

Esko's Corner

Esko Public School District #99
Connecting School and Community

Esko Community Education
 Box 10, Esko, MN 55733

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Fundraiser for local groups!



2019 Fall Festival!
Saturday, October 26th
Esko Public Schools

Carnival
 4-6 p.m.
 Varsity Gym /Lunchroom
Ages EVERYONE!
 Game Passes - \$1.00 each

- ★ Games
- ★ Bake Sale
- ★ Prizes –
- ★ Photo Opportunity

FREE entry

**Come dressed up in
 costume for the
 COSTUME CONTEST!**

Sponsored by Destination Imagination and Esko
 Community Groups

**Esko High School, through special arrangement with
 R & H Theatricals, presents:**

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Music by RICHARD RODGERS
 Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
 Book by HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSEL CROUSE
 Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp

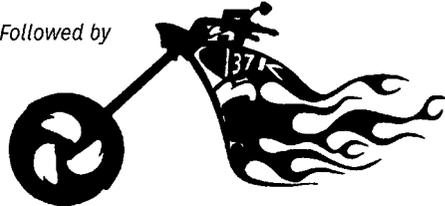
Show dates and times are:
Wednesday, November 13-7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 14-7:00 p.m.
Friday, November 15-7:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 16-7:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 17-1:00 p.m. matinee

ESKO FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER
MEMORIAL
PANCAKE ROUND-UP
with FAMOUS Family Tradition PANCAKES

ESKO FIRE HALL
 Saturday, October 5, 2019
BREAKFAST 7:00AM - 11:00AM

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$5.00 • FAMILY TICKETS \$20.00
All proceeds from events to benefit Esko Fire Department

Followed by



MEMORIAL RIDE 2019

Leaving the Fire Hall at 11:00AM
 Requested Donation per vehicle \$20.00

Please make all checks payable to the Esko Relief Association

Mark your Calendars:

No School October 17 & 18

**No School for students
 October 21**

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National Night Out

National Night Out has become the kick off for a great week of activities included in Esko Fun Days.

Wednesday held the presentation of the first Davis Helberg Community Impact Award. Thursday hosted 150 people at the open house in the new Esko Education Center. Friday included Bingo and a movie in the park and Saturday boasted the Burkholder 5K, parade, games and BBQ in the park, corn hole tournament, and the Esko street dance. The hard working committee for Esko Fun Days would love to add more fun activities like a slip-n-slide kickball game, food trucks, and one day a carnival. Please consider joining us to help plan next year. We begin meeting in March.

The first recipient of The Davis Helberg Com-

munity Impact Award is A.L. Winterquist. Pictured (l-r) Will and Marge Doty and Tim and Karen Younggren, grandchildren of Winterquist (Marge & Tim) along with Emily Krueger, granddaughter of Davis Helberg and Stacey Helberg.

Marge Doty writes about A.L Winterquist- He loved God and it showed. His anchor & compass was the Word of God. I would often see him sitting in his rocking chair reading his Bible. This wonderful example left a great impact on my life. He would stand behind me to help me while I was at his desk doing homework. He had so much knowledge and could remember all the Presidents and the dates they served. I used to think, "I can't wait till I get old, and I'll know all this stuff too." Well- that didn't happen! The man you saw, admired, and respected was the same



one I saw in our home. He left a wonderful legacy of service, love, devotion and kindness to those around him. After all of these years, it is an honor to accept this award on his behalf.



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Esko Fun Days

Thank you to these amazing businesses and individuals that made Esko Fun Days a success!

Buffalo House
Ruth Janke
Esko Education Foundation
Maggie Sunnarborg
Esko Cheerleaders
Gretchen Grover
Esko Fire Department
Courtney Greiner
Esko Historical Society
Tamy Horyza
Essentia Health
Pauline Ikola
Foster Trucking
Ken Nynas
Eva Nynas
Kwik Trip
Kids Plus
Joyce Bergstedt

Mini Mos
Kari Knutson
Minnesota Energy
Julie Kesti
North Country RIDE
Roseann Erickson
Northwoods Credit Union
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O'Reilly Auto Parts
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SAPPI
Schwans
Split Rock Investments
St. Matthews
Super One
Thomson Township
United Piping Inc
US Bank



Community News

23rd Annual Kristin Burkholder 5k Post Race Recap

On Saturday, August 10, 2019, the Esko Educational Foundation hosted the 23rd Annual Kristin Burkholder 5k Run/Walk. The event was held at the Esko Sports Complex and raised approximately \$4,300 to fund a scholarship that is awarded annually in Kristin's memory. In addition, students elected to donate a portion of their registration fee to a school activity of their choice. As a result, donations will be made to the following programs: basketball, hoops club, soccer, football, and cross country.

Almost 200 people were on site for the race. Awards were given to the top two runners in eight (8) categories. The runner with the best time for men was Sean Gaskell with a finishing time of 16:49 and for women, Rochelle Wirth with a finishing time of 20:22.

Community sponsors included RAM Mutual Insurance, Northstar Heating and Cooling and J&P Landscape. Other sponsors included Adolphson Real Estate, Esko Apostolic Lutheran Church, Arrowhead Insurance Agency, B&B Market, Community Memorial Hospital, Community Printing, Daughtery Appliance, Dental Associates of Esko, Diane Krych, Finn

& Feather Hair Design, Gordy's Hi-Hat, Hair Design by Sherri, Halvor Lines, Members Co-op Credit Union, MSCC Inc., Radosevich Law Office, Republic Bank, St. Matthews Church and Thrivent Financial. Other sponsors included Bernick's, Super One Foods, Duluth Cider, Austin Jarrow, The Edge Hotel and Waterpark, Vitta Pizza, L&M Supply, Individual Nutrition, Tidy Details, Trophy Barn, Esko Fire Department, Grandma's Marathon, Swiftwater Adventures, and the Esko Historical Society.

On April 24, 1997, 12-year-old Esko student Kristin Burkholder died from injuries in a pedestrian-car accident while running for track practice along Canosia Rd. in Esko. A memorial scholarship was established in her name. To raise money for her annual scholarship, and to promote walking safety for our children and awareness of organ donation, the Esko Educational Foundation runs this race.

The Esko Educational Foundation would like to thank ALL of our amazing volunteers and the community for their support of this year's race. We're looking forward to next year's race which will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2020.

will include THREE unprotected fields full of Zombie Esko Destination Imagination Zombies.

The general guidelines boil down to this: all human participants wear three flags which the zombies try to snatch over the course of the race- think capture the flag meets flag football and add in some zombies!

Ultimately, if you can make it to the end of the race with at least one flag left- you're a survivor!

12 and under \$20
13 and over \$25



Register online at <https://www.tempotickets.com/EskoDi-ZombieRun>

DOGS AND CATS

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

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



The Esko Educational Foundation (EEF) Board of Directors announces Matt McCullough as a new member of its board effective July 2019. Matt resides in Esko with his wife, Brittany (EHS Class of 2007), and their two children, Liam and Kaisa.



3rd Annual Zombie 5K
Saturday, October 26, 2019

For the adventurous souls, a zombie 5K is a unique spin on traditional 5k runs. The race

Plastic Bag Collection

We're collecting plastic bags at Northwoods Credit Union. These bags will be turned into sleeping mats for the homeless. It takes 500-700 plastic bags to create one adult sized sleeping mat. A local group at the Carlton Bethesda Church gets together weekly to create and donate them. Feel free to drop off your plastic bags at any Northwoods Credit Union office.



First Lego League robotics is looking for coaches for the upcoming season that runs September to December. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Melissa at eskorobotics@esko.k12.mn.us or 218-409-2420

Please Note

There is NO PARKING allowed at the Esko Education Center during school hours unless you have a student attending School Readiness, Cool Cubs, or Cool Kids. (for pick up/drop off only) We no longer offer busing to our preschool students, so we need every space available for the 20 families that pick up and drop off their children from community education programs. Please DO NOT park in our lot to walk your children to the elementary building. Thank you for helping us with this safety issue.

Northwoods Credit Union Locations

1702 Ave B – Cloquet, MN

902 Stanley Ave – Cloquet, MN

90 Arrowhead Lane – Moose Lake, MN

224 W Hwy 2 – Floodwood, MN

Thomson Township Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting and Public Open House

The Thomson Township Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee will meet at 6:30pm at Thomson Township Hall on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 to review several draft plan materials. The Plan Steering Committee meeting is open to the public but public comments will not be entertained during the meeting. A Draft Plan Open House will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 6pm, with a presentation starting at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public and participation is encouraged. For more information on the plan, to provide comments, and to take the plan survey please go to: <https://thomsonesko2040.wordpress.com> or contact Chris Janson with MSA, by email at cjanson@msa-ps.com.

Bookmobile Dates

October 7 & 28, November 18, and December 9 & 30.
10:00-10:30 AM Northwood United Methodist Church

For further information on the Bookmobile or Mail-A-Book services, write or call the Arrowhead Library System, 5528 Emerald Ave., Mt. Iron, MN 55768 (218) 741-3840, or check our web site at www.alslib.info.

Minnesota Master Naturalist Program invites volunteers

Media Contact: Amy Rager, Extension Educator, Extension Regional Office Morris, rager001@umn.edu, (320) 589-1711 ext. 2129.

Minnesota Master Naturalist Program invites volunteers to serve on National Public Lands Day at Boulder Lake Environmental Learning Center.

DULUTH, MN (8/7/2019) - University of Minnesota Extension Master Naturalist Program, in partnership with the University of Minnesota Duluth, invites area residents to participate in National Public Lands Day (NPLD) on September 28th, 2019 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

National Public Lands Day is the largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands. Since 2012, the Minnesota Master Naturalist Program has facilitated this effort at sites across the state. More than 1,000 volunteers have removed invasive species, planted pollinator gardens, protected newly-planted trees, among other projects for over 5,000 service hours to date. This year, the MN Master Naturalist Program encourages residents to join this growing tradition of stewardship through service at one of 19 locations in Minnesota.

