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# Esko's Corner

Connecting School and Community

Esko Public School District #99

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## ESKO FUN DAY

Sponsored by Esko Community Education  
Activities for the whole family!

### AUGUST 8, 2015

Mark your calendars and plan to attend a fun day of activities!

9:00 am	<b>ANNUAL BURKHOLDER RUN/WALK!</b> Athletic Complex	
11:30 am	<b>PARADE W/CONTEST &amp; PRIZES!</b> 11:00 line-up at St. Matthew's Thank you to Esko Lions for their cash prize donation	
12- 2 pm	<b>FOOD!</b> Lunch ala carte items available for purchase: Pulled Pork \$4 - Hot Dog \$2 Nachos \$4 - Chips/Beverages - \$1 Sponsored by the St. Matthew's National Youth Gathering Youth	
12 pm	<b>AMAZING RACE MEDALLION HUNT – CASH PRIZE!</b> All Ages – (bring a partner – bicycles recommended) Northridge Park - rules and first clue given at 12:00 First 40 finishers get a SISU t-shirt!	
12-2 pm	<b>CRAFT BOOTHS/VENDORS!</b> Northridge Park	
12 – 2 pm	<b>GAMES FOR ALL AGES!</b> Northridge Park – Minnow Races! Gunny Sack Race! Dunk Tank! Ladder Ball! Bean Bags! Bouncy House! Face Painting! And more!	
1 pm	<b>DUCK RACES!</b> Northridge Park – Sponsored by the Esko Boy Scouts	



To get involved...  
Contact Community Education at 879-4038



## August 8, 2015

### Esko High School Football Field

Kids' Race 8:45am  
5K 9:00am

\$20/individual  
\$50/family

Race day registration & After August 1st:  
Individual \$25 • Family \$60  
(Children 18 & under)

Race applications available at Esko Fitness Center, Eskomo Pies or Esko Self Serve  
or online at [esko.k12.mn.us](http://esko.k12.mn.us), [northlandrunner.com](http://northlandrunner.com) or [minnesotarunner.com](http://minnesotarunner.com)  
218-590-6751

## Esko School's Open House

Thursday, September 3

6:00 – 7:30 pm

- Meet Teachers and See Classrooms
- Register for Community Education Classes and Meet Community Education Staff
- Visit the Early Childhood Area and Sign Up For ECFE Classes
- Visit the School Readiness Preschool and Visit Classroom
- Meet the Cool Kids Staff and Visit Classroom
- Sign Up For Girl Scouts
- Sign Up For Cub Scouts
- Check Out the Eskomo P.I.E. Booth

(Partners in Education, Elementary Parent Group)

- Visit the Cafeteria and Pre-pay For Your Child's Lunches/Breakfasts

ALL PRE-KINDERGARTEN – 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS ARE WELCOME!



# School & Community Notices

**PARENTS of 7<sup>th</sup> Graders:** Although each Esko High School Teacher requires somewhat different supplies for class (information will be distributed in course syllabi), below is a basic list of general 7<sup>th</sup> grade course supplies:

- One notebook for each subject area
- A "Trapper Keeper" or another folder system to organize 7 classes
- Pens and Pencils
- Scientific Calculator---TI 34 II
- Geometric Template
- School planners are free and required
- A change of clothes & shoes with non-marking soles for physical education (locks are provided)
- 3 x 5 note cards
- Art Supply Fee (when taking art class)
- One box of markers (for projects)

#### ◆ Census

Please help us keep our school census accurate. If you are new in the area or have recently had a child - please contact 879-4038 to have your children be put on our age 0-4 census. Thank you!

#### ◆ Bookmobile

Mondays, August 17; September 28  
Think-N-Play - 9:30 - 10:30 am  
Tuesdays, August 11; September 1, 22  
Esko School - 5:45 - 6:30 pm

**The Class of 2015 would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for the wonderful support of the All Night Grad Party:**

Cloquet Greenhouse	Dental Associates - Esko
Bluestone Oral	Barnes Care
Gerald & Barb Maunu	Hallett Dock Company
Community Memorial Hospital	Target
Buffalo House	Town of Thomson
Junction Tire	Just Stylin by Rose
Great Lakes Aquarium	DECC
Western Bank	Northwest Outlet
Republic Bank	Adolphson Real Estate
Country Creations, Inc	Esko Historical Society
B&B Market	Michelle Johnson
Tomhave Olson Dental Associates	Kettle Kravings Kettle Korn
St. Germain's Glass Co.	Graphic Technologies
Grandma's Restaurant	Esko Self Service
Community Printing	Trapper Pete's
Robert & Susan Stokes	Finn & Feather
Mel Koivisto	Eskomo Pizza Pies
AFSCME Local 66	Premiere Theater
Esko Senior Citizens	Do North Pizza
Sappi	Adolph Store
Pioneer National Bank	Streetcar
Apostolic Lutheran Church	Ruth Janke
Rotary Club of Cloquet	Carlton Grocery and Meats
Minnesota Ballet	Avenue Coffee
College of St. Scholastica	Casino Pizza
The Project Center	



## ESKO ALL-'70S CLASS REUNION

CLASSMATES & FACULTY FROM THE YEARS: 1970 - 1979

**DATES: AUGUST 14 & 15, 2015**

MIXERS - 6:00 PM ON FRIDAY  
REUNION PARTY - 4:00 PM ON SATURDAY

**LOCATION: FOUR SEASONS SPORTS COMPLEX, CARLTON**

\$25 PER PERSON **EMAIL:** [ESKO70SREUNION@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ESKO70SREUNION@GMAIL.COM)

**FACEBOOK:** 'ESKO-ALL'70S REUNION-2015' **PHONE:** 651-336-7061

## Esko High School Class of 2016 Community Clean-Up October 14 (make-up day Oct. 23)

It's time again for the Esko High School Class of 2016 to do their annual volunteer service project. They will be performing community projects such as raking leaves, picking up garbage, or any other fall cleaning services. If you are interested in having this done at your home, please fill out the information below, cut out this ad, and send it to or drop it off at the high school office by October 9. If you have any questions related to the senior community project, please call.

Esko High School  
2 East Highway 61, P.O. Box 10  
Attn: Mrs. D. Ellefson  
Esko, MN 55733  
or call 218-879-4673 ext. #144

If you'd like to be put on the list, please fill out the following information:

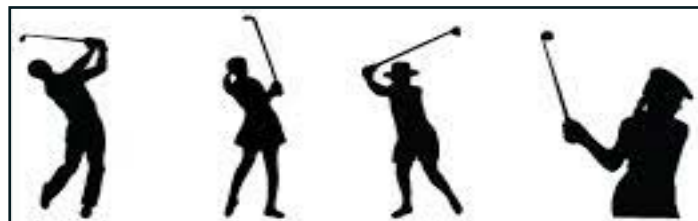
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Bob Thompson Memorial Esko Sports Alliance Golf Tournament



**When: Saturday, September 12, 2015**

**Where: Cloquet Country Club**

**Time: 11:00 am Shotgun  
4:00 Dinner and Program**

Donation: \$400 per team (5 players) or  
\$80 per individual non-member  
\$60 per individual member

Donation Includes: Dinner, Green Fee, Carts (two per group), on course events, auction, and prizes

Limited to first 30 teams

**Sign up ASAP by calling Chad Stoskopf 879-1909**  
**All proceeds will directly support  
Esko Athletic Programs**



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# Events & Notices

## Esko's Amazing Race - Medallion Hunt

**During Esko Fun Day - August 8, 12:00 pm  
CASH PRIZE!**

- All Ages
- Northridge Park - rules and first clue given at 12:00
- First 40 finishers get a SISU t-shirt!
- To participate BRING A PARTNER to Northridge Park by 12:00 pm
- No motorized transportation allowed in the race - walk or bike only - Bikes strongly recommended.



## 2015-2016 Esko Sporting

### Event Prices:

Single Event Tickets:  
Adult Ticket \$6.00  
Student Ticket \$4.00

Punch Passes:  
Adult 10-game punch pass \$50.00  
Student 10-game punch pass \$25.00



**COME TO THE GAME!**

## Homecoming 2015

**Friday, October 9**

**Game @ 5:00 pm**

The senior class and advisors Deb Ellefson and Gavin Johnson have planned a homecoming that will bring fun to the entire community.

Homecoming will be the week of October 5-9 with the game Thursday, October 9.

Look to the school website for Homecoming events and activities.



8/22 Football vs. Cloquet: <b>BEACH WEAR</b>	8/28 Football vs. Two Harbors: <b>USA</b>	9/1 Volleyball vs. Hermantown: <b>Neon</b>	9/3 Volleyball vs. Barnum: <b>COUNTRY WEAR</b>
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9/8  
Volleyball  
vs. Virginia:  
**Camo & Blaze Orange**

9/11  
Football  
vs.  
Crosby-Ironton:  
**PINK**

9/14  
Volleyball  
vs.  
East:  
**BLACK OUT**

9/17  
Volleyball  
vs.  
Cook County:  
**White Out**

10/8  
Football  
vs.  
Virginia:  
**Blue & Gold**

10/14  
Volleyball  
vs.  
McGregor:  
**Halloween / Costume**

## Esko Family Begin Honored as 2015 Farm Family of the Year honored by University of Minnesota

ST PAUL, Minn. (7/14/2015) — Eighty families from throughout Minnesota are being honored as 2015 Farm Family of the Year by the University of Minnesota. The farm families will be recognized in ceremonies beginning at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 6, at the annual Minnesota Farmfest on the Gilfillan Estate near Redwood Falls. The event is in the Wick Buildings Farmfest Center on the estate grounds. The farm families represent each county participating in the program. They were chosen by local University of Minnesota Extension committees based on their demonstrated commitment to enhancing and supporting agriculture.

"The farm families receiving this year's honors exemplify what makes Minnesota agriculture strong. They bring innovation, science and hard work to farming. They care greatly about the land and animals and delivering quality products to consumers worldwide," said Bev Durgan, dean of Extension. "The University of Minnesota takes pride in honoring these families."

A sampling of farmers and their contributions to agriculture follows. To meet all this year's farm families, visit <http://mnfarmfamilies.cfans.umn.edu/families-by-year/2015-farm-families/>. More on Farmfest is available at [www.ideagroup.com/farmfest](http://www.ideagroup.com/farmfest).

### Carlton County - Meadow Brook Dairy,

### The Juntunen/Mattinen Farm – Dale and Joanne Mattinen

This farm grows high-quality horse hay and small grains; it began in 1885 and operated for many years as Meadow Brook Dairy. Dale and Joanne Mattinen provide customers with small square bales and have become widely known for their dust-free hay.

Dale and Joanne are active in their community, including work with their local volunteer fire department and church. They've hosted farm tours and work with University of Minnesota Extension in on farm research.



# Congratulations

# Community Churches & Other News

## Esko Apostolic Lutheran Church

### Worship Schedule

#### Sundays - August

9:30 am Worship Service – All Ages  
10:30 am Coffee & Fellowship

\*(3rd Sunday - Holy Communion)

#### August 29th,

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Hot Dog BBQ & Ice Cream Social for all ages.  
Join us for an evening of fun and games.

#### Sundays (Fall Schedule begins September 13th)

8:00 am Worship Service – All Ages  
9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship  
9:30 am Worship Service – All Ages  
10:45 am Sunday School (September 13th: Rally Day:

Registration, Music, Singing, meet the teachers, fellowship for all ages!

\*(3rd Sunday - Holy Communion)

#### Wednesday Nights (Beginning September 16th)

6:30 pm Adult Bible Study / Senior Youth (9th-12th Grade)  
7:30 pm Choir

#### September 25-27: Fall Youth Rally, Esko, MN.

#### Wednesday, October 7th – Family Night begins!

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study  
5:45 pm Dinner  
6:30 pm Activities for all ages...

Kids for Jesus (Pre-School-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
Investigation Creation (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Jr. Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Sr. Youth (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Adult Bible Study

† Check out our Church website at [www.eskoapostolic.org](http://www.eskoapostolic.org).

#### Please Come and Join Us.

Pastor Bruce Bergstedt  
Pastor Nathan Juntunen

**Apostolic Lutheran Church**  
25 Church Road, Esko, MN 55733  
(218-879-3882)

## VISIT MUSEUM BUILDINGS AT CARLTON COUNTY FAIR



The Carlton County Historical Society invites Carlton County fairgoers to visit their three buildings at the fairgrounds in Barnum during the fair **August 13 through August 16.**

See all the new exhibits and activities relating to the county's history at the Farm Machinery Building, Centennial Log Homestead and Barn.

At the Farm Machinery Building a newly donated handmade loom from the Esko area will be on view with weavers demonstrating its use. A Rummage Sale of antiques and collectibles will continue all four days of the fair at Farm Machinery Building. Also on Friday, August 14, from 10 am to 4 pm, bring your antiques for professional Antique Appraisals in the Farm Machinery Building.

The Centennial Log Homestead, which now has a new cedar shingle roof on the cabin and porch, features costumed living history interpreters and demonstrations of spinning wool into yarn on several different types of spinning wheels.

Come to the fair and enjoy memories and moments of Carlton County's past. For more information call the Carlton County Historical Society at 218-879-1938.

## St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

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

**Pastors Jeffrey Walther and Tom Brinkley**

4 Elizabeth Avenue, Esko, MN

879-3510

[stmattsesko@aol.com](mailto:stmattsesko@aol.com)

Visit our website at:

<http://stmattsesko.wix.com/st-matts-1>



#### Sundays

##### September 13 –

<b>Rally Day</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Worship
	<b>9:15 am</b>	Christian Education Hour and Sunday School
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Worship

#### Mondays

**Last Evening Worship** Evening Worship in the Family

**September 7 6:30 pm** Life Center

#### Wednesdays

**September 16 6:30 pm** Confirmation Parent Orientation

**September 23 3:30 pm** Confirmation begins for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders



At Little Eskomo Lutheran Preschool we are gearing up for another great year! If you, or anyone you know is in need of a preschool home, please call the church at 879-3510 or Melissa at 878-4854.

We look forward to sharing with you what our preschool has to offer! God bless!



## “Heart to Heart”

A gathering of women in friendship and fellowship through Christ,

**Saturday, September 19th, 10:00 am**  
**Bethesda Lutheran Church in Carlton.**

**Speakers: Meralee Rosasco, Program Manager at Liberalis**

Childcare is available upon request.

A \$2.00 donation for this event is appreciated.

Please RSVP for this event by contacting Sandy Raisanen (384-9764) or [sandyraisanen@gmail.com](mailto:sandyraisanen@gmail.com)

# Eskomo Sports & Activities

## \*\*\* IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER \*\*\*

Parents and Guardians: Please mark your calendars for Thursday, August 6, 2015. This is an important meeting that all student-athletes grades 7-12 and their parents need to attend. During the meeting, we will be discussing school and athletic policies, collecting eligibility paperwork and conducting break-out sessions with coaches.

**Thursday, August 6, 2015**  
**6:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Grades 7-9**  
**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Grades 10-12**

The meeting will be held at the school cafeteria. All athletes need to attend as part of their eligibility requirement.

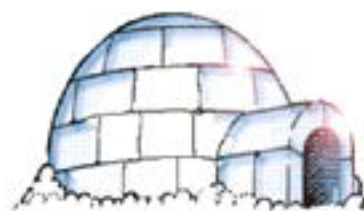
All required forms can be picked up and turned in that night.

## \*\*\* 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. 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 7<sup>th</sup> graders entering the high school system and 10<sup>th</sup> graders who may have a physical expiring.

Please call Chad Stoskopf at 879-1909 if you have any questions or would like to check on the status of your students physical.

## FALL SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES AT EHS



This letter contains information on the Fall athletic activities that are available for student athletes. Please read thru 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](mailto:cstoskopf@esko.k12.mn.us).

**Cross-Country Running:** Varsity practice will begin on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. - meet in the clock lobby of the high school. Junior High athletes are also encouraged to start that day as well, however, official practice will not begin until the first week of school. Coach: Jeremy Hallsten at 393-1651.

