

Esko's Corner

Esko Public School District #99

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218-879-4038	218-879-3361	218-879-4673
www.esko.ce.eleyo.com	www.esko.k12.mn.us	www.esko.k12.mn.us



Class Registration Information

Adult Enrichment

We strive to offer a variety of classes for the adults in our community. All classes require registration online through the Eleyo site. In order to run classes, we need people to register at least 24 hours prior to the start of class. Some classes may need additional lead time as instructors order supplies. We give at least a 24 hour notice through email if we need to cancel a class and a refund will be given by method of your original payment. We are always open to class suggestions and activities or help in teaching an adult class if you have any ideas. Please reach out to us by emailing Brianna at bmattonen@esko.k12.mn.us.



Register online 24/7

www.esko.ce.eleyo.com

**or scan this
QR code!**



Youth Enrichment

Directly after school, students will meet for a snack and check-in in the cafeteria, then report to their club's meeting spot. 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**

Refunds can be given on classes that have not begun with notice 24 hours prior to the start of class. Refunds can not be given on the day of the class, or after the class has started.

Clubs close for registration the day PRIOR to the beginning of the club.

Some clubs may need more time, and may close more than one day prior. This information may be noted in the course description. No registrations will be accepted after the clubs closing date.

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

Adult Enrichment



Join Sam for a
*Christmas
Craft Night*

DECEMBER 2 6:00-7:30 PM

Ornament Making with Hot
Cocoa and Cider Bar

Take home a variety of homemade ornaments to
use as gifts or to keep!

Cost \$30

Register in Eleyo

Made with PosterMyWall.com

Please check out our social media pages and our Eleyo site for upcoming Pilates, Zumba and other classes coming up later this Winter!



Galentines Chocolate Fondue Class

Gather your gals together for a fun night of fondue! You will create a personalized chocolate fondue treat box to take home (just in time for Valentine's Day!) Tasting is recommended! Sparkling Juice will be available. All supplies are included. Reach out to mpliml@esko.k12.mn.us with any questions!

2/11/2026

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

\$20.00

Room S100



That's Community Ed!

Gather Your Gals for **GALENTINE'S DAY** Chocolate Fondue



When: Wednesday
February 11th

Time: 6:00-7:30 pm

Where: Esko Schools
FCS Room

Cost: \$20.00

Enjoy a night out with your gals sip on sparkling juice, and create your own chocolate dipped box. We will have a variety of items for you to taste and take home.

Register on Eleyo

Youth Enrichment

Registration for these classes opens November 21st!

Driver's Ed

We are in the process of hiring a new driver's ed instructor. Please check our social media pages and our Eleyo site for future driver's ed courses offered later this year!

Elementary Cheer Clinic

Get ready to dance, cheer, and shine at the Esko Cheer Clinic where this year's theme, K-Pop Demon Hunters, brings high-energy fun and a little bit of sparkle to every move! Learn cheers, chants, and dance routines inspired by your favorite K-Pop idols. Then show off your new skills at the halftime performance during the January 30th basketball game. Registration closes 1/19 at 3:00 PM - no registrations will be taken after this date.

Grades K-2 | 1/27/26 & 1/29/26 | 3:15-4:45 | \$50 | Caf

Grades 3-6 | 1/27/26 & 1/29/26 | 5:00-6:15 | \$50 | Caf

Savannah's Pottery

Open to grades 1-6. Students will make their own unique, hand-painted ceramic projects with Michelle Line from Savannah's Pottery. Projects will be returned to students at school in about 2-3 weeks. Classes will close for registration one day prior at 3:00 PM.

- X-Mas Kid's Choice | 12/2/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$17 | Room S101

- Snowman Ornament | 12/9/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$15 | Room S101
- Unicorn Cup | 12/16/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$17 | Room S101
- Elephant Dish | 1/20/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$16 | Room S101
- Heart Vase | 1/27/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$15 | Room S101
- Valentine Kid's Choice | 2/3/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$16 | Room S101
- St. Patty's Kid's Choice | 2/10/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$16 | Room S101
- February Kid's Choice | 2/17/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$16 | Room S101
- Mermaid Ornament | 2/26/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$14 | Room S101

Northern Outdoors Club

Northern Outdoors Club is an Esko-based business offering nature education with Cassie Janke. Class topics include everything from survival techniques to camp fire cooking and nature-based art projects. Classes will close for registration one day prior at 3:00 PM

- Mini Birch Bark Canoe | G 3-6 | 12/4/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$18 | S101
- Weird N'Wild Creatures | G 2-5 | 1/8/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$15 | S100

- Dogsled 101 | G 2-5 | 1/22/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$17 | Cafeteria
- Soapstone Bear figure | G 3-5 | 2/3/26 & 2/5/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$55 | \$100
- Track me if you can | G 2-5 | 2/19/26 | 3:15 - 4:45 | \$17 | School Forest

LEGO Robotics

Hang out with Miss Granholm for the afternoon and learn to build and control LEGO Robots! Please check back for any future sessions to be added. Registration will close 1 day prior to start date at noon.

February | Grades 3-6 | Tues 2/3/26-2/24/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$30 | Room E372

Oaken Hollow Games

Gather your friends and join local board game company, Oaken Hollow Games, to learn how to design and play your very own board games! In board game design, students will learn about board game design and use a variety of materials including dice, cards, game pieces and more to create their very own functional game! In Tinker 101, join OHG as we teach you how to play our game Tinker: the mini mech trading game. In this game, you customize a miniature robot to battle against your friends to see who's the best pilot! Price of class includes your very own copy of the game! Registration will close 1 day prior to start date.



- Board Game Design | Grades 3-6 | 12/15/25 & 12/16/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$20 | Room E372
- Tinker 101 | Grades 5&6 | 1/5/26 | 3:15-5:00 | \$30 | Room E372
- Tinker 101 | Grades 5&6 | 2/12/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$30 | Room E372

Mel's Creative Crew

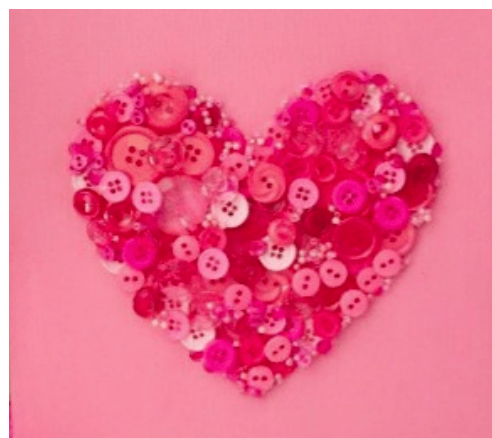
Join Ms. Melanie and friends for some fun after school! This winter, we'll be making some fun snacks! In holiday cookie decorating, students will leave with 6 decorated sugar cookies using various toppings like frosting, icing and sprinkles! In Snack attack, students will make mini pizzas and mini fruit pizzas!

