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Esko's Corner

Connecting School and Community

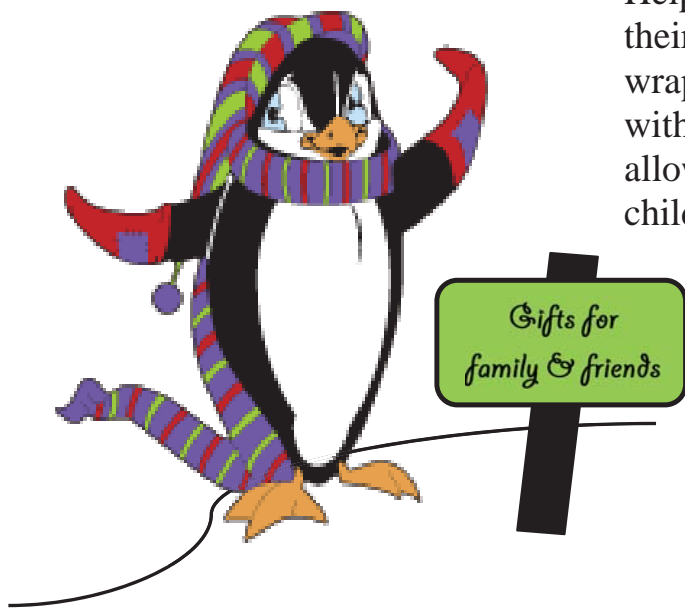
Esko Public School District #99

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Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe

Our kids only gift shop is returning to Esko! The time is almost upon us. This year kids age 3 through grade 4 can visit the *Penguin Patch Gift Shoppe*. Helpful elves will shop with children as they purchase affordable gifts for their family members. Each child will go home with their packages all wrapped and ready to give. Gift items are priced between \$.25 and \$15.00, with the majority of the items between \$2.00 and \$5.00. Parents will not be allowed in the shopping area, but you can be part of the fun by giving your child ideas on selecting gifts.



Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe
Saturday, December 5
8:00 - 11:00 am
Community Education Hallway

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Community Education at 879-4038

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 5
8:00 - 11:00 am
Esko Cafeteria
\$3.00 Adults; \$2.00 Children
(Max \$10.00 per family)



SANTA WILL BE THERE WITH A SPECIAL TREAT BAG FOR EACH CHILD!
Bring a food shelf donation! All children must be accompanied by an adult.

These Events Sponsored by Esko Community Education Advisory Council

Events & Notices

◆ **Bookmobile**

Mondays,
Northwood United Methodist
Church - 9:30 - 10:30 am
Tuesdays,
Barnum School - 5:45 - 6:30 pm

◆ **Census**

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

**Attention Esko
Residents:**

Please help your postal carrier provide safe, effective and consistent delivery this winter. Clear your mailboxes after snowfall to allow the mail vehicle to approach and exit your mailbox while depositing your mail.

Thank you-
The Esko Post Office Staff

Arrowhead Library System Announcement

The Arrowhead Library System Bookmobile stops in Esko are moving. The Monday stop that is normally at Think N Play Daycare is moving to Northwood United Methodist Church effective November 30. It will maintain its same time of 9:30 am-10:30 am.

The Tuesday stop that is normally at Esko School will be at the Barnum School from 5:00pm-5:45pm effective January of 2016.

The Bookmobile provides books for children and adults, large print books, DVDs, Books-on-CD, music CDs, catalogs for the ALS Mail-A-Book service, and access to library materials borrowed from another library. Books and other items borrowed on the Bookmobile are checked out for three weeks and are due back the next date that the Bookmobile stops at your location.

For questions about the Bookmobile or other ALS services, contact the Arrowhead Library System at (218) 741-3840 or visit us on the Web at www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us



ESKO MUSIC BOOSTERS

Important Dates for Parents & Students!

DECEMBER



Nov 16-Dec 1 - Chocolate, Butter Braids, Puffin & Pizza Crust Fundraiser



Pep Band - Possible Basketball Games
December 5, 18, 19 & 28



December 15 - Elementary Holiday Concert



ESKO MUSIC BOOSTERS
LIKE US ON 

SERVE YOUR
COMMUNITY

The Town of Thomson Planning and Zoning Commission is in need of a new member. This commission meets about once a month, as needed, (usually on a Tuesday or Thursday evening). The Planning and Zoning Commission is involved with requests for rezoning and also administration of the subdivision ordinance.

For more information on the position, please contact Rhonda Peleski, Town Clerk, at 879-9719,

twtp-r.peleski@qwestoffice.net or stop in the Town Office.

**15th Annual
Christmas Cookie
Sale**

Northwood United Methodist
Church
62 West Highway 61
Esko, MN

**Saturday, December 5
8 am -11 am**


Come for your Christmas
Cookies, Breads and Candies!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

FROM

TOWN OF THOMSON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND EMPLOYEES





FREE RACE CAMP!

Limited availability
Call to reserve your spot today

December 27th - 29th, 2015
100% FREE 3 DayRace Camp includes:
• FREE Rentals
• FREE Day Ticket Passes
• Experienced Coaching
• Fun, Skill and Racing Development

Race and Compete With Your Friends. Mont du Lac's race team has USSA certified coaches who focus on development and growth. Athletes are classed by skill set and age. The coaching is then broken up by class in order to get the most potential growth out of each of our student athletes. Mont du Lac offers slalom and giant slalom race training. Join the team today and make new friends, race with friends and compete!

montdulacsports.com (218) 626-3797



Thanks to all who gave more than a treat to these Esko Eskomos! They collected over 50 food items and \$19 while trick-or-treating on Halloween for the food shelf!

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Perfect Holiday Gift

Trying to find that perfect gift to give that hard to buy for person? Not sure what to get the person that has EVERYTHING? Holiday shoppers rejoice!!

Little Eskomo Lutheran Preschool of St. Matthews Church has the answer! Our 40th anniversary cookbook is filled with amazing family recipes from throughout the generations. This spiral bound book is the perfect addition to any household. Not only is it a bargain at just \$15.00 each, but all the proceeds go to support your LOCAL fantastic preschool. Talk about a WIN - WIN situation!! Come get yours today!

Stop by the church office or preschool room to pick up your books, or look for them to be sold before and after the second church service in the entry of St. Matthews on December 13th and December 20th. Cookbooks are also available for purchase at the Esko Self Service. Please contact fundraising coordinator, Krystal Bowman with questions at: [\(218\) 729-7913](tel:2187297913).

Featuring...

Local Student Studying In London



Kaitlyn Miller, daughter of Lynda and Dave Miller of Esko, Minnesota, is studying in London during fall semester 2015 through the Center for Global Education at the College of Saint Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota, and Saint John’s University in Collegeville, Minnesota. Miller is a sophomore nursing and psychology major at CSB.

While in London, the students study a wide array of disciplines in liberal arts in a student’s major, including subjects like British history, business, literature, communication, theater, politics, music and or art inside or outside the classroom. Students on this program may also choose to participate in an internship and gain international professional experience. The students are housed in furnished flats near the Foundation for International Education study center. The faculty consists of a professor from CSB and SJU who accompanies the group, and professors from London universities and colleges. David Arnott, associate professor of music at CSB and SJU, is the director of the program for fall 2015.

CSB and SJU are ranked in two different categories in Open Doors 2014, the annual report on international education published by the Institute of International Education (IIE). CSB and SJU are ranked No. 3 among baccalaureate schools, with 563 students who studied abroad during the 2012-13 school year (the latest year measured by IIE). CSB and SJU have been ranked among the top six schools nationally in this category for the past 10 years. CSB and SJU are also ranked No. 4 nationally among baccalaureate institutions, with 362 students studying abroad in mid-length (semester-long) study abroad programs during 2012-13.

Before graduating, 67 percent of CSB students and 48 percent of SJU students will participate in a study abroad program. Annually, CSB and SJU administer study abroad programs in more than 20 countries; offering students 19 semester-long programs, 15 of which are faculty-led, and more than 20 short-term programs.

Emanuel Commits to NDSU



North Dakota State University head baseball coach Tod Brown announced the addition of seven players on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Nick Emanuel chose Division 1 North Dakota State University from a number of different options that included other D1’s, D2, and high level Junior College. Ultimately, Emanuel decided NDSU would be the best fit for him and his goals on and off the field. NDSU is receiving an athletic left handed hitting catcher that has tremendous pop in his bat and a live arm behind the plate. He had a very strong summer in 2015 while gaining interest from many schools around the midwest and country.

Emanuel is a three-year letterwinner and starter at Esko High School in Esko, Minn. Last season, as a junior, he batted .431 with 26 hits, eight doubles, one triple, four home runs, 24 RBI and nine stolen bases. Emanuel is a two-time Duluth New Tribune all-area team selection, two-time all-section honoree, two-time academic all-conference selection and three-time all-conference honoree. He is ranked 24th in the 2016 Minnesota Prep Baseball Report and was selected to play on team Minnesota.

Emanuel played for the Twin Cities Baseball Academy last summer, tallying a .456 batting average with 11 doubles, three triples, two homers and 21 RBI. He also stole nine bases and was named to the 18U BCS Perfect Game All-Tournament Team in Fort Myers, Fla.

Good Luck Nick! “Eskomo/Bison Pride”



Spirit of Giving

Esko’s Junior Class is once again sponsoring the Spirit of Giving this holiday season. If you and your family are finding yourselves in need this year, please fill out the following and send it in to Cheryl Diedrich

Esko High School
PO Box 10
2 E. Hwy. 61
Esko, MN 55734

Name _____

Address_____

Number of people in household _____

Names, ages, and a gift idea for the children in the household

Phone number_____

Happy Holidays!!!
Cheryl Diedrich
Spanish Teacher
Esko High School

“Give Kids a Smile”

Children 18 years or younger (for those who do not have insurance, access to care, or cannot afford treatment) can get help - Free dental care will be provided.