**Football:** Captain's practice will be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Turf field. Varsity and JV (grades 9-12) football practice will be at 7:45 a.m. on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Junior High players will have mini-camp from 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. on Aug. 10 - 12<sup>th</sup>. Junior High equipment will be issued on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m. Coach: Bill Hudspith 428-3902.

**Volleyball:** Captains practice (grades 7-12) the week of August 10-14, time TBD. Varsity, JV, C team (grades 9-12) or anyone trying out for upper teams, tryouts are August 17, 18, 19 from 8 am-12pm. From Aug 17th until school starts, practice is usually 8-12, with a few exceptions. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade practice starts the week of August 24th, time TBD. Coach: Desiree DeLeon 522-0367 or [ddeleon@esko.k12.mn.us](mailto:ddeleon@esko.k12.mn.us)

**Girls Soccer:** Captain's practice will run for two weeks this summer due to later season start time. Times and dates are August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup> - 14, from 8:00 - 9:30 (10:00) AM. Please plan to attend. Official coaches practice starts on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. Try-outs will be held August 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and a portion of August 19<sup>th</sup>. On the 19<sup>th</sup> you will be told what team you will start practicing with on a daily basis (V, JV, C). Be properly equipped and bring your own ball. Coach: Jeff Emanuel 393-1599.

**C-E-C Boys Soccer:** Try-outs for all boys grades 7-12 will be on August 17-19 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Hilltop Soccer Complex. Please come ready to play (water bottle, shin guards, appropriate length socks, running shoes and a soccer ball). Coach: Archie Clark 729-0255.

**C-E-C Girls Swim:** CEC Girls Swim Camp, July 13-24, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday - Friday, at the Herb Drew Pool in Cloquet. Please see Esko Corner for more information and/or contact Cloquet Community Ed to register. Official team practice starts on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Cloquet Middle School pool at 8 a.m. We will have a quick introductory meeting the first day and then practice will run from 8-11 a.m., Monday - Friday until school starts. We will start with a half-hour of dry-land practice and end with 2 1/2 hours of swim practice. 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested should come to practice with a one piece swim suit, a swim cap, and goggles. The team will not make cuts unless it is decided by the coaches that it is necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Kayla Cresap, 218-269-6968. Website: <http://cecswimming.blogspot.com/> or join our Facebook Group "CEC High School Girls Swimming".

**C-E-C Girls Tennis:** Captain's workouts will begin Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Any returning or new player should attend these workouts. Regular practice will begin on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. at the Cloquet High School courts. Any Cloquet-Esko-Carlton girl in grades 7-12 interested in joining tennis should be present. Everyone should wear appropriate clothing; bring a racquet and a water bottle. Coach: Derek Johnson 218-390-0580.

**Prior to the start of practice all athletes need to complete and hand-in the following:**

1. **Attend All Sport Meeting Thursday, August 6**
2. **Current Physical signed by Physician (good for 3 years)**
3. **2015-2016 MSHSL Form**
4. **2015-2016 Essentia Health Form**
5. **Pay Activity Fee (see schedule below)**

### Activity Fee Schedule:

**Category I Activities:** Fee charged, MSHSL sponsored competition and eligibility. \$140 \*

Baseball, Basketball, Softball, X-County Running, Track, Girls Soccer, Volleyball and Football.

Cooperative Hosted Activities: Esko is a member of a cooperative agreement to host various activities. The host school (Cloquet) establishes and collect the fees for the following sports: C-E-C Boys and Girls Hockey \$250, C-E-C Boys and Girls Swimming \$170, C-E-C Boys and Girls Golf \$170, C-E-C Girls Tennis \$170, C-E-C Boys Soccer \$170, C-E-C Wrestling \$170, C-E-C Alpine and Nordic Ski \$170.

**Category II Activities:** Fee charged, MSHSL eligibility followed for participation. \$70\*. Junior High Sports.

**Category III Activities:** Fee charged, MSHSL eligibility followed for participation. \$70\*. Cheerleading.

Students qualifying for free or reduced lunch will pay a reduced activity fee.

**Maximum Student fees in one school year: Sr. High \$280 \* and Jr. High \$180 \***

**\*Fees Subject to Change Pending August 2015 Board Meeting:**


**(Cooperative fees paid to other schools will NOT count towards student maximums)**

### **Please Note:**

1. **Participation fees must be paid prior to participation in all activities.**
2. **Participation fees are refunded only if the individual does not make the team or quits before the first contest of the season. A refund form needs to be picked up in the Activities Office and signed by the coach. Refunds will be issued by the District Office and sent to the student's home. No cash refunds will be given.**
3. **If a student qualifies for free lunch, the participation fee will be waived and if he/she qualifies for a reduced lunch the fee will be half the regular amount.**

## School Info

# Esko School Calendar 2015-2016

<p><b><u>August</u></b>                  25 Board Meeting                  31 New Teacher Inservice</p> <p><b><u>September</u></b>                  1-3 Teacher Inservice                  3 Open House                  7 Labor Day                  8 First Day for Students                  16 3 Hour Early Release                  22 Board Meeting</p> <p><b><u>October</u></b>                  8 H.S. Conferences                  15 &amp; 16 EM Convention – No School                  28 3-Hour Early Release</p> <p><b><u>November</u></b>                  6 End of Quarter                  11 Veteran’s Day                  10 &amp; 12 H.S. and Elementary Conferences                  24 Board Meeting                  25 3-Hour Early Release                  27 &amp; 28 No School</p>	<p><b><u>December</u></b>                  15 Board Meeting                  23 3 Hour Early Release                  23-Jan 1 Winter Break</p> <p><b><u>January</u></b>                  1 New Years Day                  No School                  15 3 Hour Early Release                  End of Semester                  18 MLK Day                  Inservice No School                  26 Board Meeting</p> <p><b><u>February</u></b>                  9 &amp; 11 Elementary Conferences                  12 3 Hour Early Release                  15 No School                  23 Board Meeting</p> <p><b><u>March</u></b>                  9 3 Hour Early Release                  18 End of Quarter                  22 Board Meeting                  21-25 Spring Break                  No School</p>	<p><b><u>April</u></b>                  7 H.S. Conferences                  18 Inservice – No School                  26 Board Meeting</p> <p><b><u>May</u></b>                  24 Board Meeting                  30 Memorial Day                  Graduation</p> <p><b><u>June</u></b>                  2 Last Day for Seniors                  3 Graduation                  7 Last Day for Students                  8 Inservice                  28 Board Meeting</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>
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### Minnesota Health Care Programs

Public school districts and charter schools are required by Minnesota Statutes section 256.962 to annually notify their families about Minnesota Health Care Programs that are available based on household income. Schools may choose to include this notification in their annual packet with the Application for Educational Benefits.

### Health Reminders!!

Attention parents of all Kindergarten and 7th graders!! Please be reminded that all Kindergarten and 7th graders are due for Immunizations boosters. This usually includes a TDAP and a second chicken pox booster. These are required by the State for attendance at school. Please bring all forms to open house or mail/ fax to the school. Open House is another opportunity to have families bring any allergy or medical concerns to the nurse’s office. We will have you fill out an action plan to have ready for the school year. Thanks and see you at school!!!

### Does your child have health insurance?

*If not, help may be available.*

Minnesota Health Care Programs have free and low-cost health insurance for children and families who qualify. (Medical Assistance has no monthly premium. MinnesotaCare has a monthly premium based on household income.)

Income is one factor for qualifying. Other rules and limits apply. For more information, call your county office or visit [www.dhs.state.mn.us/healthcare](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/healthcare). **To get a Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) application:**

- Print one from [www.dhs.state.mn.us/healthcare](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/healthcare)
- Call 877-KIDS-NOW toll free
- Call Carlton County Human Services at 218-879-4511



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

# School Supplies

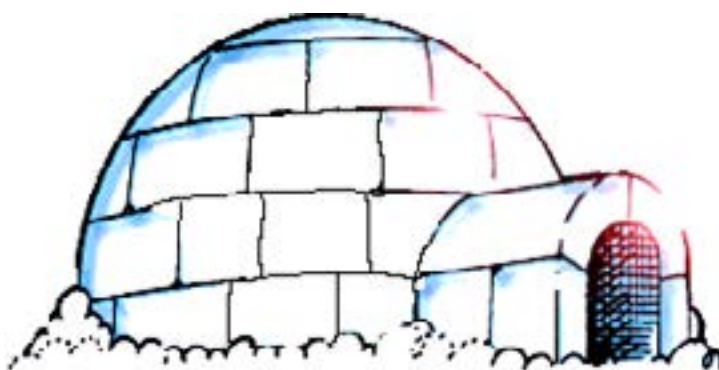
## WINTERQUIST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - ESKO

School supply list for the 2015/2016 school year

### KINDERGARTEN

#### Please label personal items

- 1 3 boxes of 24 count Crayola crayons
- 2 Fiskar scissors
- 3 4 Large Elmer's glue sticks
- 4 Crayola classic color markers
- 5 Backpack (NO wheels please)
- 6 Three ring binder (1 inch)
- 7 2 spiral notebooks - red - 8.5x11
- 8 Daily take home folder - plastic
- 9 4 **Expo black thin** dry erase markers
- 10 Highlighter
- 11 Colored pencils (Mrs. Boese only)
- 12 Pencil box (9" x 5")
- 13 White Board 8.5x11
- 14 Gym shoes WITHOUT laces - non-marking soles
- 15 Headset for computer class
- 16 Clorox Wipes



#### Kindergarten continued:

##### Girls

- Sandwich Ziploc bags
- Small paper plates
- Dixie cups
- Hand Sanitizer
- Napkins
- 4 more large glue sticks

##### Boys

- Gallon Ziploc bags
- Large paper plates
- Spoons
- 1 White Glue bottle
- Paper towels
- Kleenex

### Grade 1

- 1 1 dozen #2 pencils plain yellow - sharpened
- 2 2 large glue sticks
- 3 1 large bottle white glue
- 4 Sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
- 5 1 large box of Kleenex
- 6 1 box of 16 crayons
- 7 3 or 4 Pink Pearl erasers
- 8 Pencil box - 8x6 or smaller - labeled with name
- 9 Markers - washable - 8 pack only
- 10 Plastic folder
- 11 2 Composition notebooks
- 12 Water bottle - labeled with name
- 13 Colored pencils
- 14 1 yellow highlighter
- 15 Clipboard
- 16 4 black Expo dry erase markers
- 17 1 roll of paper towels
- 18 Good quality headset - headband style (not earbuds)
- 19 Gym shoes (no black soles) labeled with name (please send velcro shoes if your child cannot tie and no open back shoes)
- 20 **Optional** - 1 pack AA Duracell batteries
- 21 **Optional** - additional Clorox wipes
- 22 **Boys:** Ziploc bags - any size & Clorox wipes
- 23 **Girls:** Hand sanitizer & plastic spoons

### Grade 2

- 1 2 dozen #2 pencils
- 2 2 large glue sticks
- 3 Scissors - sharp Fiskars
- 4 Large box of Kleenex
- 5 Box of 16 crayons
- 6 Erasers
- 7 1 set of 8 thin markers
- 8 1 set of 8 thick markers
- 9 1 set of 8 colored pencils
- 10 2 yellow highlighters
- 11 2 packs **black** thin tipped white board markers
- 12 Gym shoes (non marking soles)
- 13 1 yellow plastic folder with pockets
- 14 2 folders with pockets - any color
- 15 2 wide-lined spiral notebooks
- 16 Paint shirt - labeled with name
- 17 Headset - headband style - in a bag - labeled with name
- 18 Composition notebook

#### (grade 2 cont.)

#### Last names A-N

- Roll of paper towels
- Clorox wipes

#### Last names O-Z

- Sandwich Ziploc bags
- 12 oz. hand sanitizer

### Grade 3

- 1 \*3 dozen #2 pencils
- 2 \*Large box of Kleenex
- 3 \*1 package Scotch tape
- 4 \*Index cards (boys)
- 5 \*Ziploc slider gallon bags (boys)
- 6 \*Ziploc slider quart bags (girls)
- 7 \*1 hand sanitizer w/ pump (girls)
- 8 \*2 containers disinfecting wipes
- 9 Ruler (with centimeters)
- 10 Supply of pencil top erasers
- 11 Markers - Crayola Classic Thick
- 12 2 plastic folders w/ two pockets & brad fasteners
- 13 Colored pencils - 7" 12 count
- 14 Glue (4 oz. White)
- 15 Gym shoes (no black soles)
- 16 Post-its (3x3) - 1 pad
- 17 Scissors - 5" sharp Fiskars
- 18 1 package of highlighters
- 19 Ear buds or headset

#### (grade 3 continued)

20. 3 ring binder 1.5 inch
21. 2 sets of thin dry erase markers
22. 3 wide-line spiral notebooks
23. Box of 16 crayons
24. 1 big glue stick
25. 1 yellow legal pad
26. Paint shirt
27. 1 deck of standard playing cards
28. 1 medium composition notebook (not spiral)
29. 1 Mead 5 Star folder w/2 pockets & brad fasteners

**\*shared supplies - do not need to label**

### Grade 4

- 1 \*1 dozen #2 pencils
- 2 Medium glue bottle and large glue stick
- 3 Scissors
- 4 \*Large box of Kleenex
- 5 \*1 roll of paper towels (optional)
- 6 3 wide-lined spiral notebooks
- 7 1 composition notebook
- 8 1 legal pad
- 9 \*Box of 24 crayons
- 10 \*Box of 8 markers
- 11 \*Colored pencils
- 12 2 **plastic** folders w/pockets & brad fasteners
- 13 \*Scotch tape
- 14 Gym shoes (without black soles)
- 15 Ear buds or headset
- 16 \*Package of dry erase markers
- 17 \*Clorox wipes (optional)

**Items with an \* will be collected & put in a place for sharing among the class & do not need to be labeled.**

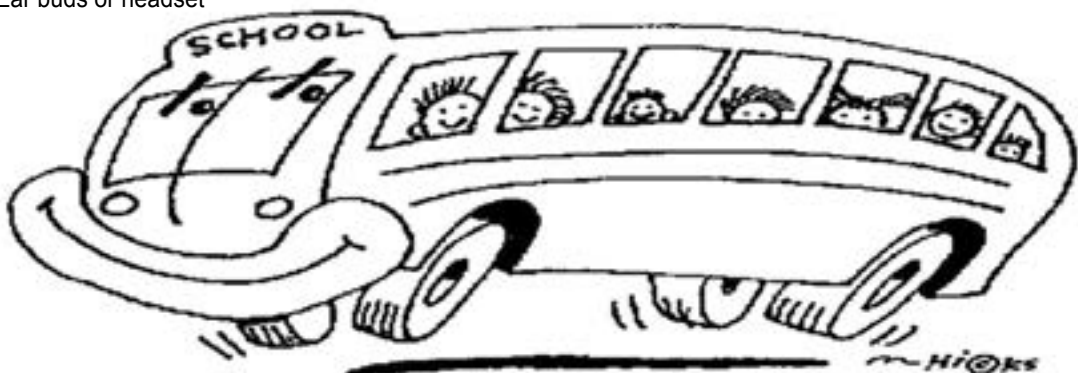
### Grade 5

- 1 Supply of #2 pencils
- 2 1 Bottle Glue - 8 oz. / glue stick
- 3 Scissors - 5" sharp Fiskars
- 4 2 Large boxes of Kleenex
- 5 4 Notebooks
- 6 Crayons
- 7 1 Package of red pens
- 8 Erasers
- 9 Black fine point Sharpie marker
- 10 Markers - large
- 11 4 Folders with pockets
- 12 Gym shoes - no black marks
- 13 Colored Pencils
- 14 Highlighters
- 15 Scotch tape
- 16 1 Dry eraser or old sock
- 17 1 Dry erase marker
- 18 1 Roll of paper towels
- 19 Disinfecting wipes
- 20 Calculator (mandatory) can purchase at the school
- 21 Ear buds or headset

