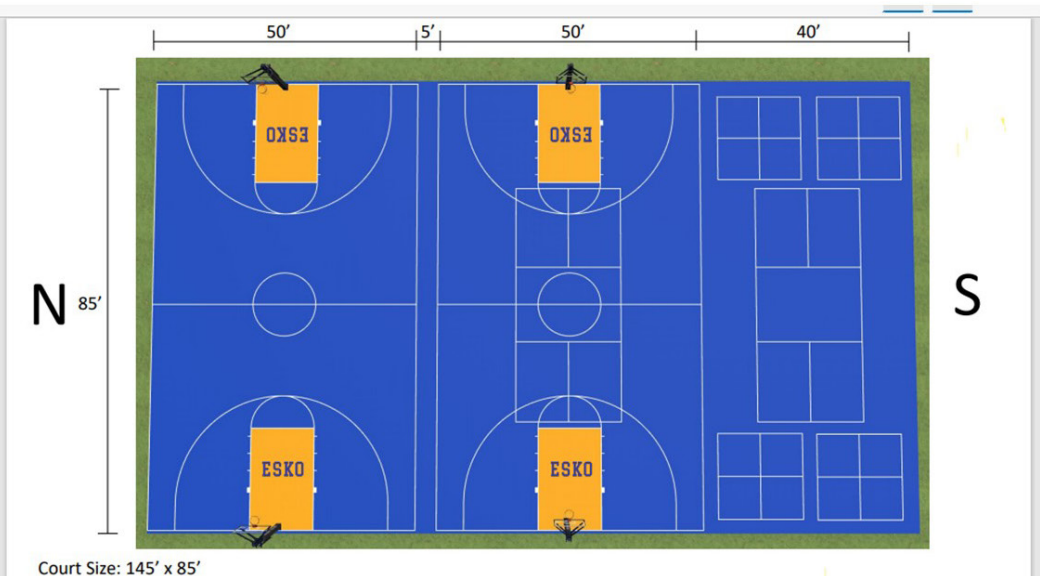
Esko Sports Alliance and

Esko Pie

The Sports Court will
include four square,
2 basketball courts &
3 pickleball courts.



We need to raise \$90,000 in total to finish
this project. We are accepting any amount of
donations online in eleyo.



Court Size: 145' x 85'

Esko Fall Cheer Clinic 2023

Grades Pre - Kindergarten - 6th grade

September 18 & 20 Session #1

ON WEDNESDAY THE SESSION WILL RUN FROM 2:15-3:30 PM

September 19 & 21 Session #2

3:15-4:30 PM in the cafeteria

September 22 Esko vs. Pequot Lakes Football Game at 7:00 PM

Cost: \$42.00

Football Game - September 22nd

The cheerleaders will perform during halftime of the game.

Cheerleaders will receive a snack each day after school, free entrance into the game
and a cheer shirt. We will want the cheerleaders to wear the shirt at the football
game.

*Please bring a water bottle and wear tennis shoes.

*Treats, poms and hair bows will be for sale at both sessions.

TO FACILITATE OUR T-SHIRT ORDER, PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE BY
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2023



Mark your calendars for the Esko Early Childhood Screening Dates 2023-2024. The state of Minnesota requires that all children be screened before entering kindergarten. Screening is a sampling of skills in developmental areas which helps determine if there are learning concerns that should be addressed before your child starts school. The recommended age for screening is 3 to 4 years old. In an effort to make screening more accessible to all families, we will be offering both daytime and evening appointments. Screening appointments will be scheduled at <https://esko.ce.eleyo.com/> Evening appointments will be available on Tuesday October 10, 2023 and Tuesday February 6, 2024. Morning and afternoon appointments will be available on Wednesday October 11, 2023 and Wednesday February 7, 2024. All Early childhood screening appointments will be at the Esko Education Building 16 Highway 61. If you have any questions, email Jill Liupakka at jliupakka@esko.k12.mn.us or call Community Education at (218)879-4038. We look forward to meeting you and your child.

Community Education

Adult Classes coming soon:

As fall is approaching we will be offering a few adult classes! Registration for Fall classes will open online August 1st.

Zumba with Naomi Christenson

Zumba is a fitness cardio workout that 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! Now is the time to try Zumba!

Bring to Class: Water Bottle

Pilates with Kati Ruhnke

Pilates is a low-impact, slow and controlled practice. This movement practice can help you; build strength, increase flexibility, release tension, relieve back, shoulder, and other joint pain, plus so much more. Come join Kati who just recently received her Mat 1 Certification, but has practiced and loved pilates for many years.

Bring to Class: Pilates or yoga mat and water

Bootcamp with Sarah Petite

Mom and Me classes with Emily Davey

Mom and Me is a special evening to create an art project together!

Succulent Plant classes with Sam Dammer

Learn how to plant and care for succulents.

Learn to Sew by Making a Quilt

A fun sewing class coming this fall called "Learn to Sew by Making a Quilt." It is a beginning sewing class. The instructor will supply all the materials and the sewing machines. It is a 2-night class and everyone leaves with a 4' x 5' completed (guaranteed) quilt. I own 9 machines so my class size is limited to 9 unless people are able to bring a machine.

Cost: \$100.00
Instructor: Erin Cox
Room S 100
Monday, October 2 & Tuesday, October 3 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

We would love to offer more adult classes so if you have a talent you would like to share or know of someone who would be willing to teach a class please reach out to Community Ed at 879-4038

ECFE Schedule for Fall 2023

Tiny Tots

Enjoy one-on-one time with your toddler before attending a discussion about a variety of topics specific to a toddler's social, emotional and physical development. Children enjoy socializing under the supervision of an early childhood teacher. Parents will have an in-class

meeting the first few weeks. We will begin having parent/child separation after the children have had a few weeks to build a comfort with their classroom teachers. This class is only offered for children ages 12 – 30 months. Sibling care is not available.

Age: 12 – 30 months
Cost: \$50 per child
Instructor: Shannon Matzdorf
When: Mondays
09/25/23 4:30 – 5:45pm
10/02/23 4:30 – 5:45pm
10/09/23 4:30 – 5:45pm
10/16/23 4:30 – 5:45pm
10/23/23 4:30 – 5:45pm
10/30/23 4:30 – 5:45pm
11/13/23 4:30 – 5:45pm
11/20/23 4:30 – 5:45pm
11/27/23 4:30 – 5:45pm
12/04/23 4:30 – 5:45pm
12/11/23 4:30 – 5:45pm
Esko Education Center – ECCE Room

Marvelous Mondays

Enjoy playing and making fun crafts with your child(ren) while also meeting other families in your community. Come discuss positive and practical ways to handle the challenges of raising young children. This is a great opportunity to gain knowledge and get advice from other parents who may be experiencing similar situations. This is also a great opportunity to share any tips you may have from your own life experiences, with other parents. Parents and children do separate for part of class time. This class is only offered for children ages Birth through five years. Sibling care is not available.

Age – Mixed ages (birth to Five years)
Cost: \$50 per child
Instructor: Shannon Matzdorf
When: Mondays
09/25/23 6:00 – 7:15pm
10/02/23 6:00 – 7:15pm
10/09/23 6:00 – 7:15pm
10/16/23 6:00 – 7:15pm
10/23/23 6:00 – 7:15pm
10/30/23 6:00 – 7:15pm
11/13/23 6:00 – 7:15pm
11/20/23 6:00 – 7:15pm
11/27/23 6:00 – 7:15pm
12/04/23 6:00 – 7:15pm
12/11/23 6:00 – 7:15pm
Esko Education Center – ECCE Room

Terrific Tuesdays

Enjoy playing and making fun crafts with your child(ren) while also meeting other families in your community. Come discuss positive and practical ways to handle the challenges of raising young children. This is a great opportunity to gain knowledge and get advice from other parents who may be experiencing similar situations. This is also a great opportunity to share any tips you may have from your own life experiences, with other parents. Parents and children do separate for part of class time. This class is only offered for children ages Birth through five years. Sibling care is not available

Age – Mixed ages (birth to Five years)

Cost: \$50 per child
Instructor: Shannon Matzdorf
When: Mondays
09/26/23 5:45 – 7:00pm
10/03/23 5:45 – 7:00pm
10/10/23 5:45 – 7:00pm
10/17/23 5:45 – 7:00pm
10/24/23 5:45 – 7:00pm
10/31/23 5:45 – 7:00pm
11/14/23 5:45 – 7:00pm
11/21/23 5:45 – 7:00pm
11/28/23 5:45 – 7:00pm
12/05/23 5:45 – 7:00pm
12/12/23 5:45 – 7:00pm
Esko Education Center – ECCE Room

Little Sprouts Learning Time

This is a great time for children to gain pre-Kindergarten knowledge while parents are learning more about how to guide their child through these early learning experiences. Children will explore arts and crafts, introduction to basic concepts, music and movement, and large muscle activities. This parent and child class will meet on Thursdays for 1 ½ hours. Children will have quality time with their parent, and also gain some independent experience while parents go off to a separate parent group for a portion of the class time. Parents will meet with a licensed parent educator to discuss parenting joys and concerns, as well as their child's social, emotional, and physical development. This class can be combined with the class called Little Sprouts Outdoor Explorers if you choose. Children must be toilet trained, and must be signed up for Little Sprouts Learning Time, in order to register for Little Sprouts Outdoor Explorers. Please call and ask for Shannon if you have any questions about this or any other issues.

Age: 2.5 to 5 years (Must be age 3 by October 1, 2023)
Cost: \$75 per child
Sibling Care available if enough need
Instructor: Kari Knutson and Shannon Matzdorf
When: Thursdays
9/14/2023 8:45 – 10:15am
9/21/2023 8:45 – 10:15am
9/28/2023 8:45 – 10:15am
10/5/2023 8:45 – 10:15am
10/12/2023 8:45 – 10:15am
10/26/2023 8:45 – 10:15am
11/2/2023 8:45 – 10:15am
11/9/2023 8:45 – 10:15am
11/16/2023 8:45 – 10:15am
11/30/2023 8:45 – 10:15am
12/7/2023 8:45 – 10:15am
12/14/2023 8:45 – 10:15am
Esko Education Center – ECCE Room

Little Sprouts Outdoor Explorers

This class offers more of a nature play learning experience. When children spend time outside they explore science topics using curiosity, creativity and wondering, becoming better problem solvers and critical thinkers. When children are outside they take turns talking to each other about what they see, and interact with their peers in cooperative ways. Being outside leads to

more physical activity opportunity, and promotes the development of small and large motor skills. Children get excited and interested in learning when they use natural materials in nature. This is a drop off class that is held at a few different outdoor locations within the Esko area on Tuesdays for 2 hours. A list of locations will be handed out to registrants closer to start of class. We will use our classroom setting if weather demands a change of location. Children must be toilet trained and also signed up for Little Sprouts Learning Time in order to register for Little Sprouts Outdoor Explorers. Please call and ask for Shannon if you have any questions about this or any other issues.