Volunteers are encouraged to register before September 7th to receive a Master Naturalist NPLD 2019 t-shirt. Registration officially closes on September 18th. To find the National Public Lands Day site nearest you, go to: <https://z.umn.edu/NPLD19> For a map of locations: <https://arcg.is/1KeWaz0>

Volunteers at Boulder Lake ELC will help with trail creation and maintenance, prepare canoes for winter, remove invasive species, and much more.

Boulder Lake ELC is located at 7328 Boulder Dam Road Duluth, MN 55803. To register for this site, go to: <https://z.umn.edu/BoulderELC>.

For more news from U of M Extension, visit <http://www.extension.umn.edu/news> or contact Extension Communications at <https://twin-cities.umn.edu/news-events>. University of Minnesota Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer.



Giving Back to the Community

One of the most satisfying, fun and productive ways to unite teenagers to senior citizens, is to spend time providing senior citizens an extra hand in yard work like raking leaves and picking up garbage. On Wednesday, October 16, the Class of 2020 will be out in the Esko community learning valuable lessons about the meaning of volunteering their services and giving back to their community through hard work. When a community is doing well as a whole, its individuals are better off too. The annual Senior Clean-Up Day gives the students a strong sense of fulfillment, responsibility, and commitment. It is an opportunity to thank the community of Esko for everything it has provided for the students throughout their years of growing up.

The students will begin working at 8:30AM and will call the day before to confirm an approximate time they will be at your house. The students can place the leaves in bags you provide or bring them to an area of your property that you designate.

Please use the form below to sign up for the annual Class of 2020 Clean-Up Day Wednesday, October 16, at 8:30 a.m. (Make-up day will be October 23.)

Esko High School Class of 2020 Community Clean-Up

It's time again for the Esko High School Class of 2020 to do their annual volunteer service project. They will be performing community projects such as raking leaves or picking up garbage. 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: Gavin Johnson Esko, MN 55733 or call 218-879-4673 ext. #235

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____

Work Needed:

Please understand that students are not allowed to enter homes or climb on ladders.

Don Shippar Community Leadership Award

Jerry Frederick is the 10th recipient of the Don Shippar Community Leadership Award.

"I'm humbled being here with two other great people," Frederick said, acknowledging finalists Amanda Oja and Katherine Rasley. "It's amazing."

ALLETE Chairman and CEO Al Hodnik announced the recipient during the annual meeting of shareholders Tuesday at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center.

Frederick, Electronics Technician Senior at Minnesota Power, is a coach for the Esko Subzero Robotics Team, a member of the Esko School Board, and for more than 30 years volunteered in various capacities for Grandma's Marathon. He also has been active with the Arrowhead Radio Amateurs Club and served as the Assistant Emergency Coordinator for southern St. Louis County.

"Each one of us has a skill we bring to our organizations. What a great group to be up here with," Frederick said, as recipients from the past 10 years gathered for photos with the 2019 recipient and finalists after the meeting ended.

"I'm very grateful to ALLETE/Minnesota Power for allowing employees to be so active in their communities. ... Other companies may tout their community involvement but Minnesota Power shows it."

Frederick also thanked his wife, Julie, and sons Scott and Kevin, who also have been active with robotics, for their support.

"I am so grateful that my family has been so supportive, which enables me to share my time

with the community. Without that support from my wife and my boys, none of this would have been possible," he said.

Hodnik said the Shippar Award is bestowed on an employee who best represents the spirit of ALLETE's community engagement value.

"It is always challenging to choose one person from among ALLETE's employees," Hodnik said. "Congratulations, Jerry. You have done wonderful work for students, schools and your community in Esko. ... Thank you Katherine, Amanda and Jerry and all ALLETE employees. Your commitment to giving back makes such a difference for so many."

In celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Shippar Award, Hodnik also recognized previous recipients Tom Lohman (2010), Cathy Hoffman (2011), Thor Underdahl (2012), Crystal Burggraf (2013), Brenda Ruzic (2014), Jeff Forsberg (2015), Micheline Bayiha (2016), Josh Athman (2017), and Faye Livangood (2018). All but Underdahl were able to attend the event.

As the 2019 Shippar Award recipient, Frederick receives a \$2,500 grant from the Minnesota Power Foundation to be donated to the nonprofit of his choice. Frederick has selected the Esko Subzero Robotics Team. In addition to the grant, Frederick will serve a year as honorary member of the Minnesota Power Foundation Board.

The MP Foundation also is giving \$1,000 grants to nonprofits chosen by Oja, Customer Process Analyst II at Minnesota Power, and Rasley, Engi-



neer I at Minnesota Power. Oja's grant will go to Loaves and Fishes, which operates the Dorothy Day House, and Rasley's will be split between the Arrowhead Library System and Beyond the Yellow Ribbon-Hibbing/Chisholm.

The Don Shippar Community Leadership Award was established in 2010 in honor of former ALLETE Chairman, President and CEO Donald J. Shippar. The award is given annually.

MP Foundation board members selected the finalists and recipient. In addition to the grants, they also receive crystal awards.



From the Esko Historical Society

Please recycle your aluminum pop cans at the Esko Historical Society and Pioneer Monument. The location is 12 East Highway 61 in Esko next door to the post office; the recycle trailer is tucked back in the corner adjacent to the post office parking lot. Dale Mattinen, Esko Historical Society Treasurer, who recycles our pop cans, respectfully asks to recycle aluminum cans only. This summer garbage bags were often tossed into the trailer which meant the reimbursement for the cans was reduced by a third due to the refuse. He also asks to tie/knot your recycle bags. Thanks for recycling in Esko.

Interview with Jerry Frederick

1. What is your volunteer history?

I started very young when my folks were active in the Gary New Duluth fundraisers for the community. I have been doing it ever since. The taught me early, that it was important.

My volunteer activities have revolved around 3 different categories...

Business - I have volunteered (or been dragged in) to quite a bit here at MP in my 35 years with the company. I have been on the job evaluation committee, MP 100 year anniversary celebration, Employee get-togethers, and the planning committee for every annual meeting since Arend Sandbulte. I believe that I am the oldest standing member on the Safety Strategy Group. In addition I had served as an Executive Board Member of IBEW for over 15 years. As you know, I am also on the donations committee for the Duluth area.

Community – after high school, I started volunteering for Grandma’s Marathon as a volunteer in 1981. This was to help pick up fatigued runners along the course. That started my 32 year career with Grandma’s being on several committees including starting line, finish line, aid station, medical, and I was officially the Race course Communications Director as well as spent time on the Grandma’s Marathon Board of Directors. They presented my group of volunteers with the volunteer of the year award in 1994 and I was inducted in the Grandma’s Marathon Hall of Fame in 2008.

Other organizations include the Northshore Inline Marathon as a member of the initial planning committee. I was the past president, secretary, newsletter editor and historian of the Arrowhead Radio Amateur Club, which provides emergency and health and welfare for many running, sailing, sled dog races and

many service organizations as well as providing governmental communications like the US Forestry Service, CANUSLAC exercise between the US and Canadian officials, Communications for the National Weather Service, and I was also a Sky Warn Instructor for severe weather spotting. I was the amateur radio assistant Emergency Coordinator for St Louis County. I work with the Carlton County Sheriff’s Office and I did the initial setup and help maintain the speed signs in many local communities including Esko, Carlton and Wrenshall.

Education – I started volunteering in the Esko School District when my sons started school. I started by volunteering on the parents group and then on to the Community Education Advisory Board where I became chair. There I organized fundraisers and then a playground restoration project, planned and helped build the Esko school garden. I was talked into running for school board and was then elected. I was School Board Chair during my first term and then took a few years off. I ran a second time and was re-elected and I am in my third year of a four-year term. I have been on the technology committee, safety and wellness and was on the Board for the Esko Educational Foundation, which helps by providing scholarships for the students at Esko.

My newest endeavor is to bring training into the school to provide technical training and jobs to students that choose to not pursue a 4 year degree. These are high tech jobs in the trades. I am currently one of the coaches for the Esko SubZero Robotics team which is a great STEM program (Science Technology Engineering and Math). We have created different groups inside of robotics such as fabrication, electrical, business, media, strategy, drive team and even a culinary department created for a student that wants to be a chef when he

graduates. During the five year existence, we have been (and are currently on the bus) to the World competition three times and have been invited a fourth but could not accept because of financial constraints.

I also have volunteered as a member of the Advisory Committee at WITC and am a current Advisory Board Member at LSC for their Electronic Program.

2. What has been your inspiration for volunteering?

I had some wonderful role models in my life and was fortunate to have teachers that had gone the extra mile. I enjoy working with students, teaching them and passing forward the opportunities that were given to me. My wife and I have also worked hard in passing this tradition on to our boys who, with my wife, are also mentors in the robotics program.

3. Why is volunteering important to you?

We have always taught our kids that you need to give back to the community that you live in, to make it a better place. You can’t force them to do it, but try to be a role model for them to follow. Life isn’t made up with extra time to volunteer. Everyone has to put their own level of importance to do it. That means one has to give up time that you would devote to something else. I pick those things that are important, things that can affect the lives of others in a positive way. The interesting thing for me is I seem to get the same if not more out of it than the groups that I volunteer for.

I really appreciate the commitment of Minnesota Power and am grateful for the opportunity to participate in all of these activities.

Community Education

ADULT CLASSES

Art

Crazy about Chalk Paint

Create this gorgeous Welcome sign post for your front entrance. During this class, you will build the pole and make the welcome sign. Future classes will be offered to make two sided seasonal welcomes to put on this pole for \$20.00. Don't miss this opportunity.