### Grade 6

- 1 12 mechanical pencils
  - 2 Scissors
  - 3 2 wide-line spiral notebooks
  - 4 Ruler (with centimeters)
  - 5 Black fine point (Sharpie) marker
  - 6 Markers
  - 7 2 Folders - **plain** 2 pocket
  - 8 4 Red pens
  - 9 Pencil pouch (not hard box)
  - 10 **No** loose leaf binders
  - 11 1 roll paper towels
  - 12 Large box of Kleenex
  - 13 Gym shoes (no black soles)
  - 14 Calculator (optional) can purchase at school
  - 15 Ear buds or headset
- Additional items for Mrs. Johnson's & Mr. Nielsen's classrooms only:**
- 1 4 Highlighters
  - 2 8 Dry erase markers (blue, black or red)
  - 3 Post-it notes

**PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS!**  
Including gym shoes and jackets  
(unless otherwise noted on list)



# Meet Your 2015-2016 Esko School Personnel

## Board of Education:

Chair	Rick Liljegren
Vice-Chair	Julian Bertogliat
Treasurer	Lynn McComber
Clerk	Jeff Salo
Director	Margaret Sunnarborg
Director	Todd Rengo

## Support Staff:

Superintendent	Aaron Fischer
Director of Business Services	Janet Halonen
Supt. Secretary/Bookkeeper	Dawn Mattson
Supt. Office Assistant	Karrin Olson
Data Management Specialist	Bernie Ozan
Elem. Secretary	Julie Pelletier
H.S. Secretary	Kris Krocka
Activities Office Secretary	Janine Merxhausen
Due Process Secretary	Heidi DeVries
Copy Center	Leann Fetter, Heide Devries, Julie Kesti
School/Support	Sandy Davis
Career Center/Volunteer Coordinator	Joyce Bergstedt
Media Generalist	Bridget Peterson
Nurse	Rhoda Stuermer
Psychologist	Alissa Anderson
Speech/Hearing Clinicians	Jana Olson, Marilyn Keller
Technology Coordinator	Angie Ovredahl
Paraprofessionals	Sharon Bertogliat, Jen McLeod, Cathy Erola, Becky Hanson, Lori Tondryk, Deb Holte, Shari Acker, Mary Lee, Eve Lehman, Yolanda Wold, Carri Kaldahl, Deb Schrandt, Paula Bergstedt, Heidi Adkins, Heather Snesrud, Kim Bourgeault
Food Service	Irene Tout (Food Service Manager), Leann Fetter, Wendy Borchardt, Gayle Disch, Laura Vigliaturo, Lisa Kruse, Cynthia Campbell
Custodians	Bill Pera (Head Custodian), Paul Goodreau, Ron Lindgren, Jill Koski, Laina Bottila, Christine Timblin

## High School Staff:

Principal	Greg Hexum
Art	Adam Kemptar
Band	Rich Mowers
Business Education	Corey Gray
Counselor	Nicki Peterson
English	Kristy Streveler, Brenda Lilly, Michele Johnson, Deb Ellefson, Matt Leibfried
Family and Consumer Science	Deb DeArmond
French	Jennifer Hoffmann
Industrial Technology	Justin Scheider
Math	Scott Arntson, Jeremiah Weaver, Gary Beaudot, Benjamin Haugen, Andy Roberts
PE/Health	George Perich, Sue Northey
Science	Sarah Meyer, Chris Evavold, Gavin Johnson, Laura Zimny
Social Studies	Charlie Farrow, Scott Antonutti, Lisa Dupuis
Spanish	Cheryl Diedrich
Special Education	Mary Weets, Sarah Leischke, Michelle Sweeney
Vocal Music	Matthew Wade

## Bus Drivers:

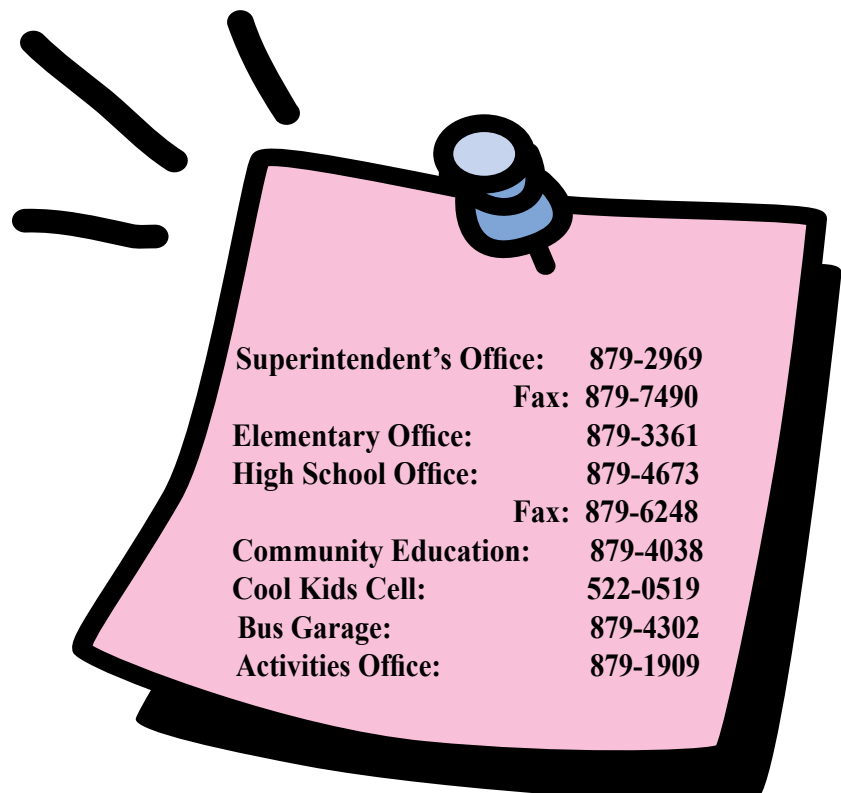
Bill Compo, Ron Carlson, Laurie Groth, Steve Hanson, Gary Sather, Cindy Solberg, Jolene Denzler, Royce McLaughlin, Melanie Maki

## Elementary Staff:

Principal	Brian Harker
Kindergarten	Brittany Lindmeyer, Kari Knutson, Kara Zywicki, Jennifer Boese
Grade 1	Kristine Baird, Mary Durand, Nichole Schmidt, Allison Tachney
Grade 2	Melissa Halverson, Kelly Harms, Jill Harden, Jessica Reckinger
Grade 3	Jessica Uecker, Brooke Pfister, Dawn Hallsten, Derek Anderson, Kim Dahl
Grade 4	Saara Hipp, Katrina Foxx, Stephanie Johnson
Grade 5	Wendy Smith, Angela Pyrluk, Tim Lindquist
Grade 6	Andy Nielsen, Brian Wickenheiser, Tammy Thornton, Sara Johnson
Elementary Counselor	Christine Ringat
L.D.	Ann Erickson, Sarah Leischke
Computer Teacher	Brenda Salo
Physical Education	Cynthia Johnson, Bridget Vesel-Johnson
Music	Beth Anderson, Kara Staples
EBD	Nichole Schumacher
Title 1	Kim Linder
ADSI	Diane Gustafson
Special Ed	Julie Schramm
COTA	Leslee Nooyen
Occ. Therapist	Patti Gerard
EC Spec. Ed	Robin Johnson

## Community Education:

Director	Christina Walther
ECFE Coordinator	Shannon Matzdorf
SR Coordinator	Tina Kauma
Administrative Assistant	Kelly Emanuel
Proof Editor	Patti Lockman
ECFE Teachers	Shannon Matzdorf, Megan Frederickson
Cool Kids Coordinator	TBD
After School Club Coordinator	Brian Wickenheiser
Outreach Coordinator	Jill Liupakka
Program Assistants	Lisa Stauffenecker, Jodie Sundeen, Jill Jacobson, Tammy Fleischauer, Alex Walkowiak, Julie Kesti, Kellie Semerau, Staci Wisted





# Volunteer Opportunities

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Become a school volunteer...

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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### ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS

- \_\_\_\_\_ READERS-Monitor/record reading for elementary students
- \_\_\_\_\_ TRACK AND FIELD DAYS: in May or June
- \_\_\_\_\_ ELEMENTARY CHOIR CONCERTS:  
Set up and direct student traffic
- \_\_\_\_\_ HOBBIES: Hobby or skill: \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of presentation: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ TRAVEL (history/geography)  
Country/region of Travel: \_\_\_\_\_ Brief  
description of presentation: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ HEARING/VISION SCREENING: two days in  
January or February
- \_\_\_\_\_ SCOLIOSIS SCREENING: one day in March
- \_\_\_\_\_ BOOK FAIR: help students find books, collect  
money-Fall/Spring
- \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPERONE: Supervise students while on field trips
- \_\_\_\_\_ LIBRARY VOLUNTEER: Assist students in finding  
and checking out books
- \_\_\_\_\_ MISCELLANEOUS: Call me as needed for a couple hours
- \_\_\_\_\_ LAMINATING school materials-periodically through  
out the school year.

### HIGH SCHOOL:

- \_\_\_\_\_ CAREER CENTER VOLUNTEER: help student locate  
resources regarding scholarships, careers, and job search. Help  
organize and maintain the resources in the center.
- \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE HELP:  
\_\_\_\_\_ General filing \_\_\_\_\_ Updating databases
- \_\_\_\_\_ Inventory in May
- \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPERONES: juniors and seniors to the National Col-  
lege Fair in the fall, or other activities to include other age groups--  
half day up to full day
- \_\_\_\_\_ MISCELLANEOUS: Call me as needed for a couple hours

### COMMUNITY EDUCATION EVENTS

- \_\_\_\_\_ FALL FESTIVAL  
\_\_\_\_\_ Concessions \_\_\_\_\_ Ticket Sales \_\_\_\_\_ Running a Game  
\_\_\_\_\_ Preschool Pumpkin Patch \_\_\_\_\_ Photographer
- \_\_\_\_\_ BREAKFAST WITH SANTA \_\_\_\_\_ SANTA STORE  
\_\_\_\_\_ Photographer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Early Childhood CLASSES/ EVENTS  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dance Chaperones
- \_\_\_\_\_ AFTER SCHOOL CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ teachers \_\_\_\_\_ helpers
- \_\_\_\_\_ COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL  
\_\_\_\_\_ ADULT ENRICHMENT INSTRUCTOR  
Describe \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL GARDEN HELPERS-planters, "waterers",  
educators, harvesters.

For more information, contact Christina Walther at 879-4038.

**Orientation and training will be provided.**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Grade 1: Read aloud or one-on-one tutoring-30 minutes per week.

OMNIBUS: Take a field trip. Do hands-on projects. Present or assist leading a unit (6 wks/1 hr per week with training provided) with 12 eager students based on one of the following subjects:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Weather Grade 2
- \_\_\_\_\_ Animal Behavior Grade 2 or 3
- \_\_\_\_\_ Music Grade 2 or 3
- \_\_\_\_\_ City Planning Grade 2 or 3
- \_\_\_\_\_ Economics Grade 2 or 3
- \_\_\_\_\_ Communication Media Grade 2
- \_\_\_\_\_ Famous Cities Grade 2 or 3
- \_\_\_\_\_ World Mythology Grade 2 or 3
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ancients Grade 3 or 4
- \_\_\_\_\_ Artists and Imagination Grade 3 or 4
- \_\_\_\_\_ Earth Science Grade 4
- \_\_\_\_\_ Architecture Grade 4
- \_\_\_\_\_ Anthropology Grades 4-6
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sound Grades 4-6
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mysteries & Codes Grades 4-6
- \_\_\_\_\_ Aerodynamics Grades 4-6
- \_\_\_\_\_ Law-Grades 4, 5, or 6
- \_\_\_\_\_ Differences of Opinion Grades 4-6
- \_\_\_\_\_ Drama Grades 4-6
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Future Grades 4-6
- \_\_\_\_\_ Genetics Grade 5
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dissection Grade 5

\_\_\_\_\_ Destination Imagination coach. Work with a team of 5-7 students while they solve a creative problem. Training provided! Fun!

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Great Books leader (1 hour for 6 or more weeks). Love to read? Inquiring minds enjoy the students' responses. Easy to do. 12 students. Training provided.

\_\_\_\_\_ Math Enrichment coaches for grades 3 and 4. Work with small groups of students on fun challenges, puzzles, and enrichment. Materials available.

\_\_\_\_\_ Math Masters coaches. Fifth and sixth grade teams prepare for spring competitions. Some of the mathematical areas included in the curriculum are: geometry, fractions, decimals, percents, and charts.

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade 6

\_\_\_\_\_ Inventor's Fair: Chaperone at the mall, present brainstorming, telephoning, or other skills pertinent to becoming a junior inventor. Set up display in Esko with students.

\_\_\_\_\_ Spelling Bee for grades 5-8. Set up and judge for half a day.

\_\_\_\_\_ Geography Bee for grades 5-8. Set up and judge for half a day.

# Early Childhood Family Education

## Leap – N – Learn

For ages 3 to 5 years

(Must be age 3 by September 28, 2015)



**When: Monday & Friday mornings**

*Class increased to 11 weeks per session*

**Sept. 21, 25, 28; Oct. 2, 5, 9, 19, 23, 26, 30; Nov. 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 30; Dec. 4, 7, 11, 14, 18**

**Time: Mondays from 8:45 – 10:15am or 10:30am - noon and**

**Fridays from 9:45 – 11:45am**

**Cost: \$110 for first child; \$85 for each additional child in class**

**Sibling Care: \$2 per child / per visit**

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. Class will meet 2 days a week for 1 ½ hours on Mondays and 2 hours on Fridays. Mondays will include quality time between parent and child. Parents will also meet, with a licensed parent educator, to discuss parenting joys and concerns, as well as their child's social, emotional, and physical development. Fridays will be a day for parents to drop their child off for a more child/teacher learning experience. *Must be potty trained to attend Friday class.* Please call and ask for Shannon if you have any questions about this or any other issues.

## On the Move

(7 months to 18 months)

**When: Tuesday mornings - Class increased to 11 weeks per session**

**Sept. 22, 29; Oct. 6, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24; Dec. 1, 8**

**Time: 9 – 10am**

**Cost: \$40 for first child/ \$25 for each additional child**

Your little one is now starting to move along into those exciting and energetic toddler years. Spend some quality time with your child while also sharing and gathering information from a Parent Educator and other parents who are going through similar joys and challenges. **Parents and children will not separate during this class.**

## Tiny Tots

(16 – 36 months)

**When: Tuesday evenings - Class increased to 11 weeks per session**

**Sept. 22, 29; Oct. 6, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 17, 24; Dec. 1, 8, 15**

**Time: 4:15 – 5:30pm**

**Cost: \$50 for first child/ \$30 for each additional child**

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. **Parent and Child will have a short separation during this class.**

## Evening Adventures

(Mixed ages)

**When: Tuesday evenings - Class increased to 11 weeks per session**

**Sept. 22, 29; Oct. 6, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 17, 24; Dec. 1, 8, 15**

**Time: 6 – 7:15pm**

**Cost: \$50 per family**

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 classtime. This class focuses on children ages Birth to five years.** Older siblings are welcome. Fun for the whole family!

### More classes to watch for in the Fall:

*Dates and Topics to be determined yet.. Watch for more class info to come!*

## Infant Class

(For parents and their infants ages birth – 10 months)

## “Men”tor Night

(3 years through Kindergarten)

Kids...bring your favorite guy and join us for a night of fun!

# Esko Baby Shower

For families with children born in 2015

September 17th

meal at 5:30 with activities to follow.

Esko School - ECFE/School Readiness room



## Current School Readines

## Preschool Families...



Checkout the School Readiness Preschool Info on Page 13!

Lakes and Pines, C.A.C., Inc.

## Head Start

*A family, pre-school program for children 3-5 years of age.*  
Home based and Child Care options are available.  
No cost to eligible families. **APPLY TODAY!**  
**(320)679-1800 (800)832-6082**  
[www.lakesandpines.org](http://www.lakesandpines.org)  
*Serving Aitkin, Kanabec, Carlton, Chisago, Isanti, Mille Lacs, and Pine Counties*  
Lakes and Pines C.A.C., Inc. is a private, non-profit corporation.  
Funding for Head Start is received through both Federal and State grants. Equal Opportunity Employer/Contractor. Special Accommodations for people with disabilities upon request.