Age: 3 to 5 years (Must be age 3 by October 1, 2023)
Cost: \$75 per child
Instructor: Kari Knutson
When: Tuesdays
09/19/2023 8:45 – 10:45am
09/26/2023 8:45 – 10:45am
10/03/2023 8:45 – 10:45am
10/17/2023 8:45 – 10:45am
10/24/2023 8:45 – 10:45am
10/31/2023 8:45 – 10:45am
11/07/2023 8:45 – 10:45am
11/14/2023 8:45 – 10:45am
11/21/2023 8:45 – 10:45am
11/28/2023 8:45 – 10:45am
12/05/2023 8:45 – 10:45am
12/12/2023 8:45 – 10:45am
Esko Education Center – ECCE Room

*Families will never be turned away due to inability to pay fees. If you find yourself in either a financial hardship, or if the fees are too high for your income level, please make sure to connect with Shannon Matzdorf at smatzdorf@esko.k12.mn.us, or Michele Carlson mcarlson@esko.k12.mn.us. We will set up a payment that meets your family's needs.

Classes to watch for in the September/October/November Corner:

- Best Beginnings **A new class for families with newborns**
- Together Time - hands on experiences for parent and children to participate in together.
- Infant classes



Register for all
Community Ed sports,
classes and donation opportunities
by following this QR
code to our Eleyo site!

Wrapping up 2023

By Brian Harker

Important Dates

- Wednesday, June 7: Last Day for Students- 3 Hour Early Dismissal
- Thursday, June 8: Last Day for Staff

Summer Vacation

It has been another successful, fun and rewarding year at Winterquist Elementary. To our families, thank you for your support and willingness to be involved in your child's education. We are blessed to have such wonderful students and families.

Enjoy your summer vacation! Be safe, have fun, and don't be afraid to open a book from time to time throughout the summer.

P.I.E.

The P.I.E. group once again provided leadership and financial support to enhance the learning opportunities for our students. PIE is a very proactive group that has a vision to enrich the school experience for all students. Please consider joining and attending their meetings next year. This is a great way to make a difference in the education of your children and also a nice way to get to meet other parents and families.

Summer Office Hours

The elementary office will be open until June 21. It will be closed until August 21. After the August 21, it will be open for the year. We will be checking emails and voicemails throughout the summer.

2023 Kids Heart Challenge

Another Record Setting Year!!

The 2023 Kids Heart Challenge is another success! Our Kindergarten through 5th grade Winterquist Elementary students set an all time high in saving 840 lives, raising \$42,030. Winterquist placed second in the state of Minnesota for raising money for the American Heart Association.

Our students are passionate about helping save lives, young and old, of those that have special hearts. We want to Thank all of you that contributed to the Kids Heart Challenge. Especially the parents of these students that participated. You are the back bone of our student's and school's success! We would also like to Thank the following volunteers Mrs. Nancy Krech, Mrs. Melissa Halverson, Mrs. Christina Ringat, and Ms. Jessica Uecker, Jeremy Zywicki and NHS members that helped run and organize the event.

The students that helped save four or more lives get to spray Mrs. Vesel-Johnson and Mr. Zywicki with silly string. This will be an exciting event for all of us!

Congratulations to the following top 10 fundraisers:

Gianna H. \$1315

Brandon C. \$1311

Blake G. \$775

Nora Y. \$641

Parker S. \$504

Hailey E. \$500

Dachen G. \$475

Thomas P. \$457

Hartley L. \$447



Looking Forward to Fall

Important Dates

- Thursday, August 31: Open House- 6:30-8:00
- Tuesday, September 5: First Day of School for Grades 1-6
- Thursday, September 7: First Day of School for Kindergarten
- Monday, September 11: PIE Mtg- 6:00 in the Library

Welcome Back

We are excited for a new school year and a fresh start. For our incoming kindergarten students and their families, this is the start to hopefully a thirteen year enriching journey with us as your child moves through the Esko School system. For our 6th grade students and their families, this is the end of your elementary experience. We hope its been fun and rewarding. For the rest of our families, take the time to enjoy every step of the way. It certainly goes by fast.

Attendance

As a school community, we are going to put an extra focus on attendance this year. It is time to start getting back to positive school routines and put school attendance at the top of your list as a family. Distance learning is a thing of the past. Sleeping in because of a late sports practice or activity isn't acceptable. Taking a day off because your child is tired doesn't meet the standard. These are just some examples of what we hear from families during the school year. Each of these examples give your child the idea that school isn't that important. We need to change this narrative and get back to putting school attendance as a high priority. Research shows that school attendance has a direct correlation to academic success and sets the tone for an overall positive school experience for students. Let's work together this year to get get your child to school each and every day.

Other Items

- Students are not allowed in the building before 7:45 a.m. or after 3:15 p.m. unless they are under direct supervision by a teacher or coach.
- The phone number to reach Winterquist Elementary is 218-879-3361.
- Please be sure to contact the school by 8:30 if your child is absent. Parents/guardians are required to inform the office of their child's absence and the reason. If they do not call the office we will contact them as a safety precaution. If we can't get an excuse for the absence it will turn into an unexcused absence.

Summer Kindercamp

August 14-16, 2022

8:30 -11:00 am

Transportation is not provided

Please send a water bottle and healthy snack with your child. Pick-up/Drop off will be at the playground. In the event of rain, please bring your child to Mrs. Zywicki's classroom.

To register your child:
Visit: esko.k12.mn.us
Click: 'New Families'
Click: 'Summer Kindercamp'
Click: red 'here' button to fill out form



Esko Public Schools use a variety of digital tools to support student learning. Technology vendors and software is utilized to support work as we help all students develop the skills necessary to succeed in an ever-changing world.

We have an inventory of our curriculum, testing, and assessment tools posted on our school website; esko.k12.mn.us < Parents < Tech Resources < Software Inventory and Student Data Elements. It includes an outline of the student data elements within each tool. This list is maintained and communicated annually to all families at the start of the school year.

Please reach out to Greg Hexum, High School Principal (grhexum@esko.k12.mn.us) or Brian Harker, Elementary Principal (bharker@esko.k12.mn.us) if you have additional questions regarding specific digital tools used in classrooms.

Sincerely,
Esko Public Schools

School News

Winterquist PIE Meeting Agenda for 2/6/23

Board Members in Attendance: Kacy Jacobs, Vanessa Seppanen

Approval of Minutes: Approved.

Treasurer Report: January
General Fund
Starting Balance (1/01/2023): \$29,379.61
Deposits (total): \$0
Checks (total): (\$70.00)
Interest: \$0.12
Ending Balance (1/31/2023): \$29,309.73

Teacher Requests
Starting Balance: \$4,970.81
Paid Requests: (\$690.50)
Unpaid Requests: (\$190.00)
Total Remaining: \$4,090.31
Food Requests
Starting Balance: \$250.00

Food Requests: \$0.00
Unpaid Requests: (\$100.00)
Total Remaining: \$150.00

Teacher Requests

- I Love To Read Month-5th and 6th grade surprise trip to Premiere Theaters. \$350 for bus. \$5.50 per student for about 200 students. About \$1452 for tickets and bussing. \$2152 for every student to also get a dino tray.
Discussed. Approved up to \$1600 for bus and tickets. Teachers will decide if students can bring money for food/snacks.
- I Love To Read Month- school wide treat for end of month. Cookies (\$219 +tax) and small drink (\$170). About \$390 total.
Approved. School staff to pick up and be reimbursed.
- Robotics- Request \$500 to help pay for more lego robotics kits to have 2 groups running at once. 20 kits to be ordered. Community Ed and Lego Robotics both are contributing \$2000.
Approved \$500 to help pay for robotics kits.

Conference Meals: February 8, 2023

- Taco Bar-had a good amount of food. Remind people to use crock pot liners to help with clean up.
- Buffalo House to cater 2/8. Drop off at 4-4:30.
- Have enough drinks from last conference meals. Don't need more.
- Parent volunteers for desserts.

Teacher Appreciation Day Ideas

- Already do a meal or snack.
- Grant for \$250 that can be applied for to use for things such as treat and message.
- Ed union usually does ice cream treats on Wednesday.
- Parent volunteers to continue to discuss.
- Teachers would like new refrigerator for staff break room. Will look into getting a donation of a refrigerator.

Clothing Sale

- Will try to have smaller sizes next year.
- Made \$126
- Gloves still not ready. Want to get them by the 12th to sell them at Winterfest with Cub Scout troop.
- Paper copies for ordering/Flyers- Work on over the summer
- Look at logos for next year.

Board Positions

- Secretary
 - Other position- TBD
- Open Thoughts/Questions/Ideas**
- Move meetings to Board Room starting next month.
- Meeting: Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm in Board Room

Agenda for 3/6/23

Board Members in Attendance: Vanessa Seppanen, Marie Anderson, Erin Lowinski

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes pending the changes of the unpaid by the treasurer report.

Treasurer Report: February
General Fund
Starting Balance (2/01/2023): \$29,309.73
Deposits (total): \$146.51
Checks (total): (\$576.55)
Interest: \$0.11
Ending Balance (2/28/2023): \$28,879.80

Teacher Requests
Starting Balance: \$4,090.31
Paid Requests: \$0.00
Unpaid Requests: \$(2,100.00)
Total Remaining: \$1,990.31

Food Requests
Starting Balance: \$150.00
Food Requests: \$0.00
Unpaid Requests: \$(390.00)
Total Remaining: (\$240.00)

Teacher Requests:

- School Patrol Request-Mrs. Ringat
27 school patrols-\$26 tickets- Ask families for half the price of tickets: \$13
PIE pays \$351
Approved paying half the cost of the ticket
- Quote for LCS busses and divide number of seats- Share bus with Carlton's school patrol- They have PIE meeting tonight (get letter of commitment from Carlton's PIE that they will pay for their seats)- about \$26.78 per seat for 35 seats PIE pays about \$1300
- Motion approved pending the quote from the bus company

Teacher Appreciation Day Ideas

- Parent to apply for grant
 - Daugherty appliance has used fridge- ice maker is broken- \$300 for delivery
- Mr. Harker to check if side-by-side would work for the teachers.
Approved upon Mr. Harker's report

Esko Mittens/Apparel

- 90 pair donated by Advantage- Can sell them for \$12.
- Send Flyers home with all the kids-after edited
- \$126.82 from apparel sale

Board Positions- Taking Nominations Next Month

- Secretary
- Co-Chair

Open Thoughts/Questions/Ideas

- March- First Witness
Wednesday- K-6 teachers get presentation
Next week Monday, information to parents and then will have K, 2, 4 parents to talk to parents
Later in March, kids will get presentations

Next Meeting: Monday, April 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Agenda for 4/3/23

Board Members in Attendance: Kacy Jacobs, Marie Anderson, Erin Lowinski, Vanessa Seppanen

Approval of Minutes: Approved

Treasurer Report: March -Approved
General Fund
Starting Balance (3/01/2023): \$28,879.90
Deposits (total): \$1,214.82
Checks (total): \$(1,200.00)
Interest: \$0.13
Ending Balance (3/31/2023): \$28,894.85

Teacher Requests
Starting Balance: \$1990.31
Paid Requests: \$0.00
Unpaid Requests: (\$1,300.00)
Deposit from 2022 bus: \$1,200.00
Total Remaining: \$1,890.31

Food Requests
Starting Balance: (\$240.00)
Food Requests: \$0.00
Unpaid Requests: \$0.00
Total Remaining: (\$240.00)

Teacher Requests

- School Patrol Request- Carlton PIE approved to split cost of bus with Esko for Valley Fair trip.
No quote from the bus company yet.