- Holiday Cookie Decorating | Grades 1-6 | 12/18/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$20 | Room S100 | Reg. closed 12/16
- Snack Attack - Pizza edition | Grades 3-6 | 1/15/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$20 | Room S100 | Reg. Closed 1/12

Crafts with Sam

Join Mrs. Sam after school to create beautiful, unique art pieces! Registration will close 1 day prior to start date at 3:00 PM

- Washi Tape Christmas Cards | Grades 2-6 | 12/6/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$25 | Room E263
- Handprint Snowman Art | Grades 1-6 | 1/13/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$15 | Room E263
- Valentine Button Art | Grades 2-6 | 2/10/26 | 3:15-4:35 | \$25 | Room E263



After School Club Text Alerts

Do you want to be the first to know when new After School Classes are open online? Register for free text alerts! Those registered on this list will receive a monthly text reminder to check out what After School Enrichment opportunities are available in Eleyo. We will also send an alert when a new class becomes available!

Registrant must:

1. Be an adult.
2. Ensure they have a valid email and phone number in their Eleyo profile.
3. Choose "yes" to receiving text messages.

Phone Numbers

Phone Number

8889997777

Cell

Allow us to send you Text Messages (SMS)

☒ Yes
☐ No

Remove

+ Add Another Phone Number

While registration is free, you will need to go through the entire checkout process for registration to be completed.

You will only need to register once. If at any time you'd like to be removed from the text list, please email edavey@esko.k12.mn.us or call the Community Ed office at 218-879-4038.



Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)



What is ECFE?
Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) recognizes that parents are their child's first and most important teachers. ECFE offers parents hands-on learning experiences that will nourish a lifetime of teachable moments.



What Happens in ECFE?

A typical ECFE class includes:

Parent-Child Interaction - Time where parent and child together enjoy a classroom filled with developmentally appropriate learning activities.

Parent Education - Provides relevant, effective education and support that encourages a healthy environment for the growth and development of families.

Children's Activity Time - During parent education time, children explore, gain independence, and practice social skills while under the supervision of a licensed children's teacher.

What are the Benefits?

Support during the transition to parenthood.
Information of early development and what to expect from children.
Strategies for effective limit-setting and teaching.
Quality time with children in a supportive and enriching learning environment.
Time with other parents to reflect on family values and parenting practices in a supportive group setting.
Enhanced family communication and co-parenting skills.
Strategies for balancing work and family and managing stress.
Familiarity with community resources for families with young children.



Esko Early Learning ECFE

Register for classes on
esko.ce.eleyo.com

16 E Hwy 61, Esko, MN 55733

Call us at 218-879-4038 or email
mpliml@esko.k12.mn.us





Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) Classes



ECFE Registration and Fees

Register online

<https://esko.ce.eleyo.com/>

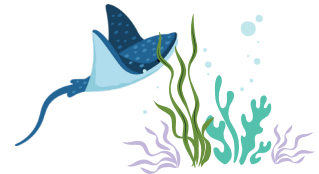


Fees: No family is denied class
due to inability to pay. Please
call our office to discuss
options.

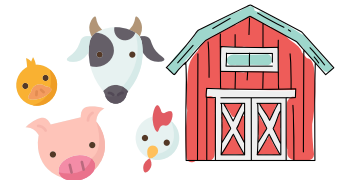
218-879-4038

Monday and Tuesday Night ECFE classes

February-
Under the Sea



March-
Farm



April-
Transportation



Check out Eleyo
to see dates and
times



Esko Early Learning School Readiness and Stepping Stones



**REGISTRATION IS MARCH
9TH AT 12:00**



2026-2027 Registration Information

School Readiness-
Mon/ Tues/ Thurs

AM 8:30-11:00 or PM 12:30-3:00

Students must be 4 years of age by Sept. 1st to attend.

Discovery-
Wed/ Fri
8:30-11:00

Students must be 4 years of age by Sept. 1st to attend.
This is our Nature/ STEAM based program.

Stepping Stones-
Tues/ Thurs
8:45-11:15

Students must be 3 years of age by Sept. 1st to attend.

Sliding Fee Scale available on Esko Schools website.

Email Melanie Pliml with questions
mpliml@esko.k12.mn.us

Important Note about Discovery-

Discovery goes on field trips almost every Friday either to the school forest or elsewhere. We do go outside all year long, proper outdoor clothing is essential for this class.

Registration is on Eleyo
Create your account here



Why We Play

Come and learn about Why We Play!



Tuesday, January 13th 5:30-6:30

Located in the Esko Community Education Building
Ms. Nikki and Ms. Melanie will have activities in each room for children and parents to participate in. This event is free for all community members to attend with their children.



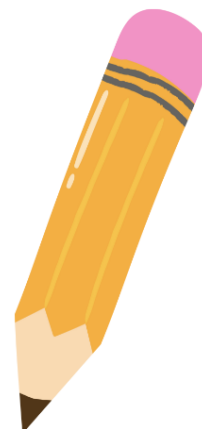


Early Childhood Screening



Early Childhood Screening is a free developmental and health screening that helps ensure all children are equipped for learning. Screening should take place after a child's third birthday to age 5 and is required by the state of Minnesota for every child before they start kindergarten.

Included are screenings for: cognitive, social emotional, speech and language, large and small muscle development. Also included are vision and hearing screenings, health history form and immunization review. Screening helps determine if there are learning concerns in these areas that should be addressed before your child begins kindergarten.



Early Childhood Screening dates for 2025-2026

Tuesday February 3, 2026
Wednesday February 4, 2026

All screenings take place at Esko Community Education, 16 E. Hwy 61, Esko, MN 55733

Registration for appointments opens approximately one month prior to the screening date on esko.ce.eleyo.com

For questions regarding screening contact Jill Liupakka at (218)879-2969 ext 636, or Email jliupakka@esko.k12.mn.us

[click here for more information on screening](#)



Carlton County

Early Childhood Screening

If you are not able to bring your child to your district's scheduled screening, you may attend one of the following:

Monday, October 27

4:00-7:00 pm

Carlton County Government
Services Building
1307 Cloquet Avenue, Cloquet

Thursday, February 26

4:00-7:00 pm

Moose Lake Community School
4812 Co Rd 10, Moose Lake

Saturday, April 25

9:00am - 1:00 pm

Carlton County Government
Services Building
1307 Cloquet Avenue, Cloquet

Why should you have your child screened?