**ECFE CLASS FEES:** Families pay what they can best afford.

Those who are unable to pay are still welcome.

Annual Income	ECFE Fee/Semester
\$50,000 +	Full Price
\$30,000 - \$50,000	10% discount
\$10,000 - \$30,000	25% discount
under \$10,000	50% discount

## Esko ECFE Registration

Esko Community Education, P.O. Box, Esko, MN 55733

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any special needs or allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Esko Community Education. Registrations can be dropped off in the Community Education office or mailed to the above address. You will need to register for each semester. Thank You!

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

To register online visit [www.esko.k12.mn.us](http://www.esko.k12.mn.us)

# Esko Community Education Classes

REGISTER ONLINE AT [www.esko.k12.mn.us](http://www.esko.k12.mn.us)

## BALLET

Classes will be held on Thursdays and Fridays at Northwoods Methodist Church, Hwy 61, Esko. For ages 3 1/2 - adult, beginning-advanced. All ages will be put into appropriate level classes. We are also offering:

- Pre-ballet/music & rhythm for 3 1/2 and 4 year olds
- Classes for junior and senior high beginners
- Classes for adults
- Classical Ballet, Pointe, Cecchetti method of Ballet taught to develop techniques for coordination, grace, self-esteem, and muscle tone taught to classical music. Students will be placed in classes by grade level and/or experience. An all adult class is also available. Class times will be determined after registration. Orders for proper wearing apparel will be available at first class. There will be a parent demonstration in February and a recital in June. For more information contact the instructor at 879-5377 or 343-6635. Please register through Community Education.

Age Req: Ages 3 1/2 - Adult  
 Cost: First Family Member \$ 225.00 each  
 Additional Family Members \$ 215.00 each  
 Thursdays OR Fridays, September – May  
 3:30PM - 8:00PM Northwoods Methodist Church, Esko

## SMART DRIVER PROGRAM - FIRST TIME COURSE

This is a four hour course for those who have taken the class before. An insurance discount is usually given for those who have taken this class. You must pre-register by calling 879-4038. \$15 payment can be made to AARP at the class. Non-members fee is \$20.

Bring to Class: Check to AARP  
 Age Req: 55 +  
 Costs \$15.00 AARP Members  
 \$20.00 Non-members

Pay Instructor  
 11/02/2015 5:00PM - 9:00PM  
 Esko Schools - S144  
 11/03/2015 5:00PM - 9:00PM  
 Esko Schools - S144

## SMART DRIVER PROGRAM - REFRESHER COURSE

This is an eight hour course for those who have not taken the class before. You must pre-register and bring your membership card with you to class. \$15 for AARP members/\$20 for non-members. Payment will be taken by the instructor the first night of class.

Bring to Class: Check to AARP  
 Costs \$15.00 AARP Member  
 \$20.00 Non-member

Pay Instructor  
 10/05/2015 5:00PM - 9:00PM  
 Esko Schools - S144



## ZUMBA

The Zumba (one hour class) fitness cardio workout combines Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves that will make you forget you're even working out! Our goal is simple...we want you to be healthy, to love working out and to enjoy one exciting hour of calorie burning, body energizing movements meant to be enjoyed throughout your life at any age!

Bring to Class: Water Bottle

Cost: \$40.00

09/14/2015 5:30PM - 6:30PM Esko Schools - Cafeteria  
 09/21/2015 5:30PM - 6:30PM Esko Schools - Cafeteria  
 09/28/2015 5:30PM - 6:30PM Esko Schools - Cafeteria  
 10/05/2015 5:30PM - 6:30PM Esko Schools - Cafeteria  
 10/12/2015 5:30PM - 6:30PM Esko Schools - Cafeteria  
 10/19/2015 5:30PM - 6:30PM Esko Schools - Cafeteria  
 10/26/2015 5:30PM - 6:30PM Esko Schools - Cafeteria  
 11/02/2015 5:30PM - 6:30PM Esko Schools - Cafeteria



## We Are Looking For...

### ...Community Education Instructors

If you have a skill or talent or hobby that you would like to share, please consider teaching or presenting a Community Education Class or Event.



Contact the Community Education Director, Christina Walther, for

## Esko Community Education Serves You!

Did you know that over 2,000 people participated in one or more Esko Community Education programs or events in the past year?

**Esko Community Education is committed to quality** with the goal of *“Connecting community members through social, recreational, and educational programs and activities.”*

We are committed to continually evaluating our **early childhood education** offerings and adapting them to meet the needs of community members.

- We are committed to providing programs so **all children will be ready for kindergarten.**
- We are committed to providing a variety of classes and **programming for adults and youth.** These classes aim to reflect recreational interests as well as **enhanced out of school learning time.**
- We are committed to creating lasting, **effective partnerships** to work together, providing leadership training, activities, and experiences to our youth.
- We are committed to providing **school age care** through our Cool Kids Program to as many families as possible, while maintaining **quality care and programming.**
- We are committed to **managing our facilities** for school and community use.
- We are committed to providing **recreational activities** for community members to get to know one another.
- We are committed to **publishing community and school information** and events through the Esko's Corner and district website.

## We are committed to YOU!

If you would like to become involved with the Community Education Department, we are currently seeking members to join our Advisory Council. The Advisory Council meets monthly to review programs and activities as well as to plan events for the community. Contact Christina Walther at 879-4038 if you are interested or would like more information.

## Suicide Awareness Memorial Walk

**DATE: Saturday, October 10, 2015**

**TIME: 9:30-11:30AM** (Registration begins at 9:30AM at Bethesda, walk at 10AM)

**START/FINISH: Bethesda Lutheran Church, Carlton, MN**

**WALK: Approx. 35 minutes** (beginning and ending at Bethesda)

**SPEAKER: TBD**

*Come join us for our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Carlton County Suicide Awareness Memorial Walk in memory of loved ones lost to suicide and for the awareness and education towards prevention. (This is not a fundraiser)*

Questions? Contact Meghann Levitt at 218-879-4511

# Youth Enrichment Programs

## AWESOME ART - FAUX CACTUS

Paint rocks to look like real cactus! Display them in a real pot and have a plant that will live FOREVER! No watering necessary.

Age Req: Grades 2-6

Cost: \$18.00

09/29/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - E370

10/01/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - E370

## AWESOME ART - TIGER PAINTING

Use acrylic paint to paint a big tiger with a green, jungly background. Make him cute or make him fierce... you decide!

Age Req: Grades 2-6

Cost: \$18.00

10/26/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - E370

10/28/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - E370

## CROSS COUNTRY

Students who join this great running "club" will have fun running with Esko's Cross Country team! The group will meet in the lobby between the cafeteria and the varsity gym. Youth will be running various runs on the field by the playground. Promptly pick your child up at 4:00 at the east entrance by the playground, door #6. Please pre-register. Bring running shoes and clothes appropriate for the weather.

Age Req: Grades 1-6

Cost: \$6.00

09/15/2015 3:15PM - 4:00PM

Esko Schools - Trophy Hallway

09/22/2015 3:15PM - 4:00PM

Esko Schools - Trophy Hallway

09/29/2015 3:15PM - 4:00PM

Esko Schools - Trophy Hallway

10/06/2015 3:15PM - 4:00PM

Esko Schools - Trophy Hallway

10/13/2015 3:15PM - 4:00PM

Esko Schools - Trophy Hallway

## GRANDMASTERS OF CHESS

New and returning students invited. YEL Chess has proven excellence in dozens of schools. Our lessons are crafted by the best chess minds in Minnesota. The lessons progress from rudimentary concepts through higher-level theories. Our activity books are formatted to be accessible to beginners, yet challenge intermediate and advanced students to apply deeper understanding of chess concepts. Develop the brain bending strategies of a brilliant and complex game! For a more thorough explanation of YEL Chess, please visit our website, [www.youthenrichmentleague.com](http://www.youthenrichmentleague.com). -Students earn "chess dollars" for participating in class. On the last session, we use chess money to buy prizes such as mini chess sets, medals, trophies, keychains, chess erasers, chess pins.

-Students use and get to keep a workbook that focuses on one piece or strategy per class.

-Students learn to play other games using chess pieces such as Capture. The other games reinforce basic chess skills.

-On the last day, we have a tournament. Students who get 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place earn medals.

Age Req: Grades 1-8

Cost: \$64.00

09/22/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - E372

09/29/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - E372

10/06/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - E372

10/13/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - E372

10/20/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - E372

10/27/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - E372



## VOLLEYBALL

Calling all 5th and 6th grade Girls!

Come learn and experience the fun of being part of a volleyball team. We will practice Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and play games against neighboring schools! This club focuses on the FUNDamental skills of volleyball such as passing, serving, setting, rotation, and game play but our main focus is on FUN!

This club will start the second week of school, September 15th. Registration includes instruction, a pizza party, admittance to "fill the gym" night, and medals awarded on medal night! Girls still participating in soccer are encouraged to sign up and will be allowed to finish their soccer season. Come join the fun!

3:15: Report to Cafeteria (must stay in Cafeteria or parents will be called to bring the player home). 3:30-5:00: Practice

Bring to Class: P.E. shoes and clothes

Age Req: 5th and 6th Grade

Cost: \$40.00

09/15/2015 3:30 - 5:00PM Esko Schools - Practice Gym Blue

09/16/2015 3:30 - 5:00PM Esko Schools - Cafeteria

09/17/2015 3:30 - 5:00PM Esko Schools - Practice Gym Blue

09/22/2015 3:30 - 5:00PM TBD

09/23/2015 3:30 - 5:00PM Esko Schools - Cafeteria

09/24/2015 3:30 - 5:00PM TBD

09/29/2015 3:30 - 5:00PM TBD

09/30/2015 3:30PM - 5:00PM Esko Schools - Cafeteria

10/01/2015 3:30 - 5:00PM TBD

10/06/2015 3:30 - 5:00PM TBD

10/07/2015 3:30 - 5:00PM Esko Schools - Cafeteria

10/08/2015 3:30 - 5:00PM TBD

10/12/2015 3:30 - 5:00PM TBD

10/13/2015 3:30 - 5:00PM TBD

10/14/2015 3:30 - 5:00PM Esko Schools - Cafeteria

10/20/2015 3:30 - 5:00PM TBD

10/21/2015 3:30 - 5:00PM Esko Schools - Cafeteria

10/22/2015 3:30 - 5:00PM TBD

### MORE AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ON PAGE 13!

**REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT ARE REQUIRED PRIOR TO CLASS START DATE. NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN WITHOUT PAYMENT.**

### Community Education Class Registration Form:

Esko Community Education, P.O. Box 10, Esko, MN 55733

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt/shoe size (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Any special needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Type:

Check # \_\_\_\_\_  Cash

Credit Card

\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit Code \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**To register online visit [www.esko.k12.mn.us](http://www.esko.k12.mn.us)**

You will be contacted only if a class is filled. Otherwise, consider yourself registered for the class. Make checks payable to Esko Cool Kids and mail to the above address or drop off at the office. Cancellation fee is \$2.00.

Dear Parents: The best way to register for classes is to completely fill out the registration form from the paper or the after school club flier. Attach your fee and mail it to the Community Education Office at P.O. Box 10, Esko, MN 55733 or have your child give the envelope to their teacher. You can also register online at [www.esko.k12.mn.us](http://www.esko.k12.mn.us). Click on the Community Education/Class Registration tabs. Your child is registered if we do NOT call you to say it is full. Please plan on your child attending unless you hear from us.

Any changes in class dates and/or times will be communicated via e-mail. Please be sure we have all updated information. E-mail is our preferred method of communication as we are able to generate a message to several people quickly. Watch your e-mail for class updates. If we do not have an e-mail address on file, you will be contacted via phone, or a note sent home with your student.

Your child's teacher and Cool Kids staff will have a roster of all kids in each after school club. We ask you to send a note to the teacher stating that your child will be staying after school for the club. After school, the students will line up by the cafeteria, be checked in by a staff member, have a snack, and then be brought together to their class.

If your child will not be at a scheduled club, please inform the teacher and call the Community Education Office at 879-4038. These multiple checks and balances are there to keep your child safe. Unless stated otherwise, pick your child up at the East Entrance (by playground #6) of the school. Thank you!

# Youth Enrichment Programs

## LEGO LEAGUE ROBOTICS!

Are you interested in making a ROBOTIC LEGO robot and then controlling it with a computer? This is the class for you! We have 2 advanced robotics kits for those who are ready to move on in the class!

Age Req: Grades 3-6

Cost: \$16.00

09/29/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - N211 Computer Lab

10/06/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - N211 Computer Lab

10/20/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - N211 Computer Lab

10/27/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - N211 - Computer Lab

Lab

## SAVANNAH'S POTTERY – BAT CUP

Drinking from this bat cup will be “spook-tacular” on Halloween!

Age Req: Grades 1-6

Cost: \$13.00

10/06/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - S101 Art

## SAVANNAH'S POTTERY – LEAF BOWL

Celebrate fall and make a great leaf bowl!

Age Req: Grades 1-6

Cost: \$13.00

10/15/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - S101 Art

## SAVANNAH'S POTTERY – SPIDER WEB

Get ready for Halloween with this creep spider web treat dish! It will help “catch” all your goodies!

Age Req: Grades 1-6

Cost: \$14.00

Class Size: 24

09/24/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - S101 Art

## SAVANNAH'S POTTERY – AUTUMN PLAQUE

This great autumn plaque will look great in any room!

Age Req: Grades 1-6

Cost: \$14.00

10/27/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - S101 Art

## Esko School Readiness Class Information 2015-2016

We are very excited to start the new school year with you and your child. The following are some FYI's before classes start.

### Open House: September 3rd from 6-7:30

This will be a great time to meet staff, have a look around our room and complete a scavenger hunt. Please bring your supplies (except backpack), 3x5 or 4x6 family photo and **all paperwork completed**. If you are unable to attend, please bring these with items with you when you drop off your child on the first day of school or drop off items at the Community Education Office after September 8th..

### Supplies

All children will need the following items labeled with their first and last name:

3 ring binder (2-inch or bigger)

Spiral Notebook (4's Classes Only)

Backpack with the following items each class:

2-pocket plastic folder (used for communication between home & school)

Water bottle

Healthy Snack (Peanut-Free)

The following items will be shared by all and do NOT need to be labeled:

4's AM: Clorox Wipes

**Boys:** Pack of Washable Markers & Baby Wipes

**Girls:** White Lunch Bags & Plastic Spoons

4's PM: Clorox Wipes

**Boys:** Pack of Food Coloring & Napkins

**Girls:** Pack of Washable Markers & Large White Paper Plates

3's: Box of Kleenex & 2 Big Glue Sticks

**Boys:** Shaving Cream **Girls:** Roll of Paper Towels

### School Readiness Start Dates

3's: September 18th

4's: September 23rd

**NO BUSSING ON FIRST DAY**

### First Day of School Readiness

On the first day of class there will NOT be any bussing provided to or from school. This will give us a chance to put names with faces. We will be talking about bus safety and going for a bus ride with the children.

**Please be sure to notify us of any allergies when dropping of your child!!!**

We look forward to seeing you soon. Please call or email with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tina

879-4038 ext. 4

tkauma@esko.k12.mn.us

**Parent Aware  
Star-Rated Program**

*Proud to use best practices for preparing kids for kindergarten.*



### REMINDER!

**PAYMENT IS DUE WITH  
YOUR REGISTRATION FOR A  
CLASS!**



## KARATE

### Fall Quarter

September 15–December 3

**\*Tuesday & Thursday\***

*after school in the Esko Schools Cafeteria*

**3:30pm–4:30pm (grades 1-12)**

*Through Martial arts training  
your child will:*

- Exercise
- Practice Self-Discipline
- Gain Confidence
- Learn Self-Defense
- Develop Good Character

*These are life skills that will benefit your child  
in school, and in all areas of life.*

### REGISTER NOW

Please register through  
Community Education.  
Fall Quarter starts on  
September 15, 2015

### Pricing

Karate Uniform \$45+tax (\$47.48)

12-week Tuition \$135

Quarterly Belt Advancement  
Testing fee \$55

This program is run by Stefan and Stephanie Stein, black belts and owners of Mattevi Martial Arts Academy, a premier martial arts school in the northland.