Cost: \$50.00

Instructor: Cheryl Wiseneski

Registration Cutoff

Date: 10/18/2019

10/23/2019 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Esko Schools - S101

Finance

Financial Fitness Series: Accumulation of Wealth for Retirement

How much should I be saving? What types of accounts should I be using to save? Get the answers to these questions and more! Take the mystery out of planning for retirement. Class provided by Thrivent Financial. No products will be sold at class.

Cost: \$0.00

Instructor: Todd Rengo

10/03/2019 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Esko Schools - S132

Leave It, Move It, Roll It: Know Your Employer Retirement Plan Options

How you handle your 401k, pension or other employer-sponsored retirement plan when you leave your job is one of the most important

financial decisions you can make. Knowing your options when you leave your job can help you make the right choice for your retirement savings. Kory Diedrich from Edward Jones in Esko will help you through the process of making decisions about what to do with your money. No products will be sold at class. Refreshments provided.

Cost: \$0.00

Instructor: Kory Diedrich

10/23/2019 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Esko Schools - S132

General Interest

Date Night Cooking

Spice up date night with a couples cooking class! In this class, we will learn how to make a traditional Italian margherita pizza along with a fresh side salad and dessert for two. Each couple will leave class with a pizza stone, pizza peel, pizza dough for 7 pizzas to store in fridge or freezer, and a new skill to work on at home together in the kitchen! Class cost includes the cost of ingredients for pizzas and side dishes prepared and eaten during class, pizza dough to take home, and pizza stone and peel to have at home. Registration cost is per couple.

Our instructor, Lynsee Mattson is a new resident of Esko. Before moving north from the Twin Cities, she was a Culinary Instructor/FACS Teacher in the South St. Paul School District. Despite no longer teaching in the high school setting, Lynsee's passion for teaching others continues on as she creates a variety of adult-focused culinary classes for the Esko community. If she's not in the kitchen at

home testing new recipes, you can find Lynsee and her family spending time along the north shore hiking, biking and skiing.

Cost: \$40.00

Instructor: Lynsee Mattson

10/25/2019 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Esko Schools - S100 Family Consumer Science

Sports & Fitness

Open Adult Volleyball

No registration needed. For players out of high school. Bring indoor tennis shoes and knee pads if you wear them. Nets and balls provided.

4:00-6:00 PM

Blue Gym

October 6, 2019- December 15, 2019

Zumba Oct/Nov

We are happy to announce we have a NEW ZUMBA INSTRUCTOR! Julie Jacobsma has been an instructor in the area for several years and is excited to be in Esko! Zumba is a fitness cardio workout that combines Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves that will make you forget you're even working out! Our goal is simple...we want you to be healthy, to love working out and to enjoy exciting calorie burning, body energizing movements meant to be enjoyed throughout your life at any age! Now is the time to try Zumba!

Bring to Class:

Water Bottle

No class on 10-21-2019 and 11-11-2019

Cost: \$33.00

10/07/2019 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Esko Schools - Cafeteria

10/14/2019 6:00PM - 7:00PM

10/28/2019 6:00PM - 7:00PM

11/04/2019 6:00PM - 7:00PM

11/18/2019 6:00PM - 7:00PM

11/25/2019 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Open Pickle ball: Fall 2019

Description: Open pickle ball for those who want to work on their game or try it out! Equipment provided. Please register online so we have enough equipment set up.

FREE

Age Req: 16+

Instructor: Shelby Metzger & Cassie Janke

10/27/2019 2:00PM - 4:00PM

Esko Schools - Practice Gym

Look for these classes coming up this year!

November

Boot Camp

Freezer Meals

Financial Fitness: Social Security-

Timing is Everything

Art with Emily Krueger

Mom & Me Art

December

Wreath Making Workshop

2 sided sign for Chalk Paint post

Stamped Jewelry

Holiday Cookie Make & Take

Financial Fitness : US Tax Reform- How it Could Affect You

January

Adult Volleyball League

Date Night Cooking: Ravioli

Becoming Zero Waste for Beginners

February

Intramural Basketball League:

Grades 9-12

Date Night Cooking: Valentine's Treats

Community Education

Youth

Driver Education

Section: Fall 19
This class provides students with a basic understanding of MN Traffic Safety laws, and the complexities of driving. It also gives participants information necessary for acquiring a MN Learners permit upon successful completion of the written exam. Students who were not born in Carlton County should begin to acquire their Certified Birth Certificate which is essential for taking the permit exam. Students should reach their 15th birthday by November 15th 2019.

Priority will be given to current 15 year olds who attend Esko Public Schools. Students must attend all 30 hours of training (a make-up day will be available). You will need to sign up with a Driving School for behind the wheel lessons (at an additional cost) before the permit test.

NEW class component:
Students are required to Log 50 hours driving time and this must be turned in to the DMV prior to the road skills test. Attendance at the optional Parent Program can reduce the numbers of logged hours to 40.

Information on the Parent program will be given out at the first class.

We need 20 students to be able to run this class. Cancellation fee of \$15.00 will be charged for any cancellations out of this class.

Age Req: 15 years old by November 15th

Cost: \$90.00

Instructor: Matt Berger

11/06/2019 3:30PM - 6:30PM

Esko Schools - S231

11/07/2019 3:30PM - 6:30PM

11/08/2019 3:30PM - 6:30PM

11/11/2019 3:30PM - 6:30PM

11/12/2019 3:30PM - 6:30PM

11/13/2019 3:30PM - 6:30PM

11/14/2019 3:30PM - 6:30PM

11/15/2019 3:30PM - 6:30PM

11/18/2019 3:30PM - 6:30PM

11/19/2019 3:30PM - 6:30PM

After School Clubs

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

Esko Community Education cannot accept registration for After School Clubs on the day of the club, due to communication with the teachers and Cool Kids regarding attendance.

Archery

Love archery? Have no experience, but want to try an awesome new sport? This is the club for you! In this club, you will learn all about bows and how to confidently shoot them while being safe. Extra activities include: archery games, prize shootouts, tournaments, 3D targets and more!

Age Req: 4th-6th Grade

Sessions: 5

Cost: \$60.00

Instructor: Cassie Janke

10/15/2019 3:15PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - Cafeteria Stage &

Esko Schools - Playground

10/22/2019 3:15PM -

4:30PM

10/29/2019 3:15PM -

4:30PM

11/05/2019 3:15PM -

4:30PM

11/12/2019 3:15PM -
4:30PM

Duluth Children's Museum: Flight

Join us for an afternoon of learning the science of flight! Hands on discovery includes exploring kites and paper airplanes. Class is created and led by Duluth Children's Museum Staff.

Age Req: Grades 2-4

Cost: \$10.00

Instructor: Duluth Children's
Museum Staff

Dates & Times:

10/10/2019 3:15PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - S101



Fitness Fun!

This class will work your kid-dos' body and relax their minds as we incorporate lots of movement and a little mindful meditation. Be prepared to sweat!

Bring to Class: Please have your child dress in gym-appropriate clothes and shoes and bring a water bottle!

Age Req: Grades 4-6

Cost: \$6.00

Instructors: Nikki Benedix

Andrea King

Dates & Times:

10/14/2019 3:15PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - Cafeteria

Fitness Fun!

Age Req: Grades 4-6

Cost: \$6.00

Instructors: Nikki Benedix

Andrea King

10/28/2019 3:15PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - Cafeteria

LEGO ROBOTICS!

Are you interested in making a ROBOTIC LEGO robot and then controlling it with a computer? This club is for you!

Age Req: Grades 3-6

Sessions: 5

Cost: \$25.00

Instructor: Angie Overdahl

10/15/2019 3:15PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - S137

10/22/2019 3:15PM -

4:30PM

10/29/2019 3:15PM -

4:30PM

11/05/2019 3:15PM -

4:30PM

11/12/2019 3:15PM -

4:30PM

Savannah's Pottery : HAL- LOWEEN

Decorate a witch's boot to hold your Halloween treats!

Age Req: Grades 1-6

Cost: \$17.00

Instructor: Michelle Line

10/01/2019 3:15PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - E263

Savannah's Pottery : FALL

Hold a tealight candle in your own leaf votive cup!

Age Req: Grades 1-6

Cost: \$14.00

Instructor: Michelle Line

Community Education

10/15/2019 3:15PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - E263

Savannah's Pottery: FALL

Decorate a star on one side, and create a hand print turkey on the other!

Age Req: Grades 1-6

Cost: \$15.00

Instructor: Michelle Line

Dates & Times:

10/29/2019 3:15PM - 4:30PM

Esko Schools - E263

Snack Attack! Section: 3

This week, students learn the recipe for (and eat) classic Minnesota Apple Crisp while drinking some apple cider. Bring the recipe home to re-create for your family and friends!

Age Req: 3rd-6th grade

Cost: \$12.00

Instructors: Andrea King

Cassie Janke

Dates & Times:

10/10/2019 3:15PM -

5:00PM

Esko Schools - S100 Family Consumer Science

Snack Attack! Section: 4

Make and eat a tasty taco pie! Learn to make this delicious snack in a group during class and bring the recipe home to re-create for your family later.

Cost: \$14.00

Instructors: Andrea King

Cassie Janke

Dates & Times:

10/24/2019 3:15PM - 5:00PM

Esko Schools - S100 Family Consumer Science

Youth Basketball

The philosophy of the Esko Commu-

nity Education Basketball Program is to provide a positive experience for our kids with the following goals in mind: developing fundamental basketball skills, learning teamwork, practicing good sportsmanship, having fun, fostering a desire to win, and developing a love for the game.

Registration opens October 14th:

Online registration through Esko

Community Education

Kindergarten \$25

Grades 1-3 \$45

Grades 4-6 \$50

Picture Day is on Saturday October 26th

K-1 Boys 2:00 pm

K-1 Girls 2:45 pm

2-3 Boys 3:15 pm

4th Boys 4:15 pm

4th Girls 4:30 pm

5th Boys 4:45 pm

5th Girls 5:00 pm

6th Boys 5:15 pm

6th Girls 5:30 pm

Meet in the Clock Lobby. Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time. T-shirts and jerseys will also be distributed at this time.