Discussion of Budget for next year

- Possible increase in teacher requests for next year to \$10,000.
- Moved to add \$400 to food request budget.
Approved.

Teacher Appreciation Day Ideas

- Volunteers to pass out gifts/organize
- Get more coupons/gift cards
- Staff thank you cards for teachers that were brought to meeting

Esko Mittens/Apparel update

- All mittens sold. Received \$1,068. Minimal issues.
- Discussion of PIE apparel sale of next year.

Elementary School Dance Request

- Bring up for Esko Fun Days or Community Ed

Board Positions-Nominations

- Co-Chair- Nominated Sarah Rogalla
- Secretary- Nominated Sheelar Fuchs

Open Thoughts/Questions/Ideas

Next Meeting: Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:00 pm in Board Room



Esko Students Compete in Math Masters



Front Row Left to Right: Zachary Gamache, Addi Peterson, Lyla Hudspith, Amelia Olson Middle Row Left to Right: Avry Dammer, Bryce Koski, Aeryan Lick, Noah Naud, Courtney Rowekamp, Norah Heule, Norah Beisang Back Row from Left to Right: Greyson Russell Smith, Aiden Anderson, Jaxon Lackas, Kaleb Lehto, Callie Gangelhoff, Jaena Hovi, Pieper Marxhausen, Elin Kalkbrenner

This spring has been busy for Esko 4th, 5th and 6th grade Math Masters students. Sixteen 6th graders took part in their Math Masters tournament on Friday, March 3. Several of our students did very well! Addy Johnson, William Beisang, Ashlynn Beare, Aaron Bailey, and Aidan McWilliams placed in the top 10 for the Fact Drill portion of the competition. Hannah Rautell placed 13th, Easton Mattson placed 9th, Naiya Ruuska placed 8th, William Beisang placed 4th and Aidan McWilliams placed 2nd in the Individual portion of the competition. Esko Team 2 made up of Kennadi Foxx, Emma Piirainen, Hannah Rautell and Audrey Marsh placed 3rd in the Team Competition and Esko Team 1 made up of William Beisang, Tyler Finc, Aidan McWilliams, and Naiya Ruuska placed 2nd in the 6th Grade Team Competition.

Esko 4th graders competed on Friday, April 21. This was the first-year 4th graders have attended the competition and they represented Esko very well! In the Individual Rounds Nolan Hoium took 10th place, Greyson Russell Smith took 8th place, Courtney Rowekamp and Elin Kalkbrenner tied for 4th place, Pieper Marxhausen placed 3rd and Bryce Koski placed 2nd. Esko Team 4 made up of Greyson Russell Smith, Pieper Marxhausen, Kaleb Lehto, Jaena Hovi and Nolan Hoium took 4th place in the Team Round; Esko Team 3 made up of Bryce Koski, Mason Luense, Avry Dammer, Callie Gangelhoff and Norah Beisang took 3rd place; and Esko Team 1 made up of Amelia Olson, Elin Kalkbrenner, Courtney Rowekamp, Jaxon Lackas and Noah Naud took 2nd place.

The Esko 5th Grade Math Masters students also completed on Friday, April 21. Jacob Haugen took 15th place and Oliver Olson took 9th place in the Fact Drill portion of the competition. In the Individual Rounds, Oliver Olson placed 5th and Jacob Haugen took 4th place. Esko Team 2 made up of Oliver Olson, Jacob Haugen, Nolan Miller, Brooklyn Battaglia and Araya Coleman took 2nd place in the Team Round.

The Math Masters competition program challenges 4th, 5th and 6th graders to use critical thinking and problem solving skills in mathematics. Students compete as individuals and in teams. Students' academic achievement is recognized with plaques, medals, and ribbons in each competition element: Fact Drill, Individual Round and Team Competition.

Congratulations to all of our Math Masters students on their great school year and academic success!



Araya Coleman and Brooklyn Battaglia. Back row is Nolan Miller, Jacob Haugen and Oliver Olson

National History Day

National History Day's core program is a competition in which 6th-12th grade students choose a topic and dive deeply into the past by conducting extensive research. They then present their conclusions through papers, documentaries, websites, exhibits, or performances moving through various levels of competition where they are evaluated by historians and educators.

Each year the National History Day office chooses a theme to help direct students' research. This year's theme was Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas.

Six Esko Middle Schoolers participated in the National History Day Regional competition at UMD on Saturday, March 4. Kaiden High and Alex King presented their historical research on the Panama Canal in the form of a documentary; Nolan Thwaits and Liam Reeves presented their documentary on the Manhattan Project; Abram Thwaits presented his documentary on the Frontier of Armor During the 7th-9th Crusades; and Emmett Bailey completed an exhibit board on his topic, Nuclear Medicine.

All projects qualified for state and Abram Thwaits, Kaiden High and Alex King presented their information at the state event held on Saturday, April 22, on the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities campus.

Congratulations to all our History Day participants!

Letter From the Transportation Director

Greetings Everyone! I hope you will be able to enjoy a lovely summer. The start of our school year will be quickly approaching. This is a busy time at the bus garage, planning and organizing bussing for the upcoming school year. I would like to take this time to share some important information.

If there have been NO changes made to your bus route, your pick up and drop off times will remain the same as last year. If there have been changes made to your bus route, bus number or times, you will receive a letter in the mail with updated information. Look for this letter about mid-August.

In September, all students in our School Readiness Program through the 6th grade will receive Bus Safety Training. This is a required, annual training that covers Bus Rules, Bus Safety and Emergency Evacuations. It is extremely helpful if our student's families discuss and reinforce these Bus Safety rules. Your Bus Driver truly appreciates your help and support with this. Our Bus Rules are put in place to make sure ALL of our riders have a safe and enjoyable bus ride. SAFETY FIRST!!

The following are reminders for ALL of us to insure a safe school year.

Please be at your designated stop 5 minutes before your pick up time. Buses are on a specific time schedule. Please be on time.

All students should be standing at their designated pick up spot as soon as they see the bus approaching.

There is NO parking, drop offs or pickups allowed at the curbside, in front of the school, along Highway 61. This is a very dangerous area for students. Please use the designated areas for drop offs and pickups.

No vehicles are allowed in the Bus Parking Area, in front of the school, between the times of 7:50 AM to 8:10 AM and 3:00 PM to 3:20 PM. It is BUSES ONLY during these times.

Please DO NOT walk between the buses when they are lined up in the designated Bus Parking area. This is extremely dangerous and unsafe.

There is NO eating allowed on buses during morning or afternoon routes.

I would like to thank everyone for all you do to help us with the safe transportation of your children. Your Bus Driver truly appreciates it! We take the safety of your children very seriously and work hard to make sure "our kids" are safe.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can call the bus garage at 218-655-5014 or email me at lgroth@esko.k12.mn.us

Thank you,
Laurie Groth

Save the Date

7th Grade Orientation

Wednesday, August 30th
Drop-off and pick-up times will be communicated to 7th grade families.
Questions? Contact Cora VandeWege,
Grades 5-8 school counselor at
cvandewege@esko.k12.mn.us

Winter Letter Winners

Congratulations to these hard working students!

Girls Hockey

Letter winners: Reese Kuklinski, Gwen Lilly, Elsa Sathre, Brayley Merrier, Macie Greiner, Harper Mears

Boys Hockey

Letter winners: Gino Bertogliat, Owen Wilson, Lucas Rauner, Alex Kazel, Jace Stewart, Joseph Antonutti, Ethan Kilichowski, Bobby Thornton

Girls Basketball

Letter winners: Jordyn Randa, Hannah Swanson, Jordan Stodola, Kaitlyn McConnell, Elizabeth Wells, Ava Marline, Kallie Sinnott, Kyra Johnson, Kaelyn Foxx, Avery Kuklinski, Erin Pettyjohn, Cadence Berger, Cairin Berger, Clara Swanson, Celia Preiner, Emma Adkins, Lauryn Salmela

Boys Basketball

1st Team Polar League: Cuinn Berger, Makoi Perich
2nd Team Polar League: Dalton Spindler
Letter winners: Cuinn Berger, Carter Zezulka, Zander Gabel, Bryce Hipp, Braedyn Male, Makoi Perich, Jake Randa, Dalton Spindler, Sam Haugen, Jacion Owens

Boys Swimming

Letter winners: Levi Raisanen

Alpine Ski

Letter winners: Emily Regas, Annika Elsmore, Aiden True, Carson Kronlund, Blake Nesseth

One Act

Letter winners: Emily Hacker, Ashley Aker, Drew Erickson, Aidric Mock, Sophia Juntunen, Kate Staples, Matthew Norstrom, Emma Cekalla, Ben Meysembourg, Annika Halvorson, Claire Fontaine, Madison Hurst, Alijah Davis, Trevor Leach, Dylan Putzke, Aviana Bergstrand, Kaija Thompson, Ethan Putzke, Nicole Wietman

Robotics

Letter winners: Levi Belland, James Cornell, Rylee Demers, Mason Eng, Claire Fontaine, Erik Fowler, Madison Padgett, Ava Pederson, Ainslie Perlinger, Dylan Putzke, Liam Reeves, Sophia Reeves, Piper Rice, Erica Rudeck, Embry Sundquist, Jack Tester, Kaija Thompson, Abram Thwaites, Nolan Thwaites, Kaylee Tipple, Isaac Wisted, Lliam Zimny

Fall Flag Football

For Boys & Girls entering 3rd-6th grade. Join us to learn football basics by playing flag football. League runs Sunday evenings, September 10- October 1st. \$50 per child. Register online through community education.



First year players are free!

Mini-Mite program available for beginners!

Players must be 4 by November 1st.

Early registration prices through September 15th.

**FOR DETAILS AND TO REGISTER, GO TO
ESKOHOCKEY.COM**

Questions? Email
eskohockeyassociation@gmail.com



Speed Strength & Agility

**Boys Grades
7 & 8 M-Th
8-9:15 AM**

**Boys Grades
9-12 M-Th
9-10:30 AM**

**Girls Grades
7-12 M-TH
8:30-9:45 AM**

STARTING

June 12 -July 31

**\$100 for 12 week session.
Athletes should meet at
the field to begin each
session.**

This summer program will focus on developing joint stability, flexibility, balance and coordination. In addition, students will work on jumping ability, explosiveness through plyo-metric exercises, speed, agility, quickness, acceleration and deceleration. Finally, kids will increase strength and power through an individualized strength development program. Please contact Scott Arntson if you need financial assistance: sarntson@esko.k12.mn.us

**Register in Eleyo
Today!
Registrations due
by 6/5/23**



Sports Physicals

CMH Raiter Family Clinic will be offering sports physicals on Tuesday, July 11th from 4-6pm. No appointment is necessary and the cost is \$35.

The Clinic is located at
417 Skyline Blvd., Cloquet



*** IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER ***

Parents and Guardians: Please mark your calendars for Thursday, August 10, 2023. This is an important meeting that **ALL athletes** need to attend with their parents or guardian. During the meeting, we will be discussing school and athletic policies, collecting eligibility paperwork and conducting break-out sessions with coaches.

Thursday, August 10th 2023
6:00pm ~ Grades 7th and 8th
7:00pm ~ Grades 9th – 12th

The meeting will be held in the school cafeteria. All athletes need to attend as part of their eligibility requirement. All required forms can be picked up and turned in that night.