From birth to the beginning of kindergarten is a period of rapid growth and learning for children. Free early childhood developmental and health screening supports children's learning and promotes health and development. This screening may link families to additional free early learning opportunities and resources.

**TRANSPORTATION
ASSISTANCE
IS AVAILABLE!**

**TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT
OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT CHILD NETWORK :**
Childnetworkccc@gmail.com
218-384-4286



help me **C O N N E C T**



Find all kinds of resources for your family.

Help Me Connect is an online navigator connecting expectant families, families with young children, and those working with families to programs and services that support healthy child development and family well-being.



Pregnant and Expecting Families



Early Learning and Child Care



Dental and Health Care



Healthy Development and Screening



Family Well-Being and Mental Health



Basic Needs



Development and Behavior Concerns



American Indian Families



Legal Services



Disability Services and Resources



Caregiving and Community Support



m MINNESOTA

HelpMeConnectMN.org



COOL KIDS
REGISTRATIONSUMMER 26 - 12:00 NOON,
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9THFALL 26-27 - 12:00 NOON,
MONDAY, MARCH 9THSAVE
THE
DATE

**Summer 2026 Cool Kids Registration will begin
at 12:00 NOON, Monday, February 9th.**

Summer Cool Kids provides care for students entering Kindergarten up to completing 5th grade. We open at 6:30 AM daily and close at 5:30 PM. The first day of Summer care is June 8th, the last day of summer care is August 21st, as we then begin to prepare for the school year. We will also be closed June 19th, and July 2nd and 3rd in observance of the 4th of July holiday. To register for the program, all community education balances must be paid in full.

Registration will be online in our registration system, Eleyo. You will not receive an email with a direct link to registration. Please see our Esko website under Community Ed for the link in Eleyo at 12:00 NOON, Monday, February 9th.

Summer Cool Kids registration will stay open until the program fills. Please register your child as soon as possible as the program fills fast. Everyone interested can begin to register at 12:00 NOON. Families that were enrolled last summer will have priority registration. Priority registration status will end, and new registrations will be accepted starting Wednesday, February 11th.

For answers to frequently asked questions, check out our website here! <https://esko.ce.eleyo.com/child-care/1/cool-kids-cool-cubs>

If you have additional questions, please email coolkids@esko.12.mn.us or call 218-879-4038.



**Registration for Cool Kids/Cool Cubs school year 26-27 will begin at 12:00 NOON,
Monday, March 9th.**

Families must register each year.

Cool Kids provides school age care for students in the 4's Pre-K class to 5th grade. We open at 6:30 AM daily and close at 6:00 PM. Our program follows the Esko school calendar. To register for the program, all community education balances must be paid in full.

Registration will be online in our registration system, Eleyo. You will not receive an email with a direct link to registration. Please see our Esko website under Community Ed for the link in Eleyo at 12:00 NOON, Monday, March 9th.

Fall Cool Kids registration will stay open until the program

fills. Please register your child as soon as possible as the program fills fast. Everyone interested can begin to register at 12:00 NOON. Families that are currently enrolled have priority registration. Priority registration status will end, and new registrations will be accepted starting Wednesday, March 11th.

For answers to frequently asked questions, check out our website here! <https://esko.ce.eleyo.com/child-care/1/cool-kids-cool-cubs>

If you have additional questions, please email coolkids@esko.12.mn.us or call 218-879-4038.





Registration: What You Need to Know!

Make your Eleyo account prior to registration day, if you do not already have one. Add your child to your account as well. That way, you and your child already exist in the system when you go in to register!

Have your device booted up and ready to go at 12:00, Noon. Registration will not be available on the page until 12:00, Noon. You may need to refresh your page.

If you are in need of wrap-around care for your School Readiness student while they are not in class, you will also need to register for the Cool Kids/Cubs program.

Cool Kids/Cool Cubs is our wrap-around childcare program. We are open 6:30-6:00 and School Readiness and School Readiness Discovery students are able to attend 5 days per week, anytime during those hours. Stepping Stones students are able to attend on days they have class from 6:30 AM - 3:00 PM.

You may be registering separately for multiple programs based on your needs:

- a. Stepping Stones - 3 year old students
- b. School Readiness - 4 year old students
- c. School Readiness Discovery - 4 year old students
- d. Cool Kids/Cool Cubs
 - i. Cool Kids AM/PM - Only students Kindergarten-5th Grade
 - ii. Cool Cubs - Only students in School Readiness classes

You will be registering for the Cool Kids/Cubs program, and scheduling in the Cool Cubs section

Your registration fee will not be charged until your registration is accepted.

School Readiness/ Discovery/ Stepping Stones takes students that are currently in our program first, then in district residence, and then if we have room we take out of district. Registration is time stamped and we do use that time stamp when accepting contracts.

Registration for School Year 26-27 will open at 12:00 Noon, Monday, March 9th

National Community Education Day 2025

On November 13th, the nation celebrated all that Community Education has to offer our schools and communities. Here are just some of our **amazing** staff here in Esko Community Ed.

Thank you for all your hard work each and every day!



From the School Board Chair

It has been a few years since we have had a visioning session at the school.

The school board and administration continues to work hard to fulfill the 5 year vision and goals that the community, students and staff brought forth during our visioning sessions that were held in 2019. The sessions were open to anyone in the community and the recommendations were consolidated into a list that incorporated all of the ideas from all groups. Your school board then sorted all of the responses by the number of votes for each of the ideas as well as by both importance and what could be done within the budget.

After starting to write this article, I realized that it was quite long and has a lot of information included. Instead of putting them into this edition of the Corner, I will instead work with our web person and will create a new link under the district heading. Some of the accomplishments are from the last 5 years and some are probably from the last 15 or so. I have separated them into 2 different groups, Physical changes to infrastructure and soft skills / student enhancement. We have found that you can't do one successfully without doing the other. Remember, paraphrased by Author Rita Mae Brown... "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result." We have tried new things and with feedback and various measurement criteria, we have either decided to continue with these initiatives or try something new.

I just want to give everyone a sense of what the board members that you have elected to represent you and what the administration and staff have been doing. The board continues to try to make ISD 99 the best school possible.

We also want to acknowledge the fantastic support that we get from our well engaged community. Without all of you, we couldn't do what we do. The old adage is that it takes a village to raise a child. I truly believe this. It's the community that makes Esko, Esko.

Just 1 footnote: Unfortunately, in looking at our funding for our school from both federal and state sources, (measured by dollars per pupil unit) Esko is the lowest funded school in the State of Minnesota. We come in \$200.00 lower than the next lowest funded school which is the Wayzata School District. I have been in contact with a person from Economic Development who will be doing a study on how this funding is determined.