Attention Parents!

Beginning October 1st, all after school club pick ups will revert back to the playground doors, Door #6.
Thank you.

STAY CONNECTED

Would you like to know what's happening in Esko School District?

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE

<http://www.esko.k12.mn.us>

FACEBOOK - @EskoSchools

TWITTER - @EskoSchool

INSTAGRAM - @EskoSchools

YOUTUBE - Esko Public Schools



REGISTRATION - COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

Grade: _____ T eacher: _____ Birthdate: _____

Class: _____

Cost: _____

Class: _____

Cost: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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

Community Education

READ ALL ABOUT IT

By Michele Carlson

Anyone who has followed this column has learned that I spend quite a bit of time reading. You may have also noticed that I enjoy many genres of literature. My bachelor's degree is Teaching English, and I was drawn to that career mostly due to my love of reading.

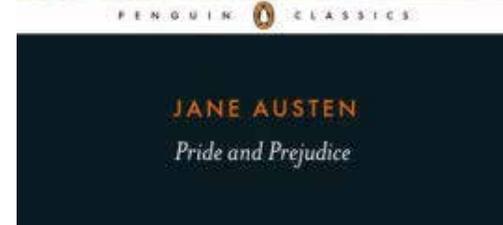
This summer, I had the brilliant (or so I thought) idea of going back to read some of the classic literature that I never have read. I began with Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* written in 1813 mostly because it is the topic of quite a few conversations in one of my favorite movies, *You've Got Mail*. I was quickly reminded that reading literature from the 1800's requires a great deal more thought and comprehension than the brain candy books I usually choose to read.

When I read my regular fun to read books, I can read those while riding in the car with the radio on, or sitting with my husband while he watches television. With classic literature, I find that I must have a quieter background and I must focus on the reading above all else. I admit, I am out of practice with reading this rich literature, but I powered on and finished!

The story was a love story which has the reader hoping for a happy

ending, but skeptical that happiness will prevail. I found the time period extremely interesting due to the role of women. The priority of women in the early 1800's was to find a suitable husband in order to secure their future. The interesting part, to me, was that this novel was written by a woman. I spent a great deal of time thinking about how difficult it must have been for a woman to accomplish the task of publishing a novel!

I highly recommend to all of you to challenge yourself with a novel outside of your comfort zone at least once a year. Even though I questioned my goal setting strategy quite a few times during the course of reading this book, I am proud that I finished and I actually enjoyed the story!



Welcome Kandice Boettcher to Community Education!



Kandice has joined our Community Education team working in Early Childhood Family Education. She will teach the child portion of Tuesday night classes. Kandice and her husband CJ moved to Cloquet at the beginning of the summer. She and CJ have a two year old daughter, Emma, and a baby on the way due in March! Kandice has many years of experience working in Community Education and one of her favorite things about working in CE is the opportunity to connect and support the entire family. She

also loves community outreach through various events and programs.

Kandice loves Mediterranean food like gyros, falafel, hummus and baklava. Right now, her favorite colors are teal, purple and gray. When she has free time, she enjoys cooking, reading, hiking and planning the next family adventure to a national park. One thing that many people don't know about Kandice is that she dabbles in playing acoustic guitar. Give her a warm Esko welcome by saying hi the next time you see her!

Early Childhood Family Education

BABY BUZZ

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

When: Use Facebook page to connect any-time.

Class meets up once a month – the first Thursday of each month

Dates: Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 2, Feb. 6, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7

Time: 5:45 – 6:45pm

Cost: \$5 per class (must register by the Tuesday prior to class)

You are ALWAYS welcome to connect with us via Facebook – even if unable to attend the class meeting dates.

What: A Facebook group. Connect whenever your schedule allows! We are a closed group, so the only people on this Facebook page are welcomed via the administrator's permission. Our Parent Educators will post information relevant to early childhood – specifically focusing on infant development and care. Please request to join our Facebook page Esko's Baby Buzz. We'd love to have you join the group!

We will meet up the first Thursday of each month to make a more personal connection

Not on Facebook? Please let us know and we will make sure to get any changes to meeting dates, or other important information out to you. Contact Shannon at 879-4038 or smatzdorf@esko.k12.mn.us

An opportunity to connect with other families with new little ones. Share your joys and/or concerns, on an ongoing basis, with a Parent Educator and other families who may be going through similar issues.

Sibling care will be provided as needed.

“Men”tor Night presents:

Ooey Gooley Fun!



For children ages 3 years through Kindergarten

Come join us for some Halloween fun.
We will be making some fun gooley projects.

Date: Monday, October 29th

Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Cost: \$5 for 1st child, \$3 for each additional child

We do not separate. This is a fun time for your son or daughter to spend some quality time with the special guy in their life (Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, Step-Dad, etc.)

Must register by Friday, Oct. 26th

Esko ECFE will provide free on-line support from a licensed Parent Educator

For Who? Anyone with children birth to 5 years old

What? A licensed Parent Educator will be live, on-line, at eskoecfe@gmail.com to Google chat

When? Every Friday from 12:30 – 2:30pm, beginning Oct. 4th

Where? From the comfort of your home

We're here to help with any parenting questions you may have.

If you have questions at another time we will try to answers those within the week.



Early Childhood Screening

Attention Parents of 3 1/2 – 4 year olds

Esko Early Childhood Screening will take place in early November. If you do not receive information in the mail by mid October, please contact Jill at Community Education 879-4038 or jliupakka@esko.k12.mn.us. We look forward to meeting our future Eskomos!

Minnesota Department of

Education

Parent Frequently Asked Questions for Early Childhood Screening

What is Early Childhood Screening?

Early Childhood Screening is a free program in Minnesota that checks how a child is developing and growing. Screening supports children's readiness for kindergarten and promotes positive developmental outcomes. Screening may also lead to referrals for early learning opportunities.

When should I schedule an Early Childhood Screening?

The Early Childhood Screening program is available to children when they turn three years old. It is required before a child starts kindergarten, or must take place within 30 days of when a child starts kindergarten. Although your child may be screened any time before kindergarten, it is best to do so between three and four years of age, so that any health or developmental concerns can be addressed sooner. A comparable screening by a non-school provider (e.g., Head Start, Child & Teen Checkups or a health care provider) will also be accepted by school districts.

How do I schedule an Early Childhood Screening?

Local school districts provide Early Childhood Screening throughout the year. You may contact your school district for more information when your child turns three. To find your school district: <http://w20.education.state.mn.us/ELSSearch/search.do>

What happens during an Early Childhood Screening?

Early Childhood Screening checks your child's health and development. Screening in school districts is usually done by a teacher and a nurse. Screening includes a review of height, weight, vision, hearing, speech, social and emotional progress and overall development. Screening is done based on the age of the child, so that a three-year-old is only asked for what is appropriate for their age.

What if my child does not speak English?

If your child does not speak English, ask the district where you live if they will provide an interpreter. When a child is learning two languages, it is better to screen in the language most often heard and spoken in the home. Screeners may also screen in both English and in the child's home language with an interpreter, since as children learn two languages they have different strengths in both languages.

How do I prepare for an Early Childhood Screening?

You should bring the names and phone numbers of your child's pediatrician, any other health care providers and immunization records. You can also bring notes about:

Things that your child does well.



Questions about your child's health.

Questions about your child's development, such as learning, walking or talking.

Questions about your child's seeing or hearing.

What happens if the screener finds a concern during the Early Childhood Screening?

There are a few options if the professional providing the screening finds an area of concern in your child's development. The professional providing the screening and the parent may decide to refer your child for an evaluation by your local school district or medical clinic. The screener may also work with you to refer your child to other early childhood opportunities such as Head Start, School Readiness, Early Childhood Family Education, Early Learning Scholarships, Pre-kindergarten programs, Public Health home visiting program and other community resources.

Will screening mean my child has a label or diagnosis?

Screening does not result in a label or diagnosis for your child. If health or developmental concerns are raised during a screening, a parent and the screener may decide that further evaluation by a medical or educational professional is needed to help the child be ready for school. If a child needs extra help, it is better to get that help earlier than later. Some children have speech or developmental delays, which if given extra help, may be overcome before the child starts kindergarten.

Does a parent have a say in whether a child gets a referral for special education?

A parent perspective, on how the child is developing, is always taken into account when discussing referral information. A referral to special education may be made by a parent or by an Early Childhood Screening staff with a parents' permission. The Early Childhood Special Education team may then offer an evaluation by either a speech, developmental or physical therapist professional to see if the child is eligible to receive free special education services. These services may be provided in a home, a child care or the child's school.

May I conscientiously object to the Early Childhood Screening?

Yes, if a parent is a conscientious objector to the screening program for their child, the child does not need to participate in the state screening program. Refer to Minnesota Statute 121A.17.

Winterquist Elementary News



By Brian Harker

school year. Our success relies on the relationships we have with our families. We encourage you to get involved and take an active role in your child's education. By supporting one another, it makes the home-school connection much stronger and provides the support your child needs to be successful in school. Thank you for all that you do as parents and families. We look forward to growing with you this year to ensure your child has a great school year.

Social Emotional Connection

Last year our focus was on the 7 Habits of Happy Kids in hopes of teaching students how to be balanced, well-rounded students, peers, and friends. The lessons helped our students navigate and discuss friendships, goal setting, time management and maintaining a positive attitude. We will be

continuing this message throughout the year by incorporating some new initiatives with our students to help bridge the social emotional connection. More information to come...