Please call 879-4541 for more information

and setting up appointments.

What: “Give Kids a Smile” program(American Dental Association)

When: February 5th, 2016 (Friday)

Who: Children (18 years or younger)

Where: Tomhave Olson Dental Associates

1211 Stanley Ave

Cloquet, MN 55720

Community Churches

ESKO APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH

25 CHURCH ROAD, ESKO, MN 55733

218-879-3882

Pastor Bruce Bergstedt

Pastor Nathan Juntunen

e-mail: eskoapostolic@msn.com

website: www.eskoapostolic.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 6, 13, 20

TIME

Sunday Worship (All Ages Welcome)8:00 am

Coffee & Fellowship9:00 am

Sunday Worship (All Ages Welcome)9:30 am

Sunday School (Youth & Adult Classes)10:45 am

(Communion every third Sunday)

December 27-(1 Service only)

Sunday Worship (No Sunday School)9:30 am

JANUARY 3

TIME

Sunday Worship (All Ages Welcome)8:00 am

Coffee & Fellowship9:00 am

Sunday Worship (All Ages Welcome)9:30 am

No Sunday School – resumes January 10th

(Communion every third Sunday)

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 2, 9, & 16

Wednesday Supper5:45 pm

Wednesday Advent Services/Youth Activities6:30 pm

Choir Practice 7:30 pm

(No activities December 23rd, 30th Wednesday activities resume January 7th,

JANUARY 7

Wednesday Supper5:45 pm

Wednesday Youth Activities/Adult Bible Study6:30 pm

Choir Practice7:30 pm

EVENTS:

Dec. 3rd....Pikku Juolu at Pine View in Carlton1:30 pm

Dec. 20th....Sunday School Christmas Program11:00 am

Dec. 20th....Choir Program “Lessons and Carols”6:30 pm

(Coffee and Fellowship to follow Choir Program)

Dec.24th Christmas Eve Services with special music 4:00 pm&10:00 pm

ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH

4 ELIZABETH AVE - ESKO

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

ADVENT WORSHIP - 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION- 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

ADVENT WORSHIP - 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

“I HEAR THE PROPHET CALLIN”

CHOIR CANTATA

8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

ADVENT WORSHIP - 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION- 8:00 A.M.

“HEAVEN AND NATURE SING”

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - 10:30 A.M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION - 3:00, 5:00, AND 10:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP - 9:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

WORSHIP - 9:00 A.M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEW YEAR’S EVE WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION - 2 P.M.

***COMING TO ST. MATTHEW’S IN JANUARY 2016 ***

DAVE RAMSEY’S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University is that plan!!! It teaches God’s ways of handling money. Through video teachings FPU presents practical steps to get from where you are to where you’ve dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, and spend and save wisely.

-Nine class session of practical, entertaining and Biblical financial knowledge.

-1.5 million families and individuals have participated and completed Financial Peace University

-The average family who completed this course paid off \$3,500 in debt and saved \$2,700 in just 90 days. That is an \$8,000 change to

Dave’s class will teach you to take control of your money, invest for the future, and give like never before.

Cost for the class is \$93.00 and will begin in January, 2016 with a start date





NORTHWOOD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The little church with a BIG heart.

62 W. Hwy. 61 ~ Esko, MN 55733

218.464.1636

www.northwoodesko.com

Pastor Gary Gottfried

revgottfried@yahoo.com

Sunday Worship: 9:00 - 10:00 am

First Sunday is Communion Sunday

Fellowship 10:00 - 10:30 am

Sunday School for all ages 10:30 - 11:30 am

ONGOING EVENTS:

Wednesdays—4:30 pm—Fireside Room

Sundays—10:30 am—Fireside Room

Church-wide study of *The Story*. This curriculum lets you discover that God goes to great lengths to rescue lost and hurting people. *The Story* is all about God’s great love affair with humanity and sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 5

Christmas Cookie/Bake Sale—8:00 to 11:00 am

December 12

Christmas Caroling at Barnes Care and Interfaith.

December 13

Sunday school Christmas Program

“Return to Neverland” 4:00 pm potluck — 5:00 pm program

December 24

Christmas Eve Service — 8:00 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Monthly Youth Group outings on Wednesday evenings.

December 25

Mission Trip to Renozo, Mexico. 11 members of Northwood UMC including Pastor Gottfried will be providing ministries at Rio Bravo Ministries.

“I Hear the Prophet Callin”

The Christmas Story from Prophecy to Fulfillment by Pepper Choplin



Sunday, December 13th at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

services performed by St. Matthews Choir

Gifted composer Pepper Choplin is widely celebrated for creating refreshingly different, original anthems that resonate with traditional folk qualities. Inspired by his best-selling Appalachian-style anthem of the same name, Choplin has crafted a stylized Christmas cantata that is unique. You will hear distinct musical flavors: Appalachian, Irish, Latin, Cajun, and Early American to celebrate the Christmas story

One Night in Bethlehem

A Series of Special Mid-Week Services for Advent

Starting Wednesday December 2nd

at 7:00 p.m. at St. Matthews



Imagine you are taking a guided tour of the Holy Land, 2,000 years ago. Your group had intended to reach Jerusalem this evening, but something happened on the way, and you find yourselves instead stuck for the night in Bethlehem. Desperately, your tour guide looks for something--anything--to show you in this historic old sheeptown. The centerpiece of each of these Advent services is the “guided tour drama” that takes place after the second stanza of “Once in Royal David’s City.”

Wednesday December 2nd 7:00 p.m. - Service One: At the Inn

Wednesday December 9th 7:00 p.m. - Service Two: In the Field

Wednesday December 16th 7:00 p.m. - Service Three: At the Stable

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Our Youth



KIDS PLUS

For all students in grades 6-9



Kids Plus Dates to Remember:

- December 3 After School Meeting 3:30 – 5:00 pm
- December 17 Caroling at Barnes Care, Esko (after school)
- January 14 After School Meeting 3:30 – 5:00 pm
- January 28 After School Meeting 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Wrestling in Esko

Dates: Wednesdays and Fridays January 27th through March

Times: After school 3:30 to 5:30

Coach: Dale Borchardt

Ages: Pre K – 8th grade

Cost: \$65.00 Includes t-shirt to keep
plus a \$35.00 - Includes use of wrestling shoes, team uniform, and gear bag. Shoes, uniform and gear bag must be returned.



Tournaments will begin in March. Dates to be determined. All tournaments are optional. **Sign up January 18th and 20th 5:30 to 7:00 in Garfield Cafeteria Cloquet or at practice in Esko.**

Questions – call Dale Borchardt [218 380 4910](tel:2183804910)
or John Elias [218 428 4797](tel:2184284797)

Esko Hoops Families “GIVE AN ASSIST”

Esko Hoops Club held the “Give an Assist” event on Wednesday October 28th in the Esko High School cafeteria.

Over 100 Esko basketball players and their families were on hand to hear how Hoops Club and local non-profit organizations will partner this season in providing services to local families in need. Representatives from Thrivent Financial, American Cancer Society, United Way of Carlton County, and Best Christmas Ever were in attendance to share information about their organizations, community needs, and ways that Esko Hoops athletes, families and students can give back throughout the year.

Wednesday’s event also included a book drive to support the Little Blue Bookshelf program.

The Little Blue Bookshelf program is part of the United Way of Carlton County’s initiative toward improving early literacy skills in young children, and fostering a love of reading for kids of all ages. Bookshelves are placed in public areas throughout Cloquet, and filled with children’s books by volunteers. There are currently three bookshelves in the area, and we have three more that are ready to be placed- they just need books! Children are encouraged to take a book – free of charge. We believe that having books available for children will encourage interest in reading and learning.



Kids Plus Students Enjoy “We Day”



Esko’s Kids Plus participants spent November 3 at the Xcel Energy Center at “We Day” a celebration of youth making a difference in their local and global communities. They enjoyed music from Ciara, the Kenyan Boys Choir and Darren Criss, and inspirational speeches by Chelsea Clinton, Henry Winkler, Elliot Miville – Deschenes and more! These students are bringing their excitement back to Esko as they plan and engage our youth and community in Local and Global Service projects. Watch for their enthusiasm and see how you can get involved!

Nordic Spirit Youth Ski League

Hey kids and parents, it’s winter again and a great time of year. We offer cross-country ski lessons at Spirit Mountain Nordic Center to kids ages 5 - 14 years old at an affordable price, with great volunteer teachers and ski equipment if needed. Ski lessons will begin Sunday Jan. 10 for six weeks and the last lesson will be a picnic on Sunday Feb 10. Children in grades K - 3 lessons are from 1:30 - 2:30 pm and grades 4-8 ski from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. The cost is \$20 for the first child and \$15 for the 2nd with a maximum of \$45/family. Price includes use of ski equipment free anytime, all winter and a ski pass. Please register early to save time on Jan 10. You will not receive a confirmation; we will see you on Jan.10. You may also download registrations at www.duluthxc.com.



NOTE – REGISTRATION AND EQUIPMENT FITTING WILL BE EARLIER THIS YEAR. SUNDAY DEC 6, 3:00 TO 5:00 AT THE NORDIC CENTER.

Parents or anyone interested in teaching, assisting or generally helping with the ski league please contact me. All help is appreciated.

Pre-register for Nordic ski lessons

Name 1. _____ Grade ____ Age ____ Shoe size ____

Name 2 _____ Grade ____ Age ____ Shoe size ____

Name 3 _____ Grade ____ Age ____ Shoe size ____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____ Amount enclosed _____

E-MAIL _____

Very important to include if able.

Checks payable to NSYSL.

Please send checks and registration to:

NSYSL c/o Ellen Lindgren, 5882 Cant Rd. Duluth, Mn. 55804.