Mattevi Martial Arts Academy  
102 Belknap St. Superior, WI 54880

715-394-5425  
www.gmmaa.com



This flyer is distributed as a courtesy to families in Esko School; however, distribution does not imply that the school endorses or approves the activities or viewpoints promoted in these materials.

## KIDS PLUS

Leadership Program  
for Grades 6-9

Visit our booth at  
the All-School  
Open House on  
September 3!

**POSITIVE ENERGY  
OUTDOORS**



Leadership  
Program  
for Grades 6-9

What do we?

- Outdoor Adventures like Dog Sledding, Kyaking and Rock Climbing
- Plan activities for our classmates
- Community Service Projects
- Leadership Skill Building

*PARENTS - This program is available at little or no cost to your student – check it out!*

# Winterquist Elementary News

## Elementary News

By Brian Harker



### A Fresh Start

With the end of August fast approaching, the excitement of a new school year begins to set in. Our teachers and custodial staff have been preparing the building and classrooms for the arrival of what hopes to be another terrific school year at Winterquist Elementary School. As parents, please do your part to best prepare your children for the start of school. Together we can start the year in a positive direction and continue to create success along the way.

**First Day** - The first day of school always brings feelings of excitement and nervousness to all that are entering the building. To help relieve any nervous feelings, we will follow the same morning procedures for students in grades 1-6. When the children get off the bus, they are to go to the playground (or cafeteria in case of inclement weather). From there, they will be met by staff and will be organized into their assigned rooms.

The Kindergarten students will attend classes on an all day/every day basis for the school year. We will offer four sections of all day/every day kindergarten. Parents of kindergarten students will receive a letter informing them of the details regarding the opening days of school.

**New Families** - Winterquist Elementary extends a warm welcome to all new families to our community. Parents play a large role in the educational opportunities offered throughout our school. If you need information or would like a tour of the school please feel free to call 879-3361.

**Open House** - Open House at Winterquist Elementary will be held on the evening of September 3 from 6-7:30. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students and families to meet their teachers and locate their new classroom. We invite all families to attend and we hope to see you there.

**Student Drop Off** - As we prepare for the beginning of school, please remember that the earliest time to drop off your child in the morning for school is 7:45 am. There is no supervision prior to 7:45 and we ask that you follow this set time during the morning drop off.



## SHOES ARE NOT CREATED EQUAL!

Your child will participate in physical education class four times a week for thirty minutes (Grades 1-6). During this time we will try to get your child to be as active as possible (i.e. running, chasing, dodging, fleeing, jumping). Parents/Guardians, WE NEED YOUR HELP! The elementary physical education department asks that you purchase indoor shoes for your child while keeping these guidelines in mind:

- Non-marking soles
- Shoes that have a full heel (some slip-ons have only half a heel)
- Shoes that have rubber soles (Please check the bottoms to make sure it is rubber not felt. Common brands are Danskin, Sketchers etc). This causes them to slip and slide all over if they have felt)
- Shoes that will give your child good support during their active play (shock absorbing).

- Velcro shoes (especially if your child cannot tie their shoes by the first day of school). Please check out the Velcro; if they only have one Velcro contact, they will not last the duration of the school year. Please look for shoes that have 2-3 Velcro contacts.
- Shoes with no laces (This is another option if your child struggles with shoe tying, but please be sure they are not too big. They will fall off when they begin to run fast).

Please know that we do not expect NOR want you to buy expensive shoes. We want your child to be as successful and active as possible in their physical education class! We have won the battle if we can get your child more time being active than tying their shoes!

Thank You in advance for your help!  
The Elementary Physical Education Staff

## Elementary Picture Day Wednesday, September 23



## ESKO HOCKEY REGISTRATION.

Esko School Clock Lobby  
September 22 & 23  
5:00 to 7:00 PM.



We will be there to answer questions and help you in the registration process. If you cannot make Hockey Registration, you may go on to our website [www.eskohockey.com](http://www.eskohockey.com) to retrieve forms and directions fill them out. Send those to Brian Foster via e-mail [brian@kirschertransport.com](mailto:brian@kirschertransport.com), fax to 218-749-8883 or call/text (218) 348-4735 to set up a time to meet.

## School Parking Reminder

Please remember that the RAM Mutual insurance parking lot adjacent to the school on Hwy 61 is not for school use during business hours (Monday – Friday, 6:00 am – 5:00 pm). This lot is reserved for RAM employees and their customers. Thank you!



Just a reminder that we, The PIE Group (Partners In Education), will have a table set up at the

Elementary Open House at the elementary office entrance!!

The Open House is on September 3.

Our First meeting will be on September 14, 2015

At 6:30 in the elementary Library!!

Check out our Facebook page - [Esko Parents in Education - PIE](#)

Please help us spread the word by liking our page!

**Please come and join us and see all the amazing things that we do for all of our kids!!!**

# Lincoln High School News

## Esko High School News

By Greg Hexum, EHS Principal



### High School Policies

#### BULLYING

Bullying or Victimization occurs when a student is exposed, repeatedly and over time, to negative actions on the part of one or more other students. It is the philosophy of Esko High School that every individual should have the right to be spared oppression and repeated intentional humiliation, in school as in society at large. Negative action is when someone intentionally inflicts, or attempts to inflict, injury or discomfort, humiliation or ridicule upon another. The attempt to injure or cause discomfort may include, but is not limited to words, physical contact, making faces, dirty gestures, intentionally excluding someone from a group or refusing to comply with another person's wishes.

Esko Public Schools Policy 514, meets the requirements of the Minnesota Safe and Supportive Schools Act. It expressly prohibits bullying, and outlines the definitions, procedures and regulations for bullying prevention and intervention.

Bullying is intimidating, threatening, abusive, or harming conduct that is objectively offensive. It involves an actual or perceived imbalance of power between the student engaging in the conduct and the target of the behavior, and the conduct is repeated overtime. The conduct materially and substantially interferes with the student educational opportunities or performance or ability to participate in school functions or activities. Not all negative interaction between or amongst students constitutes bullying.

A person who engages in an act of bullying, reprisal, or false reporting of bullying shall be subject to discipline for that act in accordance with school district's policies and procedures. Consequences for students who commit prohibited acts of bullying may range from positive behavioral interventions up to and including suspension and/or expulsion. Parents of students who are perpetrators and/or victims of bullying will be notified of the behavior by school officials. The school district may take into account the following factors:

- The developmental and maturity levels of the parties involved;
- The levels of harm, surrounding circumstances, and nature of the behavior;
- Past incidences or continuing patterns of behavior;
- The relationship between the

parties involved; and

- The context in which the alleged incidents occurred.

Any person who believes he or she has been the victim of bullying or any person with knowledge or belief of conduct that may constitute bullying shall report the alleged acts immediately to a teacher, counselor or the school's official bullying contact designee, the high school principal.

The school district will provide appropriate training to staff and students regarding bullying prevention annually.

#### STUDENT DRESS

Students are expected to use good taste in their dress. Students will not be allowed to present themselves at school in any manner which causes a disturbance or distraction. Shirts that are excessively revealing or expose the waist, midriff or undergarments are prohibited. Muscle shirts and tank tops are not permitted. Items of clothing that promote alcohol, tobacco and drugs, or are sexually or are anti socially suggestive will not be acceptable. Clothing that promotes ethnic, racial, sexual, or religious harassment is unacceptable. Students will not be allowed to wear caps, bandannas, hoods or head coverings during the school day. The only exception will be on specified dress up days, or an allowance for illness resulting in hair loss. Students are not permitted to carry backpacks to and from classes, nor into the cafeteria. Backpacks are to be left in student lockers between the hours of 8:15 and 3:15, with exceptions made for transporting clothing to and from physical education class or by special permission of the high school principal.

#### ATTENDANCE

Truancy Prevention Program – Esko High School participates in a Truancy Prevention Program for all Carlton County high schools. EHS administration collaborates with county officials in cases of habitual violation of the Esko High School attendance policy. Through parent involvement and early intervention, we hope to avoid the court-based truancy petition process.

This program follows a three step process with our goal being to improve attendance:

The first step, we will notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) in writing when a student has compiled three (3) unexcused absences or a combination of eight (8) total excused and/or unexcused absences at any time during the semester.

The second step in this program will begin if your child reaches five (5) unexcused or a combination of ten (10) excused

and/or unexcused absences. The student may be referred to the Carlton County Truancy Prevention Programs Officer, and a request for a meeting with the student, parents and/or school officials may be made.

The third step: Please be advised that if a student reaches seven (7) unexcused absences or fifteen (15) excused and/or unexcused absences administration may refer the student to the County Attorney's Office as a habitual truant to Minnesota Statute 260.007, subdivision 19. Upon receipt of a referral from administration, the County Attorney's Office may elect to file a truancy petition with the district court.

#### 1. ATTENDANCE

— Punctuality and regular school attendance are essential to success in school. The State of Minnesota requires compulsory attendance for all children between 7 and 16 years of age. Students who acquire more than 14 absences in a semester, for any non-school related reason, may receive a grade of Incomplete. Each absence beyond 14 requires a physician's note to be considered excused. Consistent school attendance is one means by which a student develops responsibility and self-discipline. For these reasons, student absence should be limited to those instances in which absence is genuinely unavoidable. Each student, his or her parent/guardian and the school share an obligation to encourage and insure good student attendance. Any time a student misses more than 10 minutes of a class period, he/she will be considered to have been absent for the entire period. For report cards and state reporting purposes, attendance will be reported as half or full days with 12:00 p.m. as the dividing point. Interventions taken by the school:

1. Encourage student to attend and stay in school.
2. Advise parent/guardian of school policy and state law.
3. Seek and involve support services proactively. (i.e.: School Counselor, School Psychologist, and Family/School Support Worker.)
4. Collaborate with the Carlton County Truancy Officer. Progressive Disciplinary Interventions:

1. Detentions or Saturday School for each of the first three hours of truancy.

2. Notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) in writing when a student has compiled three (3) unexcused absences or a combination of eight (8) total excused and/or unexcused absences at any time during the semester.

3. Refer to Carlton County Truancy Officer when student reaches five

- (5) unexcused or a combination of ten (10) excused and/or unexcused absences.

4. Truancy Officer may refer the student to the County Attorney's Office as a habitual truant to Minnesota Statute 260.007, subdivision 19. The Carlton County Attorney's Office may file a truancy petition with the district court.

5. In-School Contract (school staff meets with parents and student) may accompany interventions 3 or 4 above.

6. Loss of credit may follow the 10th hour of truancy or unexcused absence in a semester. Petition hearing possible with academic department chair, instructor, counselor, parent and student.

Please read the Student Handbook for complete policy and definitions of the following terms:

VERIFIED ABSENCE, EXCUSED ABSENCES - SCHOOL RELATED, EXCUSED ABSENCES - NOT SCHOOL RELATED, EARLY DISMISSAL, TEMPORARY ABSENCE, UNEXCUSED ABSENCES, CLASS TRUANCY/SKIPPING, EXCUSED TARDIES, UNEXCUSED TARDIES.

#### AUTOMOBILES AND OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES

—On school days between 7:00 a.m. and dismissal at the end of the day, students are not to park within restricted parking areas including those reserved for staff and fitness center members.

Whenever a student drives to school with a motor vehicle, the vehicle must be parked and locked and the student must leave the parking area. Students are not to sit in, visit at, drive or ride in motor vehicles during the school day. Only students who arrive late to school with written parental approval and students with early dismissal slips may drive a motor vehicle to or from the parking lot during the school day. Students who park in the school lots will be required to purchase a parking permit. This permit is good for one year only. Seniors and juniors will have preference in the south lot.

Student parking is prohibited in areas designated for staff between the hours of 7:00 and 3:15, and all times in areas reserved for fitness center/physical therapy clients. Additionally, no parking is permitted in areas outside of painted parking lot lines, including fire lanes.

Students who have been previously warned for parking lot violations may have their permits revoked without refund or be towed at their expense. Serious parking lot offenses may result in the immediate revocation of parking privileges and/or towing.

# Student Information

## High School/New Students

Students are expected to be in the building and ready for class at 8:15 am and will be released at 3:15 pm in the afternoon. 7<sup>th</sup> grade and new student orientation will be held again prior to the first day of school, details will be mailed.

A school rule, which has been in effect for a number of years, states that any students driving cars or motorcycles to school will park them in the parking lot when the student arrives in the morning and leave them there until the end of the school day. This same rule is in effect for the new school term.

Esko offers a full range of athletic programs, according to Activities Director, Chad Stoskopf. These include football, cross country, volleyball, soccer, basketball, hockey, skiing track, tennis, swimming, softball, baseball and golf. And students wishing to take part must have a complete physical examination within the past three

years, a signed parental slip which shows that both the student athlete and the parents and/or guardian know the high school league rules regarding smoking, drinking, and chemical abuse as far as eligibility is concerned.

Esko features an excellent music department and drama department as well as other activities such as yearbook, student council, national honor society, math league and knowledge bowl competition, cheerleaders. Students are encouraged to take part and to contribute to Esko's tradition of excellence in these programs.

New junior and senior high school students should contact the high school principal's office at 879-4673 for an appointment to register for classes. These students are reminded to bring their report card and their records from their previous high school in order to expedite the process. Students cannot register for classes in Esko without their former school record.

## Student Parking

**AUTOMOBILES AND OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES**—On school days between 7:00 a.m. and dismissal at the end of the day, students are not to park within restricted parking areas including those reserved for staff and fitness center members. Whenever a student drives to school with a motor vehicle, the vehicle must be parked and locked and the student must leave the parking area. Students are not to sit in, visit at, drive or ride in motor vehicles during the school day. Only students who arrive late to school with writ-

ten parental approval and students with early dismissal slips may drive a motor vehicle to or from the parking lot during the school day. Students who park in the school lots will be required to purchase a parking permit. This permit is good for one year only. Seniors and juniors will have preference in the south lot. Students who have been previously warned for parking lot violations may have their permits revoked without refund or be towed at their expense. Serious parking lot offenses may result in the immediate revocation of parking privileges and/or towing.

## High School Security

Research has shown that having the office at an entrance permits better security to the building and the monitoring of activities in the areas near the entrance. If you are coming to the school on school related business, we respectfully request that "all visitors to the school check into the high school office upon entering the building." As in the past, we appreciate your cooperation.

## Behavior Expectations

- **Be Prompt and Prepared.** Be on time. Come with appropriate materials, including assignments with deadlines.
- **Respect Authority.** Listen to authority. Follow directions promptly. Accept responsibility for your behavior.
- **Self Esteem.** Demonstrate self-confidence by active participation. Demonstrate a positive attitude in word and action.
- **Respect the Rights of Others.** Use appropriate voices. Listen to the speaker. Respect the opinion and point of view of others. Respect individual differences and sensitivities. Refrain from harassment of any kind.
- **Respect Property.** Respect personal property of others. Respect school property. Assist in maintaining a clean school and environment.
- **Display a Concern for Learning.** Remain on task. Respect the rights of others to learn.
- **Display Appropriate Social Skills.** Accept disagreement, criticism, consequences, and compliments gracefully. Display courtesy. Display tact.

## Restrictive Procedures Plan

In accordance with Minnesota Statute 1125A.0942, Subd. 1, every school district is required to develop and make public a plan that discloses its use of restrictive procedures. The plan specifically outlines the list of restrictive procedures the school intends to use; how the school will monitor and review the use of restrictive procedures, including post use debriefings and convening an overnight committee; and a written description and documentation of the training and staff that have completed the training.

Esko School District uses restrictive procedures only in response to behavior(s) that constitutes an emergency, even if written into a child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Behavior Interventions Plan (BIP).