Partners in Education (PIE)

If you are looking to get involved in a worthwhile organization that does wonderful things for the students in our building, then PIE is the group for you. Becoming a member is easy! If you are a parent of a child in Winterquist Elementary School, then you are already a member of this group. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the library. This is a great opportunity to get together with this progressive group to talk, discuss and support the school experience at Winterquist Elementary. PIE continues to raise money each year to support and provide educational opportunities for

our young learners. We hope to see you at the meetings.

Other Items

Students are not allowed in the building before 7:45 a.m. or after 3:15 p.m. unless they are under direct supervision by a teacher or coach.

The phone number to reach Winterquist Elementary is 218-879-3361.

Please be sure to contact the school by 8:30 if your child is absent. Parents/guardians are required to inform the office of their child's absence and the reason. If they do not call the office, we will contact them as a safety precaution. If we can't get an excuse for the absence it will turn into an unexcused absence.

With fall fast approaching, the mornings are quite cool. Make sure to send along a jacket or sweatshirt with your child. Children are outside on the playground to start the day.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, Oct. 3: Picture re-take day - 8:30
- Monday, Oct. 14: PIE Meeting - 6:30 - Library
- Tuesday, Oct, 15: PIE Fundraiser Ends
- Thursday, Oct. 17: No School
- Friday, Oct. 18: No School
- Monday, Oct. 21: No School for students

Back to School

We are off and running on another

Winterquist Elementary Parents in Education Meeting Minutes

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Winterquist Library

Board members in attendance: Emily Waldo, Jessie Oveson, Crysta Reeves, Josh Michaud

Minutes Approval

Approved

Treasure Report

Starting Balance (5/01/2019):

\$19,249.39

Deposits (total): \$1,182.76

Checks (total): \$2,019.61

Interest: \$3.09

Ending Balance (08/31/2019):

\$18,415.63

Teachers Request Remaining Balance from 2018-19: \$2,884.10

Teacher Requests

Knowledge Bowl - Requesting \$500.

There are 32 members this year. Money

helps with transportation and registration fees. Each team registration is \$320 and there are many teams. Motion made to approve. Motion passed.

3rd grade Scholastic Magazine - requesting \$632.50. A few page magazine we get monthly. Covers four classroom sets of 25 magazines, and also online access. Often helps with social studies subjects. Motion made to approve. Motion passed.

Fall Fundraiser

Launch is next Monday September 16th. Goal is \$10,000 to cover the annual \$8,000 teacher request fund as well as additional for student enrichment activities. A link to the website will be sent out by teachers along with a flyer and an envelope for non-online donations.

Fall Apparel Sale

Do we do an apparel sale as a service to the community? We won't make money on this. Motion made to approve setting up a sale of Esko gear. Motion passed.

Fall volunteer link for FB

Last year we started a sign up sheet to volunteer on the playground and in the lunch room. We will continue this again this year. See the PIE website for the link.

Teachers Conference Fall Meal

November 19th and 21st are conferences. In the past, we have coordinated meals for the teachers. Some members will look into donations from restaurants.

Crayola Marker Collection

Crayola recycles markers of any

brand. All we have to do is collect them, put them in a box, and ship them. Should we coordinate something to collect more markers? We will table the discussion for now, sounds like we might coordinate boxes in May to collect used markers.

Yearbook

We had great sales last year, unfortunately it was a last minute scramble. We are starting early this year! Emily Waldo will be collecting photos from teachers through out the year. Any volunteer help on this will be appreciated! Tabling vote on Emily doing the work until next month while we look into if a chair person can collect a stipend for the work. Questions/Ideas

Next Meeting Oct 14th, 6:30. Website: <https://eskopie.wixsite.com/site>

High School News

By Greg Hexum

Conference Night Information

Esko High School conferences will take place from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday 11/12, Tuesday 11/19 and Thursday 11/21.

As fall conferences are heavily attended, an extra night has been added this year to shorten lines and increase teacher availability. A portion of our conferences will take place in our traditional format where parents pick up their student's report card in the high school commons and spend approximately 5 minutes with each teacher to get progress reports. Be on the lookout for more details about 7-12 conferences via our district messaging service.

EHS will host one Spring conference night on February 13, 2020.

MID-TERM REPORTS AND REPORT CARDS

Information indicating student progress is available to parents on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal and the Canvas Learning Management System. To set-up access, contact the high school office at 879-4673. Paper copies of report cards will not be mailed to student's home unless there is a written request on file in the office. Paper copies of report cards are provided to parents at parent-teacher conferences and are available for student pick up in the high school office once conferences have concluded.

Look to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal for digital copies of report cards, but view your child's Canvas account for the most up-to-date daily progress.

Attendance Reminders

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 15 absences in a semester, for any non-school related reason, may receive a grade of Incomplete. Each absence beyond 15 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.

Excused Absences – The burden of a child being excused from school is placed on the parent/guardian of the child. **A school has the right to accept or deny an application for an excused absence.** Therefore, schools can develop reasonable policies for school attendance and reject invalid excuses offered by the child or parent.

EXCUSED ABSENCES - SCHOOL RELATED—Those where a student is under school staff control or supervision such as for a field trip, music contest or sports event. Students will not be marked absent on their report card for these days if they are excused by the school for these events, but they are expected to keep up with their school work and may not be given extra time to complete it.

EXCUSED ABSENCES - NOT SCHOOL RELATED—Must be verified within 24 hours by a parent or guardian for illness, medical appointments, religious instruction or observance which can only be held during the school day and for limited emergency situations. Needed at home is NOT usually

an excused absence. Prearranged temporary absence is excused when the application form has been completed and approved prior to the absence.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES—All other absences. Major tests and assignments may be made up but no credit will be possible for daily participation grades and most quizzes.

CLASS TRUANCY/SKIPPING—Truancy is an absence from school without parental permission or not following an assigned school schedule. Leaving a class early and excessive time on a pass will also be considered truancy. Offenses: Zero grades for all assignments and/or tests that day. Teacher may require make up of work missed and/or compensatory assignments, all for no credit. Students are responsible for completing assignments on time and for taking quizzes or tests with the rest of the class.

Contact Principal Hexum at 879-4673 with questions about this or other high school policy matters.

Acceptable reasons for absence

Sickness (school may request doctor verification.)
Medical/dental visit/mental health included
Religious holidays
Extreme family emergencies (e.g.: death in the family, house fire, etc.)
Funerals for immediate family members, relatives or close friends.
Official school or college visits
Active military duty

Unacceptable reasons

(Including but not limited to)
Staying home to babysit
Overslept
Missed bus
Inclement weather when school is in session
Travel without school permission
Needed at home work
Vacations with family-without notice to the school
Personal trips to other schools or colleges

Sports News



Together We Win!

2 East Highway 61 Esko, MN 55733

The Esko Sports Alliance would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all the teams, tee sponsors, silent and live auction contributors, those that contributed golf gifts for the participants, the volunteers, and the Cloquet Country Club for supporting the 2019 Bob Thompson Memorial – Esko Sports Alliance golf fundraiser.

The proceeds from this year's tournament will help maintain quality programs and provide opportunities for our student/athletes in 25 varsity sports and cheerleading. In addition to general supplies and equipment, last year these funds were used in the following ways:

- **Funded \$4,000 Esko Athletic Scholarships**
- **Funded \$1,000 for the Bob Thompson Memorial Scholarships**
- **Sponsored the Polar League Annual Meeting for our Coaches**
- **Purchased Post Season Awards and Contributed to all Post Season Banquets**
- **Sponsored the Coaches Classic Basketball Tournament**
- **Sponsored the Esko Showcase Invitational Track Meet**
- **Purchased the HUDL sports recording application for all EHS Sports**
- **Sponsored the annual Esko Sports Alliance Hall of Fame Induction Banquet**

We hope you will plan to support this event again next year. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 5, 2020 at the Cloquet Country Club. We sincerely appreciate your continued dedication to this cause.

The Esko Sports Alliance Board
Steve Knutson, Russ Davidson, Greg Hexum, Todd Rengo, and Scott Antonutti



ATTENTION WINTER SPORT ATHLETES

If you haven't already done so, please make sure to turn in all of your eligibility paperwork, as well as register online thru the school website for the sport you wish to participate in. The following are athletic activities that are available for student athletes in the 2019-2020 Season. 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

Boys' Basketball: Head Varsity Coach – Derek Anderson danderson@esko.k12.mn.us (218)879-4673 ext 368
First Practice 11/18 - Time TBD

Girls' Basketball: Head Varsity Coach – Scott Antonutti santonutti@esko.k12.mn.us (218)879-4673
Junior High- player meeting 11/11 @ 3:15 in Mrs. Northey's room #223
First practice 11/11 @ 3:30

C-E-C Alpine (Boys & Girls) Ski: Coach – Ryan Zimney rzimny@isd94.org (218)879-3393

C-E-C Wrestling: Coach – Al Denman adenman@isd94.org (218) 879-3393 ext. 1306

C-E-C Nordic (Boys & Girls) Ski: Coach – Arne Maijala amaijala1@isd94.org (218)879-3328
Nordic starts November 11th

C-E-C Boys' Hockey: Coach – Shea Walters swalters@barr.com (218)409-5477

C-E-C Girls' Hockey: Coach – Courtney Olin colin1@isd94.org (218)591-5171
Informational meeting for anyone interested in trying out is Sunday, October 6th @ 7 pm at the hockey rink in the locker room. Official tryouts begin @ 3:50 pm on October 28th.

Cheerleading: Coaches- Kari Knutson kknutson@esko.k12.mn.us
Joyce Bergstedt jbergstedt@esko.k12.mn.us

*Prior to practice all athletes need to have the following completed-

- 1) Online Sports Registration
- 2) Current Sports Physical signed by Physician (good for 3 years). If unsure contact Tanya Pagelkopf at tpagelkopf@esko.k12.mn.us and she can let you know if your child is in need of a current physical.
- 3) Pay Activity Fee

Superintendent's News



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school provides healthy meals each day. Breakfast costs \$1.10 for all grades lunch costs \$2.30 grades K-6, \$2.40 grades 7-12.