Below you will see the list of goals that derived from the visioning and goal setting sessions from 2019. These are available on the school website at: <https://www.esko.k12.mn.us/district/vision>

On behalf of the full board, I would like to pass on our sincere gratitude for everyone that supports this great institution.

Jerry Frederick
Board Chair
Esko Public Schools

From Our School Board

Clerk's Minutes

on, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minne-
meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the
derick, Todd Rengo, Steve McConnell, Rob Johnson,
narborg and Superintendent Aaron Fischer.
called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
and by Rob Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion
a Items
second by Leona Johnson to approve the Consent
of checks dated 6/8/24.
the May 10, 2024, regular School Board Meeting
Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to
budget. Motioned carried by unanimous vote.
Approve the Hire of Amber Fisher as Data Manage-
ment for 210 days effective July 1, 2024
Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Rob Johnson
Fisher as Data Management/Tech Help Desk Assist-
ant for 210 days effective July 1, 2024. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
Administrative Reports:
Principals' Reports:
Elementary School: Mr. Harker reported on the fol-
lowing year activities included field trips, Kindergar-
tens
Middle School: Mr. Zywicki and Bridget Vesel-Johnson did a wor-
king field day
High School: Mr. [Name] Move Up Day
School Travel Committee



**Interested in keeping up on Esko
School Board news? Meeting minutes
are always available online at:**

**[https://www.esko.k12.mn.us/district/
school_board/school_board_minutes](https://www.esko.k12.mn.us/district/school_board/school_board_minutes)**

1. Continue to manage the school budgets to provide a quality educational experience without reducing the reserves.
2. To review and upgrade school building security to provide a safe learning environment for the students and staff.
3. To enhance the trades in our school by studying areas to add to our current industrial technology program and to develop more business partnerships.
4. To explore changes to courses and schedules to allow more learning flexibility for the students.

Additional Areas that will be reviewed during the next four to five years:

- Assess special education staffing, caseloads and trends
- Develop technology best practice standards to be shared with students and their parents.
- Study PSEO to determine patterns and trends with our students.
- Study communication platforms
- Review current mental health services and determine if the needs are currently being met.
- Moving the current bus garages to a new location.

Elementary News

By Brian Harker

Important Dates

- Thursday, November 27: No School for Staff and Students
- Friday, November 28: No School for Staff and Students
- Wednesday, December 10: Elementary Music Program 6:00 pm
- Friday, December 19: 3 Hour early release
- Friday, January 2: School Resume
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Elementary Conferences

Winterquist Elementary held its fall Parent/Teacher Conferences in October. We truly enjoyed welcoming families into our classrooms and sharing the many successes happening each day.

Thank you for your participation and partnership. We look forward to having you in the building again soon.

Elementary Music Programs

We are pleased to share our Elementary Concert Schedule for the year. Each grade level will have one in-person performance, allowing students a chance to shine and providing families with a comfortable viewing experience.

- 1st–3rd Grade Concert: Wednesday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the Varsity Gym
- 4th–6th Grade Concert (including 6th-grade band): May – date and details to come

We are excited to showcase the talents of our students throughout the year.

— Esko Music Department: Mr. Mowers, Mrs. Staples, and Mrs. Holland

Holiday Break

Holiday Break begins on December 19, with an early release at 12:30 p.m. Classes will resume on January 2. We wish all families a safe, joyful holiday season and look forward to a fresh start in the new year.

After-School Activities

For the safety of all students, those who are not enrolled in a supervised after-school activity should head home immediately after dismissal. Students may not remain at school unsupervised.

Winter Weather

With winter weather quickly approaching, please stay alert for potential school cancellations, late starts, or early dismissals. Families will be notified through our district Alert System via phone, text, or email. Updates will also be shared through our usual local radio and television stations.

Radio
WKLK

TV
KDLH
WDIO
KBJR



Save the Date

***Holiday Concert for all 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders**

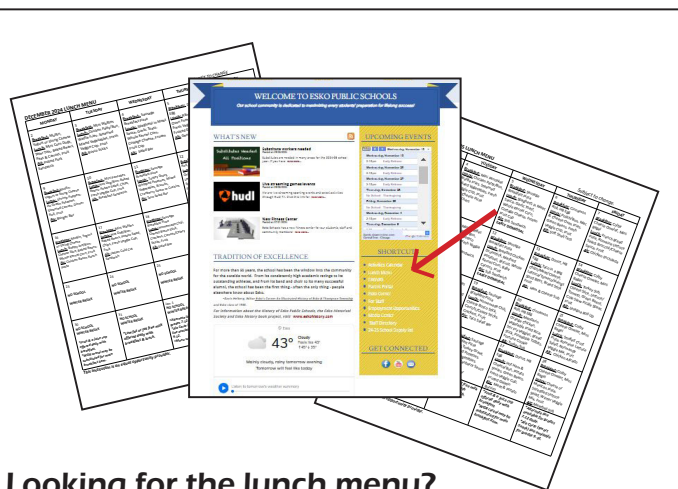
***Wednesday December 10th**

***1:00 pm Dress Rehearsal**

***6 pm Evening Performance**

***Varsity Gym**

***Please have your students dress their best**



Looking for the lunch menu?

Find the current month's menu on the school website, under "shortcuts" here:

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



Winterquist PIE Meeting Minutes for 10/6/2025

Current Mission Statement: Winterquist Elementary Partners in Education’s mission is supporting, promoting, and enhancing our children’s educational environment.

Board Members in Attendance: Kacy Jacobs, Denise LaGraves, Ty Gangelhoff **Members in Attendance:** Tiffany Kuchar, Kristine Baird, Brian Harker, Sarah Francisco, Kate Elwell, Brittany Lindmeyer, Kim Huberty, Stacey Edin, Heather East, Caitlin, Coppage, Celeste Brandt, Nita Peterson, Kris Glesener, Amanda Johnson, Rakel Johnson, Carrie Altrichter, Christine Ringat, Steve Krueger, Taylor Walling

Meeting called to order at: 1730

Approval of Minutes: reviewed and approved

Brian Harker provided an overview of PIE

- What PIE has brought to the school in the past
 - Previous Fundraisers and Ideas for Fundraisers from previous years
- Only 20% of families at the school participate in the fundraisers up to date
- Member, Celeste, does fundraising and grant writing for her profession and is interested in assisting with this
- New fundraising ideas need to be brought to the School Board for approval. We have events such as Mc-School Night, Fill the E, clothing fundraiser approved to be ongoing, indefinitely.
- This is a Rebuilding Year
- Committees that are needed at this time are:
1. Restructuring the Bylaws and group - current board to review
- Discussion of having a staff member on current board
2. Community Events (Science Night, Winterfest, Esko Fun Days, etc.) Denise LaGraves to chair
 3. School Day Enhancements and Appreciation (I Love to Read, Scholastic books, Staff Appreciation, student treats, etc.) Kacy Jacobs to chair
 4. Fundraising (McSchool, Fill the E, etc.) Ty Gangelhoff to chair
- One idea mentioned was a Book Vending Machine
5. Sign up sheets went around and a current member of board will chair a committee or a member of the group can chair
 6. We will have separate meetings for these committees

Treasurer Report:

General Fund

Starting Balance (9/1/2025): \$35,669.68

Deposits (total): \$0
Checks (total): \$0
Interest: \$0.14
Ending Balance (9/30/2025): \$35,669.82
CD Account
No CD at this time.