The full plan may be referenced on our website at [www.esko.k12.mn.us](http://www.esko.k12.mn.us).

## Schedules

Scheduling will take place each spring for the upcoming school year. All students must enroll in 6 classes to be considered full time.

**Adding a class:** A class may be added to your schedule if you meet the following criteria:

- 1) Your request must be made within the first 6 days of a semester
- 2) There must be room available for you in the class
- 3) Every effort is made to meet the needs of Esko High School students through a wide variety of curricular offerings. In some cases, it is not possible to register students for elective course choices/alternates due to scheduling logistics.

**Dropping a class:** A class may be dropped without penalty if you meet the following criteria:

- 1) You do not fall below 6 classes
- 2) You make the request within the first 6 weeks of a semester or 3 weeks of a quarter class
- 3) The class will be replaced by a study hall

**Dropping a class after 6 weeks of a semester class or 3 weeks of a quarter class** will result in the grade of "FAIL" being placed on the report card and permanent record.

Exceptions may be made in unusual situations at the discretion of the Faculty Council.

**ADDING AND DROPPING CLASSES**—If there is room, a class may be added to a student's schedule if done within the first six days of the semester. If a student drops a class after six weeks into a semester, a grade of "Fail" will be recorded on the report card and the permanent record. Unless authorized by the high school principal, a student will not be allowed to drop a class if it will reduce the number of classes he or she is taking to less than the minimum requirements. Exceptions may be made in unusual situations at the discretion of the high school principal. All students must be enrolled in 6 classes to be considered full-time.

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# School Policies

## Annual Parental Notification of School District Policies

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that students are aware of and comply with the school district's expectations for student conduct. Such compliance will enhance the school district's ability to maintain discipline and ensure that there is no interference with the educational process. The school district will take appropriate disciplinary action when students fail to adhere to the Code of Student Conduct established by this policy."

## PROTECTION AND PRIVACY OF PUPIL RECORDS (#515)

"... The school district shall give parents of students currently in attendance and eligible students currently in attendance annual notice by such means as are reasonably likely to inform the parents and eligible students of the following:

1. That the parent or eligible student has a right to inspect and review the student's education records and the procedure for inspecting and reviewing education records;
2. That the parent or eligible student has a right to seek amendment of the student's education records to ensure that those records are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy or other rights and the procedure for requesting amendment of records;
3. That the parent or eligible student has a right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that federal and state law and the regulations promulgated thereunder authorize disclosure without consent;
4. That the parent or eligible student has a right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education regarding an alleged failure by the school district to comply with the requirements of 20 U.S.C. 1232g, and the rules promulgated thereunder;
5. The criteria for determining who constitutes a school official and what constitutes a legitimate educational interest for purposes of disclosing education records to other school officials whom the school district has determined to have legitimate educational interests; and
6. That the school district forwards education records on request to a school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll including suspension and expulsion records pursuant to the federal No Child Left Behind Act and, if applicable, a student's history of violent behavior.

**BULLYING PROHIBITION (#516)** "... to the extent such conduct affects the educational environment of the school district and the rights and welfare of its students and is

within the control of the school district in its normal operations, it is the school district's intent to prevent bullying and to take action to investigate, respond, remediate, and discipline those acts of bullying which have not been successfully prevented. The purpose of this policy is to assist the school district in its goal of preventing and responding to acts of bullying, intimidation, violence, and other similar disruptive behavior."

## STUDENT SURVEYS (#520)

"...Occasionally the school district utilizes surveys to obtain student opinions and information about students. The purpose of this policy is to establish the parameters of information that may be sought in student surveys. Student surveys may be conducted as determined necessary by the school district. Surveys, analyses and evaluations conducted as part of any program funded through the U.S. Department of Education must comply with 20 U.S.C. 1232h." Parents may opt out of the following activities by providing written notification to D. Mattson, c/o Esko Public Schools prior to October 15 of each school year:

- (1) Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information, or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose.
  - (2) The administration of any third-party survey as defined in the policy
  - (3) Any non-emergency invasive physical examination or screening that is required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school and scheduled by the school in advance, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student or other students.
- Students and parents will be notified in advance of the activities/items listed above.

## STUDENT DISABILITY

**NONDISCRIMINATION (#521)** The purpose of this policy is to protect disabled students from discrimination on the basis of disability and to identify and evaluate learners who, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, need special services, accommodations, or programs in order that such learners may receive a free appropriate public education.

**STUDENT SEX NONDISCRIMINATION (#522)** Students are protected from discrimination on the basis of sex pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Minnesota Human Rights Act. The purpose of this policy is to provide equal educational opportunity for all students and to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.

## INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY POLICY (#524)

"...The purpose of this policy is to set forth policies and guidelines for access to the school district computer system and acceptable and safe use of the Internet, including electronic communications."

## WORLD WIDE WEB PUBLISHING OF STUDENT WORK:

Student artwork, writing or projects may be published on the World Wide Web, a part of the Internet, by the School District. No home address or telephone number will appear with such work. If parents do not want their child's work to appear on the Internet, they must provide written notification to "D. Mattson c/o District Office" no later than October 15 of each school year. In lieu of written notification parents grant the School District copyrights and privileges to reproduce, adapt, publish, and display student work on the Internet. Such publication is intended to further the educational mission of the School District and display students' works to a worldwide audience.

## CRISIS MANAGEMENT (#806)

"... The purpose of the Crisis Management Policy is to act as a guide for school district and building administrators, school employees, students, school board members, and community members as to how to address a wide range of potential crisis situations in the school district. The step-by-step procedures suggested by this Policy will provide guidance to each school building in drafting crisis management plans to coordinate protective actions prior to, during, and after any type of emergency or potential crisis situation in the school district. Please note that, pursuant to this Policy, tailored crisis management plans will be developed for each school building in the school district and sections or procedures may be added or deleted in those crisis management plans based on building needs.

**THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT** requires the following notices be given to parents:

- **MILITARY RECRUITERS** - Parents have a right to request that their child's name, address, and telephone number not be released to a military recruiter without their prior consent. Written requests should be submitted to D. Mattson in the District Office by October 15 of each year.
- **TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS** - Parents may request the following information:
  - Whether the teacher has met Minnesota Department of Education requirements for licensure at the grade level and the subject area (s) he teaches
  - Whether the teacher has an emer-

gency or provisional license

- What the teacher's undergraduate major was, any graduate certification or degree held by the teacher including the field of discipline of the certification or degree
- Whether the child is being taught by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications

Complete versions of all school policies are available online at:  
[www.esko.k12.mn.us](http://www.esko.k12.mn.us)  
or by contacting the District Office at 879-2969.

## Annual Health and Safety Notifications

**AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act)** Federal legislation requires public schools to maintain a list of locations and types of asbestos found in the school building and a description for their proper management. The Asbestos Management Plan and related inspection reports are available at the District Office.

**DRINKING WATER** Esko Schools maintains and produces its own water, as there is no city system to draw from in Thomson Township. The school's water system treats and filters all water prior to distribution in the building, and drinking water is again filtered at each water fountain. Bill Pera, Lead Custodian, has received ongoing training and is licensed by the MN Department of Health as a "water treatment technician." Water samples are taken weekly from both wells by the District and are then sent to the Minnesota Department of Health for testing. To date, Esko Public Schools has met all requirements relating to the safety of our water supply system per MN Department of Health (MDH) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines. Our water is used for drinking and preparation of meals daily. The testing log and results of the MDH & EPA tests are available at the District Office.

**RADON** Building tests have indicated that radon levels do not exceed the acceptable levels as established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Test results are available at the District Office.

**INDOOR AIR QUALITY** Through preventative measures and regular maintenance of our facility and its mechanical systems, Esko Schools monitors and works to improve Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) for our students and staff using Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines and recommendations. Questions or concerns regarding IAQ should be directed to the District Office.

# Free and Reduced Lunch Information

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school provides healthy meals each day. Breakfast costs K-12 \$1.10; lunch costs K-6 \$2.10, grades 7-12 \$2.20.

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price school meals. To apply, complete the enclosed Application for Educational Benefits following the instructions. A new application must be submitted each year. At public schools, your application also helps the school qualify for education funds and discounts.

State funds help to pay for reduced-price school meals, so all students who are approved for either free or reduced-price school meals will receive school meals at no charge. State funds also help to pay for breakfasts for kindergarten students, so all participating kindergarten students will receive breakfasts at no charge.

Students attending schools that participate in the Community Eligibility Provision, Provision 2 or Provision 3 will receive school meals at no charge without an application. However, at public schools, a completed application is still needed to help the school qualify for education funds and discounts.

Return your completed Application for Educational Benefits to: Esko Public Schools, ATTN. D. Mattson, 2 E Hwy 61, PO Box 10, Esko, MN 55733.

**Who can get free school meals?** Children in households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and foster, homeless, migrant and runaway children can get free school meals without reporting household income.

Also, children can get free school meals if their household income is within the maximum income shown for their household size.

**I get WIC. Can my children get free school meals?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free school meals. Please fill out an application.

**May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens for your children to qualify for free or reduced-price school meals.

**Who should I include as household members?** Include yourself and all other people living in the household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends).

**What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally get. If you normally get

overtime, include it, but not if you get overtime only sometimes.

**Will the information I give be checked?** Yes, and we may also ask you to send written proof.

**How will the information be kept?** Information you provide on the form, and your child's approval status for school meal benefits, will be protected as private data. Your child's approval status for school meal benefits may be shared with other nutrition, education or health programs that offer benefits based on approval for school meals – for more information see the back page of the Application for Educational Benefits. Let us know if you do not want your information shared for benefits from other programs.

If you have other questions or need help, call 218-879-2969, option 3.

Sincerely,  
Aaron Fischer,  
Superintendent of Schools

## How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits

Complete the *Application for Educational Benefits* form for school year 2015-16 if any of the following applies to your household:

- Any household member currently participates in the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). *or*
- The household includes foster children (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child). *or*
- The total income of household members is within the guidelines shown below (gross earnings, not take-home pay). Do not include as income: foster care payments, federal education benefits, MFIP payments, or value of assistance received from SNAP, WIC, or FDPIR. Military: Do not include combat pay or assistance from the Military Privatized Housing Initiative. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Maximum Total Income

Household Size	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	\$ Twice Per Month	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	21,775	1,815	908	838	419
2	29,471	2,456	1,228	1,134	567
3	37,167	3,098	1,549	1,430	715
4	44,863	3,739	1,870	1,726	863
5	52,559	4,380	2,190	2,022	1,011
6	60,255	5,022	2,511	2,318	1,159
7	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
8	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455
Add for each additional person	7,696	642	321	296	148

### Step 1 Children

List all children living in the household, their birthdate and, if applicable, their grade and school. Fill in the circle if a child is in foster care. Attach an additional page if necessary. Providing racial/ethnic information for each child is optional; this information helps to make sure we are fully serving our community.

**Step 2 Case Number** Complete Step 2 if any household member currently participates in any of the three assistance programs listed in Step 2. If Step 2 is completed, skip Step 3.

### Step 3 Adults / Incomes / Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number

Regular earnings to children – If any children in the household have regular income, such as SSI or part-time jobs, list the total amount of regular income to children. Do not include occasional earnings like babysitting or lawn mowing.

Social Security number – The person signing the application must provide the last four digits of their Social Security number, or check the box if they do not have a Social Security number.

Adults / Incomes – List all adults living in the household, whether related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). Include any adult who is temporarily away, such as a student away at college. Attach an additional page if necessary.

- List gross incomes before deductions, not take-home pay. Do not list an hourly wage rate. For farm or self-employment income only, list net income after subtracting business expenses.
- For adults with no income to report, enter a '0' or leave the section blank. This is your certification (promise) that there is no income to report for these adults.
- For each income, fill in a circle to show how often the income is received.

**Step 4** If you do *not* want Information to be shared with state health insurance programs, check the box.

**Step 5 Signature and Contact Information** An adult household member must sign the form.

# Free and Reduced Lunch Information



## Application for Educational Benefits School Meal Benefits – School Year 2015-16 – State and Federally Funded Programs

**Step 1 List All Children in the Household** (infants through grade 12). Attach an additional page if necessary. Race and ethnicity questions are optional and do not affect approval for school meal benefits. For Hispanic/Latino ethnicity, choose yes or no for each child. For race, select all that apply for each child.

Last Name	First Name	Birthdate	Grade	School	Foster Child?*	Optional Hispanic / Latino Ethnicity? **		Optional Racial Identity ** Fill in one or more circles for each child				
						Yes	No	American Indian	Asian	African American	Pacific Islander	White
					<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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\* The child is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court. If all children who need meal benefits are foster children, skip Steps 2 and 3.

\*\* The full names of the racial categories are: American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, and White.

**Step 2 Assistance Program Case Number** (if applicable)

If any household member receives benefits from one of the assistance programs listed below: **Check the program and write in the case number. Skip Step 3.**

Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)  Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)  Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

**Case Number** \_\_\_\_\_ (Medical Assistance and WIC case numbers do not qualify for this purpose.)

**Step 3 List All Adult Household Members and Household Incomes** Include all household members not listed in Step 1, related or not, including yourself.

- If any children in the household have regular income, such as a part-time job or SSI, write in the total regular income for all children. Do not include occasional earnings such as babysitting or lawn mowing. **Total regular income to children:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Weekly  Bi-Weekly  2x month  Monthly
- **Last 4 digits of the Social Security number** (SSN) of the person signing this application (required):  X  X -  X - \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  I don't have an SSN
- **Adult Household Members / Incomes** Write in the name of each adult household member, their *gross incomes (before deductions)* in whole dollars, and how often the income is received. Include a household member who is temporarily away, such as a college student. If income fluctuates, write in the amount normally received (before deductions). For self-employment income only, write in net income after business deductions. For adults with no income to report, enter '0' or leave the section blank – this is your certification (promise) that they have no income to report. Attach an additional page if necessary.

Adults - Full Name Include any college students.	Earnings from Work Gross wages or net self-employment	How often?					Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony	How often?				All Other Incomes for example pension, retirement, disability, Veterans benefits, unemployment	How often?			
		Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Annual		Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly		Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly
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**Step 4** If your children are approved for school meal benefits, this information may be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs to identify children who are eligible for Minnesota health insurance programs. Leave the box blank to allow sharing of information.  Do *not* share information for this purpose.

**Step 5** I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and correct and all household members and incomes are reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with receipt of federal and state funds, and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose benefits and I may be prosecuted under applicable federal and state laws.

**Signature** of Adult Household Member (required) \_\_\_\_\_ **Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this form required?** This form must be completed to apply for free or reduced-price school meals, unless:

- (1) Your school provides free school meals to all students without application (*Community Eligibility Provision, Provision 2 or Provision 3*). However, at public schools, your completion of this form also helps the school qualify for other education funds and discounts even if not needed for school meals.
- (2) You have been notified that your children have been directly certified for school meal benefits based on participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

### Privacy Act Statement / How Information Is Used

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give this information but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced-price school meals. You must include the last four digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the Social Security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child, or you provide an MFIP, SNAP or FDPIR assistance number, or you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security number.

We will use your information to determine if your child qualifies for free school meals, and for administration and enforcement of the school meal programs. We *may* share your information with other education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Children who qualify for free or reduced-price school meals may qualify for Minnesota Health Care Programs. Your child's status for school meals *may* be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs unless you tell us not to share your information by checking the box in Step 4 of the application. You are not required to share information for this purpose and your decision will not affect approval for school meal benefits.

At public school districts, each student's school meal status also is recorded on a statewide computer system used to report student data to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) as required by state law. MDE uses this information to: (1) Administer state and federal programs, (2) Calculate compensatory revenue for public schools, and (3) Judge the quality of the state's educational program.