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 receive breakfasts at no charge.

Return your completed Application for Educational Benefits to: Esko Public Schools ISD #99, 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. Alternatively, children can get free school meals if their household income is within the maximum income shown for their household size on the instructions.

To apply for free school meals, please complete the Application for Educational Benefits form.

COMMON QUESTIONS:

I get WIC or Medical Assistance. Can my children get free school meals? Children in households participating in WIC or Medical Assistance do not automatically qualify for free meals. Children may be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals depending on other household financial information. Please fill out an application.

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).

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.

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. For seasonal work, write in the total annual income.

Will the income information or case number I give be checked? It may be. 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 for meal benefits, will be protected as private data. For more information see the back page of the Application for Educational Benefits.

If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. Please complete an application at any time if your income goes down, your household size goes up, or you start getting SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR benefits.

Please provide the information requested about children's racial identity and ethnicity, which helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. This information is not required for approval of school meal benefits.

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

Sincerely,

Aaron Fischer, Supt. of Schools

***For a copy of the 2019-2020 application, please see Dawn Mattson in the District Office**

Complete the Application for Educational Benefits form for school year 2019-20 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 one or more 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 before deductions**, 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, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Maximum Total Income

Household size	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	\$ Twice Per Month	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	23,107	1,926	963	889	445
2	31,284	2,607	1,304	1,204	602
3	39,461	3,289	1,645	1,518	759
4	47,638	3,970	1,985	1,833	917
5	55,815	4,652	2,326	2,147	1,074
6	63,992	5,333	2,667	2,462	1,231
7	72,169	6,015	3,008	2,776	1,388
8	80,346	6,696	3,348	3,091	1,546
Add for each additional person	8,177	682	341	315	158

Step 1: Children

List all infants and children in the household, their school and grade if applicable, and birthdate. Attach an additional page if needed to list all children. Check the box if a child is in foster care (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child).

Step 2: Case Number

If any household member currently participates in SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR, write in the case number and then go to Step 4. If you do not participate in any of these programs, leave Step 2 blank and continue on to Step 3.

Step 3: Adult and Child Incomes / Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number

- Child Income.** If any children in the household have regular income, such as SSI or part-time jobs, list the total amount of regular incomes received by all children, and check the box for the frequency: weekly, bi-weekly, twice a month, or monthly. Do not include occasional earnings like babysitting or lawn mowing.
- Adult income.** Report the names of adult household members and income earned in this section.
 - List all adults living in the household not listed in Step 1, whether related or not, such as grandparents, relatives, or friends.
 - Gross Earnings from Work.** For each income, check the box to show how often the income is received: weekly, bi-week, twice per month, or monthly.
 - List gross incomes before deductions, not take-home pay. Do not list an hourly wage rate. For adults with no income to report, enter a '0' or leave the section blank. For seasonal work, write in the total annual income.
 - Self-employment or Farm Income.** List the net income per month or year after business expenses. A loss from farm or self-employment must be listed as 0 income and does not reduce other income.
 - All Other Gross Income.** List gross incomes before deductions from any other sources, such as SSI, unemployment, child support, public assistance, social security, rental income or annuities.
- Social Security Number/Total Household Members.** An adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security number or check the box if they do not have a Social Security number. The total household members is reported.

Step 4: Signature and Contact Information An adult household member must sign the form. If you do not want your information to be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs, check the "Don't share" box in Step 4.

Optional: Please provide the information on ethnicity and race that is requested on the second page of the form. This information is not required and does not affect approval for school meal benefits. The information helps to ensure we are meeting civil rights requirements and fully serving our community.

Food Service Policy

Adopted: 5/22/2018 MSBA/MASA Model Policy 534, Orig. 2017

534 UNPAID MEAL CHARGES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that students receive healthy and nutritious meals through the school district's nutrition program and that school district employees, families, and students have a shared understanding of expectations regarding meal charges. The policy seeks to allow students to receive the nutrition they need to stay focused during the school day and minimize identification of students with insufficient funds to pay for school meals as well as to maintain the financial integrity of the school nutrition program.

II. PAYMENT OF MEALS

A. Students have use of a meal account. When the balance reaches zero, a student may charge no more than \$50 to this account. When an account reaches this limit, a student shall not be allowed to charge a la carte items until the negative account balance is paid. [Families may add money to students' accounts (e.g., electronic payment options, pay at the school office, etc.)] A student whose balance exceeds a negative \$200 will be subject to Section II D which is being provided an alternate meal.

B. If the school district receives school lunch aid under Minn. Stat. § 124D.111, it must make lunch available without charge to all participating students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals regardless of account balance.

C. A student with an outstanding meal charge debt will be allowed to purchase a meal if the student pays for the meal when it is received.

D. The school district may provide an alternate meal that meets federal and state requirements to a student who does not have sufficient funds in the student's account or cannot pay cash for a meal. The school district will accommodate special dietary needs with respect to alternate meals.

E. When a student has a negative account balance, the student will not be allowed to charge a snack item.

F. If a parent or guardian chooses to send in one payment that is to be divided between sibling accounts, the parent or guardian must specify how the funds are to be distributed to the students' accounts.

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III. LOW OR NEGATIVE ACCOUNT BALANCES – NOTIFICATION

A. The school district will make reasonable efforts to notify families when meal account balances are low or fall below zero.

B. Families will be notified of an outstanding negative balance once the negative balance reaches \$5.00. Families will be notified by email.

C. Reminders for payment of outstanding student meal balances will not demean or stigmatize any student participating in the school lunch program.

IV. UNPAID MEAL CHARGES

A. The school district will make reasonable efforts to communicate with families to resolve the matter of unpaid charges. Where appropriate, families may be encouraged to apply for free and reduced-price meals for their children.

B. The school district will make reasonable efforts to collect unpaid meal charges classified as delinquent debt. Unpaid meal charges are designated as delinquent debt when payment is overdue, the debt is considered collectable, and efforts are being made to collect it.

C. Negative balances of more than \$100 not paid prior to the end of the semester, will be turned over to the superintendent or superintendent's designee for collection. Collection options may include, but are not limited to, use of collection agencies, claims in the conciliation court, or any other legal method permitted by Law.

D. The school district may not enlist the assistance of non-school district employees, such as volunteers, to engage in debt collection efforts.

V. COMMUNICATION OF POLICY

A. This policy and any pertinent supporting information shall be provided in writing (i.e., Student handbook, Esko's Corner, School Website) to:

1. all households at or before the start of each school year;
2. students and families who transfer into the school district, at the time of enrollment; and
3. all school district personnel who are responsible for enforcing this policy.

B. The school district may post the policy on the school district's website, in addition to providing the required written notification described above.

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Legal References:

Minn. Stat. § 124D.111, Subd. 4
42 U.S.C. § 1751 et seq. (Healthy and Hunger-Free Kids Act)
7 C.F.R. § 210 et seq. (School Lunch Program Regulations)
7 C.F.R. § 220.8 (School Breakfast Program Regulations)
USDA Policy Memorandum SP 46-2016, Unpaid Meal Charges: Local Meal Charge Policies (2016)
USDA Policy Memorandum SP 47-2016, Unpaid Meal Charges: Clarification on Collection of Delinquent Meal Payments (2016)
USDA Policy Memorandum SP 23-2017, Unpaid Meal Charges: Guidance

From our School Board

Clerk's Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held a school board meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the board conference room.

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

Call the Meeting to Order

Chairperson Julian Bertogliat called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the Consent Agenda as follows

- Approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 regular school board meeting.
- Approve the checks as follows:

Date	Check #s	Total
5/22/19	87549	\$425.00
5/29/19	Void 86368	(\$90.00)
5/29/19	87550-87623	\$53,113.11
6/4/19	87624-87671	\$34,880.92
6/4/19	87672	\$15.00
6/13/19*	Void 85651	(\$45.00)
6/13/19*	87673	\$15.00
6/19/19*	87674-87735	\$80,916.49

*= pending Treasurer's review

- Treasurer's Report – May 2019.

Date	Payroll Type	May 2019 Checks	Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Grand Total
5/13/19	Replace	# 107388 to replace For (\$32.32)			
		# 106180 from 1/12/18 (\$32.32)			\$0.00
5/15/19	Regular	# 107364-107387 For \$23,279.35	\$202,110.49	\$211,447.71	\$436,837.55
5/31/19	Regular	# 107389-107416 For \$23,797.94	\$202,384.91	\$213,749.32	\$439,932.17

Date	Acct. Transferred From	Acct. Transferred Into	Amount
5/15/19	Associated Bank (PMA)	Republic Bank	\$450,000.00

- Fundraiser Requests:

- o Jr. Class – Spirit of Giving Coin Drive
- o Esko Music Boosters – Arco Coffee and bracelet sales.
- o Esko Music Boosters – World's Finest Chocolate sale.
- o Esko Music Boosters – Puffin and Butterbraid sales.
- o Esko Music Boosters – Jazz Band Concert/Big Band Dance & Dessert Silent Auction.
- o Esko Music Boosters – Fruit sale.
- o Esko Music Boosters – Pops Concert.

- Donations:

- o Accept donation from MN Renewable Energy in the amount of \$300 for Esko Fun Days.
- o Accept Donation from O'Reilly Auto Parts in the amount of \$100 for Esko Fun Days.
- o Accept donation from Arrowhead Insurance in the amount of \$100 for Esko Fun Days.
- o Accept donation from Split Rock Trading and Wealth Management in the amount of \$100 for Esko Fun Days.
- o Accept donation from United Piping, Inc. in the amount of \$200 for Esko Fun Days.