For questions call Mary Jane Sorenson at 626-2532

or e-mail sorenson.maryjane@yahoo.com

Eskomo Activities

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11/2/2015



A meeting of the Esko Music Boosters was held in the band room on Monday, November 2, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Stracek at 6:32 p.m. In attendance were: Lisa Stracek, Rich Mowers, AnnaMarie Jokinen, Sara Omberg, Jeff Laundergan & Matt Wade.

The minutes from the meeting of October 5, 2015, were distributed. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made. Motion carried.

Choir Report – Matt Wade:

- The Fall Concert is Monday, November 16, 7pm. They are getting ready and memorizing. -The accompanist to begin rehearsing with choir. They will begin rehearsing in the concert space the week of November 9.
- Madrigals will be performing at Bentleyville and at some Assisted Living homes this holiday season.
- The Blue Choir Robes (8th & 9th grade) are in dire need of replacement. Matt will put in a request with the high school office.
- The Cabaret Concert is Sunday, March 13. Disney has been the theme in the past. This year it will be Broadway.
- The Spring Concert is Tuesday, May 10.

Band Report – Rich Mowers:

- 6th grade band has 80 kids. They are settling in and Rich is feeling good about them.
- 7th grade band going well. Rich is happy with their progress. Rich recently had a UMD student teacher in class helping with clarinet.
- 8th & 9th grade band doing very well with concert prep.
- Senior band doing extraordinarily well with opening number. The students like the music that's been chosen, and Rich & students feel proud about it. 2 dedications this concert: "76 Trombones" for Zane Gray, Cloquet Music Teacher, who passed away on October 19, 2015, and "Danny Boy" for Rich's dad.
- Esko Education Foundation spaghetti fundraiser was Thursday, November 12 (same night as the school play opens). Jazz I at performed at 5pm, and Jazz II at 6pm. Jazz I has a 7th grade drummer.
- Pep Band has 9 new songs, including Tommy Tutone's "Jenny/867-5309." They are doing well. Basketball schedule is available on Canvas. 12 games over 3 months. 7 required, unless student is active in winter sports. Then half of the games that student is available.
- Esko Jazz Sweetheart Dance has a possible location change. Grandma's Sports Garden may not be available. Rich will do some researching & investigating.
- High School band trip is Saturday, March 19 – Saturday, March 26, 2016. 1st payment was made. 43 students: 27 boys, 16 girls. 16x10th graders, 11x11th graders, 16x12th graders. 1 busload, which will make traveling easier. Chap-erones include: Rich Mowers & his wife, Paul Omberg & Kari Umpierre.

Old Business:

- Fundraisers: 1) Pans & Pasta came in and has been distributed. 2) Butter Braids, Chocolate & Puffins/Pizza Crust runs November 16 – December 1. IDEA: Have fundraising forms available at music concerts.
- Due to Shari Acker & Lisa Robinson not being in attendance at this meeting, we tabled the discussion on 1) checkbook, 2) CD, 3 constitution & bylaws.

New Business:

-Rich Mowers brought to the attention of the Music Boosters that the athletic department recently showed some interest in taking over some of the space in the music/fine arts trophy case. We (collectively) need to make sure this does not happen. That trophy case was bought, paid for & built by the Music Boosters.

ACTION

- The key is only available in the high school office. Music Boosters should have a copy to allow access.
- Talk with Tracy Bockbrader at the Trophy Barn about making a plaque for the case, so this does not happen again. Also talk with her about an ongoing plaque for various awards, so we don't have to buy the trophies or plaques every year. More cost effective.
- Trophy case should be keep up to date, and cleaned & straightened/repositioned regularly.
- Trophy case could & should include Fine Arts, including the Art Department & Theater.

Next meeting will be Monday, December 7, 6:30pm.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by AnnaMarie Jokinen at 7:45 p.m. Seconded Sara Omberg.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Laundergan

Secretary, Esko Music Boosters

Go Esko Eskomos!



SUPPORT OUR TEAMS!

2015-2016 Esko Sporting Event Prices:

Single Event Tickets:

Adult Ticket \$6.00

Student Ticket \$4.00

Punch Passes:

Adult 10-game punch pass \$50.00

Student 10-game punch pass \$25.00



By the time the 2015-16 school year winds down, the Esko Sports Alliance expects to have made contributions to all of Esko's varsity sports.

That, at least, was the objective when the Sports Alliance was reorganized this past summer. And based on its first five months, the group—composed mainly of

community volunteers—is well on the way to achieving its goal.

Since July, the Sports Alliance has:

- o Organized and sponsored the Bob Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament at the Cloquet Country Club,
- o Formally recognized Esko's 1975 state football championship at a September home game,
- o Acquired apparel for the football, volleyball, cross country and basketball coaches,
- o Sponsored the Section 7 and 7AA cross country meet,
- o Purchased a 10x15 all-weather tent for cross country and track and field athletes,
- o Helped pay for football and volleyball postseason awards and banquets, and
- o Approved the purchase of league and section championship banners in all sports.

The latter project will complement the basketball banners acquired previously by the Esko Hoops Club. Additionally, all state championships—both team and individual—will be recognized by banners in the clock lobby of the school entrance.

Until this past summer, activities director Chad Stoskopf and his predecessor, Julian Bertogliat, were essentially in charge of all Sports Alliance activities, but in June they called for volunteers to take over.

The new officers, elected in July, are Steve Knutson, president; Eric Rish, vice president; Russ Davidson, vice president; Davis Helberg, secretary; and Scott Antonutti, treasurer. Stoskopf serves as liaison to the school administration.

Membership is open to anyone interested in supporting Esko athletes. Meeting dates and other information are available from Stoskopf or any of the officers.

The alliance's next project will be the Esko Coaches Classic basketball tournament, Dec. 28-30. Eight girls teams and four boys teams will participate.

After School Clubs

AWESOME ART! - MELTED CRAYON ART

We are going to use everyday crayons, canvas, and a hairdryer to create abstract, colorful, and memorable art.

Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: \$18.00
12/07/2015 & 12/09/2015
3:30PM - 4:30PM E370

AWESOME ART! - ROLL-A-PICASSO

Part CHANCE and part PLAN...this art class will be loads of fun. Two days...two different Picasso-inspired pieces. We will be using thick drawing paper, pencil, and crayon.

Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: \$18.00
12/14/2015 & 12/16/2015
3:30PM - 4:30PM E370

CRAFT ACTION!

Come and make a great gift for the holidays--make Peppermint Laundry Detergent!

Age Req: Grades 1-6
Time: 3:30 PM
Cost: \$11.00
12/22/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM
Esko Schools - S101

SAVANNAH'S POTTERY - SNOWMAN

Celebrate winter with a Jack Frost Snowman!

Age Req: Grades 1-6
Cost: \$13.00
12/15/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM
Esko Schools - S101 Art

SAVANNAH'S POTTERY – PICTURE FRAMES

Do you like to pose for pictures? Come and make three different picture frames!

Age Req: Grades 1-6
Cost: \$14.00
01/05/2016 3:30PM - 4:30PM
Esko Schools - S101 Art

SAVANNAH'S POTTERY – HEART DISH

Make a special Heart Dish with Candle for Valentine's Day! Wow!

Age Req: Grades 1-6
Cost: \$13.00
01/19/2016 3:30PM - 4:30PM
Esko Schools - S101 Art

SAVANNAH'S POTTERY/ CENTERPIECE

Join us to make a Cookie/Candy Centerpiece dish for Breakfast with Santa on December 5th!

After visiting Santa and eating pancakes, take your centerpiece home (or it can be delivered to your classroom the following week). Santa would love it if you left his cookies in a Santa Cookie Dish that you painted!

Age Req: Grades 1-6
Cost: \$14.00
12/03/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM
Esko Schools - S101 Art

SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB! at SPIRIT MOUNTAIN

Watch for more information to come for our February After School Ski Club! Information will be online and in the Community Education Office by the middle of December!

LEGO ROBOTICS!

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

Age Req: Grades 3-6 Cost: \$19.00
01/12/2016, 01/19/2016, 01/26/2016, 02/02/2016, 02/16/2016
3:30PM - 4:30PM Esko Schools - N211 - Computer Lab

GRANDMASTERS OF CHESS

New and returning students invited. YEL Chess has proven excellence in dozens of schools. Our lessons are crafted by the best chess minds in Minnesota. The lessons progress from rudimentary concepts through higher-level theories. Our activity books are formatted to be accessible to beginners, yet challenge intermediate and advanced students to apply deeper understanding of chess concepts. Develop the brain bending strategies of a brilliant and complex game! For a more thorough explanation of YEL Chess, please visit our website, www.youthenrichmentleague.com.

-Students earn "chess dollars" for participating in class. On the last session, we use chess money to buy prizes such as mini chess sets, medals, trophies, keychains, chess erasers, chess pins.

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

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

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

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Age Req: Grades 1-8 Time: 3:30 PM Cost: \$64.00
02/03/2016, 02/10/2016, 02/17/2016, 02/24/2016, 03/02/2016, 03/16/2016
3:30PM - 4:30PM Esko Schools - E372

After School Club/Class Registration Form:

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

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____ Cost: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Additional Student:

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Club: _____ Cost: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Cell Phone: _____

T-shirt/shoe size (if applicable) _____

Any special needs? _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Payment Type:

☐ Check # _____ ☐ Cash

☐ Credit Card


____ MasterCard ____ VISA ____ - ____ - ____ - ____

Exp. Date: _____ 3 Digit Code _____

Authorized Signature: _____

To register online visit www.esko.k12.mn.us

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



KARATE

Fall Quarter

December 8—March 6


****Tuesday & Thursday****
after school in the Esko Schools Cafeteria
3:30pm—4:30pm (grades 1-12)

<p><u>Through Martial arts training your child will:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exercise• Practice Self-Discipline• Gain Confidence• Learn Self-Defense• Develop Good Character <p><i>These are life skills that will benefit your child in school, and in all areas of life.</i></p>	<p>REGISTER NOW Please register through Community Education. Winter Quarter starts on December 8, 2015</p> <p>Pricing</p> <table><tr><td>Karate Uniform</td><td>\$45+tax (\$47.48)</td></tr><tr><td>12-week Tuition</td><td>\$135</td></tr><tr><td>Quarterly Belt Advancement Testing fee</td><td>\$55</td></tr></table>	Karate Uniform	\$45+tax (\$47.48)	12-week Tuition	\$135	Quarterly Belt Advancement Testing fee	\$55
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This program is run by Stefan and Stephanie Stein, black belts and owners of Mattevi Martial Arts Academy, a premier martial arts school in the northland.