### Nondiscrimination Statement

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If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov). Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities and wish to file either an EEO or program complaint may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). Persons with disabilities who wish to file a program complaint, please see information above on how to contact us by mail directly or by email. If you require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) please contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

### Office Use Only

Total Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved (check all that apply):  Case Number – Free  
 Foster – Free  Income – Free  Income – Reduced-Price  
 Denied:  Incomplete  Income Too High  
 Signature – Determining Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Change Status To: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn: \_\_\_\_\_

### Office Use Only

Date Verification Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Response Due: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Notice: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Result:  No Change  Free to Reduced-Price  Free to Paid  
 Reduced-Price to Free  Reduced-Price to Paid  
 Reason for Change:  Income  Case number not verified  
 Foster not verified  Refused Cooperation  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature – Verifying Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature – Confirming Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# From Our School Board

## Clerk's Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held a work session on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the board conference room.

Members present: Lynn McComber, Margaret Sunnarborg, Rick Liljegen, Julian Bertogliat, Jeff Salo, Todd Rengo and Superintendent Aaron Fischer. Member absent: None.

The Board and administration discussed capital projects, co-curricular, staffing and programming. The Board indicated their priorities and the administration will review and work on securing costs and recommendations for future discussion.

The work session adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the board conference room.

Members present: Lynn McComber, Margaret Sunnarborg, Rick Liljegen, Julian Bertogliat, Todd Rengo and Superintendent Aaron Fischer. Member absent: Jeff Salo.

Todd Rengo appointed clerk pro tem.

## Call the Meeting to Order

Chairperson Rick Liljegen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## Approval of Agenda

Moved Todd Rengo, second by Julian Bertogliat to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Julian Bertogliat, second Todd Rengo to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:

- Approve the minutes of the March 24, 2015 school board meeting.
- Approve the checks as follows:

Date	Check #s	Total
3/2/15	78919-78943	\$14,362.44
3/3/15	78944-78950	\$6,107.70
3/5/15	78951-79023	\$45,748.89
3/9/15	79024-79045	\$40,923.54
3/11/15	79046-79061	\$4,502.49
3/16/15	79062-79068	\$4,751.16
3/19/15	79069-79079	\$26,117.73
3/25/15	79080-79120	\$17,818.22
3/26/15	Void 79064	(\$1,344.00)
3/27/15	79121-79135	\$7,193.03
3/30/15	79136-79147	\$2,247.52
4/14/15	79148-79199	\$51,080.69
4/27/15	79200-79263	\$80,314.52

- Approval of Treasurer's Report – March 2015.

Date	Check's	Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Grand Total
3/15/15	\$146,826.76	\$169,141.06	\$118,794.55	
	461.55			\$435,223.92
3/31/15	\$87,411.85	\$176,021.32	\$124,717.54	
	\$366.63			\$388,517.34

## Electronic Transfer Report March 2015

Date	Acct Transferred Into	Amount
03/27/15	Wells Fargo (Nland Trust for GO Bonds)	\$930,095.00

- Donations Received:
- Maurices in the amount of \$650 – Imagine It Day expenses.
- Maurices – 3 gift cards in the amount of \$25 each – All Night Grad Party.
- Approval of Fundraising Requests:
- Softball – Food sale.
- SubZero Robotics – Host Lego Robotics engineering camps.
- Grade 5 – Candle sale.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## Approval of Final Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

Moved by Lynn McComber, second by Julian Bertogliat to approve the final Fiscal Year 2015 budget as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Fund	Revenues	Expenditures
General Fund (fund 1)	\$9,705,987	\$9,773,617
Food Service Fund (fund 2)	\$418,039	\$398,312
Transportation Fund (fund 3)	\$351,612	\$461,663
Community Service Fund (fund 4)	\$358,964	\$354,500
Capital Operating Fund (fund 5)	\$487,835	\$489,258
Building Construction Fund (fund 6)	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Fund (fund 7)	\$1,014,379	\$1,082,120
Irrevocable OPEB Trust (fund 45)	\$77,079	\$171,769
OPEB Bonds Debt Service (fund 47)	\$122,990	\$116,990
Total Budget	\$12,536,885	\$12,848,229

## Accept Letter of Resignation from Morgan Slette

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Lynn McComber to accept a letter of resignation from Morgan Slette, elementary teacher effective June 4, 2015, with thanks for her service to the District. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## Accept Letter of Resignation from Phyllis Sherman

Moved by Julian Bertogliat, second by Lynn McComber to accept the letter of resignation from Phyllis Sherman, Health Occupations teacher, effective June 4, 2015, with thanks for her service to the District. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## Approve Membership Renewal – Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Julian Bertogliat to approve the 2015/2016 membership renewal with the Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## Approve Contract with MacNeil Environmental, Inc. for a 3-year Environmental/Occupational Health & Safety Management Program

Moved by Julian Bertogliat, second by Todd Rengo to approve a 3-year contract with MacNeil Environmental, Inc. for Environmental/Occupational Health & Safety Management Program for fiscal years 2016, 2017, 2018. (Copy of contract on file in the office of the superintendent.) Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## Approve Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Project List

Moved by Lynn McComber, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the FY 2016 Capital Project list as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## Discussion/Action – Moving the Bus Garage

Discussion was heard regarding moving the bus garage. There will be a walk-through of possible sites for a new bus garage at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. Moved by Julian Bertogliat, second by Lynn McComber to direct administration to find quotes for moving the bus garage and deciding where the site will be. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## Discussion: Contract Management Company

Discussion was heard regarding considering bringing a construction management company on board. Superintendent Aaron Fischer will secure some price quotes for this service.

## Update: Digital Initiative

The issue of unauthorized apps on ipads has been addressed and handled. There will be an end-of-year update on the digital initiative.

## Administrative Reports

### Principals' Reports:

**Elementary** – Principal Brian Harker reported that Kindergarten Roundup has been held and it went well. He also reported that the elementary started testing last Tuesday. There were some problems with the State testing system. Last week's inservice allowed teachers to lead break-out sessions for the other staff members. Next week there will be "move-up" day for students in grades K-5 to see where they will be going next year and to meet their teachers.

**High School** – Principal Greg Hexum reported that all Juniors are required by the Dept of Education to take the ACT test this year with no cost to the student. The State online testing system has not been working smoothly. Curriculum mapping is currently being worked on. Principal Hexum distributed a schedule of spring and end-of-year happenings in the high school.

### Board Committee Reports:

Todd Rengo – Facilities Committee meeting, Board work session.

Julian Bertogliat – Facilities Committee meeting, Board work session.

Margaret Sunnarborg – Board work session.

Lynn McComber – Community Education meeting, Esko Educational Foundation meeting Board work session.

Rick Liljegen – Esko Educational Foundation, Board work session.

### Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Fischer reported that he has been meeting with reps about school clock issues and we will be getting replacements for those not working. Health insurance bids will be opened April 29, 2015 @ 3:30 p.m. An enrollment update was given.

### Congratulations and Commendations

- Deb DeArmond for receiving a \$200 grant from Arrowhead Home Economists.

### Communications

• Town Board member Ruth Janke presented an update on the Industrial Park and reported that there will be community gardens behind the Town Hall.

• The girls basketball banquet will be held tomorrow night, April 29, 2015.

• The boys basketball banquet will be held on Sunday, May 2, 2015.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Julian Bertogliat, second by Todd Rengo to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motioned carried by unanimous vote.

# From Our School Board

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the board conference room.

Members present: Lynn McComber, Margaret Sunnarborg, Julian Bertogliat, Rick Liljegren, Jeff Salo, Todd Rengo and Superintendent Aaron Fischer. Members absent: None.

## Call the Meeting to Order

Chairperson Rick Liljegren called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

## Approval of Agenda

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Julian Bertogliat to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Jeff Salo to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- Approve the minutes of the April 27, 2015 work session
- Approve the minutes of the April 28, 2015 regular School Board meeting.
- Approve the checks as follows (all pending Treasurer's review):

Date	Check #s	Total
04/29/15	79264-79266	\$10,828.15
05/01/15	79267-79314	\$36,456.28
05/06/15	79315	\$3,329.02
05/08/15	77316-79369	\$46,834.83
05/12/15	79370-79384	\$4,341.73
05/20/15	79385-79410	\$10,125.17

- Approval of Treasurer's Report – April 2015.

Date	April 2014 Checks	Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Grand Total
4/15/15	\$73,525.40	\$175,859.93	\$120,468.98	\$369,854.31
4/28/15	\$73,181.19	\$169,718.46	\$117,535.41	\$360,435.06

Date	Electronic Transfer Report April 2015 Acct Transferred Into	Amount
4/16/15	MN Dept of Revenue (sales tax pmt)	\$420.00

## Personnel:

- Jackie Kedrowski, ECFE Parent Educator assignment complete effective June 30, 2015 and will not be renewed.
- Summer 2015 Early Childhood Special Education staff.
- Tenure for Nichole Schmidt and Derek Anderson.
- Donations: Town of Thomson in the amount of \$2,000 for Youth Development/Recreation.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## Update: Track Fundraiser

Jeff Salo updated the Board on the track fundraising event held on May 2, 2015.

## Approve the Hire of John Babineau

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Lynn McComber to approve the hire of John Babineau as Program Assistant for Cool Kids summer program, Kids Connect. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## Approve the Hire of Jennika Nevala

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Lynn McComber to approve the hire of Jennika Nevala as Program Assistant for Cool Kids summer program, Kids Connect. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## Accept Letter of Resignation from Jill Koski

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Lynn McComber to accept a letter of resignation from Jill Koski, housekeeper, effective June 5, 2015 with approval to post resulting vacancy and with thanks for her service to the District. Motion carried by unanimous vote

## Adopt Resolution Approving Fund Transfer

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Lynn McComber to adopt a resolution approving a permanent fund transfer from ECFE to School Readiness in the amount of \$2,799.35. (Copy of resolution on file in the District Office.) Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## First Reading – Policy 427

A First Reading was heard of Policy 427 Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers.

## Approve Resolution to Renew Membership in the MN State High School League

Moved by Julian Bertogliat, second by Jeff Salo to approve a resolution to adopt to renew membership in the MN State High School League for the 2015/2016 school year. (Copy of resolution on file in the District Office.) Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## Approve Participation in the MN Partnership for Collaborative Curriculum

Moved by Julian Bertogliat, second by Jeff Salo to approve participation in the MN Partnership for Collaborative Curriculum. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## Approve Posting Transportation Director Position

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the posting for a 2.5 hour per day Transportation Director with the proposed job description to be finalized by union approval. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## Approve the Job Description for Activities Director

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Julian Bertogliat to accept the new job description adding additional duties to the Activities Director position and to make it a full-time position as amended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## Approve Current Activities Director to Possible New Position

Moved by Julian Bertogliat, second by Jeff Salo to approve filling the possible expanded/revised Activities Director position with the current Activities Director if the position is approved. Motion carried by following vote: Aye – Rick Liljegren, Julian Bertogliat, Jeff Salo; Nay – Lynn McComber, Todd Rengo; Abstain – Margaret Sunnarborg.

## Approval to Fill the New Activities Director Position

Moved by Lynn McComber, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to table this item until there is more budget information. Motion failed by the following vote: Aye – Lynn McComber, Margaret Sunnarborg; Nay – Rick Liljegren, Julian Bertogliat, Jeff Salo, Todd Rengo.

Moved by Julian Bertogliat, second by Jeff Salo to fill the new activities director position beginning with the 2016 Fiscal school year. Motion carried by the following vote: Aye – Margaret Sunnarborg, Rick Liljegren, Julian Bertogliat, Jeff Salo; Nay – Lynn McComber, Todd Rengo.

## Approve Resolution Regarding Construction Management Contract

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Todd Rengo to approve a Resolution authorizing Supt. Aaron Fischer to negotiate the terms of a contract for construction management services. A negotiated contract will be brought to the full Board for final approval. (Copy of resolution on file in the District Office.) Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## Approve Renewal of Contract with Ceridian LifeWorks

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Todd Rengo to approve a one-year renewal with Ceridian LifeWorks for 2015/2016 school year per proposal. (Copy of proposal on file in the District Office.) Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## Administrative Reports

### Principals' Reports:

**Elementary** – Principal Brian Harker reported that elementary teachers are working on the class lists for next year. The Wellness Challenge ended last week. There is a mobile bicycle lab going on this week. The Pound-the-Pavement 5K this weekend will be put on by the PIE group.

**High School** – Principal Greg Hexum reported that graduation will be held this Friday evening. He reported that the seniors met their 2<sup>nd</sup> grade secret pals today. Tomorrow is the senior camp-out. As of today, all seniors will graduate. The All-Night Grad Party is Friday night. iPad collection is in progress.

### Board Committee Reports:

Margaret Sunnarborg – Negotiations (2 meetings – subcommittee and with teachers).

Jeff Salo – The Non-Certified group has requested to begin negotiations.

Julian Bertogliat – Safety Committee meeting, Meet & Confer, Negotiations (2 meetings – subcommittee and with teachers), Technology Committee meeting, ARCC meeting.

Rick Liljegren – Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting, Meet & Confer, Negotiations (2 meetings – subcommittee and with teachers), Esko Educational Foundation meeting.

### Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Aaron Fischer reported on:

- Larson Engineering has confirmed that Peterson Co. is fixing a broken irrigation line.
- Larson will redo the sewer line in July.
- Supt. Fischer did not agree to the new financial structure for the Family School Support Worker position
- The District is currently facing some temporary shortages in custodial positions.

### Congratulations and Commendations

- Jeff Salo for his work on the Track fundraiser.
- High School band and choir directors and the elementary music directors for the great spring concerts.

## Communications

Email from Jen McKay, ARDC Bicycle Safety Coordinator.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Jeff Salo, second by Todd Rengo to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motioned carried by unanimous vote.

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## MINUTES

### TOWN BOARD MEETING

MAY 21, 2015

Present: Terry Hill, Ruth Janke, Tony Compo, Dave Sunnarborg, Bill Gerard, Rhonda Peleski, Sara Jankofsky

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

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

Gerard made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 28,655.11 (Check #'s 40371-40400) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 5,926.08. Second by Sunnarborg. Motion carried.

April receipts in the amount of \$ 34,858.03 and April fund balances were reviewed.

An Erkkila Road resident was present to discuss the amount of traffic and dust on Erkkila Road. Calcium chloride for dust control will be applied mid to end of June.

Esko Little League has requested permission to use Northridge Park for the 7-8 year olds. It will be allowed as long as the season doesn't conflict with the soccer group that has been using the park in the previous years. Compo will contact the Little League representative.

Discussion was held on having a porta-potty at Northridge. Esko Soccer paid for the cost last year. Since there will be two groups using it regularly, the Town will provide it this year. Gerard will get prices and make arrangements.

Discussion was held on what areas would be looked at for blacktopping this year. It is hoped that two miles of roads can be completed. There are also areas that are already paved that need to be overlaid. A motion was made by Janke with a second by Gerard to authorize the gathering of specifications needed to advertise for bids. Motion carried. The Road Foreman will contact Carlton County for their assistance in getting engineering estimates and putting together the bid package.

Discussion was held on the fire hydrants that still need to be repaired. The City of Cloquet will be contacted again for their assistance.

The information requested by a resident regarding the police department has been compiled. Legal counsel will draft a cover letter and mail the documents to the resident.

Discussion was held on improvements needed at the entrance to the business park. These include a turn lane from the Highway 61 eastbound lanes and widening the crossing at Highway 61 from the westbound lanes. The county engineer will be contacted.

It was suggested that a volunteer is needed to oversee the community garden and also someone to work on the landscaping around the town hall and town sign.

Complaints have been received over the past several months regarding chickens being kept in areas zoned residential. This is a violation of the Town's zoning ordinance. A notice will be put in the Esko Corner and letters will be sent to those in violation.

Gerard will contact Carlton County regarding a stop sign that is faded and in need of replacement.

Compo reported that he received money from Carlton County EMS as reimbursement for training and equipment expenses. The total amount received is \$ 5,470.

Jankofsky updated the Board on progress made with the two companies that are purchasing lots in the business park.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:42 p.m. by Janke with a second by Sunnarborg. Motion carried.

JUNE 4, 2015

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

Absent: Terry Hill

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

Sunnarborg 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 \$ 32,600.54, (Check #'s 40401 - 40434) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 5,831.89. Second by Compo. Motion carried.