*** PHYSICALS DUE ***

All student athletes are required to have a current physical on file in the EHS Activities Office. Physicals are good for three years from the date of completion. Please utilize the coming months to schedule a complete physical with your family doctor. Ellison Family Chiropractic Clinic in Cloquet has agreed to do sports physicals as well. Just call (218-879-1556) to make an appointment and they will be happy to assist you. Physician signatures are required on the completed physical form. Blank physical forms can be picked up in the Activities Office or printed offline from the Esko school website under the Athletics tab. Please be aware that current physicals are required for all athletes in order for them to be eligible. This is especially important for **7th graders** entering the high school system and **10th graders** who may have a physical expiring. Please email a copy of your athletes physical to Tanya at tpagelkopf@esko.k12.mn.us. If you have any questions or would like to check on the status of your students sports physical.

Registration for ***Fall sports will be open in mid July*** on the Esko website under the athletics tab. If you already have a child registered who is older please **do not** make another account. Just log into your family account and add another family member under register...then add new student. Fees are due by the second Monday of each season.

2023 Fall Sports Opportunities at EHS

Here is the list of fall athletic activities that are available for student athletes. Please read through this information carefully. If you have any questions, please contact the coach or the Activities Director, Chad Stoskopf, at 879-1909 or via email cstoskopf@esko.k12.mn.us.

Cross-Country Running:

August 14th- First day of mandatory practice for all returning JV and V athletes and those in grades 9-12. Optional (but encouraged) for those athletes in grades 7-8. 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM. Monday through Friday
Meet in Mr. Beaudot's classroom.
Coach: Jerimy Hallsten eskocrosscountry@esko.k12.mn.us

Football:

7th and 8th grade
June 12th - July 27th
S.S.A. 8:00 - 9:15 M - TH

Practice:

Aug 14th - Aug 17th @ Field 12:00 - 2:00
Aug 18th Equipment hand-out @ the school 12:00 - 2:00
Aug 21 - Aug 24th 3:00 - 5:00 @ the field
Aug 25th Picture Day @ 3:00 at the field .

Grades 9 - 12
June 12th - July 27th
S.S.A 9:00 - 10:30 M-TH

June 19th - 21st
Team Camp @ UMD Grades 10-12

July 9th, 16th, 23rd
7 on 7 @ Esko at 6:00 pm

July 24th-28th
Summer Practice 3:00 - 4:00

Aug 14th - Aug 17th
Practice 3:00 - 6:00

Aug 18th Team Trip
Aug 21 - Aug 24th
Practice 3:00 - 6:00
Aug 25th Team Pictures
Aug 26th Scrimmage 9:00 am @ Esko
Coach: Scott Arntson sarntson@esko.k12.mn.us

Volleyball:

August 14th - 18th practice will be 9am - 11am and 12pm - 2pm, for 9th grade - 12th gradee.
7th and 8th grade will be 3:30 - 5pm for the whole season.
On August 21st and 23rd we will have Varsity scrimmages until 4:00pm, 7th and 8th grade can practice 5pm - 6:30 those days.
After the 1st week 9th - 12th grade will practice 3pm - 5:30 until school starts, and 3:30 - 5:30 after that.
Coach: Peter Stasiuk email: peter.stasiuk@isd709.org

Girls Soccer:

Girls soccer will hold summer sessions beginning the second week of June, Tuesday and Thursday evening

June 13 and 15
June 20 and 22
June 27 and 29
June dates are from 7 - 8:30 on the TURF
No contact week of July 3.
July 11 and 13
July 18 and 20
July 25 and 27
July Dates are from 6 - 8 PM

Senior Lead practices are the first two weeks of August
Tryouts begin August 14th, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 - 11am

Coach: Sharon Lahti email: sharon.lahti@gmail.com

C-E-C Boys Soccer:

Every player should bring a soccer ball, shin guards, water bottle, running shoes, and cleats.
Coach: John Sundquist email: sunstorm1010@gmail.com #218-355-8188

C-E-C Girls Swim:

Practice begins Monday, August 14, 2023. 4:30 pm at the Cloquet middle school pool. All athletes must have a current sports physical on file with the Cloquet Athletic office prior to the first day of practice.
Girls must have a one piece, competition style swimsuit, cap, goggles, and a water bottle each day for practice. The first practice will include a swimming ability test and diving evaluation for anyone interested in diving.
Check the CEC Swim/Dive Facebook page for updates
Coach: Rachel Peterson 715-558-8463 rachel-raepeterson@yahoo.com

C-E-C Girls Tennis:

First day of official practice is Monday August 14th. With demolition and construction of new tennis courts at Cloquet High School, practice location and times are TBD. Please contact coach Derek Johnson for questions and details.
Coach: Derek Johnson Dirkjohnson22@aol.com #218-390-0580

*Prior to the start of official practice all athletes need to complete and hand-in the following:
Attend the All Sport Meeting Thursday, August 10th in the cafeteria @ 6pm (grades 7-8 and new student/athletes), 7pm for 9-12th
2023-2024 MSHSL Sports Physical Form signed by Physician (good for 3 years)
Register and pay activity fee – Registration will open August 1st
For information about Activity Fees please go to the Esko Website under the Athletics tab

Congratulations to our Retirees

We convey our gratitude, admiration, and thanks for their exceptional service to our students and ISD #99. We convey our every good wish as they begin their new passage of their retirements.



Sarah Meyer
Esko High School
Science Teacher 1991-2023



Michele Johnson
Esko High School
English Teacher
2004-2023



Gayle Disch
22 Years
Food Service



Jolene Denzler
19 Years
Bus Driver

Bernie Ozan
27 Years
Data Management Information Specialist

Photo not available.

Dan Beasley
4 Years
Custodian

Photo not available

Class of 2023 Esko Educational Foundation Scholarship Recipients



Front Row (L to R): Ciunn Berger, Aidric Mock, (Matthew Peterson-not EEF recipient),Ty Christensen, Evan Erspamer, Cale Haugen, (Carter Zezulka, Alex Kazel-not EEF recipients), Jessica Pagelkopf, Kaitlin Lattner, Katie Schultz, Avery Kuklinski

Back Row (L to R): Erik Johnson, Wyatt Hudspith, Jack Tester, Tyler Salmela, Elizabeth Hartlieb, Ava Ion, Christopher Schlies, Ava Korby, Hanna Nooyen, Ella Seboe Kaydence Lammi, Charley Sonneman, Ashley Aker, Drew Erickson, Emma Cekalla

Not Pictured: Isaac Rud, Drew Prachar, Megan Chopskie

The Esko Educational Foundation (EEF) held its annual scholarship awards program, in conjunction with the newly established Class of 2023 Scholarship Awards ceremony for all Esko High School senior scholarship recipients on May 7, 2023. Twenty seven Esko High School Class of 2023 seniors were awarded 20 EEF scholarships administered and selected by the EEF Board of Directors.

Listed below are the scholarships, recipients, and award amounts:

Scott Plaisted Memorial

\$2500/year, renewable for three years, total \$10,000
Jessica Pagelkopf

Ruth B. Logsdon Memorial

\$2000/year, renewable for three years, total \$8000
Ashley Aker; Ciunn Berger; Drew Erickson; Aidric Mock; Wyatt Hudspith

Rauha (the Finnish word for “peace”)

\$2000/year, renewable for three years, total \$8000
Megan Chopskie; Ella Seboe

Kristin Burkholder Memorial

\$500/year, renewable for three years, total \$2000
Avery Kuklinski; Katie Schultz

Esko Volunteer Fire Department/Zak Gamache Memorial

\$500/year, renewable for one year, total \$1000
Kaydence Lammi

LaMarche Creek Foundation

\$2500
Drew Prachar

Sherry Peterson Kalm Memorial

\$1500
Kaitlin Lattner

Esko Educational Foundation

\$300/year, renewable for three years, total \$1200
Ty Christensen; Evan Erspamer

Dr. Jacob & Betty Bergstedt Memorial

\$1000
Elizabeth Hartlieb

Jessica Blake Memorial

\$1000
Christopher Schlies

Davis Helberg Memorial

\$1000
Emma Cekalla

Federated Co-op Oil & Propane

\$2000
Ava Ion

RAM Mutual Insurance

\$1000
Ava Korby

Employees of RAM Mutual Insurance

\$1000
Isaac Rud

Rod & Sharon Sandberg Scholarship

\$1000
Jack Tester

Cloquet Golden K Kiwanis Scholarship

\$500
Tyler Salmela

Esko Education Association

\$500
Cale Haugen

Gladys Richardson Memorial

\$500
Hanna Nooyen

National Bank of Commerce (formerly Republic Bank)

\$500
Erik Johnson

ISD #99 Centennial Arts & Music

\$1000
Charley Sonneman

The Esko Educational Foundation (EEF) was organized in 1993 due to a generous gift from Ruth B. (nee Kuusito) Logsdon, Esko High School Class of 1934 valedictorian. This foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) and governed by a volunteer community board of directors whose mission is “to award post secondary education scholarships to graduating Lincoln High School seniors in Esko, MN.” Since 1994, the EEF awarded: more than 40 unique scholarships to more that 700 Esko High School graduating seniors for more than \$1.2 million scholarship funds awarded. For more information, including serving on its board of directors, contact Cindy Purcell, 218-879-2769.

2023 Esko Graduates



Cooper Abbett



Kaylor Adkins



Ashley Aker



Cuinn Berger



Call Berglund



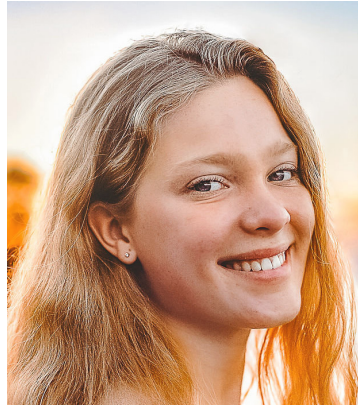
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Emma Cekalla