Proposed Budget 2025-2026	Budgeted Amount	Amount Remaining
Roller skating- PE	\$1,500.00	\$0
Teacher Requests- Kindergarten	\$750.00	\$750.00
Teacher Requests- First Grade	\$750.00	\$750.00
Teacher Requests and Good & Services Day- Second Grade	\$750.00	\$750.00
Teacher Requests- Third Grade	\$750.00	\$750.00
Teacher Requests- Fourth Grade	\$750.00	\$750.00
Teacher Requests- Fifth Grade	\$750.00	\$750.00
Teacher Requests- Sixth Grade	\$750.00	\$750.00
Staff Appreciation (no conference meals)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Science Night	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
I Love to Read Month	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Knowledge Bowl	\$500.00	\$500.00
PIE General Fund (expenses, etc.)	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Child care gift cards for during PIE meetings: \$5 x 2 x 8 meetings	\$80.00	\$80.00
Playground Equipment to replace zipline?	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Scholastic Books for students- distribute 2x this year (coordinate w/Mrs.Peterson)	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Total	\$26,330.00	\$24,830.00

- Proposed budget reviewed but not approved at this meeting.
- Discussion of having each grade having \$750 to do with as they want (just need receipts)
- Discussion of not having a set amount for each grade and continue to review teacher requests out of main budget
- Discussion of asking teachers at the end of the school year what they would like for the following year to assist in budget planning.

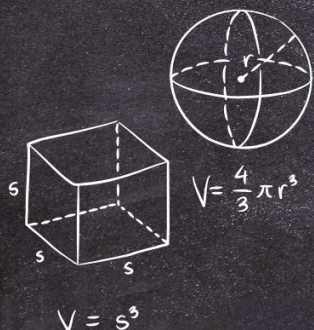
Follow Ups

- Playground equipment - adding/replacing- Mr. Harker- sent an e-mail with proposed items with product and installation costs. PDF sent to group.
Track ride is what we would anticipate being replaced or repaired.
Will table for future meeting

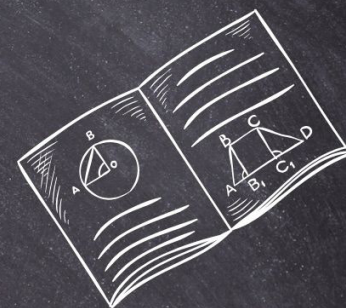
Meeting Adjourned at 1834

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

All meeting times are at 5:30 in Board Room
November 3rd
January 5th
February 2nd
March 2nd
April 6th
May 4th



Quarter One Honor Roll



Adkins Emma
Ahsan Aania
Amundsen Mya
Anderson Aiden
Ankarlo Lillee
Antonutti Joshua
Ausland Jayden
Ausland Mallory
Backstrom Ike
Backstrom Lucye
Bailey Aaron
Bailey Maren
Barnes Roman
Barousse Lourdes
Barta Ellynor
Barta Lucy
Battaglia Brooklyn
Beare Ashlynn
Bednar David
Bednar Josef
Beisang Norah
Beisang William
Belich Gavin
Bell Kenya
Benedix Harper
Besonen Jonas
Besonen Elin
Black Jordan
Borden Leah
Bowman Isabella
Brabec Marisa
Brodin Annabella
Brown Isebella
Bryant Quinn
Campanario Alli
Carey Priya
Carey Amira
Carlson Charlie
Carlson Lucky
Cawcutt Waylan
Cebelinski Amelia
Cheslak Samuel
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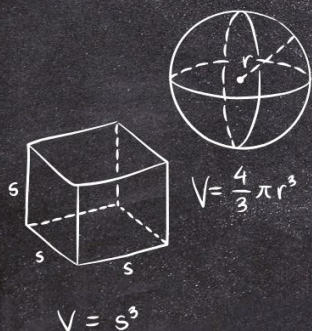
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Kayser Kroix
Kelsey Jovie
King Alex
Klemmer Kelsey
Knudson Peter
Korkala Kamryn
Koski Bryce
Koski Brooke
Krech Olivia
Krech Abigail
Krocka Oakley
Kronlund Carson
Kurahjetz Camden
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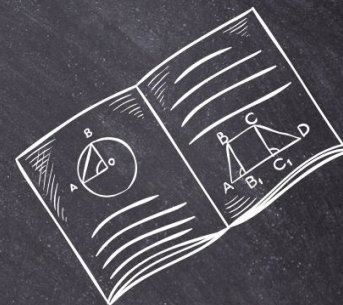
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Ryan Rosemary
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Sawyer Aiden
Sawyer Bryce
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Schmitz Ariel
Schoepflin Bridget
Schumann Delaina
Selin Tucker
Selin Peyton
Senenfelder Harper

Seppanen Peyton
Sheldon Attlei
Sheldon Deklinn
Sheridan Ava
Sheridan Sophia
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Sielaff Emerson Jo
Skifstad Lucy
Smith Cayden
Smith Brynlee
Smitke Priah
Snow Easton
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Symiczek Jayden
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Tester Isaac
Tester Luke
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Thompson Kendra
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Thwaits Nolan
Tingum Aiden
True Aiden
Turcotte Annika
Vang Xai
Vonasek Molly
vonGillern Teagan
Walz Chase
Ward Vienna
Warden Henry
Warden Violet
Watsick Evan
Weber Gwendolyn
Whiting Layla
Wiermaa Matthew
Williams Payten
Williams Rayna
Willis Kaden
Zigich Allison
Zigich Elliot
Zimmer Alia
Zimny Lliam
Zywicki Owen
Zywicki Ava