- Award Donation:

- o Accept award donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 from Don Shippar Community Leadership Award winner Jerry Frederick.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letter of Resignation

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Mark Nyholm to accept a letter of resignation from Braden Senarighi effective July 18, 2019 with thanks for his service to the District and approval to post for the resulting full-time cleaning vacancy. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Daniel Beasley

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Todd Rengo to approve the hire of Daniel Beasley as full-time housekeeper effective July 1, 2019. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Kandice Boettcher

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Todd Rengo to approve the hire of Kandice Boettcher as an Early Childhood Family Education teacher for 5.5 hours per week beginning with the 2019/2020 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Resolution Regarding Board Control of Extracurricular Activities

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Jerry Frederick to approve a resolution regarding Board control of extracurricular activities. (Copy of resolution on file in the office of the superintendent.) Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Mark Nyholm to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2019 - 2020 First Budget
June, 2019

Fund	Revenues	Expenditures
General Fund (fund 1)	\$11,746,040	\$12,007,392
Food Service Fund (fund 2)	\$453,211	\$462,685
Transportation Fund (fund 3)	\$548,407	\$626,284
Community Service Fund (fund 4)	\$486,222	\$474,031
Capital Operating Fund (fund 5)	\$740,464	\$742,591
Building Construction Fund (fund 6)	\$0	\$110,000
Debt Service Fund (fund 7)	\$1,033,208	\$1,008,450
Irrevocable OPEB Trust (fund 45)	\$20,994	\$54,110
Total Budget	\$15,028,546	\$15,485,543

Approve an Update to the Cost of Dust Collector Project

Moved by Jerry Frederick, second by Mark Nyholm to approve an updated cost for the Dust Collector project from \$45,000.00 to \$53,000.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Membership Renewal with Arrowhead Regional Computing Consortium

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Todd Rengo to approve a Specific Services Contract for Membership Renewal with Arrowhead Regional Computing Consortium for 2019/2020. (Copy of Contract on file in the office of the superintendent.) Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Bus Garage, Athletic Complex Parking Lot, and Two Possible Additional Parking Lot Improvement Projects

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the athletic complex parking lot with lighting, bus garage lot with concrete and asphalt, bus garage, and if under budget, two alternates to pave west parking lot one and west parking lot two at an estimated cost of \$2,517,353.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion: Bonding

The Board directs the Superintendent to work with Baird Financial Consulting to set up the parking lot abatement bonding process.

Approve Purchase and Installation of New Door Security System

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Todd Rengo to approve a new Fob system control, adding additional doors to this system, door alarms, including related services and installation equipment at an estimated cost of \$70,000.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval to Purchase and Installation of a Visitor Management System

Moved by Jerry Frederick, second by Mark Nyholm to approve the purchase and installation of a visitor management system at an estimated cost of \$30,000.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Solicitation of Costs from an Architect to Design Security Entrances

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Jerry Frederick to

approve the solicitation of costs from an architect to design security entrances. Motion carried by unanimous votes.

Approve the Purchase of White Boards for Classrooms

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Jerry Frederick to approve the purchase of additional white boards for classrooms at an estimated cost of \$1,600.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Reports

Principals' Reports:

Elementary Principal Brian Harker reported:

- Thank you for the two make up days with staff. The time was spent working with elementary teachers and the new Language Arts curriculum. Paraprofessionals accomplished training with the Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative and the second day was ALICE training.

Secondary Principal Greg Hexum reported:

- Thanks to Deb Ellefson, Gavin Johnson, and Tony Compo for a great graduation.

Board Committee Reports:

Todd Rengo – Board work session.

Margaret Sunnarborg – Board work session, Esko Educational Foundation.

Jerry Frederick – Board work session.

Mark Nyholm – Board work session.

Julian Bertogliat – Board work session.

Superintendent's Report:

- A new furnace is being installed in the Esko Educational Center and this should provide some utilities savings.
- Carpet is about half completed in the lower level of the Esko Educational Center.
- Phil Aili has some possible design ideas for landscaping where the natural gas line comes in.

Congratulations and Commendations

Jerry Frederick for being awarded the Don Shippar Community Leadership Award. The Award included \$2,500.00, which he donated to the Esko Robotics Team.

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Todd Rengo to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Motioned carried by unanimous vote.

Todd Rengo, Clerk

From our School Board

Clerk's Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the board conference room.

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

Call the Meeting to Order

Vice Chairperson Salo called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Mark Nyholm to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- Approve the minutes of the June 25, 2019 regular School Board meeting.
- Approve the checks as follows:

Date	Check #s	Total
6/13/19	Void 85651	(\$45.00)
6/13/19	87673	\$15.00
6/19/19	87674-87735	\$80,916.49
6/28/19	87743	\$8,100.00
6/30/19	Void 87694	(\$811.43)
7/1/19	87736-87742	\$84,320.80
7/2/19	87744-87780	\$43,973.99
7/2/19	87781-87791	\$9,906.49
7/16/19*	87792-87821	\$42,218.13
7/16/19*	87722-87855	\$115,834.77
7/16/19*	Void 87774	(\$141.17)
7/16/19*	Void 87777	(\$1,164.67)

- = Pending Treasurer's Review
- Donations Received: Hair Designs by Sherri \$25 for Esko Fun Days and Northwoods Credit Union \$100 for Esko Fun Days.
- Treasurer's Report – June 2019 (prior to end-of-year adjustments).

Date	Payroll Type	Checks	Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Grand Total
6/14/19	Regular	#107417-107457 for \$24,414.60	\$212,465.91	\$231,832.26	\$468,712.77
6/28/19	Regular	#107458-107503 for \$50,431.73	\$217,136.41	\$229,350.77	\$496,918.91

June 2019 Electronic Transfer Report

Date	Acct. Transferred From	Acct. Transferred Into	Amount
6/28/19	Republic Bank Flex Acct.	Republic Bank	\$10,503.31
6/28/19	Association Bank (PMA)	Republic Bank	\$500,000.00

- Fundraiser Request – Esko Varsity Soccer – B & B Wagon at National Night Out on 8/6/2019.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Set Adult Meal Pricing for 2019/2020

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Mark Nyholm to set the adult meal pricing for 2019/2020 as follows:

lunch \$3.75 and breakfast \$1.80. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letter of Resignation from Jon Linder

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to accept a letter of resignation from Jon Linder, part-time housekeeper effective July 3, 2019 with thanks for his service to the District. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Presentation: ICS Regarding Bus Garage/Parking Lot Project

Natalie Hoff and Damien Williams from ICS Consulting, Steve Schilke from Obermiller Nelson Engineering, and Mark Gothard from Braun Intertect were present to discuss the possible parking lot and bus storage project, the timelines, various options for letting bids, and construction information. Mr. Gothard from Braun Intertect provided details about existing soils and soil compaction issues.

Motion to Approve Timeline for the Bus Garage/Parking Lot Project

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Jerry Frederick to approve and accept the option 2 timelines for the Project, which includes receiving bids in December

2019 and construction to begin in the spring of 2020.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Presentation: Baird Financing

Mike Hoheisel from Baird Financing informed the Board of the timelines, the requirements for the public hearing, and an explanation of what the borrowing process for the capital appreciation bonds are.

Approve Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on the Consideration of Tax Abatements to be Applied to Various Taxable Parcels Located within the Jurisdiction of Independent School District No. 99 (Esko Public Schools)

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Mark Nyholm to approve a Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on the Consideration of Tax Abatements to be Applied to Various Taxable Parcels Located within the Jurisdiction of Independent School District No. 99 (Esko Public Schools). The School Board of ISD 99, Esko Public Schools will hold a Public Hearing regarding proposed Property Tax Abatements on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the District's School Board conference room at 2 E Highway 61, Esko, Minnesota 55733, to consider granting an abatement of certain property taxes levied against net tax capacity imposed by the District. Copy of Resolution on file in the office of the superintendent. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the 2019/2020 Fall Coaching

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Mark Nyholm to approve the 2019/2020 fall coaching assignments and stipends as presented. Copy on file in the office of the superintendent. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Activities Fees for 2019/2020

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Jerry Frederick to approve Activities Fees at the 2018/2019 rates. Copy of fee schedule on file in the office of the superintendent and published in school handbooks. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Ticket and Pass Prices for 2019/2020

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Todd Rengo to approve ticket and pass pricing to be kept the same

as 2018/2019. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2019/2020 Coaches/Activities Handbook

This item was tabled for more information regarding proposed updates/changes. The Activities Director will be asked to attend the next Board meeting to address these questions.

Authorize to Call For Quotes – Bread & Milk

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to authorize administration to call for quotes for the purchase and delivery of bread and milk products for the 2019/2020 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Authorize to Call for Quotes – Fuel & Snowplowing

Moved by Todd Nyholm, second by Mark Nyholm to authorize administration to call for quotes on #1 and #2 diesel fuels, gasoline, propane, and snowplowing for 2019/2020. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the 10-Year Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Plan

Moved by Jerry Frederick, second by Todd Rengo to approve the 10-Year Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Plan as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the superintendent.) Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Annual Review of Policy 807 Health & Safety

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Jerry Frederick to approve the annual review of Policy 807 – Health & Safety. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports

Principals' Reports:

High School – Principal Greg Hexum reported that the high school enrollment is growing for next year, due in part to a small graduating class last year and a larger incoming 7th grade class. There will be four grades with enrollment over 100 students. The new carpet has been installed in the high school office.

Around Town

Board Committee Reports:

Margaret Sunnarborg – Esko Education Foundation, Community Education – Esko Fun Days committee meeting.

Jeff Salo – Teacher contract negotiations.

Mark Nyholm – Teacher contract negotiations.

Superintendent's Report:

- Mr. Hexum continues to work on the College in the Schools program.
- The carpet project is almost complete at the Esko Education Center.
- The roof unit at the Esko Education Center will be installed on Friday.

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Todd Rengo to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motioned carried by unanimous vote.