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

715-394-5425
www.gmmaa.com



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Honor Roll & Merit Roll					
HONOR ROLL Annabelle Adkins Anika Aili Alexandra Aker Brooke Alaspa Samia Anderson Kathryn Anderson Jedd Anich Devan Arntson Emily Barrett Nicholas Barrett Luke Belich April Benedict Cade Berger Kaitlyn Bergerson Mirra Berglund Chase Bergstedt Seth Bergstedt Damon Bjonskaas Elijah Blue Chloe Blue Cassie Bottila Bryce Bottila Ryan Bourgeault Alexander Bourgeault Hannah Brunfelt Emily Bryant Faith Calverly Owen Carlson Dylan Carlson Theodore Carlson Webster Ellie Chicos Jager Christenson Jodi Claflin Kelby Cloose Isabelle Cloose Aubrey Compo Avery Compo Zachary Conklin Camden Cossalter Dawsen Cossalter Heather Couture Autumn Davidson Reid Davidson Mandi Dincau Derian Durand Brendan Durand Dylan Edland Billie Edwards Hunter Eickhoff Nicholas Emanuel Felicity Enger Jake Erickson Ross Erickson Jordan Fetter Karsten Fetter Riley Fischer Quinn Fischer Benjamin Fischer Sawyer Forslund Edward Fuller Thomas Fuller Noah Furcht Braden Gabel Ava Gonsorowski Hubert Gonsorowski Hannah Gottschald Maddie Graddy Sydney Grayson Taiya Gregg Amber Greniger Zachary Greniger Madelyn Haapala Frank Habig	Karl Habig Parker Haines Marissane Hanson Mason Hanson Jay Hartlieb Colter Hendrickson Thomas Heren Mackenzie Holland Makayla Huffman-Swanson Alex Imig Zoie Johnson Timothy Johnson Matthew Johnson Nicholas Johnson Daniel Jokinen Michelle Jokinen Camden Jones Carsen Jones Hannah Jurmu Sarah Jurmu Brody Kaldahl Corey Kauma Andrea Keuhn Sophia Klaphake Aiyanna Klaphake Maiya Klaphake Kelsey Koehler Ryan Korby Tyler Koskela Jack Kuhlman Casey Kulas Karlie Kulas Daniel LaBorde Kade Larson Mykayla Laurie Nicholas LeGarde Avery Liljegren Lindsey Lilliberg Ethan Linder Elise Lund Dylan Lynch Neena Magnuson Ella Magnuson Courtney Mainville Alicia Maki Cami Martin Andrew Marzolf Kaden Matteen Branden Matteen Paige McCoy Trenton Menor Hunter Messner Eric Meysembourg Ian Mills Megan Mismash Emlynn Mock Kaitlyn Moe Kalee Monahan Addie Monnier Aaron Moore Zachery Moore Nicolas Moores Gabrielle Morrow Rachelle Moser Brita Mowers Elsa Mowers Merlea Mrozik Neysa Munthe Arianna Murto Bailey Myhrman Cody Nadeau Lexxy Napper Ryan Nelson Eric Newman Annika Nielsen	Carter Northey Jaxton Ochis Sara Olson Mary Osborne Wil Osborne Asia Osterling Ryan Pantsar Rachel Pantsar Justin Pelletier Lauren Perry Derek Peterson Hope Phillips Jaustin Piepho Ashley Pollema Sydney Poppenberg Keegan Poppenberg Emma Propp Kendra Putzke Natalie Putzke Matthew Radovich Jonah Randa Olivia Rengo Samuel Rengo Sophia Rice Taylor Robinson Alicia Robnik Ian Rossetti Abigail Rud Lillian Mae Rud Macaela Rudeck Abby Rudnicki Monica Ruuska Kirsten Rye Kaitlyn Salmela Caden Salo Raeanna Sayovitz Fletcher Schmitz Drake Schramm Ryan Schramm Alexis Schroeder Cameron Schultz Jake Seboe Seth Shingledecker Faith Shingledecker Ethan Shingledecker Kieran Sinnott Declan Sinnott-James Jayden Slattengren Haley Staples Karen Stauffenecker Lora Stodola Yiyuan Stoewer Arianna Stowe Dane Stoyanoff Sarah Stueber Jenna Sturm Michael Sullivan Hunter Sunde Nathan Sunde Macy Sunnarborg Lexie Swartwoudt Tiffany Swenson Megan Tchida Sidney Tenpas Corra Thompson Allison Thornton Adam Trapp Joseph Tusken Michael Urie Tuomas Vapaavuori Madison Vinje Victoria Vosburg Judy Wagemaker Alexander Walther Abigail Weber	Allison Weber Bryanna Wefel Julien Wiermaa Joshua Wilcox Megan Wirtanen Alexander Witt Skylar Wohling Makayla Wold Isabelle Zahn Jenna Zdebski Ashley Zezulka Hannah Zuck	Christian Gunderson John Haapanen Emily Halling Brianna Halling Charlotte Hansmeyer Sydney Hanson Lily Hanson Carle Helberg Jakob Hey Morgan Hill Paige Hill Dawson Hoffman Dane Hoffman Davriana Horvath Austin Imig Taylor Jablonski Rose Jasken Kayla Johnson Ashlie Johnson Kurt Johnson Izaiah Johnson Mark Johnson Gianna Jubie Titus Juntunen Sophia Kangas Zachary Kangas Kenzie Karkkainen Megan Kessey Paige Kesti Deegan Kiminski Tyler Knepper Peyton Koskela Kyle Kulaszewicz Curtis Lanthier Addison Lanthier Dylan Lanthier Alec Lathrop Devon Lathrop 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Lincoln Severson Selena Shady Savanna Shady Alexis Smalley Kendall Smith Haley Sonneman Gavin Sordelet Rowdy-Kurtis Sorenson Suntina Spehar Isaac Spehar Trevor Spindler Gage Stankiewicz Hannah Stark Jonathan Stodola Cydnee Stoyanoff Jonathan Stracek James Stracek Braeden Streu Samantha Stueber Mallory Sunnarborg Nicholas Swedberg Dominique Tassone Gracie Thomas Cullen Tranah Kaylor Tumberg Jaxson Turner Eve Turner Matthew Tusken Josephine Umpierre Jennifer VanWave Dylan Vinje Carter Vork Luke Wagemaker Kenzie Weber Madison Weber Payton Wefel Emilee Wilson Annika Wold Cailin Workman
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Esko Adult Community Education Classes

COMMUNITY VOLLEYBALL CO-ED LEAGUE FOR ADULTS

Contact Community Education to Register. This volleyball league is open to adults and high school youth (ages 16 and up). Team sign-ups begin today! You need a roster of 8-15 people; there are 6 players on the court with 2 men and 2 women at all times. You need to submit a roster that includes all your subs. You will get a schedule of what times your team plays each week. The games are either early (5:30 pm) which includes set-up, or late (6:45 pm) which includes take-down and clean-up. A team captain meeting will be held the first night before your team begins playing their first game. **Entire Team rosters with addresses, phone numbers, e-mail address, and fees are due with registration to the Community Education Office by Wednesday, Dec. 16 in order for your team to be registered!** We will register the first 12 teams. We will accept names of individual players to pass on to teams or individuals making a team.

Age Req: Adult

Cost: \$15.00

01/03/2016 5:30PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - Practice Gym
01/10/2016 5:30PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - Practice Gym
01/17/2016 5:30PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - Practice Gym
01/24/2016 5:30PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - Practice Gym
01/31/2016 5:30PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - Practice Gym
02/07/2016 5:30PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - Practice Gym
02/14/2016 5:30PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - Practice Gym
02/21/2016 5:30PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - Practice Gym
02/28/2016 5:30PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - Practice Gym
03/06/2016 5:30PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - Practice Gym
03/13/2016 5:30PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - Practice Gym
03/20/2016 5:30PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - Practice Gym
03/27/2016 5:30PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - Practice Gym
04/03/2016 5:30PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - Practice Gym
04/10/2016 5:30PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - Practice Gym
04/17/2016 5:30PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - Practice Gym

SMART DRIVER PROGRAM - FIRST TIME COURSE

This is an eight hour course for those who have not taken the class before. An insurance discount is usually given for those who have taken this class. You must pre-register by calling 879-4038. \$15 payment can be made to AARP at the class. Non-members fee is \$20.

Bring to Class: Check to AARP

Age Req: 55 +

Costs – Pay Instructor

\$15.00 Class Fee - AARP Members
\$20.00 Class Fee - Non-members

02/01/2016 5:00PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - S144
02/02/2016 5:00PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - S144

SMART DRIVER PROGRAM - REFRESHER COURSE

This is a four hour course for those who have taken the class before. You must pre-register and bring your membership card with you to class. \$15 for AARP members/\$20 for non-members. Payment will be taken by the instructor the first night of class.