Quarter One

Merit Roll



Anderson Ava
Anderson Nolan
Androsky Dominic
Autio Ali
Bailey Emmett
Barnes Tarynn
Behrendt Blake
Bender Remington
Bergstedt-Bloss Maiya
Blotti Wyatt
Bohlman Genevieve
Brekke Eleanor
Brekke Ahna
Brissett Rowan
Caple Braeden
Carey Merik
Cawcutt Owen
Chopskie Ayden
Christensen Brynn
Dahlman Zoe
Dahlman Logan
Dallmann Connor
Dallmann Adam
Dammer MyKenzie
Darby Garrett
Daveau Ava
DeBondt Kennadi
Dewey Daniel
Downs John
Dunaiski Dawson
Egge Jaela
Elton Samuel
Engstad Colton
Filipiak Logan
Fonoti Kalea
Foster Benjamin
Fraschino Axel
Frederick Ezekiel
Frederick Ezra
Frederick Millie
Fuchs Jada
Furcht Philip
Gamache Hailey
Gamache Zachary
Gamache Melanie
Genereau Cullen

Gerard Makenna
Gerard Brennan
Gottschald Perry
Granholm Dachen
Greiner Cooper
Grimm Liberty
Hacker Jackson
Halverson Weston
Haney Arlyne
Hansen Gabriel
Hanson Lilee
Hartlieb Graham
Hawkinson Madilyn
Haydon SandraJean
Heehn Hanna
Hendrickson Kam
Hendrickson Elena
Hendrickson Emelyn
Hill Ethan
Hill Leland
Hitchcock Alexis
Hoium Nolan
Hurst Robert
Jackson Asa
Jens Brynlee
Johnson Donald
Kari Ahti
Karjala William
Kayser Madek
Kemp Alexandra
Kern Aubree
Klingelhofer Lexi
Klingelhofer Majja
Kluenenberg Ethan
Kluenenberg Natalie
Koski Britta
Kulas Kamryn
Kulas Aubrey
Kvitek Chase
Kvitek Ethan
Lawry Carley
LeBlanc Evelyn
Luense Cole
Male Braxdyn
Male Breckyn
Marsh Broderick

Matteen Trevor
Mattevi Genevieve
Mattonen Cruz
Mattonen Thomas
Mattson Trygve
McClure Calla
McKibbon Cierah
McLaughlin Ethan
McMillan Landon
Milbridge-Scott Ty
Miller Corbin
Moderson Gavin
Modich Eloise
Monnier Oliviana
Moran Eryka
Mudrak Ellie May
Nagorski Laila
Nelson Jase
Nesseth Caleb
Nick Amira
Nick Sovay
Nikunen Kyler
Nooyen Derek
O'Leary Evan
Osvold Carter
Osvold Paisley
Oveson Altyn
Parker Ashelyn
Parrott Ethan
Perez Avani
Perfetti Donovan
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Peterson Alec
Peterson Brock
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Pfeifer Michael
Piirainen Eleanor
Piirainen Emma
Piontek Drew
Pollard Caleb
Prachar Dylan
Preiner Ava
Reeves Garrett
Renne Kellie
Renninger Jackson

Ritchie Baizlee
Roemer Hunter
Rogalla Austin
Russell Smith Greyson
Saari Jennifer
Samec Harrison
Samec William
Sauter Maxxwell
Schilling Robert
Schneider Landon
Schumann Caleb
Scofield Peyton
Selin Kane
Shannon Grace
Sheridan Iris
Shovein Araya
Siats Jaxson
Skifstad Henry
Skog Samuel
Solomon Lucas
Soukkala Oliver
Soukkala Jaiden
Spears Olivia
Stinson Katelynn
Stonemark Greyson
Stormoen Tyson
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Sullivan Conor
Swanson Clara
Sykes Alexa
Taivaloja Tenley
Tesser Addie Jo
Trone Madalyn
Urie Jolie
Vandenheuvel Brianna
Ward Finley
Waters Andrew
Weaver Evan
Whiting Lexi
Zangs Jacenta
Zimmer Izaac

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 2025-2026 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

Girls' Basketball: Head Varsity Coach – Jeremy Fuchs
eskogbb@esko.k12.mn.us

Esko GBB will have a parent/player meeting on November 3rd in the Varsity Gym from 6-7P for all 7-12 grade girl players

Practice/Tryouts start on Nov 10th.

C-E-C Alpine (Boys & Girls) Ski: Coach – Ryan Zimny
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: Ann Gustafson
agustafs@isd94.org

We will have a pre-season informational meeting on Thursday October 23rd at 3:00 (or whenever they can get there). In the Flexible Learning Center

The Nordic Ski season starts on Monday November 10th, 4:00 at Pine Valley in Cloquet.

CEC Nordic Ski schedule

C-E-C Boys' Hockey: Coach: Shea Walters
shea.walters11@gmail.com (218)409-5477

C-E-C Girls' Hockey: Coach: Kenndy Houge
khounge@isd94.org

Boys Swim: Coach John Nelson PROCSWCOACH@HOTMAIL.COM
Athletes interested in Boys Swim & Dive please register at <https://proctor-ar.schooltoday.com/node/24>

Cheerleading:

Coaches- Abbey Bentley and Andrea Hey
abigail.k.bentley@gmail.com
andreakeuhn@gmail.com

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

- 1) Online Sports Registration [Registration page](#)
- 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

ESKO

Baseball Training - by Ben Haugen



Baseball Training for the

*Are you serious about improving your skills as a baseball player?
Are you at least a 7th grader willing to put in the extra time?*

Esko Baseball Training may be for you.

Hitting sessions will revolve around tee, soft toss and cage repetitions while focusing on the mechanics and the movements of a powerful, compact swing.

Fielding sessions will emphasize glove and foot patterns for the smooth fielder.

Arm Care Sessions will be designed to clean up throwing mechanics and get the athlete ready for the season through band work, mobility training, plyo ball work, catch play, long toss, and pitch development.

Questions: Contact Ben Haugen
(218) 428-0249 or haugenben023@gmail.com

Serious Esko Athlete

Session 1 - Hitting & Fielding
October 21 through November 18

Session 2 - Hitting & Fielding
November 20 through December 18 (Not Thanksgiving)

Session 3 - Hitting & Arm Care
January 6 through February 3

Session 4 - Hitting & Arm Care
February 5 through March 6

Where: Blue Gym.

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30-7:30am

Needs: Helmet, bat, glove, and gym clothes/shoes.

Cost: \$250/session. Registration will be capped at 10.