Jordan Chopskie



Megan Chopskie



Ty Christensen



Stefan Ciuca



Talon Clifford



Alora Dammann



Benjamin Erickson



Drew Erickson



Evan Erspamer



Marisa Ferkul



Ryan Glendenning



Caden Grayson



Javontae Gregory



Elizabeth Hartlieb



Cale Haugen



Ireland Hill



Wyatt Hudspith

2023 Esko Graduates



Ava Ion



Dominic Johnson



Erik Johnson



Ethan Johnson



Meghan Johnson



Ari Juntunen



Luke Jurmu



Alex Kazel



Dylan Klatte



Ava Korby



Avery Kuklinski



Kaydence Lammi



Joseph Larson



Kaitlin Lattner



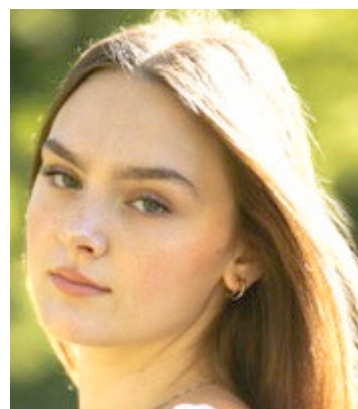
Dominick Lee



Blake Leslie



Presten Lindgren



Gabrielle Martenson



Bridger McCorison



Benjamin Meysembourg



Fernando Milbridge-Scott



Aidric Mock



Kylie Mudrak



Jack Nagorski



Ryan Napper

2023 Esko Graduates



Hanna Nooyen



Raegen Olson



Jessica Pagelkopf



Alayna Peterson



Alec Peterson



Matthew Peterson



Reese Peterson



Drew Prachar



Thomas Pyrlik



Lucas Rauner



Hailey Reed



Isaac Rud



Adam Rudnicki



Tyler Salmela



Christopher Schlies



Jackson Schmitz



Gabriella Schroeder



Katie Schultz



Ella Seboe



Charley Sonneman



Kamryn Soukup



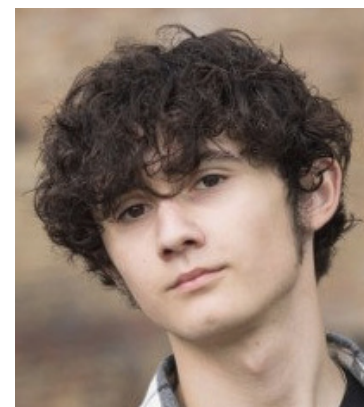
Morgan Stodola



Brooklyn Streu



Lydia Swedberg



Skylar Seguin

2023 Esko Graduates



Jack Tester



Evan Thompson



Makenzie Warner



Noah Wells



Adleine Wickenheiser



Owen Wilson



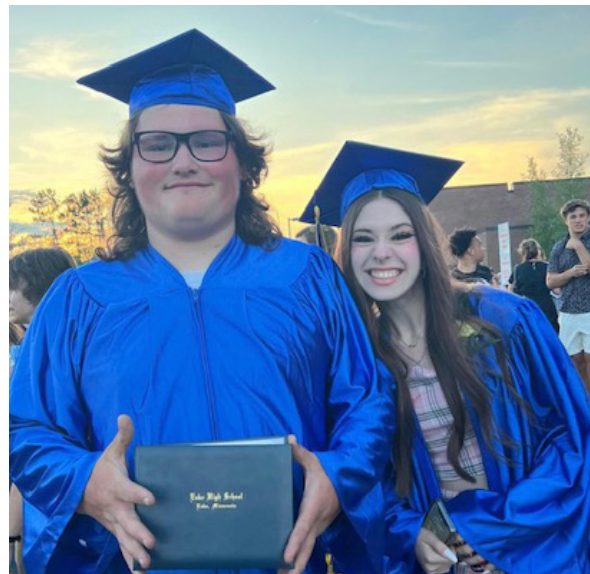
Nolan Witt



Carter Zezulka



Congratulations
Class of 2023



From Our School Board

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99 ESKO, MINNESOTA TREASURER'S CASH REPORT Month Ending February 28, 2023						
Date of Report: 3/13/2023						
FUND	BALANCE 1/31/2022	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL	SUNDRY JOURNAL	BALANCE 2/28/2023
01 General	4,926,241.27	1,212,395.66	(403,264.96)	(481,141.01)	(2,476.47)	5,251,754.47
02 Food Service	448,273.53	51,862.13	(46,461.56)	(8,552.50)	(0.01)	445,121.59
03 Transportation	44,875.81	171.55	(17,120.87)	(20,477.25)	1,381.13	8,830.37
04 Community Service	406,028.19	31,911.36	(11,214.56)	(26,154.86)	0.00	400,570.11
05 Capital Expenditure	(116,785.15)	0.00	(7,466.47)	0.00	0.00	(124,250.62)
06 Building Construction	98,704.36	0.00	(9,298.00)	0.00	580.75	89,987.11
07 Debt Service	(238,130.06)	5,500.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	(232,629.34)
11 Student Activity	81,908.91	4,046.00	(3,837.95)	0.00	0.00	82,116.96
18 Custodial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash for reg. oper.	5,651,116.86	1,305,887.42	(496,663.39)	(536,325.64)	(514.60)	5,921,500.65
45 OPEB Trust	1,044,038.22	3,383.48	(5,987.77)	0.00	164.91	1,041,598.84
TOTAL District Cash	6,695,155.08	1,309,270.90	(504,651.16)	(536,325.64)	(349.69)	6,963,099.49
National Bank of Commerce Other Banks (CD's & MN Trust)						355,377.69
OPEB Trust						5,054,925.96
TOTAL OF BANK BAL.						1,552,795.84
TOTAL OF BANK BAL.						6,963,099.49

This report reflects CASH balances of the district, NOT fund balances.

Electronic Transfer Report February				
Date	Account Transferred From	Account Transferred Into		Amount
02/03/23	PMA/Trust Account	National Bank of Commerce		\$100,000.00
02/14/23	PMA/Trust Account	National Bank of Commerce		\$500,000.00
Payrolls February				
Date	Payroll Type	Check's	Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments
02/15/23	Regular	109104-109146	\$11,593.42	231,850.74
02/28/23	Regular	109147-109167	\$9,538.60	231,685.03

- Personnel.
 - Spring Coaching Change – Bill Hudspith from volunteer to a paid Junior High Track Coach due to Sarah Petite's resignation.
- Agreement.
 - Joint Purchasing Agreement between Anoka Hennepin School District #11 and Esko Public Schools ISD #99.

Presentation: Lease Levy

Mike Hoheisal from Baird presented information on the lease levy.

Approve Resolution Relating to School District Property and Improvements and the Financing Thereof

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve the Resolution Relating to School District Property and Improvements and the Financing Thereof. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve ICS Fitness Center Plans

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Leona Johnson to accept the 95% Construction Documents, once finalized, for use for public bidding for the Fitness Center Addition as presented by ICS and DSGW. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Resolution Directing Administration to make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefor

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Rob Johnson to approve a Resolution Directing Administration to make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefor. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Resolution Limiting Open Enrollment

Move by Leona Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve a Resolution Limiting Open Enrollment. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Following Policies as a Group after this the Third Reading

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Leona Johnson to approve the following policies as a group after this the third reading: Policy 210 – Conflict of Interest – School Board Members, Policy 415 – Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults, Policy 416 – Drug and Alcohol Testing, Policy 417 – Chemical Abuse, Policy 418 – Drug Free Workplace & Drug Free School, Policy 515 – Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records, Policy 524 – Acceptable Use Policy, Policy 603 – Curriculum Development, Policy 604 – Instructional Curriculum, Policy 708 – Transportation of Nonpublic School Students, Policy 709 – Student Transportation Safety, Policy 722 – Public Data Requests. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the 2022-2023 Revised Budget

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve the 2022-2023 revised budget. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the FY 2024 Capital Budget and Related Projects

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Leona Johnson to approve the FY 2024 capital budget and related projects. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve an Additional 7 Hour Per Week Program Assistant Position

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Leona Johnson to approve an additional seven hour per week Program Assistant position for the 3-year old's Stepping Stones Program. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept a Letter of Resignation from Cade Berg, Cool Kids Program Assistant

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to accept a letter of resignation from Cade Berg, Cool Kids Program Assistant, effective March 10, 2023. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept a Letter of Resignation by Retirement from Sarah Meyer, Science Teacher

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to accept a letter of resignation by retirement from Sarah Meyer, Science Teacher, at the end of the 2022-2023 school year, with permission to post the position. The Board thanks her for her years of service to the district. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept a Letter of Resignation from Angela Zahn, ECSE Teacher

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Leona Johnson to accept a letter of resignation from Angela Zahn, ECSE Teacher, effective March 17, 2023, with permission to post the position. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept a Letter of Resignation from Brittney Kemi, Elementary Special Education Teacher

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to accept a letter of resignation from Brittney Kemi, Elementary Special Education Teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year, with permission to post the position. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept a Letter of Resignation from Brian Oman, Bus Mechanic

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Rob Johnson to accept a letter of resignation from Brian Oman, Bus Mechanic, effective April 6, 2023, with permission to post the position. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Avery Compo as a Bus Driver

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to approve the hire of Avery Compo as a Bus Driver, effective March 14, 2023. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports:

Principals' Reports:
Elementary School: Mr. Harker reported on the following:

- Celebrated I Love to Read Month in February
- Kindergarten Round Up is next week
- Friday is Visiting Day for 2023-2024 Kindergarten eners
- First Witness presentation to students in grades K, 2 & 4
- High School: Mr. Hexum reported on the following:
- High School registration next week
- Robotics placed 5th at Regionals. Iowa Regionals is coming up
- Joyce Bergstedt organized another successful Imagine It! Day
- Alexis Saarela hired as the Student Success and Family Liaison in partnership with Cloquet
- Successful winter – Band/Choir received Superior Ratings & Math Team qualified for State Meet
- Signing Day for Bass Fishing

Board Committee Reports:

Jerry Frederick: Safety Committee, Fitness Center Meeting, Finance Committee
Steve McConnell: Imagine It! Day, Facilities Meeting
Leona Johnson: Imagine It! Day, Curriculum Meeting, Insurance Committee, Finance Committee
Rob

Johnson: Curriculum Meeting

Superintendent's Report:

- Supt. Aaron Fischer:
- Enrollment Update: Class sizes are holding steady
- Request for Proposals for a partnership with the Fitness Center
- Insurance Committee Meeting – new offerings for next year
- School Board members will tour classrooms on April 19th

Congratulations and Commendations

- Thank you and Congratulations to the following:
- Thank you to Joyce Bergstedt and Beth Denny for Imagine It! Day
- Thank you to everyone for your donations to the district
- Congratulations to State Math qualifiers

Open Forum

- A community member requested the Esko igloo logo be changed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
Steve McConnell , Clerk

Clerk's Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Monday, April 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Members present: Jerry Frederick, Todd Rengo, Leona Johnson, Steve McConnell, Margaret Sunnarborg, Rob Johnson, and Superintendent Aaron Fischer.

Call the Meeting to Order

Chairperson Jerry Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda items. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- Approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023, regular School Board meeting.
- Checks.

Date	Check #s	Total
3/15/23	94356-94388	\$63,067.98
3/22/23	Void 93967	(\$26.53)
3/23/23	94389-94452	\$89,777.05
4/5/23	94453-94490	\$76,265.46
- Personnel.
 - Parental Leave Request from Cora VandeWege.
- Donations.
 - Marine General in the amount of \$250.00 for the Fishing Team.
 - Melissa & Brandon Salmela in the amount of \$150.00 for a School Forest Bench.
 - Melissa & Brandon Salmela in the amount of \$200.00 for a School Forest Bench.
 - Craig Middlebrook & Stacey Helberg in the amount of \$500.00 for a School Forest Bench.
 - Janet & Jeffrey Hakala in the amount of \$250.00 for the Fishing Team.
 - King's Outdoor Experience in the amount of \$250.00 for the Fishing Team.
- Treasurer's Reports.
 - March 2023.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99 ESKO, MINNESOTA TREASURER'S CASH REPORT Month Ending March 31, 2023						
FUND	BALANCE 2/28/2023	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL	SUNDRY JOURNAL	BALANCE 3/31/2023
01 General	5,251,754.47	1,472,587.36	(548,965.74)	(642,313.34)	1,527.04	5,534,589.79
02 Food Service	445,121.59	51,968.73	(40,019.84)	(11,471.55)	519.21	446,118.14
03 Transportation	8,830.37	0.00	(28,643.45)	(18,819.66)	36.31	(38,596.43)
04 Community Service	400,570.11	68,154.80	(16,993.62)	(23,908.18)	(985.02)	426,838.09
05 Capital Expenditure	(124,250.62)	0.00	2,172.20	0.00	0.00	(122,078.42)
06 Building Construction	89,987.11	0.00	(15,068.82)	0.00	665.78	75,584.07
07 Debt Service	(232,629.34)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(232,629.34)
11 Student Activity	82,116.96	3,804.00	(8,031.10)	0.00	907.64	78,797.50
18 Custodial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash for reg. oper.	5,921,500.65	1,596,514.89	(655,550.37)	(696,512.73)	2,670.96	6,168,623.40
45 OPEB Trust	1,041,598.84	3,413.49	(5,987.77)	0.00	0.00	1,039,024.56
TOTAL District Cash	6,963,099.49	1,599,928.38	(661,538.14)	(696,512.73)	2,670.96	7,207,647.96

		BANKS	AMOUNT
		National Bank of Commerce Other Banks (CD's & MN Trust)	297,740.50
		OPEB Trust	5,859,751.61
		TOTAL OF BANK BAL.	1,050,155.86
			7,207,647.96

This report reflects CASH balances of the district, NOT fund balances.