Phil Lockett from MSA was present to answer questions regarding the task order for putting together the bid packet and advertising for bids for this year's paving projects. Discussion was held on the cost of using MSA instead of staff doing the work. A motion was made by Compo with a second

by Gerard to have Sunnarborg, Peleski and David Black meet to determine how to proceed. Motion carried.

Results were received from MNDOT for the speed survey they completed on East Harney Road. They are authorizing the speed to be posted at 45 MPH for the mile between Canosia Road and Church Road. Peleski will contact Carlton County Transportation to authorize the new signs be installed.

Compo reported that fire hydrant repairs have been completed and all fire hydrants are now working. They will now be tested on an annual rotation.

A response has been received from MNDOT regarding the request to have trees moved from the interstate right-of-way by the business park. They are denying the request at this time but once buildings are constructed in the park, a new application can be submitted. Compo and Gerard will be meeting with State Representative Mike Sundin at the site to discuss the issue further.

Eric Rish was present to inquire about the list of questions he asked regarding the police department. He's received some information but is waiting for additional answers. Pritchett explained that answers to some of the questions couldn't be provided because of data privacy. Rish then asked that reasons be provided for the denial. A committee has been formed to complete a study of the police department. They will present the findings to the Town Board at a regular meeting.

Chris Martin was present to ask that the Board consider allowing chickens in areas zoned residential. Legal counsel will draft an ordinance for the Board to review. Martin and other residents will also be given the opportunity to give input before a public hearing is scheduled.

The term for Ruth Janke as WLSSD representative for Carlton County will be expiring. The election will be held on June 17 at the Carlton County Courthouse. Janke is willing to serve in that position again. Peleski will represent the Town and cast all six votes for Janke.

Gerard reported on the ditching issues along Marks Road. He is working with the Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District to solve the problems by the Midway River Bridge.

There are some STOP signs that are faded and need replacing on township roads. Peleski will contact Carlton County Transportation to see if they will order the signs. Town staff can do the installations.

The flag at the Town Hall is tattered and needs to be replaced.

The Road and Bridge department is hauling gravel in preparation for calcium chloride to be applied.

Sunnarborg reported that the outside insulation at the Town Hall needs to be repaired.

Sunnarborg and Janke will be working on completing FOG inspections at local businesses.

Compo reported that the results are back from the Insurance Service Office review that was completed for the fire department last fall. The fire rating was increased. The fire department officers met along with Supervisor Hill to review the results. It's felt that there were areas where full credit wasn't given. A letter will be written with additional information given. It's hoped that after further review the previous fire rating can be maintained.

Discussion was held on the position of Zoning Official. Peleski is currently assigned those duties but it can take up a great deal of time. A job description will be developed for review.

Pritchett presented an updated purchase agreement that has been signed by a buyer of three lots in the Business Park.

Peleski will have Chairperson Hill sign the document and return it to Pritchett so a closing date can be scheduled.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:55 p.m. by Sunnarborg with a second by Compo. Motion carried.

JUNE 18, 2015

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

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

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

Sunnarborg made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 23,141.89 (Check #'s 40435-40465, void # 40463) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 5,586.93. Second by Janke. Motion carried.

May receipts in the amount of \$ 40,143.55 and May fund balances were reviewed.

Joe Jurewicz from MSA presented the engineer's estimates for the paving and overlay projects the Town hopes to complete this year. Both

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estimates were higher than what was anticipated. A motion was made by Janke with a second by Gerard to authorize MSA to advertise for bids for the projects. Motion carried. Bid opening will be on July 14.

Discussion was held on removing the "No Parking" signs on Canosia Road by the athletic fields. Janke will discuss the issue with the School Board and see what their thoughts are on the matter.

The Police Department is in need of part-time clerical help for data entry. A motion was made by Sunnarborg with a second by Janke to enter into a contract with Sue Sorenson for this service. Motion carried. Sorenson will come in 1-2 hours per week with additional hours as needed.

Discussion was held on the annual inflow/infiltration and fats, oils and grease (FOG) report that was submitted to WLSSD. The Town was found to be compliant in both areas. Sunnarborg and Janke have begun completing FOG inspections at area businesses.

Cleanup has begun at the property at 34 Himango Road.

The application of calcium chloride for dust control will begin soon.

Gerard reported on the issues with ditching on Marks Road by the Midway River Bridge. He has been working with Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District to come up with a solution to the problems. He was also given an application for a grant through CCSWCD. The Town Board was in agreement that because of cost of following the CCSWCD plan, the Town will fix the problems with better ditching and laying some rock.

Gerard was approached by a Blackhoof Township Board member with concerns about biosolids being applied to agricultural property. Gerard would like the Thomson Town Board to look at the issue again. A WLSSD representative will be invited to a future meeting.

Janke has been elected to another term as the Carlton County representative on the WLSSD Board of Directors.

Hill and Compo reported on the meeting they had with MNDoT regarding the trees in the I-35 right of way by the business park.

A letter has been sent to the Insurance Service Office in response to the increase in the Town ISO rating.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 p.m. by Janke with a second by Sunnarborg. Motion carried.

JULY 1, 2015

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

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

Janke made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Sunnarborg. Motion carried.

Gerard made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 48,886.63, (Check #'s 40466 - 40499) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 6,205.36. Second by Compo. Motion carried.

Rob McCabe and Joe Raisinen were present to discuss the improvements they've made to Laitinen Drive and what still needs to be completed before the Town will accept it as a Town road. Road Foreman David Black has checked over the road and has requested some additional improvements. A meeting will be held on July 6 with McCabe, Raisinen, Compo, Black, and Peleski to discuss it further.

Discussion was held on the 2014 audited financial statement which was completed by Wipfli, LLC. A motion was made by Janke with a second by Compo to accept the 2014 audited financial state. Motion carried. Hill and Compo will not be at the next Board meeting on July 16.

Discussion was held on wage increase for two employees. All other employees were previously approved for a 2.5 % increase effective July 1, 2015. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Sunnarborg to approve the same 2.5 % increase for the remaining two employees. Motion carried.

A Thomson Road resident was present to discuss the issues she's had for several years with the drainage from Laitinen Drive. A culvert was placed several years ago which directed water onto part of her property. This will be looked into to see if there's a way to alleviate this problem.

Discussion was held on whether to draft an ordinance allowing chickens in residential zoned areas. It was decided that no draft ordinance will be written at this time and letters will be sent to the known violators as originally discussed.

Gerard, Janke and Peleski reported on the recent MAT summer short courses they attended.

An update was given on the recent activities in the business park.

Hill reported on the watershed district meeting he attended.

Hill, Compo, Pritchett, Peleski and Leah Pykkonen met recently to assess

law enforcement coverage.

Sunnarborg reported that calcium chloride has been applied to the gravel roads for dust control.

Compo reported that the School Board does not object to some of the "no parking" signs being removed by the athletic fields. Peleski and Officer Foldesi will work on a list.

Peleski reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission recently held a public hearing regarding a request to rezone a portion of property south of I-35. The request was withdrawn.

The resignation of Steve Saari from the Planning and Zoning Commission was accepted with regret.

The Planning and Zoning Commission passed a motion to request that the Town Board include updating of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan in its 2016 budget.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:44 p.m. by Janke with a second by Compo. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer Terry Hill, Chairperson Town of Thomson

## RECYCLING SHED HOURS

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

**Beginning April 1, 2015 the new year-round hours of operation are:**

**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**

**2 pm to 6 pm**

**Saturday 9 am to 1 pm**

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

## DOG AND CAT LICENSES ARE REQUIRED

**All dogs and cats within Thomson Township must be licensed.** Licenses can be obtained at the Thomson Town Hall, 25 E. Harney Road, Esko or Friends of Animals, 1418 Highway 33 South, Cloquet.

Fees are: \$ 5.50 for a spayed or neutered animal

\$ 10.50 for an animal not spayed or neutered.

These licenses are good for 2 years. Please call the Town Office at 879-9719 if you have any questions.

**The Town does have a leash - running at large ordinance. All animals must be under their owner's control at all times and not on neighboring properties.**

Animal control is provided by Friends of Animals in Cloquet.

They can be reached at 879-1655.

## CURFEW FOR MINORS

Just a reminder that there is a curfew ordinance for minors in Thomson Township.

"Curfew hours" are 11:00 p.m. on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 12:00 midnight on Fridays and Saturdays, until 6:00 a.m. the following day.

A minor for the purpose of this ordinance means any person under 18 years of age.

You can view a copy of the entire ordinance on our website or at the Town Office.

## PLOWING POLICY

A new plowing and sanding policy has been adopted by the Town Board.

You can read it on our website - [thomson.govoffice.com](http://thomson.govoffice.com)

## TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

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

## TOWN 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 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

[thomson.govoffice.com](http://thomson.govoffice.com)

Check out the Town's website.

You'll find it at [thomson.govoffice.com](http://thomson.govoffice.com)



# School Lunch Menu

**Now is the Time...** to deposit money in your child's meal account. The Esko Food Service staff will be available in the cafeteria the night of the All School Open House, Thursday, September 3, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. You may deposit money into your child's account to begin the school year.

Here are a few guidelines and reminders to help us be able to serve you efficiently as the year begins. Thank you for your attention to these procedures:

1. No charging of lunches. Please make sure your student has money in their account.
2. Please help your students to remember their Pin #.
3. When sending cash or a check to deposit into a student's account, please put it in an envelope labeled with the student's first and last name.
4. One check can be sent for all students in one family. Please label student's first and last names and the amount to be put into each account.
5. Money will be picked up every Monday in each elementary room it can be dropped off in the office.
6. Junior and senior high students can drop off money in the office or bring it to kitchen preferably between 7:30 and 10:30 am.

## Food Service Software

Esko School is now fully integrated with our student software, Infinite Campus. The biggest benefit is that parents can see on a daily basis what their students are purchasing for lunch using Parent Portal. The account link gives real-time access to student meal selections and the cost incurred from the cafeteria. The Food Service section can be accessed by selecting the student account number when you are logged in to Parent Portal. All transactions for the selected month will be displayed in a table, including deposits, meal purchases and a la carte purchases. Below the table will be the student balance at the end of the selected month. The software is integrated with our School Store from the web site. Parents are able to pay by credit card using the school store. Cash or checks will still be accepted at school for lunch payments. If you don't have a Parent Portal account, or a School Store account, and you need one, please contact the school.



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

# September 2015

### School Lunch/Breakfast Prices: *see website for current prices*

#### Lunch:

Grades K-6	\$2.10
Grade 7-12	\$2.20
Adults	\$3.50
Reduced Lunch	\$.00
Milk	\$.35

#### Breakfast:

Grades K-12	\$1.10
Adult	\$1.70
Reduced Breakfast	\$.00
Milk	\$.35

*Please send check in an envelope labeled with exactly what is being purchased.*

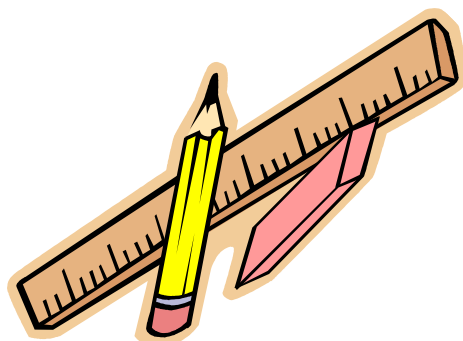
Lactose reduced milk will be provided to a student upon written request from a parent/guardian.

**Alternate menu for grades 7-12 only.**

**Subject to change.**

**Daily ala carte options available for grades 9-12.**

View student's meal accounts on Parent Portal  
[www.esko.k12.mn.us](http://www.esko.k12.mn.us)



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	8 "BACK TO SCHOOL" <b>Breakfast:</b> Pancake/Sausage on a Stick <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken Nuggets, Sweet Potato Fries, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit <b>NO ALTERNATE</b>	9 <b>Breakfast:</b> Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, String Cheese <b>Lunch:</b> Hamburger/Bun, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/Tomato, Baked Beans, Veggie Cup, Fruit Sauce <b>ALT:</b> Mini Pizza	10 <b>Breakfast:</b> Sausage Breakfast Pizza <b>Lunch:</b> "Lunch Brunch" Pancakes, Sausage Links, Tri Tater, HB Egg, Baby Carrots, Applesauce <b>ALT:</b> Taco in a Bag	11 <b>Breakfast:</b> Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel <b>Lunch:</b> Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Fresh Fruit <b>ALT:</b> Chicken Strips
14 <b>Breakfast:</b> Bagel Choice, Cream Cheese <b>Lunch:</b> Sloppy Joe/Bun, Cheese Slice, Whole Kernal Corn, Cukes/Dip, Fresh Fruit <b>ALT:</b> Soup/Sandwich	15 <b>Breakfast:</b> Mini Pancake/Sausage Wraps <b>Lunch:</b> Hot Dog/Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chips, Veggie Cup, Fruit Sauce <b>ALT:</b> Salad Bar	16 <b>Breakfast:</b> Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, String Cheese <b>Lunch:</b> "Taco in a Bag" Chips/Meat/Cheese Lettuce/Tomato, Carrots & Celery Sticks, Fresh Fruit <b>NO ALTERNATE EARLY DISMISSAL</b>	17 <b>Breakfast:</b> Sausage Breakfast Bagel <b>Lunch:</b> Breaded Pork Chop, Cheesy Hashbrowns, Green Beans, Cinnamon Roll, Applesauce <b>ALT:</b> Philly Sandwich	18 <b>Breakfast:</b> French Toast Sticks <b>Lunch:</b> French Bread Pizza, Spring Salad Mix, Steamed Carrot Coins, Fresh Fruit <b>ALT:</b> Chicken Fajita
21 <b>Breakfast:</b> Muffin Choice, Yogurt Cup <b>Lunch:</b> Corn Dog, Potato Rounds, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit <b>ALT:</b> Garlic Cheese Bread	22 <b>Breakfast:</b> Pancake/Sausage on a Stick <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken Patty/Bun, Crinkle Cut Fries, Steamed Mixed Vegetables, Fruit Sauce <b>ALT:</b> Salad Bar	23 <b>Breakfast:</b> Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, String Cheese <b>Lunch:</b> Spaghetti in Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast, Golden Corn, Fresh Veggies, Frozen Fruit Cup <b>ALT:</b> Sausage/Egg/Cheese Breakfast Sandwich	24 <b>Breakfast:</b> Sausage Breakfast Pizza <b>Lunch:</b> Mozzarella Bosco Sticks, Dipping Sauce, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Fresh Veggie Cup, Diced Peaches <b>ALT:</b> Burger Bar	25 <b>Breakfast:</b> Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel <b>Lunch:</b> Turkey Sub, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/Tomato, Pickle Spear, Cole Slaw, Fresh Fruit <b>ALT:</b> Chicken Alfredo
28 <b>Breakfast:</b> Bagel Choice, Cream Cheese <b>Lunch:</b> Shrimp Poppers, AuGratin Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit <b>ALT:</b> Soup/Sandwich	29 <b>Breakfast:</b> Mini Pancakes/Sausage Wraps <b>Lunch:</b> Polish/Bun, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Fresh Veggies, Pineapple Tidbits <b>ALT:</b> Salad Bar	30 <b>Breakfast:</b> Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, String Cheese <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken Noodle Soup, Bologna Sandwich, Crackers, Baby Carrots/Dip, Apple <b>ALT:</b> Lasagne Roll Up	Oct. 1 <b>Breakfast:</b> Sausage Breakfast Bagel <b>Lunch:</b> Hot Ham & Cheese/Bun, Potato Smiles, Steamed Mixed Veggies, Fruited Gelatin <b>ALT:</b> Stuffed Crust Pizza	Oct. 2 <b>Breakfast:</b> French Toast Sticks <b>Lunch:</b> Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Spinach/Lettuce Salad, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit <b>ALT:</b> Hot Dog Bar
*Low fat or fat free milk choice offered daily with breakfast & lunch.  *Fruit & a juice cup offered daily with breakfast.	*Whole Grain Rich cereal & a Cinnamon Goldfish Graham may be substituted for main breakfast item.			