To Register: Use the QR code below



2026

SUMMER SOFTBALL



REGISTRATION DATES: FEBRUARY 1-MARCH 6

LATE REGISTRATION: MARCH 7-13 ADDITIONAL FEES APPLY

LEVELS OF PLAY	GAME NIGHTS	FEES
U8	MONDAY	\$85
U10	WEDNESDAY	\$115
U12	TUESDAY	\$125
U14	WEDNESDAY	\$150
U16/18	MONDAY I TUESDAY	\$150

U10/12/14 GAME NIGHTS ARE DOUBLE HEADERS

U14/16/18 GAMES ARE PLAYED AT WHEELER FIELDS

REGISTER @ ESKOFASTPITCH.COM



**INTERESTED IN JOINING THE TOURNAMENT TEAM?
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!**



ESKOFASTPITCHASSOCIATION@GMAIL.COM



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Nordic Spirit Youth Ski League

Hey kids and parents, it is winter again and a great time of year. We offer cross country ski lessons at Spirit Mountain Nordic Center for kids ages 5 to 14. It's at an affordable price with great volunteer coaches. We also supply ski equipment if needed. The ski lessons begin Sunday, January 4th, and will last for 6 weeks. The last lesson is on February 8th. Lessons for children grades K-3 will be from 1:30 to 2:30, and for kids grade 4-8, 1:00 to 2:30. The cost is \$30.00 for the first child, \$20.00 for each additional child. Price includes use of ski equipment. Registration forms can be found on line at www.duluthxc.com. Registration and equipment fitting will be on Saturday December 13th between 9:00 and 12:00 pm and Sunday December 14, 2:00 to 5:00 pm. See registration form for details. Call 218-626-2532 or email Mary Jane Sorenson at mjwsorenson@gmail.com or emiller@mwclaim.com with any questions or registration forms.



SHORT VERSION

NORDIC SPIRIT YOUTH SKI LEAGUE

Youth cross-country ski lessons.

Where- Spirit Mountain Nordic Center

When- 6 weeks of instruction every Sunday January 4 to February 8.

Time- Grades 4-8 1:00-2:30 pm and K-3 1:30-2:30 pm.

Cost- \$30, 1st child in family; \$20 every child thereafter.

Includes- Equipment if needed and instruction.

Pre-register- registration forms online at www.dxcduluth.com and registration and equipment fitting on Saturday Dec 13 from 9:00 to 12:00 and Sunday Dec 14 , 2:00pm to 5:00 pm at the Nordic Center at the top of the hill. See registration forms for details.

Information- call 218-626-2532 or email to mjwsorenson@gmail.com or emiller@mwclaim.com.

Volunteer teachers always welcome.

Contact Person:

Mary Jane Sorenson

12201 Becks Rd Duluth, Mn 55808

218-626-2532





Congratulations to Isabella Bowman, a freshman at Esko High School and member of the Duluth Figure Skating Club, who has qualified for the 2026 U.S. Figure Skating Midwestern Sectional Singles Final, taking place November 17-21 in Lansing, Michigan.

This marks Isabella's second consecutive year earning a spot at Sectionals - last year she competed at the Intermediate level, and this season she moved up to Novice Women's level.

A two-time Minnesota State Champion, Isabella also brought home the silver medal at this year's state competition. Only the top 24 skaters in the Midwest qualify for Sectionals, making her achievement an incredible milestone in an already standout season. We wish Isabella the best of luck in Michigan!



WINTER FEST

31 January, 2026

4:00-6:00 games and market
6:00-8:00 Ice Lantern Walk in the school forest

Check out activities at the Esko Historical Society and Esko Athletic Complex.

We are looking for local vendors to set up for a winter market email
eskocommunitypartnership@gmail.com

This event is brought to you by Esko School Forest, Esko Community Partnership, and the Esko Historical Society

Esko's Annual Community Baby Shower

for all Esko families who had a baby born in 2025

Save the Date!

Thursday, February 12th, 2026
5:30 - 6:30pm

ESKO EDUCATION CENTER
ESKO ECCE CLASSROOM

REGISTER THROUGH
ESKO COMMUNITY EDUCATION

From the Thomson Town Board

By Nathan Barta

Hello Thomson Township!

I've been looking for a good medium to reach the entire community with a Township Update for a while. Social media didn't seem to cut it so I want to thank School Board Chair Jerry Frederick for suggesting an article in Esko's Corner. This will be the first of many to come and I hope you find it helpful and informative. The goal is to help the community become more informed about local government by including information about how the Township works, things we're working on, helpful updates and reminders, and anything else to help keep us connected.

Townships are an incredibly unique form of government in Minnesota. One of the main aspects that sets towns apart from cities and counties in Minnesota is the annual meeting. This meeting occurs on the second Tuesday of March every year. The primary goals of this meeting in Thomson Township are to approve the annual statement of the preceding year, and to approve the tax levy for the next year. The tax levy is then confirmed again at the reconvened annual meeting held later in the year. Any resident of the Township who is registered to vote, or otherwise qualified may attend the meeting as an "elector" and is able to vote at the meeting. The powers of the electors are laid out in Minnesota State Statute 365.10 if you are interested in learning more. At our 2025 annual meeting, the residents in attendance voted to approve an 11.29% levy increase for 2026. This was again approved by the residents who attended the reconvened annual meeting on August 19th. The increase accounts for rising costs across the board, but the township will still likely use some cash reserve funds in 2026 to keep up basic operations. The Road & Bridge/Road Improvement fund will see the largest allocation of funds at just under 47% of the budget. The General fund makes up around 27%, Capital Improvement at 9%, and Police/Fire at just under 14%. The rest of the budget is from the Town Hall, Recreation, Parks/Trees, and Fire Relief funds. Our staff worked diligently to craft a budget that takes in the needs of our Township, while also working to balance costs for residents in a way that is most effective.

A main priority of the Township this Summer was the Randall Avenue sewer extension project. Several homes had interconnected sewer lines from when they were first built, as there were no municipal utilities extending down Randall Avenue. The Township worked with Bollig Engineering and Veit Construction to extend sewer utility lines down Randall avenue so residents could get connected. The project was completed towards the end of the Summer and Randall avenue will be paved next Spring. The Township is looking to correct a similar issue on Birch drive in the future.

Another future priority of the Township is to extend water utilities south of the I-35 interchange. This will help with future residential and commercial development in this prime area as developers will not have to rely on private septic and wells. The Township submitted a State Bonding request that was unsuccessful this year as the state did not fund any local projects, but we are excited to pursue it again next year.

The Township recently had wetland delineations done at Northridge park, and at the Town Hall location as a start for hopeful future improvements at the park, and beginning a new Public Works Facility project.

Some reminders as we enter the Winter season- please do not put garbage cans out in the road or in the right-of-way, or plow snow across the road. It is against the law in Minnesota. (See MN Statutes 609.98, and 169.42) The Public Works crew appreciates it! The Township and School District are also working closely with Carlton County as they develop a plan for Highway 61. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for January 8th at the Thomson Town Hall, more details to come.