Electronic Transfer Report March				
Date	Account Transferred From	Account Transferred Into		Amount
03/30/23	PMA/Trust Account	National Bank of Commerce		\$ 300,000.00
Payrolls				
Date	Payroll Type	Check's	Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments
03/15/23	Regular	109168-109183	\$ 8,094.87	\$ 390,547.33
03/31/23	Regular	109184-109211	\$ 11,736.03	\$ 250,346.19

Discussion: Fitness Center Project Topics

Good turn out at the bid opening on Thursday, April 6, 2023.

From Our School Board/Around Town

Clerk’s Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Monday, February 13th, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Members present: Todd Rengo, Jerry Frederick, Margaret Sunnarborg, Leona Johnson, Steve McConnell, Rob Johnson, and Superintendent Aaron Fischer.

Call the Meeting to Order

Chairperson Jerry Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- Approve the minutes of the January 9th, 2023, School Board Meeting
- Checks

Date	Check #s	Total
1/13/23	94009-94055	\$202,848.36
1/20/23	94056-94101	\$50,649.57
1/27/23	94102-94141	\$18,713.02
2/3/23	94142-94187	\$34,296.29
2/12/23	94188-94249	\$277,334.12

- Donations
 - Krech Ojard & Associates in the amount of \$250.00 for Robotics.
 - Carpenter’s #361 in the amount of \$100.00 for Robotics
 - Gene Haas Foundation in the amount of \$2,500.00 for Robotics.
 - Cloquet Eagles Aerie 1163 in the amount of \$250,000 for Robotics.
 - Widdes Trailer Sales in the amount of \$500.00 for Robotics.
 - Anonymous in the amount of \$500.00 for FACS- Deb DeArmond’s Class.
 - Matt & Brooke Pfister in the amount of \$500.00 for School Forest Bench.
 - First Technologies in the amount of \$2,000.00 for Robotics
 - Sappi in the amount of \$300.00 for Robotics.
- Fundraiser Request.
 - Esko Community Education – Carnival Games – February 18th, 2023
 - Robotics – Silent Auction and Dinner – April 19th, 2023
- Personnel
 - Dismissal of probationary employment of Sonia Odegaard, effective Friday, February 10th, 2023.

Presentation by ICS – Fitness Center

Approve the plans for the Fitness Center

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the Fitness Center plans with the amended plan to move the public doors. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Presentation by Ben Haugen – spring baseball trip to Florida

Approve the 2023-24 school calendar

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to approve the 2023-24 school calendar. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the hire of the spring coaches

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the hire of the spring coaches. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the 2022-23 Seniority List

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Steve McConnell to approve the 2022-23 seniority list. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the American Indian Education Annual Compliance Resolution

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to approve the American Indian Education Annual Compliance Resolution. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the MSHSL Form B & Grant Request

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the MSHSL Form B & Grant Request. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Cool Kids rate proposal for the 2023-24 school year.

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Leona Johnson to approve the Cool Kids rate proposal for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the hire of Alexsis Saarela, Student Success and Family Liaison, 20 hours per week, \$20.00 per hour, effective immediately pending successful background check.

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Maggie Sunnarborg to approve the hire of Alexsis Saareal, Student Success and Family Liaison. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the hire of Erin Dando, Elementary Art Teacher, for the 2023-24 school year, MA Step 5.

Motion by Leona Johson, second by Todd Rengo to approve the hire of Erin Dando, Elementary Art Teacher, for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve a new teacher position, Remedial Specialist, 0.6 FTE, three days per week.

Motion by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve the new position of Remedial Specialist. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the hire of Diane Gustafson, Remedial Specialist, 0.6 FTE, three days per week, BA Step 5.

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell, to hire Diane Gustafson as the Remedial Specialist, starting February 21st. 2023. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept the resignation of Kim Carlson, Bus Driver, effective January 23rd, 2023, with permission to post.

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to accept the resignation of Kim Carlson, with permission to post. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept the resignation of Shannon Matzdorf, ECFE and School Readiness Coordinator, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year, with permission to post. Shannon will keep her position as ECFE Parent Educator.

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to accept the resignation of Shannon Matzdorf, ECFE and School Readiness Coordinator, with permission to post. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the hire of a long-term substitute for Elementary Art Teacher, effective immediately, Cynthia Johnson, 0.5 FTE, BA Step 5 and Kari Knutson, 0.5 FTE, BA Step 5.

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Todd Rengo to hire Cynthia Johnson, 0.5 FTE and Kari Knutson 0.5 FTE to fill the Elementary Art position for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports:

Principals’ Reports:

High School: Mr. Hexum reported on the following:

- One Act Play, excellent performance.
- State Send offs, Nordic and Alpine skier.
- ImagineIt Day coming up
- EEF – Open for applications/scholarships

Elementary School: Mr. Harker reported on the following:

- Wrap up Parent-Teacher Conferences – Enjoyed the new format for conferences
- Mentorship – Following the goals that they set up
- I Love To Read Month
- Incoming kindergarten students have their 1st event coming up soon.

Board Committee Reports:

Jerry Frederick: Work Sessions, Bus Garage

Steve McConnell: Work Sessions, Bus Garage

Margaret Sunnarborg: Bus Garage, Town Board

Leona Johnson: Community Education

Todd Rengo: Section 7 MSHSL, SpEd Co-ops

Rob Johnson: Community Education - Winter Carnival

Superintendent’s Report:

Supt. Aaron Fischer:

- Enrollment Update, 1260 students
- Tennis Court Update – possible funding to enter a proposal to the school board.

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to adjourn at 7:50p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve McConnell, Clerk

Town Board Meeting Minutes

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TOWN BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

Present: Ruth Janke, Terry Hill, Bill Gerard, Tony Compo, Dave Sunnarborg, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett

Staff also attending: Leah Pykkonen, Dan Stangle, Jon Bouvine, Joe Jurewicz

Chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

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

Gerard made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 54,509.43 (Check #'s 48191-48234) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 11,209.95. Second by Hill. Motion carried.

Cloquet Flooring was previously awarded the contract to replace the flooring in the entry and bathrooms at the Town Hall. They are not able to get the correct product. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Sunnarborg to award the contract to Mudek Flooring in the amount of \$ 13,192. Motion carried. Mudek has confirmed they have the correct flooring in stock.

Compo and Bouvine met recently to review the snowplowing policy. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Gerard to approve the revised policy. Motion carried. This will be effective immediately.

Jurewicz updated the Board on the 2022 sewer lining and grouting project. Since the contractor is not able to finish the work, he’d like to process a change order ending the contract. The change order will be prepared for approval at the next meeting.

Discussion was held on the proposed private road and private shared driveway ordinances. Janke thanked the public for their comments at the public hearing. They will be taken into consideration for a revised draft. The tentative date for the next public hearing will be March 9 at 5:00 p.m. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Sunnarborg to approve the summary for publication. Motion carried.

Peleski provided the amount needed to payoff the refunding bond. The principal balance is \$ 530,000 with a prorated amount of the interest payment due on August 1, 2023. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Compo to payoff the bond. Motion carried. The original bonds were taken out for sewer projects and to fund the construction of the business park.

Discussion was held on the recent meeting with City of Carlton and Carlton Ambulance. Carlton ambulance covers the area south of Palkie Road. They recently had an ambulance optimization study completed by OakPoint Inc. to get a better idea of how to continue operating the service with paid-on call personnel and current funding. Currently all municipalities in their service area are billed annually an amount based on net tax capacity and call volume. Not all entities are making the requested payment. They are working to develop a new formula and would like representation from each entity. They would also like each entity to enter into a five-year commitment to pay the requested contribution. The town’s requested contribution amount has always been paid. However, the requested amount will increase from \$ 3,515 in 2023 to \$ 19,782 in 2024 due to an increase in net-tax capacity. This will be discussed further.

Jurewicz is proposing the Town apply for a WLSSD grant to help with the costs of updating and improving GIS mapping of the sewer lines. A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Sunnarborg to have Jurewicz proceed with the grant application. Motion carried. This will require a 25% match.

Pykkonen continues to work on implementing the new software. This will include a new mobile app.

Jurewicz provided his written report.

Stangle provided his written report. There continue to

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be issues with submitting blighted property citations to the State for prosecution.

Resident Ole Larson questioned the need for a private road ordinance and private shared driveway ordinance.

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:55 p.m. by Compo with a second by Hill. Motion carried.

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

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

Present: Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, Terry Hill, Tony Compo, Dave Sunnarborg, Rhonda Peleski, Dave Pritchett
Staff also attending: Leah Pykkonen, Jon Bouvine, Joe Jurewicz, Kyle Gustafson

Chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Gerard made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting. Second by Hill. Motion Carried.

Hill made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 82,583.43 (Check #'s 48235-48275) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 9,530.84. Second by Compo. Motion Carried.

January receipts in the amount of \$ 51,835.14 and January fund balances were reviewed.

The public hearing for the amendment of Town Ordinance No. 31 was held prior to the regular meeting. No residents were in attendance either for or against the amendment. A motion was made by Sunnarborg with a second by Gerard to approve the amendment which will move the setting of sewer rates to the fee schedule which is reviewed annually. The amendment will also increase the current rates as previously stated. Motion carried.

Pritchett spoke regarding the tentative date that was set for the public hearing for the private road and private shared driveway ordinances. After further consideration, the timeline will not work. Once the changes are made to the first draft, a new date will be set. This will possibly be in April.

Peleski provided the draft of the 2023 budget at the previous meeting. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Gerard to approve the 2023 budget in the amounts of \$ 2,477,149 receipts and \$ 3,454,390 disbursements. Motion carried.

Jurewicz has received the final draft drawings from Windsor Engineering for the ventilation systems at the fire hall and town garage. They are being reviewed by Compo, Bouvine and Gustafson. Once Jurewicz can get an estimate for the work, he'd like to send it out for quotes. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Sunnarborg to authorize Compo to work with Jurewicz on getting quotes for the two systems. Motion carried.

Financial reports for 2022 from North Country R.I.D.E. were provided. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Sunnarborg to approve the annual allocation from the Recreation Fund in the amount of \$ 750. Motion carried.