Bring to Class: Check to AARP

Cost – Pay Instructor

\$20.00 Class Fee - Non-member

01/11/2016 5:00PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - S144

TRAVELLING TO ALASKA IS EASIER THAN YOU THINK

Sharon and Alan Finifrock will share their 20 plus years of Alaskan living, traveling to, from, and within Alaska, to encourage you to plan a trip to Alaska on your own. Topics will include: When, and how to travel; best times to plan your travel; airline reservations; Alaska Highway ALCAN; food, lodging, travel options, and costs; free and inexpensive activities; hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing; websites to visit; travel brochures, and developing a budget. If you've always wanted to visit the "great frontier" now is the time to make an action plan! It is easier than you think!

Cost: single \$ 10.00 each couple \$ 15.00 each

12/08/2015 6:00PM - 8:00PM Esko Schools - S132



WALKING FOR FITNESS

The school building will be open again this year to allow for all Esko community members to walk inside during the darker and winter months on weekdays except on no school days. You will need to register in the Community Education office to receive guidelines and a button to wear while you walk.

Time: 6:00- 7:30 AM

4:00 – 9:00 PM

December 2015 – March 2016

The **ACT**

ZAP THE ACT SEMINAR

Provider: Doorway to College

Secure space for your student: **Sign up at register.doorwaytocollege.com. Or, call 877-927-8378**, toll-free, for assistance. In the five-hour ZAPS test-prep seminar, your student will — • Learn tips for improvement in all sub-tests • Practice strategies to eliminate wrong answer choices • Take shortened practice tests that mirror the actual testing experience • Prepare to write a well-organized, persuasive essay • Reduce test anxiety and gain confidence • Receive a comprehensive Study Guide and 6 practice-test workouts per sub-test Students should bring two pencils and a calculator to the seminar. Full-day seminars include a 30 to 45 minute lunch break; students are responsible for their own lunches.

Bring to Class: Students should bring a calculator and two pencils to the seminar.

Cost: \$79.00

Register: Sign up at register.doorwaytocollege.com. Or call 877-927-8378

03/28/2016 6:30PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - S137

03/29/2016 6:30PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - S137

WHERE TO REGISTER: *Please note the location of the class you are registering for and send it to the appropriate place with a check made out to the correct program!*

ESKO

P.O. Box 10
Esko, MN 55733
Phone#: 879-4038

CLOQUET

509 Carlton Ave.
Cloquet, MN 55720
Phone#: 879-1261

CARLTON

P.O. Box 310
Carlton, MN 55718
Phone#: 384-4464

WRENSHALL

207 Pioneer Drive
Wrenshall, MN 55797
Phone#: 384-4274 ext. 1410

REGISTRATION - COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ Birthdate: _____

Class: _____

Cost: _____

Class: _____

Cost: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please send this form, with payment to the appropriate
Community Education Office as listed above.

School Readiness Preschool

Winter Break
December 22-January 4

Book Orders Due
December 8th

St. Jude Trike-A-Thon



The preschoolers learned about riding safety lessons, while raising money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. The preschoolers raised \$1,384 during this event. Thanks to all that sponsored our little Esko Eskomos!



3 SIMPLE RULES FOR A HEALTHY MEDIA DIET

Brought to you by Common Sense Media ([wwwcommonsensemedia.org](http://www.commonsensemedia.org))

You balance their meals, so why not their media? Learn the secrets to a well-balanced media diet.

By Caroline Knorr Parenting Editor / Mom of One

Many parents struggle with exactly how much screen time is OK for their kids. Is a half-hour show OK but a full-length movie “bad”? The truth is, there is no magic formula. A healthy media diet is very much like a nutritious meal plan: Some days, they eat all their peas and carrots, and one day they may eat nothing but Cheetos at a birthday party. You figure out ways to make sure they get the right balance over the long term.

A healthy media diet balances three things: what kids do, how much time they spend doing it, and whether their content choices are age-appropriate. At some point, you’ll help them take the reins and manage their own use. In the meantime, these tips can help:

Use media together.

- Whenever you can, watch, play, and listen *with* your kids. Talk about the content.
- When you can’t be there, ask them about the media they’ve used. Help kids question and consider media messages.
- Share your own values. Let them know how you feel about solving problems with violence, stereotyping people, selling products using sex or cartoon characters, or advertising to kids in school or movie theaters.
- Help kids connect what they learn in the media to events and other activities in which they’re involved -- such as sports and art -- to broaden their understanding of the world.

Be a role model.

- When kids are around, set an example by using media the way you want them to use it. Avoid posting *everything* that happens in your life, ask permission before uploading photos of others, and establish some media-free family time.

The 6th-Annual Great Bedtime Story _
Pajama Drive

Dear Parents,

It's time for the annual Scholastic Reading Club Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive benefiting Pajama Program, a nonprofit organization that provides new pajamas and books to children in need—especially those living in group homes, shelters, foster care, and orphanages.

Since 2009, caring classrooms across the country have risen to the challenge and donated nearly 350,000 pairs of new pajamas. The Scholastic Reading Club has more than matched those numbers with nearly 700,000 new books donated directly to Pajama Program headquarters, where they are then distributed across the country by Pajama Program.

Our class wants to be part of this drive so that we can help make a better bedtime for these children. Together we can help the Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive reach even more kids with pj's and books.

If you and your child are able to participate, please have your child bring in a new pair of pajamas to school by **December 17th**.

Here are some simple guidelines for the pajamas:

- ★ Pajamas must be brand-new.
- ★ Pajamas in all sizes are needed—from newborn to adult.
- ★ Pajamas must be in complete sets or nightgowns.
- ★ Pajamas in children's sizes must be manufactured as pajamas—this ensures that they are flame-retardant and safe.

Thank you for helping us share the gift of a good night's sleep and a sweet bedtime story.
Mrs. Tina

PS: You can find out more about the drive and the program at: scholastic.com/pjdrive

- Use media as a tool. Show your kids your mapping program, your news app, or your photo editing programs. Demonstrate how your devices are a means to an end, not an end unto themselves.
 - Avoid using media as a reward or a punishment -- that gives it too much power.
- Keep an eye on the clock.**
- Establish time limits that work for your family’s needs.
 - Let kids choose their entertainment options for the day. It could be a show, a game, or a learning app -- but giving them the choice helps them regulate their usage.
 - Limit distractions. Keep phones and devices away when kids need to focus on other things – homework or chores, for example. That’ll make it easier for them to stay on task and make media use easier to track.

Thank you for your contributions to the Fall Harvest Festival!

- Bernick’s Pepsi
- Esko High School
- Esko Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts
- Community Education Advisory Council
- Student volunteers
- Community members



Early Childhood Family Education

ECFE Schedule for Fall 2015

“Men”tor Night

Kids...bring your favorite guy and join us for a night of fun!
For ages 3 years through 1st Grade

When: (Thursday) Dec. 3

Holiday Hoopla – Come make holiday decorations & snacks!

Time: 6:00 -7:00 pm

Cost: \$6.00 per class (1st child) \$3.00 per additional child

This is a time for children and their Dad, Grandpa, Uncle or other special guy to enjoy activities together.

Must register by noon on the day of class!

ECFE Schedule for Winter/Spring 2016

JANUARY FUN FRIDAYS

(For ALL children ages birth to Kindergarten & Parents)

When: (Fridays) Jan. 8, 15, 22

Time: 9:30 – 11:00am

Cost: FREE! No need to register. Just come on over!

Avoid the winter blahs! Come for free play in the ECFE/School Readiness room. This will be a time for families to visit and play together. Parents must supervise their own children.

ECFE OPEN GYM & PIZZA NIGHT!

Tuesday, January 19th

4:30 – 5:30pm Activity Time

obstacle course – open play

5:30-6:00pm Pizza Meal

All FREE!!!

Esko School Cafeteria



For all ECFE families and any families with young children who would like to meet up with other families who also have young children. Come learn more about our ECFE program and meet other families in the process. It will be a fun, no cost, night!

Leap – N – Learn

For ages 3 to 5 years

(Must be age 3 by Jan. 25, 2016)

When: (Mondays & Fridays)

January 25, 29

February 1, 5, 8, 12, 22, 26, 29

March 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 28

April 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 22, 25

Time: Mondays from 9:30 – 11:00am and Fridays from 9:30 – 11:30am

Cost: \$110 (\$85 for each additional sibling)

This is a great time for children to gain pre-Kindergarten knowledge while parents are learning more about how to guide their child through these early learning experiences. Children will explore arts and crafts, introduction to basic concepts, music and movement, and large muscle activities. Class will meet 2 days a week for 1 ½ hours on Mondays and 2 hours on Fridays. Mondays will include quality time between parent and child. Parents will also meet, with a licensed parent educator, to discuss parenting joys and concerns, as well as their child’s social, emotional, and physical development. Fridays will be a day for parents to drop their child off for a more child/teacher learning experience. *Must be potty trained to attend Friday class.* Please call and ask for Shannon if you have any questions about this or any other issues.



Tiny Tots

(16 – 36 months)

When: (Tuesdays) Jan 26, Feb. 2, 16, 23, Mar. 8, 15, 29, Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26

Time: 4:15 – 5:30pm

Cost: \$45

Enjoy one-on-one time with your toddler before attending a discussion about a variety of topics specific to a toddler’s social, emotional and physical development. Children enjoy socializing under the supervision of an early childhood teacher. **Parent and Child will have a short separation during this class.**

Evening Adventures

(Mixed ages)

When: (Tuesdays) Jan 26, Feb. 2, 16, 23, Mar. 8, 15, 29, Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26

Time: 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Cost: \$45 per family

Enjoy playing and making fun crafts with your child(ren) while also meeting other families in your community. Come discuss positive and practical ways to handle the challenges of raising young children. This is a great opportunity to gain knowledge and get advice from other parents who may be experiencing similar situations. This is also a great opportunity to share any tips you may have from your own life experiences, with other parents. **Parents and children do separate for part of class time. This class focuses on children ages Birth to five years.** Older siblings are welcome. Fun for the whole family!