- The Township Board of Supervisors meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month at the Thomson Town Hall, 25 E Harney Road, at 5:00 PM.
- For more information, visit our website at www.townofthomsonmn.gov, or download our app, "Thomson Twp Esko Connect."
- Office hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm.

On behalf of the Thomson Town Board and staff,
Nathan Barta



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: <https://townofthomsmn.gov> with more information on the effects of animal waste on the local waterways.



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Interested in keeping up on Esko Town Board news? Meeting agendas, minutes and virtual meeting information is available online at:

<https://www.townofthomsonmn.gov/meetings/>



RECYCLING SHED HOURS



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

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

The staffed facility in Esko is for residential recycling only.

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

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

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

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

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

THOMSON TOWN OFFICE

The Thomson Town Office is located at 25 E. Harney Road. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WEBSITE CHANGES

The Town of Thomson's website is <http://townofthomsonmn.gov>.

New permitting software has been added and permits can now be taken online at <http://us.cloudpermit.com> or on the Town's website.

New scheduling software for the community room and Northridge Park will be available in the near future.

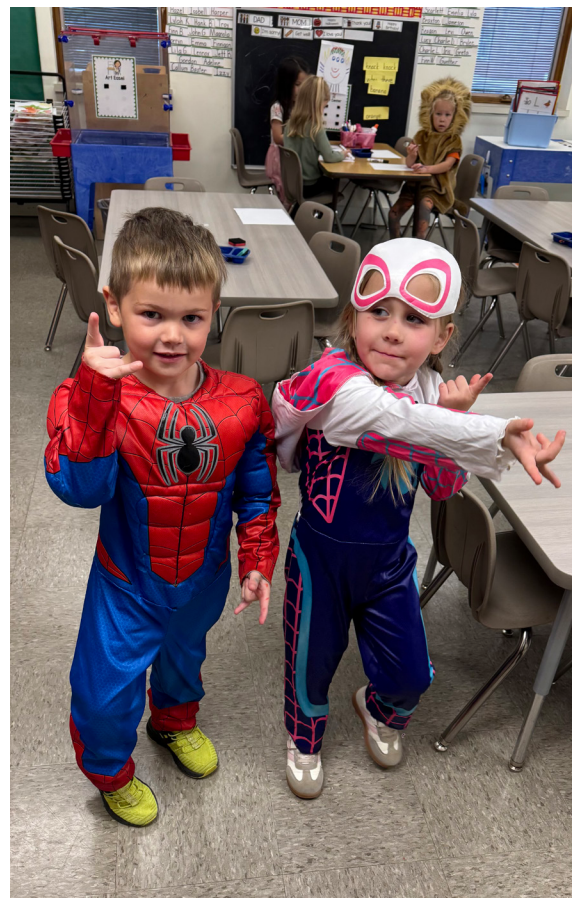
TOWN HALL RENTALS / NORTHRIDGE PARK PAVILION

Remember: The Town Hall and Northridge Park Pavilion are available for private rentals. Contact the Town Office at 879-9719 for details or visit our website, <http://townofthomsonmn.gov>.



HALLOWEEN FUN!

Esko Students had a lot of fun this October making spooky snacks, playing games and exploring seasonal sensory items! Thanks so much for sharing!





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Apostolic Lutheran Church

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Intern Michael Mattinen

Website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/eskoapostolic/home>

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December Schedule

Sundays:

9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship Service – All Ages

* 1st & 3rd Sunday - Holy Communion

11 AM-Noon 1st Sunday Meal, otherwise
Coffee & Fellowship

Tuesdays:

8:00 AM Men's Fellowship

Wednesdays:

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

6:15-7 PM Activities for all ages:

Youth Group: Pre-School - 12th Grade

Adult Bible Study

*December 24th 4:00 PM & 10:00 PM:
Christmas Eve Services

** No evening activities Wed. Nov.
25th**

January Schedule

Sundays:

9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship Service – All Ages

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Coffee & Fellowship

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February Schedule

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

Luke 2:10-11

**[10] And the angel said to them,
“Fear not, for behold, I bring you
good news of great joy that will be
for all the people. [11] For unto you
is born this day in the city of David a
Savior, who is Christ the Lord.**



Weekly

Sunday - Dec, Jan & Feb

8 & 10:30 am Worship Service

9:15 Sunday School & Christian
Education Hour / Adult Bible
Study w/ Pastor Mably -
Catechisms for Adults

Tuesday - Dec, Jan & Feb

7 am Men's Bible Study

Wednesday - Dec only

5:30 Potluck Dinner
6:30 pm Advent Service
Every Heart Prepare

Wednesday - Jan & Feb

7:00 pm Choir

Thursday - Dec, Jan & Feb

6 pm Experience Recovery

Sunday - December 7

Noon - Free Will offering Lunch
9-1 pm Silent Auction to support
Sola Gratia Lutheran Academy

Monday- December 16

6-7 pm Little Esko Preschool
Christmas Program

Wednesday - December 24

Christmas Eve Worship Services @
3 pm, 5 pm & 10 pm (times subject
to change)

Thursday - December 25

Christmas Day Worship Service
@ 9 am

Sunday - January 11

Winter Carnival @ 9:15 am

Sunday - February 8

Mn Adult & Teen Challenge @ 10:30

Wednesday - February 18 & 25

Soup Supper @ 5:30 pm
Lent Services @ 6:30 pm

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

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A festive poster for a Silent Auction. It features a cream-colored background with a decorative orange border. The border is adorned with a repeating pattern of green Christmas trees, red and white reindeer, and a grey cat. The title 'Silent Auction' is written in a large, elegant, orange cursive font, flanked by two orange wavy lines. Below the title, the text 'A fundraiser for Sola Gratia Lutheran Academy' is written in a smaller, green, sans-serif font. The date and time 'DECEMBER 7, 2025 | 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.' are in orange, followed by 'ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH- ESKO, MN' and 'FREE LUNCH WITH FREEWILL OFFERING BEGINNING AT 12 P.M.' in orange. Below this, 'ALL DONATIONS DUE BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 1' is in green. The section 'SIGN UP TO DONATE:' is in orange, followed by a list: '-GIFT CARDS', '-BASKETS', and '-AUCTION ITEMS' in orange. Below this is '|OR|' in orange. Then 'SPONSOR A BASKET' is in orange. At the bottom, 'CALL/EMAIL ERIN BOWES WITH ANY QUESTIONS' and '651.399.6475 | ERINMBOWES@GMAIL.COM' are in green.

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