Deputy Casey Rennquist was present with his report. There were 202 total calls for service in Thomson Township in January. He responded to 123 of them with other deputies covering the other calls.

Pykkonen continues to work with the vendors on implementing the new software.

Jurewicz is waiting for the application for the new culvert on Marks Road to be submitted to the DNR for approval.

Randall Avenue has been surveyed and a draft drawing has been put together. The sewer lateral lines need to be added. There's one more house that needs to be televised. Once things are reviewed, a meeting will be scheduled with residents. It is hoped that the project can be completed this summer.

Bouvine purchased a sweatshirt with the new Town logo for himself out of pocket. He'd like to have the Town purchase a sweatshirt and a t-shirt for each of the Public Works

members. This will make them look more professional and like a team when they attend trainings and conferences.

This will be considered at a future meeting.

The tractor for roadside mowing has finally been fixed by Ziegler. Ziegler is making arrangements to transport it back to the town garage. The road crew will begin working on fixing the leak on the loader soon. If everything goes well, it will take a full work week to fix.

School Board member Maggie Sunnarborg noted that the School Board is getting closer to finalizing the plans for the fitness center.

Compo reported that there is a new group that would like to receive funding from the recreation fund. The school forest group is putting together a proposal.

Compo also addressed the issues with the loader. He feels that regardless of whether it is traded in or kept, the repairs will need to be done.

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:22 p.m. by Sunnarborg with a second by Compo. Motion carried.

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

MARCH 2, 2023

Present: Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, Terry Hill, Tony Compo, David Sunnarborg, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett
Staff also attending: Leah Pykkonen, Dan Stangle, Kyle Gustafson, Joe Jurewicz

Chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Gerard made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting with one correction. Second by Sunnarborg. Motion carried.

Compo made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 100,144.05 (Check #'s 48369-48431) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 21,141.73. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

An email was received from Fire Chief Jesse Buhs from Cloquet Area Fire District asking the Town to provide a letter of support as they seek funding for the construction of a new fire and ambulance facility. The letter would be included with their application for federal funding which is due March 10. After discussion, a motion was made by Hill with a second by Gerard to have Pritchett draft a response to the request. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on replacing the control panels at lift stations 1 and 2 and the pumps at lift station 3. Bouvine provided quotes for the equipment at a previous meeting. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Gerard to approve the low quote from Minnesota Pump Works. The cost of pumps for # 3 lift station on Hillside Road will come from Business Park funds. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Hill to approve the purchase of Town logo shirts and sweatshirts for public works and office staff. Motion carried.

Bouvine is waiting for additional information on leasing equipment from both Ziegler and John Deere.

Bouvine requested authorization to begin looking for a 1-ton truck with dump box to replace the 1987 former rescue truck. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Gerard to authorize Bouvine and Compo to work together to locate a truck with a cost not to exceed \$ 80,000. Motion carried.

Peleski provided the proposed 2024 levy which was developed at the recent budget meeting. It will be presented for approval at the Annual Town Meeting on March 14. The Board is requesting an increase of 3.91% over the 2023 levy. A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Hill to present the levy as reviewed. Motion carried.

Peleski provided a draft of the proposed new building permit fees. Fees have not been increased since 2009. This will be on the next agenda for possible approval.

Pykkonen reminded the Board to complete the online cyber security user training. She continues to work on im-

plementing the new software.

Scheduling a neighborhood meeting with residents in the area of Randall Ave. and Flynn St to review results of the sewer televising will be added to the next agenda.

Stangle gave his monthly report. He's been meeting with the developer of a property that's zoned multi-family. He continues to work with Attorney Bill Helwig on blighted properties and the inability to process citations through the State.

Gustafson reported that the fire department has responded to 74 calls so far in 2023. Recently one of the fire trucks was damaged due to a narrow driveway with low hanging branches. The ladder rack was damaged, and the roof ladder was taken off.

Bouvine gave his public works report. The loader has not been fixed yet. The alternator on the backhoe is bad and injectors and pump need to be replaced.

Gerard has been contacted by Melanie Bomier from the Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District. Through NOAA there is funding available for culvert design, focusing on high-priority culverts for fish passage. Two culverts in the Town are listed as high-priority by Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. One is on a County road and one is on Erickson Road. After discussion there were questions regarding what type of culvert it would be and whether it would be wide enough to be classified as a bridge.

At 5:30 p.m. a motion was made by Hill with a second by Gerard to recess the regular meeting and convene the Board of Audit. Motion carried.

Peleski presented the 2022 Annual Statement of Receipts and Expenses for the Board to review. All financial records were made available for inspection.

After review, a motion was made by Hill with a second by Gerard to approve the 2022 Annual Statement of Receipts and Expenses as presented. Motion carried. The financial report will also be reviewed once the annual outside financial audit is completed.

At 5:35 p.m. a motion was made by Gerard with a second by Hill to adjourn the Board of Audit and reopen the regular meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion continued regarding the fish friendly culvert. It was decided that Gerard and Jurewicz would schedule a meeting Bomier to discuss it further.

There was a "swatting" incident at the Esko School earlier in the day. A false report of injuries from an altercation was received. Deputy Rennquist was first on the scene within a minute of the call.

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:40 p.m. by Gerard with a second by Hill. Motion carried.

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

MARCH 16, 2023

Present: Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, Terry Hill, Tony Compo, Dave Sunnarborg, Rhonda Peleski, Dave Pritchett
Staff also attending: Jon Bouvine, Joe Jurewicz (remote), Kyle Gustafson, Casey Rennquist

Chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

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

A motion was made by Compo with a second by Hill to approve Insituform Change Order # 1 for the 2022 sewer rehab project. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sunnarborg with a second by Gerard to approve the final pay application from Insituform in the amount of \$ 9,285.19. Motion carried.

Hill made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amended amount to include the Insituform pay application of \$101,928.30 (Check #'s 48321-48368, void 48356) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount

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of \$ 10,337.14. Second by Compo. Motion Carried.

February receipts in the amount of \$ 89,580.24 and February fund balances were reviewed.

A motion was made by Compo with a second by Hill to approve the building permit fee schedule, effective March 16, 2023. Motion carried. The building permit fees have not been increased since 2009. They will now be reviewed annually.

Bouvine and Jurewicz spoke about purchasing a camera for televising sewer lateral lines. A trench box is also needed for excavation work. Grants can be applied for to cover part of the costs. The cost of the camera is about \$10,000. There are also demo models available. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Gerard to authorize Bouvine to make both purchases and apply for the OSHA grants. Motion carried.

A neighborhood meeting will be scheduled for residents in the Randall Ave, Flynn St, Maple Drive area to discuss possible sewer issues and plans to make repairs. Jurewicz will put together possible dates for the next meeting.

Janke spoke about the importance of having quarterly meetings with representatives of the Cloquet Area Fire District.

Jason Paulson was present and addressed the Board regarding the vacant CAFD Board position. He feels that it is very important to have that position filled by a Town Board member. He also inquired about the Attorney General's response to Pritchett's letter requesting an opinion on the legality of the CAFD taxing residents of Thomson Township as a citizen board. Pritchett responded that the AG declined to give an opinion. Paulson then stated that maybe a class-action lawsuit needs to be brought by the citizens of the township. He also spoke of the importance of having advanced life support response for all areas of the Town, not just for those covered by CAFD. Compo stated that if it is needed, Carlton Ambulance will request ALS response from CAFD.

CAFD Chief Jesse Buhs was also present to answer questions. He would like to schedule a separate time to speak with the Board. Hill inquired about proposed legislation that would allow local jurisdictions the ability to change their ambulance coverage provider. Hearings are still being held at the State level.

Resolution No. 2023-1 was presented. It will authorize the Town to enter into an agreement with MNDOT and Wisconsin Central Railroad to make improvements to the railroad crossing on E, Stark Road. The Town would be responsible for 10 % of the costs, which will be about \$ 40,000. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Hill to approve Resolution 2023-1. Motion carried.

Esko Soccer provided their 2022 financial statement. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Hill to approve the annual allocation from the Recreation Fund in the amount of \$ 1,500. Motion carried.

A work session will be scheduled for Tuesday, April 4 at 9:00 a.m.

Jurewicz provided the estimate for the E. Riverside Rd/ Serenity Way paving project along with the Northridge Park parking lot paving estimate. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Gerard to authorize Jurewicz to advertise for bids. Motion carried.

Bouvine provided his report. The roadside mower will be delivered next week. He's also placed an order for t-shirts and sweatshirts for the public works department. Panels and pumps have been ordered for the lift stations.

Discussion was held on residents pushing snow across public roadways. This is in violation of State law. Once the snow freezes, it causes damage to our equipment when roads are being plowed. A letter will be sent to those in violation. Deputy Rennquist has also talked to those that he's seen.

Rennquist gave his report for February. He responded to or created 80 calls for service. Others responded to or created 55 calls for service.

Carlton County EMS Association recently named the Thomson Township/Esko Fire Department the Unit of the Year award. Tony Compo was given the Lifetime Achievement award. Congratulations to everyone.

School Board member Maggie Sunnarborg noted that the

fitness center project is out for bids. It's hoped to be completed by fall.

Gerard reported that after meeting with Jurewicz, the decision was made to decline the offer from CCSWCD to provide a fish friendly culvert design for a culvert on Erickson Road.

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:54 p.m. by Hill with a second by Compo. Motion carried.

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

APRIL 6, 2023

Present: Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, Terry Hill, Tony Compo, David Sunnarborg, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett
Staff also attending: Leah Pykkonen, Dan Stangle, Kyle Gustafson, Joe Jurewicz

Chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Gerard made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting with one correction. Second by Sunnarborg. Motion carried.

Compo made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 100,144.05 (Check #'s 48369-48431) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 21,141.73. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

A thank you was received from North Country RIDE for the Town's contribution to their program.

A thank you was received from the All-Night Graduation Party committee for the Town's contribution to their event.

A letter was received from Mediacom regarding their broadband project. The project is underway and should be completed by June 2025.

Discussion was held on scheduling a neighborhood meeting with the residents of Randall Avenue, Flynn St., and parts of Maple Drive. It was decided that it would work best after the regular May 4th meeting. Notices will be sent to residents affected.

A work session for Board members and staff is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion was held on the E. Riverside Road/Serenity Way project. Town employees will provide day-to-day oversight. Jurewicz provided information on a construction services contract amendment for engineering services for the project. A motion was made by Sunnarborg with a second by Gerard to approve AE2S to provide those services. Motion carried. Jurewicz will have the actual contract put together. It was noted that Northridge Park was included as a bid alternate.

The 2022 financial statement from Esko Fastpitch was received. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Hill to approve the annual allocation from the Recreation Fund in the amount of \$ 1,300. Motion carried.

Jurewicz reported on an issue with the previous sewer lining work done on Timberline Drive. It caused sewer backups at one residence and could've potentially affected one other residence. The contractor responded within 48 hours and fixed the issues. They have also agreed to reimburse the resident and the Town for any expenses incurred.

Stangle reported that a variance hearing is scheduled for Essentia for April 18. Also, the Town is still not able to issue E-citations through the State system for ordinance violations.

Gustafson reported that some members of the fire department will be attending an active shooter course in July. This is a three-day course. Also, a property was recently temporarily condemned due to a roof collapse.