“Men”tor Night

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

For ages 3 years through 1st Grade

When: February 4 – Arctic Chill Explore the cold *indoors!* Lots of fun with snow and ice.

March 3 – Ooey Goey Fun! – lots of hands on experiences. Come dressed to make a mess!

May 5 – Cinco De Mayo – Come for some fun festive celebrating.

Time: (Thursdays) 6:00 -7:00 pm

Cost: \$6.00 per class (1st child) \$3.00 per additional child

This is a time for children and their Dad, Grandpa, Uncle or other special guy to enjoy activities together.



ECFE CLASS FEES: Families pay what they can best afford. Those who are unable to pay are still welcome.

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

Esko ECFE

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

Class_____

Cost_____

Child's Name_____

Birthdate_____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s)_____

Address_____City/ip_____

Home Phone_____Work Phone_____

Email_____Cell Phone_____

Please list any special needs or allergies:_____

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

Total Enclosed_____Check #_____

To register online visit www.esko.k12.mn.us

Winterquist Elementary News

Elementary News

By Brian Harker



Important Dates

Tuesday, Dec. 15:
Grades 1-6 Holiday Music Program – 6:30 – Varsity Gym Rehearsal at 1:00

Thursday, Dec. 17:
Kindergarten - 12 Bells for Santa – 1:30 – Zywicki & Knutson – theater

Friday, Dec. 18:
Kindergarten – 12 Bells for Santa – 1:30 – Boese & Lindmeyer - theater

Wednesday, Dec. 23:
Early Dismissal – students and staff

December 24 – January 1:
Winter Break

Elementary Conferences

Winterquist Elementary held their fall Parent/Teacher conferences recently. As a staff we are impressed with the amount of parent and student attendance during the evening of conferences. Having the partnership between home and school, allows for better communication and increased learning opportunities for our students. We thank you for your time and involvement in your child's education. Together, we will continue to make a difference.

Elementary Music Programs

Our elementary music program is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15 in the varsity gym. The program will involve grades 1-6. You are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal at 1:00 pm or 6:30 pm. The program will

again be a wonderful experience for the community. Everyone is sure to walk away from this event full of the holiday spirit.

Holiday Break

Holiday Break will begin on December 24 and classes will resume on January 4. We will have an early release at 12:30 pm on December 23. We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to a new year and a fresh start as we return to school next month.

After School Activities

Unless your child is enrolled in an after school activity, they should go home after school. Students are not allowed to stay after school unsupervised.

Winter Weather

As winter weather is quickly approaching, please be mindful of school cancellation or late starts. In the case of a school cancellation, late start or early dismissal will be using our Alert System that will notify your family by phone. We will still be using the following radio and television stations to notify the public as well.

Radio
WKLK
KDAL
WEBC
KQDS

TV
KDLH
WDIO
KBJR



Winterquist PIE Meeting Minutes November 9, 2015

The meeting started at 6:30 in the library with introductions.

First item on the agenda was the treasurer's report. Nadine presented this with a breakdown of where things stand so far this year. The main item on this report is the recap of the fall fundraiser. Total deposits were \$29,943.00, the invoice from Clubs Choice was \$17,222.60 so the total profit from this fundraiser is \$12,720.40!! Again, **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATED!!** Of those profits, \$7,500.00 is earmarked for the 2016/2017 teacher requests. The remaining funds will go into general funds. There are some ideas for programs that can be brought in for the students and will be discussed in the coming months. A couple ideas for these extra funds could be the mobile planetarium (UMD has this) or the mobile globe that has been offered in the past. None of the current students have seen this so it would be a new experience for everyone.

Mr. Harker spoke about programming enhancements or additions that elementary may be looking at. He asked the PIE group for ideas or suggestions about offerings our parents would like to see. If you have any ideas you would like to see, he asked for you to contact him either by email or phone.

There was a presentation for a new fundraiser – a color race. It is up to the group as to how much profit can be made. There was a breakdown of how to organize a race like this. There was some interest in this and will be discussed in the coming months.

Conference meal sign-up turned out a great response again. A full taco bar will be offered to the teachers thanks to a great response from parent volunteers. The teachers in attendance wanted to say thank you for everything that everyone does for them, they truly do appreciate what everyone brings. There was discussion about doing something for the bus drivers as they are responsible for bringing our students safely to and from school. It was decided that we would like to do something.

Heidi stated that all 200 pre-order hats have sold out and another batch of 60 has been ordered and will be available after the first of the year. If you are still interested in a hat but have not yet placed your order, please email Heidi at pie@esko.k12.mn.us or call the school.

Heidi also mentioned Mrs. Peterson asked how long the minutes for the meetings need to be posted on the school website. As there is nothing in the by-laws regarding this it was agreed only the last 2 months need to be posted on the website. She will let Mrs. Peterson know.

Heidi next stated that Ms. Salo is working on a new online payment system for the yearbooks. This would be great as the PIE group is only used as a pass-through of monies. If an online payment can be used we would no longer have to do this. We will ask Ms. Salo to keep us updated.

Margo ordered and delivered the stylists. The feedback from the teachers has been positive. Some students have asked if they could purchase one, so it was agreed to order 225 to sell at \$1.00 each. A note will go home with students when they are available.

Teacher requests – there were 2 this month:

First was Mrs. Hallsten with her request of \$75.00 to have a yoga instructor from Yoga North come into her classroom to teach her and the students breathing/relaxing techniques to help them manage anxiety & stress and to be more mindful and present in their learning. After some discussion this was motioned, 2nd and approved.

Second, Mrs. Bergstedt was there on behalf of the Gifted and Talented programs/Knowledge Bowl. She stated the Esko Lion's Club has disbanded and with that some funding has been lost. She requested any amount the group was willing to give to this. Knowledge Bowl is available to 5th and 6th grade students and anyone is available to participate. After discussion there was a motion, a 2nd and approval to offer \$500.00 (the amount that the Loin's used to donate) to this program. A parent offered to help Mrs. Bergstedt to see if there are grants available to help fund this program in the future.

Open Discussion: There was some discussion about lunch recess and how many kids & monitors are on the playground. Lots of discussion and ideas were presented. If a parent is interested, they are encouraged to volunteer to help with this.

Mrs. Harden had the highest attendance with 3 so she will receive the gift card! Thank you to the babysitters for coming in also!

As there were no further items on the agenda the meeting was adjourned. There is no meeting in December.

Next meeting will be January 11, 2016 – we hope to see you there!!

Save the Date

Elementary Holiday Program

Tuesday Dec. 15th
6:30 pm
Varsity Gym
All 1st-6th graders



Lincoln High School News

Snoball

January 23, 2016
Radison Hotel, Duluth

Pictures
6:30-8:00 PM

Coronation
7:30 PM

Dance
8:00-11:00 pm

Text4Life

Did you know that 1 in 5 teens will experience a depressive episode during their teen years? In ESKO, we take the education of mental health seriously. Our district has created a coordinated effort to educate our students about mental health. Mrs. Northey (health teacher) provides education, Mrs. Peterson (high school counselor) and Mrs. Anderson (school psychologist) provide mental health screenings and counseling for our students. In addition, Meghann Levitt, from Carlton County Public Health shares her expertise on the Text4Life suicide prevention program.

During the past two months, our students in Freshmen Health have learned and explored many factors associated with mental health. Personality development, self esteem, stress management, and mental illness are all parts of our mental health--as are depression and suicide. Through the Text4Life seminar, students learn about the QPR method, which helps teens feel like they can help a friend in crisis. QPR stands for Question, Persuade and Refer. Like CPR, empowering people to help can be the first step in saving someone's life. Giving students the tools they need to feel they have options and control in difficult times is one important way to help keep teens healthy and safe.



Meghann Levitt from Carlton County Public Health presenting to our Freshmen students.

Around Town

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.

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

DOG AND CAT LICENSES ARE REQUIRED

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

Fees are:
\$5.50 spayed or neutered animal
\$10.50 not spayed or neutered.

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

The Town does have a leash - running at large ordinance. All animals must be under their

owner's control at all times and not on neighboring properties.

Animal control is provided by Friends of Animals in Cloquet. They can be reached at 879-1655.



PLOWING POLICY

A new plowing and sanding policy has been adopted by the Town Board. You can read it on our website: thomson.govoffice.com

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.

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

The Town of Thomson Planning and Zoning Commission is in need of a new member. This commission meets about once a month, as needed, (usually on a Tuesday or Thursday evening). The Planning and Zoning Commission is involved with requests for rezoning and also administration of the subdivision ordinance.

For more information on the position, please contact Rhonda Peleski, Town Clerk, at 879-9719, ttwp-r.peleski@gwestoffice.net or stop in the Town Office.

TOWN HALL RENTALS

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

THOMSON TOWN OFFICE

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

Town of Thomson SNOWPLOWING REMINDER:

The ordinance which regulates the parking of vehicles within the Town of Thomson states in Section 4 that "During the period from November 1 of each year to March 31 of the following year, no person, firm, or corporation shall park any motor vehicle on the roads, streets, alleys, boulevards, sidewalks, or public grounds within the corporate limits of the Township between the hours of four o'clock a.m. and seven o'clock a.m. It shall be the duty of law enforcement to cause any motor vehicle that is so parked between 4 o'clock a.m. and seven o'clock a.m. to be removed and impounded, and the motor vehicle shall not be released until the fees for towing and storage of the vehicle are paid."



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, September 22, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.
Members present: Julian Bertogliat, Rick Liljegren, Lynn McComber, Todd Rengo, Jeff Salo, Margaret Sunnarborg and Superintendent Aaron Fischer.
Absent: None.