Todd Rengo, Clerk

MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING JULY 9, 2019

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

Absent: Ruth Janke, 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 accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Compo. Motion carried.

Paulson made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 149,282.83 (Check #'s 44313-44362) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 10,519.64. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Town engineer, Joe Jurewicz, reported that there are still issues with the stormwater pond on Keanu Lane. The work was done late in the fall 2018 and the restoration work is not as good as it should be. Additional work will need to be done either by the Town or the contractor. It was brought to his attention that there is a second holding pond in the Pine Meadows subdivision. Upon inspection he determined that it is working properly but needs to be maintained.

Peleski gave updates on the cleaning of the town hall and hiring of a part-time office assistant.

The annual MS4 report has been submitted to the MPCA. The section corners at E. Harney and Marks Roads still need to be marked.

Logan Saline informed the Board that one pump on the Larson Road lift station needs to be replaced. The pumps are 30 years old and the Board should consider replacing both of them at the same time. Saline will get quotes for the work.

Deputy Rob Lucas gave his report for the month of June.

The annual report from the Cloquet Area Fire District was made available for review.

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:51 pm by Paulson with a second by Compo. Motion carried.

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

JULY 18, 2019

Present: Bill Gerard, Ruth Janke, Jason Paulson, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett

Absent: Tony Compo, Terry Hill

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

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

Paulson made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 73,022.69 (Check #'s 44363 - 44392) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 8,022.49. Second by Janke. Motion carried.

June receipts in the amount of \$ 42,081.58 and June fund balances were reviewed.

Matt Wilder from the Firefighters Relief Association was present to report on relief association fund activity. He also requested that the annual benefit be increased from \$ 1,800 to \$ 2,200 per year of service. According to State guidelines they could have an annual benefit between \$ 2,051 and \$ 3,800. No action was taken.

Three quotes were received to replace the two pumps at the Larson Road lift station. After discussion a motion was made by Paulson with a second by Janke to award the purchase of pumps to Minnesota Pump Works in the amount of \$ 22,854 for two Grundfos pumps. Motion carried. This does not include installation.

Zoning Official Dan Stangle gave his monthly report. There will be a Planning and Zoning hearing in the next week to determine if paving Hillside Road fits with our comprehensive plan. The Board of Adjustments will hold a hearing to review a variance request from ILLC regarding their proposed development on Torma Road.

Janke reported that Carlton County has hired a new Economic Development Director.

Paulson reported on Cloquet Area Fire District's plans to bond for the purchase of new ambulances.

Gerard attended an event held for Navy Week that was hosted by Allete at the Thomson Hydro Station.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:00 p.m. by Janke with a second by Paulson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Bill Gerard, Vice-chairperson

RECYCLING SHED HOURS

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

Year-round hours of operation are

Wednesday, Thursday,

Friday: 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The staffed facility in Esko is for residential recycling only.

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

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

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

The Town of Thomson Board of Supervisors holds their regular meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 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.govoffice.net

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

Church News



NORTHWOOD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
The little church with a BIG heart.
62 W. Hwy. 61 ~ Esko, MN 55733
608.495.3147 ~ www.northwoodesko.com

Pastor Brian Cornell
bcornell@wnccumc.net

Sunday Worship: 9:00 - 10:00 am
Fellowship 10:00 - 10:30 am

First Sunday is Communion Sunday

Sunday School for all ages 10:15 - 11:15 am
(September through May)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, October 17 ~ 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
SEWING FOR MISSION

Sunday, October 27 ~ 10:30 am
ANNUAL FALL AUCTION!

Bring an item to auction or offer a service to auction.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Sunday, October 13 ~ 9:00 am
HOMECOMING SUNDAY—

"Build on the Past
Growth for the Future
Share the Present"

Food, music and games for the children
following the worship service.

NUMC VISION STATEMENT:

Northwood UMC is an open, welcoming, seven-day-a-week church that shares God's spirit, serves as a community hub and sponsors good works.

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

Newsletters, bulletins, photos, news at
www.northwoodesko.com

Thursday, October 31st 5:00 – 6:00 pm

St. Matthews Lutheran Church 4 Elizabeth Ave – Esko

A safe and fun alternative for families with children! The parking lot will be lined with trunks ready to treat the kids.

Supper available: HOTDOG - CHIPS - POP \$3.00
PULLED PORK – CHIPS – POP \$4.00
Proceeds go to the St. Matthews Youth Programs

TRUNK LINE UP & DECORATING @ 4:30PM
This is a great opportunity for those who don't get many kids at home! Bring your car and enough candy for about 250!!

**ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH
And Little Eskomo Lutheran Preschool**
A family of believers grounded in, growing in and reaching out in Christ
4 Elizabeth Avenue - Esko, MN 55733
218.879.3510 - www.stmatthewsesko.org

Pastor Jeffrey Walther & Pastor Tom Brinkley

Sundays: Worship: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School (preschool – 6th grade) and
Christian Ed Hour - Multiple Bible Studies for
teens (grades 7-12) and adults: 9:15 a.m.

Tuesdays: Totally Terrific Tuesdays "T3" - For grades 7-12
Tuesdays after school 3 – 5 p.m.

Wednesdays: 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation 2:45 – 4:30 pm

Thursdays: Youth Group - For grades 7-12 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Experience Recovery 6:00 p.m.

UPCOMING:

Wednesday, October 9th – Fall Harvest Dinner 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 15th – Workshop: Your Legacy: Family, Church and
Charity

Hosted by Jeff Hakala, Thrivent 6:30 – 8:00

p.m.

Thursday, October 31st – Trunk or Treat & Barbecue 5:00 – 6:00 pm

For Preschool, Youth, Events and Additional Information, Check Our
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St. Matthews Fall Harvest

Roast Beef Dinner

Wednesday, October 9th 4-7 pm



Takeout Available

\$10.00 - Adults

\$5.00 - Children ages 6-12

Donation - Children under age 6



Cooked and Served by the ladies and helpers of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League

School Lunch Menu

October 2019

School Lunch/Breakfast Prices:

Lunch:

Grades 1-6.....	\$2.30
Grades 7-12.....	\$2.40
Adults.....	\$3.75
Reduced Lunch.....	\$.00
Milk.....	\$.35

Breakfast:

Kindergarten.....	\$.00
Grades K-12.....	\$1.10
Adults.....	\$1.80
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.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><i>*Alternate menu for Grades 7-12 only.</i></p> <p><i>*Subject to change.</i></p> <p><i>*Ala Carte (Smart Snack) Line available for Grades 9-12 daily.</i></p> <p><i>*Low fat or fat free milk offered daily with breakfast & lunch.</i></p>	1 Breakfast: Mini Pancakes Lunch: Polish/Bun, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Fruit Alt: Soup/Sandwich	2 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Turkey Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Mixed Vegetables, Biscuit, Cranberry Sauce Alt: Salad Bar	3 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: "Lunch Brunch" French Toast, Sausage Links, Tri Tater, Baby Carrots, Applesauce Alt: Cheese Pizza Crunchers	4 Breakfast: Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel Lunch: Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Romaine Lettuce Salad, California Veggie Mix, Fresh Fruit Alt: Meatball Sub
7 Breakfast: Muffin Choice, Yogurt Cup Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Twister Fries, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Fruit Sauce Alt: Mini Pepperoni Pizza	8 Breakfast: Mini Waffles Lunch: Hamburger/Bun, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/Tomato, Baked Beans, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Fruit Alt: Grilled Chicken Burger	9 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Turkey Sandwich, WG Mini Crackers, Lettuce Salad, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Fruit Alt: Taco Salad Bar	10 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Mandarin Orange Chicken, Fluffy Rice, Stir Fry Veggies, Bread Stick, Pineapple Tidbits, Fortune Cookie Alt: Ham & Cheese Sub	11 Breakfast: French Toast Sticks Lunch: French Bread Pizza, Spinach/Lettuce Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Fresh Fruit Alt: Chicken Enchilada
14 Breakfast: Bagel Choice, Cream Cheese Lunch: Shrimp Poppers, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Dinner Roll, Fruit Sauce Alt: Breaded Pork Chop Sandwich	15 Breakfast: Mini Pancakes Lunch: Hot Dog/Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chips, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Fruit Alt: Tomato Soup with Grilled Cheese Sandwich	16 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Popcorn Chicken, Seasoned Crinkle Fries, Bread Stick, Corn on the Cob, Fruit Alt: Salad Bar	17 NO SCHOOL	18 NO SCHOOL
21 NO SCHOOL	22 Breakfast: Mini Waffles Lunch: Chicken Patty/Bun, Waffle Fries, Steamed Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit Alt: Garlic Cheese Bread	23 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Spaghetti in Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast, Whole Kernel Corn, Fresh Veggies/Dip, Frozen Fruit Cup Alt: Salad Bar	24 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Hot Ham & Cheese/Bun, Potato Smiles, Steamed Broccoli, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruited Gelatin Alt: Chicken Quesadilla Pizza	25 Breakfast: French Toast Sticks Lunch: Stuffed Crust Pizza, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit Alt: Chicken Fajita
28 Breakfast: Bagel Choice, Cream Cheese Lunch: Mini Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Peas & Carrots, Fruit Sauce Alt: Shrimp Poppers	29 Breakfast: Mini Pancakes Lunch: Ribette/Bun, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Fresh Veggies, Fresh Fruit Alt: Egg Rolls	30 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Chili, Cheesy Bosco Stick, Carrots/Celery Sticks, WG Mini Crackers, Fresh Fruit Alt: Salad Bar	31 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Chicken Strips, Oven Fries, Pumpkin Pretzel/Cheese Sauce, Baby Carrots, Fruit Sauce Alt: Soup/Sandwich	<i>*Fruit & a juice cup offered daily with breakfast.</i> <i>*WGR cereal may be substituted for main breakfast item.</i>

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