At 5:23 a motion was made by Hill with a second by Gerard to close the regular meeting to discuss the negotiations with IUOE Local 49. Motion carried.

At 6:03 a motion was made by Hill with a second by Gerard to reopen the regular meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:03 p.m. by Hill with a second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

DOGS AND CATS

Thomson Township has a leash - running at large ordinance. This applies to all areas of the Township. All animals must be under their owner's control at all times and not on neighboring properties.

And as a reminder: Please pick up after your pet. Your neighbors appreciate it. There's also a link to a video on the Town website: thomson.govoffice.com with more information on the effects of animal waste on the local waterways.



RECYCLING SHED HOURS

The recycling center is located at the Town Hall at 25 E. Harney Road.

Year-round hours of operation are:
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The staffed facility in Esko is for residential recycling only.

A list of items that are accepted can be found at: www.co.carlton.mn.us/254/Recycling-in-Carlton-County

With the increase in on-line shopping there has been an increase in cardboard being recycled. If you have a large amount of cardboard, please bring it directly to the Carlton County Transfer station at 1950 Highway 210, Carlton. All boxes must be broken down before putting them in the dumpster.

Please do not leave items at the facility when it is unattended.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

The Town of Thomson Board of Supervisors holds their regular meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 5:00 p.m. The meetings are held in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall, 25 E. Harney Road. Meetings are currently being held with an option to attend virtually via Microsoft Teams. Check the Town website: thomson.govoffice.com for details for each meeting.

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

WEBSITE CHANGES

Over the next few months changes will be coming to the Town's website, thomson.govoffice.com

This will include new permitting software being added along with new scheduling software for the community room and Northridge Park.

There will also be a new mobile app.

Updates will be provided here and on the website.

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.com

Church News

APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH

25 Church Road Esko, MN 55733

(PH: 879-3882)

Pastor Nathan Juntunen

Website: www.esko-apostolic.org

E-mail: eskoapostolic@msn.com

June Worship Schedule

Sundays (4, 11, 18, 25):

9:30 AM Worship Service – All Ages

*(1st & 3rd Sunday - Holy Communion)

10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship

NO WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

(Family night schedule resumes in September)

Schedule of Upcoming Events

June 18: Finnish Guest Speaker

June 19 - 21: Vacation Bible School for ages 3 years to 5th grade.

June 29 - July 2: ALCA Annual

Convention in New York Mills, MN.

(For more info, go to: 2023 Convention | New York Mills (nymalc.org))

July Worship Schedule

Sundays (2, 9, 16, 23, 30):

9:30 AM Worship Service – All Ages

*(1st & 3rd Sunday - Holy Communion)

10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship

Schedule of Upcoming Events

July 19 - 23: Lahti Retreat Center Bible Camp (www.lbfibiblecamp.org)

August Worship Schedule

Sundays (6, 13, 20, 27):

9:30 AM: Worship Service - All Ages

*1st & 3rd Sunday - Holy Communion

10:30 AM: Coffee & Fellowship

† Check out our Church

website at

www.esko-apostolic.org.

There are pictures, upcoming events, bulletins, church calendar, cemetery information and more!

ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH

and Little Esko Lutheran Preschool

4 Elizabeth Avenue - Esko, MN 55733

218.879.3510 - www.stmatthewsesko.org

lelpreschool@gmail.com

Pastor Marty Mably

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

Sundays

9 am Worship

9 am online worship via St. Matthews Lutheran

Church Facebook

9:30 am TV Option Channel 6 (KBJR) airs

“My Savior Lives”

WEEKLY:

Tuesdays: Coffee w/the Pastor 9 am via Facebook

Thursdays: Experience Recovery 6 pm

UPCOMING:

- Vacation Bible School – June 26-30, 8:30-11:30 am
- BINGO & Rootbeer Floats, Tuesday, August 1 6:30-8:30 pm in the Esko Cafeteria
- BBQ Lunch, Saturday, August 5 11:30 am-1:30 pm at Northridge Park
- Registration for Little Esko Lutheran Preschool – ongoing, please visit the preschool page of our website

For additional information and updates, check www.stmatthewsesko.org or Facebook

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Come to: VBS at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Esko
June 26-30

Each day's fun happens from: 8:30 - 11:30 am
Preschool – upcoming 6th graders
Registration is open.

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https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUKi0f71yxasRG7aEP3NLuba6LoxHo0DmTGvikk6ALxbWbg/viewform?usp=share_link

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You are invited to attend
Northwood United Methodist
Church

**Vacation Bible
School** June 19-21, 2023

9am-11am

June 22, 2023 9am-12pm
at Northridge Park in Esko

Join our HERO crew for fun mornings filled with lots of exciting things to do! Open to Pre-K-6th Grade! For more information and to RSVP contact Daisy at daisy.rose104@yahoo.com. We can't wait to share this exhilarating adventure with YOU!!!



School Supply Lists

KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST

- Fiskars scissors – labeled
- Backpack – NO wheels please – labeled
- One 3 ring binder (2 inch) – labeled
- Two spiral notebooks – 8.5x11 – labeled
- Daily take home folder – plastic – labeled
- Plastic Pencil Box (9x5) – hard cover – no zippers please – labeled
- White board – 8.5x11 – labeled
- Gym tennis shoes WITHOUT laces (non-marking soles) – labeled
- Headphones for iPads (not earbuds) – labeled
- Reusable water bottle – labeled
- Four boxes of 24 count Crayola crayons
- Six LARGE Elmer’s Glue Sticks
- Two packs of Crayola classic color markers
- Four Expo black thin dry erase markers
- Clorox Wipes
- Kleenex
- Ziploc bags (gallon)
- Art shirt – labeled

GIRLS: Ziploc bags (sandwich) and Kleenex
BOYS: Small thin white paper plates & Clorox Wipes

Teachers:
Mrs. Boese
Mrs. Durand
Mrs. Lindmeyer
Mrs. Zywicki

GRADE 1 SUPPLY LIST

- 1 dozen #2 pencils plain yellow – sharpened
- 3 large glue stick
- Scissors *
- 1 large box of Kleenex
- 2 boxes of 24 crayons * (1 for Baird)
- 1 or 2 Pink Pearl erasers
- Pencil box (not bag) *
- 2 boxes of 8-10 Markers – washable *
- Plastic folder *
- 2 Spiral notebooks * (+1 composition notebook for Baird)
- Water bottle labeled with name *
- Clipboard *
- 6-8 fine tip black Expo dry erase markers *
- Gym shoes – no black soles - Velcro shoes if your child cannot tie & no open back shoes *
- Good quality functional headset (no earbuds) *
- 2 containers of Clorox wipes

BOYS – Ziplock gallon size bags and 1 roll of paper towels

GIRLS – Sandwich size Ziplock bags and choice of plastic cups, thin paper plate (any size,) or bowls

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH *

Teachers:
Mrs. Baird
Mrs. Biondich
Mrs. Ramberg
Mrs. Wood

GRADE 2 SUPPLY LIST

- 2 dozen #2 pencils – sharpened
- Large box of Kleenex
- 2 packages of Black Expo thin dry erase markers
- Rules (with centimeters)
- Markers – Crayola Classic Thick
- Markers – Crayola Classic Thin
- 1 Mead 5 Star plastic folder w/ two pockets & brad fasteners
- 3 wide lined spiral notebooks (no perforated edges)
- Colored pencils – 7” - 12 count
- Box of 24 crayons
- 1 big glue stick
- Gym Shoes (non-marking soles)
- 1 pad of post-its (3x3)
- Scissors – 5” sharp Fiskars
- 2 highlighters
- Headset- headband style – labeled in bag
- 3 ring binder – 1.5-inch w/ clear view front pocket
- 1 deck of standard playing cards (not Ms. Uecker)
- 1 small pencil sharpener (w/ shavings contained)
- 1 container of Clorox wipes

LAST NAMES A-N: Roll of paper towels
LAST NAMES O-Z: Hand sanitizer with pump

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS

Teachers:
Mrs. Halverson
Mrs. Harden
Mrs. Peterson
Mrs. Uecker

GRADE 3 SUPPLY LIST

- 2 dozen #2 pencils – sharpened
- Individual pencil sharpener
- Large box of Kleenex
- Glue bottle (4 oz. white)
- 1 big glue stick
- 2 containers of disinfecting wipes
- Ruler (with centimeters)
- Scissors – 5” sharp Fiskars
- Markers – Crayola Classic Thick
- Colored pencils – 7”- 12 count
- Box of 16 crayons
- 1 package of highlighters
- 1 set of thin dry erase markers
- 3 plastic folders w/ two pockets & brad fasteners
- 3 wide lined spiral notebooks
- 1 medium composition notebook
- 3 ring binder – 1.5 inch – w/ clear view front pocket
- 1 deck of standard playing cards
- Ear buds or headset for iPad
- Stylus for iPad
- Gym shoes (non-marking soles)
- Hand sanitizer

BOYS – Gallon Ziploc bags
GIRLS – Quart Ziploc bags

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS

Teachers:
Mr. Krueger
Mrs. Pfister
Mrs. Tacheny
Mrs. Zervas

GRADE 4 SUPPLY LIST

- 1 box of pencils – sharpened
- Markers
- 1 box of Crayons
- 1 glue stick
- 4 Expo dry erase markers
- 1 composition notebook
- 1 legal pad
- 1 notebook
- 2 plastic folders w/ pockets & brad fasteners
- 2 highlighters (Boys)
- 1 roll of paper towel (Girl)
- Gym shoes (no black soles)
- Ear buds or headset
- Clorox wipes
- Large box of Kleenex

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS

Teachers:
Mr. Anderson
Mrs. Hipp
Mrs. Foxx
Mrs. Johnson

GRADE 5 SUPPLY LIST

- Mechanical or regular pencils (large supply)
- 1 bottle of glue – 8 oz. / glue stick
- Scissors
- 1 large box of Kleenex
- 4 notebooks
- 1 composition notebook (black & white)
- Crayons
- Black fine point (Sharpie) marker
- Markers (large)
- 4 folders
- Gym shoes (no black soles)
- Colored pencils
- 1 dry eraser or old sock (Smith & Mooney only)
- Scotch tape
- 1 roll of paper towels
- Disinfectant wipes
- Ear buds or headset (mandatory)
- 1 small box of 8-12 dry erase markers (Smith & Mooney only)

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS

Teachers:
Mrs. Hallsten
Mrs. Mooney
Mrs. Paulson
Mrs. Smith

GRADE 6 SUPPLY LIST

- 12 mechanical pencils
- Scissors
- 4 wide-line spiral notebooks
- 1 composition notebook
- Ruler (with centimeters)
- 2 small glue sticks
- Black fine point (Sharpie) marker
- 8 dry erase markers – black, blue, or red (Nielsen & Johnson only)
- 2 dry erase markers – black, blue, or red (Thornton

- & Wickenheiser only)
- 1 folder – plain 2 w/pockets
- 2 red pens (Nielsen & Johnson only)
- Pencil pouch (not hard box)
- Disinfectant wipes
- 1 roll of paper towels
- Large box of Kleenex
- Gym shoes (no black soles)
- Ear buds or headset
- 2 highlighters

- Markers
 - Post-it notes
 - Index cards
 - Calculator
- PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS**
Teachers:
Mrs. Johnson
Mr. Nielsen
Mrs. Thornton
Mr. Wickenheiser