Call the Meeting to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Julian Bertogliat, second by Jeff Salo to approve the agenda.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

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

- Approve the minutes of the August 25, 2015 regular school board meeting.
- Approve the checks as follows:

Date	Check #s	Total
7/27/15	79704-79716	\$15,917.03
7/31/15	79717-79740	\$47,143.67
8/4/15	79741-79763	\$31,520.01
8/4/15 Void	79746	(\$350.00)
	79747	(\$200.00)
8/11/15	79764-79771	\$33,801.08
8/17/15	79772-79812	\$49,376.26
8/17/15 Void	79811	(\$1,217.03)
8/19/15	79813-79835	\$30,166.61
8/27/15	79836-79870	\$45,743.00
8/31/15	79871	\$7,700.00
9/2/15	79872-79873	\$13,220.42
9/15/15*	79874-79899	\$2,466.00
9/18/15*	79900-79995	\$111,912.25
*= Pending Treas.	Review	

- Treasurer’s Reports
- June 2015 after end-of-year adjustments.
- July 2015
- August 2015

Date	Checks	Electronic Payments	Grand Total
7/15/15	#103698-103706 for \$51,343.93	\$95,199.74	\$278,886.83
7/15/15	#103734-103749 for VOID		
	#103750-103764 for \$15,012.09	\$16,067.80	\$60,229.33
7/31/15	#103707-103715 for \$51,343.93	\$95,199.86	\$278,886.89
7/31/15	#103766-103781 for \$13,915.50	\$15,303.73	\$57,800.75

July 2015 Electronic Transfer Report

Date	Acct. Transferred Into	Amount
7/31/15	MSDLAF Gen'l Acct Daily	\$202.00
7/14/15	MN State Retirement System (severance)	\$4,928.55
7/16/15	MN Dept. of Revenue (sales tax)	\$421.00
7/29/15	Wells Fargo (N'land Trust-OPEB Bonds)	\$32,045.00
7/29/14	Wells Fargo (N'land Trust-bond payment)	\$25,425.00

Date	Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Grand Total
8/14/15	\$132,067.51	\$95,047.41	\$278,856.40
8/14/15	\$30,366.02	\$15,748.46	\$59,890.77
8/31/15	\$132,066.55	\$95,046.50	\$278,854.63
8/31/15	\$28,964.83	\$15,440.03	\$56,935.90

August 2015 Electronic Transfer Report

Date	Acct. Transferred Into	Amount
8/4/15	MSDLAF Gen'l Acct Daily	\$99,635.50
8/6/15	MN State Retirement System (severance)	\$1,250.00

- Personnel:
- Approve parental leave request from Emily McGrath.
- Donations Received:
- Esko Educational Foundation in the amount of \$30 for Esko Enrichment Programs.
- Esko Lions Club in the amount of \$500 for DCD classroom expenses.
- Hair Designs by Sherri in the amount of \$30 for Enrichment via Barnes & Noble fundraiser.
- Republic Bank in the amount of \$50 for Enrichment via Barnes & Noble fundraiser.
- Trapper Pete’s Steakhouse in the amount of \$30 for Enrichment via Barnes & Noble fundraiser.
- Sunnarborg Well Drilling in the amount of \$75 for Enrichment via Barnes & Noble fundraiser.
- Fundraiser Request:
- All Night Grad Party – Gift card sales.
- All Night Grad Party – Donations from local businesses.
- Enrichment – Sell Premier Theater tickets.

- Music Boosters – Sell personalized products & pasta.
- Music Boosters – Sell chocolate and pastries.
- Music Boosters – Fruit sale.
- Approve Robotics Activity fee in the amount of \$70.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Presentation: Eleanor Syverson

Eleanor Syverson presented a \$1,200 scholarship for 7th and 8th grade math and science enrichment.

Approve Staff Development Report

Moved by Julian Bertogliat, second by Jeff Salo to approve 2014/2015 Staff Development Report as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Resignation and Hire of Kellie Semereau

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve a letter of resignation from Kellie Semerau from her position as Cool Kids Program Assistant effective August 28, 2015 and to approve the hire of Kellie Semereau as a paraprofessional, 6.5 hours per day effective September 23, 2015. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Genie Turner

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Jeff Salo to approve the hire of Genie Turner as paraprofessional, 6.75 hours per day September 23, 2015. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Cool Kids Program Assistants

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Lynn McComber to approve the hire of Darlene Dunbar, Kendra Gottschald, April Kruse, and Kathleen Moe as Cool Kids Program Assistants for 2015/16 per Christina Walther’s recommendation. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Nicholas Jensen

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the hire of Nicholas Jensen as After School Supervisor for 2015/2016 for 10 hours per week. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Beatrice Kehr

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Lynn McComber to approve the hire of Beatrice Kehr as ECFE Parent Educator for 2015/2016 for 3 hours per week. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve 2015/2016 Elementary Faculty Extra Curricular Assignments

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Lynn McComber to approve the 2015/2016 Elementary Faculty Assignments as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the 2015/2016 High School Paid Faculty Assignments and 6th Assignments

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Jeff Salo to approve the 2015/2016 High School Faculty Assignments and Sixth Assignments as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of the 2015 Pay 2016 Proposed Levy

Moved by Julian Bertogliat, second by Jeff Salo to approve the 2015 Pay 2016 Proposed Levy at the “maximum” amount. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Reports:

Activities Director Report:

Chad Stoskopf reported –

- There have been 18 home games to date.
- The 1975 State Championship Football Team was recognized at a recent football game.
- The Sports Alliance sponsored Golf Tournament raised approximately \$15,000 this year.
- The sports teams are having good seasons so far.
- Online sports registration began this year. It has been well received by coaches and parents.
- Mr. Stoskopf has been working on assessment testing with principals, counselors, and the technology coordinator.
- Testing in K-3 began this week.

Principals Reports:

Elementary: Principal Harker reported -

- The start of the new school year has gone smoothly.
- There are many new students.
- Map testing started this week.
- The digital engagement is also going very smoothly this year.
- The new nurse is doing a good job.
- School safety training was presented by the new Transportation Director, Laurie Groth.

High School: Principal Hexum reported –

- This year’s senior class is very engaged.
- The new staff members are doing a great job.

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From Our School Board

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- Digital engagement – they are refining processes to perfect to new levels.
- Destination Imagination program will move from Enrichment program sponsorship to the Community Education umbrella.

Board Committee Reports:

Lynn McComber – Non-certified negotiations, RAM tour, Esko Educational Foundation meeting. Julian Bertogliat – Certified negotiations, Sports Alliance golf outing and meetings, RAM building tour. Jeff Salo – Non-certified negotiations, RAM tour. Todd Rengo – Non-certified negotiations meetings, Sports Alliance activities, Hoops Club activities, Music Booster activities. Margaret Sunnarborg – Certified negotiations, Esko retiree luncheon. Rick Liljegren – Certified negotiations, RAM tour, November 12th is EEF Annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser.

Superintendent’s Report:

- Supt. Fischer reported –
- He met and toured with four architectural design teams.
 - RFPs are due this Thursday.
 - Bleachers have been installed at the baseball and softball fields.
 - The new athletic complex has been used heavily and is working well.

- The infrastructure is working well.
- An enrollment update was provided.
- Supt. Fischer will be attending the upcoming Sports Alliance meeting.
- A tour of the RAM building was done to see if it would be of use to the district.
- The annual fiscal audit will be presented at 6:00 p.m. before the October 27th Board meeting.

Congratulations & Commendations

- Erosion Control Specialists for donating the seeding for the south side of the school..
- Principal Brian Harker and the elementary staff for being designated a Reward School for five consecutive years. There are only 14 schools statewide that have done this.

Communications

- This year’s Truth-In-Taxation meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Jeff Salo, second by Julian Bertogliat to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motioned carried by unanimous vote.
Jeff Salo, Clerk

Town Board Minutes

MINUTES - TOWN BOARD MEETING - OCTOBER 15, 2015
Present: Terry Hill, Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, Tony Compo, Rhonda Peleski, Sara Jankofsky; Absent: David Sunnarborg
Chairperson Hill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall. Compo made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; second by Hill. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Compo with a second by Gerard to approve the final pay application from KGM Construction for the paving of Erkkila Road. This is pending the receipt of the required form IC 134. Motion carried.
Gerard made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 51,658.58 (Check #'s 40732-40763) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 4,875.71. Second by Janke. Motion carried.
September receipts in the amount of \$ 80,171.51 and September fund balances were reviewed.
Specifications have been developed by the fire department truck committee for the purchase of a new pumper truck. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Gerard to approve advertising for bids. Bids must be received by Tuesday, November 10 at 3:00 p.m. Motion carried.
Joe Jurewicz from MSA was present to discuss current projects. The STAR grant application needs to be submitted by November 9. A written proposal for the hiring of an intern from Fond du Lac College will be requested from the instructor so it can be included with the application.
A letter was received from the Carlton County Assessor inquiring if the Town Board would like to reinstate the local Board of Review or if they would like to continue having Carlton County handle it. A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Janke to have the local Board of Review reinstated. Motion carried.
Ryan Rennquist was present from the County Sheriff’s Department to review the patrolling schedule for November.
Correspondence was received from both Marcie Stolberg and Jay Widdes regarding the Town’s police department.
Hydrant flushing has been completed for the year.
A motion to adjourn was made at 6:58 p.m. by Janke with a second by Compo. Motion carried.
Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Terry Hill, Chairperson. Town of Thomson

MINUTES - TOWN BOARD MEETING - NOVEMBER 5, 2015
Present: Terry Hill, Ruth Janke, Dave Sunnarborg, Bill Gerard, Tony Compo, Rhonda Peleski, Sara Jankofsky
Chairperson Hill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall. Janke made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.
Sunnarborg made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 58,852.86, (Check #'s 40764 – 40810) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 5,364.35. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.
Janke reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission recently held a public hearing for the preliminary and final plat for Boreal Acres.

This is a four lot, residential development on Canosia Road, just north of E. Harney Road. The developers, Matt Hagelin and Steve Grinden, were present to answer questions. The recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission is for approval of the preliminary and final plats. Janke made a motion with a second by Sunnarborg to approve the preliminary and final plats pending a legal review of the commitment for title insurance. Motion carried.
Peleski presented two proposals received from Republic Bank and Wells Fargo for the financing of the plow equipment for the recently delivered snow plow truck. Janke made a motion with a second by Compo to approve the proposal submitted by Wells Fargo. After discussion with legal counsel, the motion was rescinded. Jankofsky will look into the lien requirement before a decision is made.
Discussion was held on the private road, High Ridge Trail. A property owner is requesting approval for splitting her parcel. Because of the number of homes already having access off of the private road and the concern for the condition of the road and public safety, it was brought to the Board for discussion. This was referred to legal for review.
Discussion was held on a possible sewer extension on W. Highway 61. A property owner with a failed system would like to hook into the sanitary sewer line. Peleski requested the Town’s engineer put together an estimate for extending the Town’s sewer line closer to the property. This would allow for additional future hookups. After discussion the Board agreed that a design should be completed. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Gerard to have MSA proceed with designing the extension. Motion carried.
The Town currently has old equipment that should be sold. A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Janke to have staff contact a local internet auction business and begin the process. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Compo with a second by Janke to move the bid submittal date for the fire truck pumper truck bids to Monday, November 30, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. Motion carried.
Residents from Larson Lane were present to discuss the driveway access for 231 Larson Lane and whether the driveway should be able to continue to be used. Legal counsel will meet with Peleski to discuss the issue further and get the background information.
A Korby Road resident was present to discuss the traffic on that road and Mattson Road.
Hill informed the Board of a conversation he had with one of the Town’s Cloquet Area Fire District Board representatives regarding the district’s plan to build a new facility. It’s not known at this time how it might affect Thomson Township residents and the amount the District collects on property taxes.
Jankofsky reported that she is working on what options there might be for the Town to try to improve internet service to residents in outlying areas.
Gerard reported that Rep. Mark Nolan has presented legislation to allow semi-trucks to use I-35 instead of having to go thru the center of town. A motion to adjourn was made at 7:30 p.m. by Gerard with a second by Compo. Motion carried. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer. Terry Hill, Chairperson, Town of Thomson

School Lunch Menu

December & January

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

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

Alternate menu for grades 7-12 only. Subject to change.

Daily ala carte options available for grades 9-12.

School Lunch/Breakfast Prices:	
<u>Lunch:</u>	
Grades 1-6	\$2.10
Grade 7-12	\$2.20
Adults	\$3.50
Reduced Lunch	\$.00
Milk	\$.35
 <u>Breakfast:</u>	
Kindergarten	\$.00
Grades K-12	\$1.10
Adult	\$1.70
Reduced Breakfast	\$.00
Milk	\$.35
 <i>Please send check in an envelope labeled with exactly what is being purchased.</i>	
<u>Lactose reduced milk will be provided to a student upon written request from a parent/guardian.</u>	



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>*ALTERNATE MENU FOR GRADES 7-12 ONLY</i> <i>*Low fat or fat free milk choice offered daily with breakfast & lunch.</i> <i>*Fruit & a juice cup offered daily with breakfast.</i>	1 Breakfast: Mini Pancake/Sausage Wraps Lunch: Hamburger/Bun, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/Tomato, Crinkle Cut Fries, Cucumbers/Dip, Fruit Sauce Alt: Salad Bar	2 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Hamburger Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Mixed Vegetables, Biscuit, Cranberry Sauce Alt: Lasagna Roll Up	3 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Bagel Lunch: “Lunch Brunch” French Toast, Sausage Links, Tri Tater, Baby Carrots, Applesauce ALT: Taco in a Bag	4 Breakfast: French Toast Sticks Lunch: Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Spring Salad Mix, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit ALT: Pulled Pork Sandwich
7 Breakfast: Bagel Choice, Cream Cheese Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Sweet Potato Fries, Dinner Roll, Peas & Carrots, Fresh Fruit ALT: Shrimp Poppers	8 Breakfast: Pancake/ Sausage on a Stick Lunch: Hot Dog/Bun, Baked Beans, Chips, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit Sauce ALT: Taco Salad Bar	9 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Turkey Sandwich, Crackers, Baby Carrots/Dip, Fresh Fruit Alt: Mini Pizza	10 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Hot Ham & Cheese/Bun, Potato Smiles, Corn on the Cob, Fruited Gelatin ALT: Baked Chicken Dinner	11 Breakfast: Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel Lunch: French Bread Pizza, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Steamed Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit Alt: Meatball Sub
14 Breakfast: Muffin Choice, Yogurt Cup Lunch: Corn Dog, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit ALT: Grilled Chicken Burger	15 Breakfast: Mini Pancake/Sausage Wraps Lunch: Ribbette/Bun, Waffle Fries, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Green Beans, Fruit Sauce ALT: Salad Bar	16 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Beef Stroganoff, Bread Stick, Whole Kernel Corn, Fresh Veggies, Frozen Fruit Cup ALT: Sausage, Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich	17 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Bagel Lunch: Egg Roll, Stir Fry Veggies, Vegetable Fried Rice, Pineapple Tidbits, Fortune Cookie Alt: Tater Tot Hot Dish	18 Breakfast: French Toast Sticks Lunch: Ham Sub, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/Tomato, Pickle Spear, Cole Slaw, Fresh Fruit ALT: Stuffed Crust Pizza
21 Breakfast: Bagel Choice, Cream Cheese Lunch: Chicken Patty/Bun, Oven Fries, Baked Beans, Steamed Winter Mix Veggies, Fresh Fruit ALT: Soup/Sandwich	22 Breakfast: Pancake/ Sausage on a Stick Lunch: Sloppy Joe/Bun, Cheese Slice, Golden Corn, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit Sauce ALT: Salad Bar	23 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Shrimp Poppers, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Dinner Roll, Fruit NO ALTERNATE EARLY DISMISSAL	24 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	25 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK
28 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	29 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	30 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	31 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	JANUARY 1, 2016 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4 Breakfast: Muffin Choice, Yogurt Cup Lunch: Mini Corn Dogs, Potato Rounds, Baked Beans, Peas & Carrots, Frozen Fruit Cup Alt: Garlic Cheese Bread	5 Breakfast: Mini Pancake/Sausage Wraps Lunch: Hamburger/Bun, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/Tomato, Sweet Potato Fries, Green Beans, Fruit Sauce Alt: Chicken Strip Basket	6 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Chicken Noodle Soup, Bologna Sandwich, Crackers, Fresh Broccoli/Cauliflower, Fresh Fruit Alt: Salad Bar	7 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: “Lunch Brunch” Pancakes, Sausage Links, Tri Tater, HB Egg, Baby Carrots, Applesauce ALT: Taco in a Bag	8 Breakfast: French Toast Sticks Lunch: Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Steamed Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit ALT: Philly Sandwich
11 Breakfast: Bagel Choice, Cream Cheese Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Twister Fries, Dinner Roll, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit ALT: Shrimp Poppers	12 Breakfast: Pancake/ Sausage on a Stick Lunch: Hot Dog/Bun, Baked Beans, Chips, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit Sauce ALT: Taco Salad Bar	13 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Hamburger Helper* Cheeseburger Macaroni, Garlic Toast, Whole Kernel Corn, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Fruit Alt: Mini Pizza	14 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Bagel Lunch: Breaded Pork Chop, Cheesy Hash Browns, Mixed Vegetables, Cinnamon Roll, Applesauce ALT: Soup/Sandwich	15 Breakfast: Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel Lunch: “Taco in a Bag” Chips/Meat/Cheese Lettuce/Tomato/Fixings Bread Stick, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Fruit NO ALTERNATE EARLY DISMISSAL
18 NO SCHOOL	19 Breakfast: Mini Pancake/Sausage Wraps Lunch: Chicken Patty/Bun, Waffle Fries, Baked Beans, Peas & Carrots, Fresh Fruit ALT: Salad Bar	20 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Chili, Cheese Bread Stick, Carrots/ Celery Sticks, Crackers, Frozen Fruit Cup ALT: Quesadilla Pizza	21 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Turkey Sub, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/ Tomato, Pickle Spear, Cole Slaw, Diced Peaches Alt: Burger Bar	22 Breakfast: French Toast Sticks Lunch: French Bread Pizza, Spinach/Lettuce Salad, Steamed Winter Veggie Mix, Fresh Fruit Alt: Chicken Fajita
25 Breakfast: Bagel Choice, Cream Cheese Lunch: Corn Dog, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Whole Kernel Corn, Fresh Fruit ALT: Grilled Chicken Burger	26 Breakfast: Pancake/ Sausage on a Stick Lunch: Pizza Burger/Bun, Sweet Potato Fries, Garden Salad, Fresh Broccoli/Dip, Fruit Sauce ALT: Salad Bar	27 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Turkey Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Biscuit, Cranberry Sauce Alt: Lasagna Roll Up	28 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Bagel Lunch: Hot Ham & Cheese/Bun, Potato Smiles, Green Beans, Fruited Gelatin Alt: Stuffed Crust Pizza	29 Breakfast: Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel Lunch: Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Baby Carrots/Dip, Fresh Fruit Alt: Hot Dog Bar
	<i>*ALTERNATE MENU FOR GRADES 7-12 ONLY.</i>	<i>*Low fat or fat free milk offered daily with breakfast & lunch.</i>	<i>*Fruit & a juice cup offered daily with breakfast.</i>	<i>*WGR Cereal may be substituted for main breakfast item.</i>