

Esko's Corner

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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

Zumba

Zumba is a fitness cardio workout that combines Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves that will make you forget you're even working out! Our goal is simple...we want you to be healthy, to love working out and to enjoy exciting calorie burning, body energizing movements meant to be enjoyed throughout your life at any age! Now is the time to try Zumba! Bring to Class: Water Bottle

Sessions: 5

Cost: \$40.00

Instructor: Naomi Christiansen

3/2/2026

3/9/2026

3/16/2026

3/23/2026

4/6/2026

5:15 PM - 6:15 PM

Esko Schools Cafeteria

Pilates

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

Sessions: 5

Cost: \$65.00

Instructor: Kati Ruhnke

2/25/2026

3/4/2026

3/18/2026

3/25/2026

4/8/2026

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Esko Schools Cafeteria

Zumba Punch Card

5 class punch card to use throughout the 25-26 school year
\$45

Pilates Punch Card

5 class punch card to use throughout the 25-26 school year
\$65



Open Adult Pickleball

Replacing open gym, pickleball is open to high school graduates and older to play. Please bring clean, dry tennis shoes and your own racquet and balls.

Blue gym.
Cost: Free
Sundays, March 15-April 26 NO Pickleball on March 29 and April 5
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Adult Soap Stone Carvings: Make a Turtle Figurine

Learn how to carve your own take-home soap-stone turtle during a fun, artistic class experience! We will learn about the rocks and minerals of sculpting stones, and the nature of how to manipulate them. Plus, what historical purposes the rock was used for. Cassie will help lead you with easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions to create your very own 3D art masterpiece.

7 Student Max
Cost: \$35
4/16/26
5:30 PM-8:00 PM
High School Art Room-S101



Look how much fun these ladies had at our Galentines Fondue Class! A great night to connect with other ladies in the community. See above for another fun class coming soon!

Driver's Ed.

This class provides students with a basic understanding of MN Traffic Safety laws, and the complexities of driving. It also gives participants information necessary for acquiring a MN Learners permit upon successful completion of the written exam. Students who were not born in Carlton County should begin to acquire their Certified Birth Certificate which is essential for taking the permit exam. Priority will be given to current 15 year olds who attend Esko Public Schools. Students must attend all 30 hours of training. You will need to sign up with a Driving School for behind the wheel lessons (at an additional cost) before the permit test. Students are required to Log 50 hours driving time and this must be turned in to the DMV prior to the road skills test. Attendance at the optional Parent Program can reduce the numbers of logged hours to 40.

We need 12 students to be able to run this class. Cancellation fee of \$15.00 will be charged for any cancellations out of this class.

Age Req: 15 years

Will open to 14.5 year olds 3 weeks prior to class

Will open to 14 year olds 1 week prior to class

Sessions: 10

Cost: \$125.00

3/18/2026 6:00PM - 9:00PM

3/25/2026 6:00PM - 9:00PM

4/8/2026 6:00PM - 9:00PM

4/15/2026 6:00PM - 9:00PM

4/22/2026 6:00PM - 9:00PM

4/29/2026 6:00PM - 9:00PM

5/6/2026 6:00PM - 9:00PM

5/13/2026 6:00PM - 9:00PM

5/20/2026 6:00PM - 9:00PM

5/27/2026 6:00PM - 9:00PM

Esko Schools - S132

S101

- Spring Flower Plate | 4/7/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$17 | Room S101
- Kids' Choice | 4/14/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$16 | Room S101
- Mom to go Mug | 4/21/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$18 | Room S101
- Mom Day Kids' Choice | 4/28/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$15 | Room S101
- Dad Day Kids' Choice | 5/5/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$16 | Room S101
- Dad to go Mug | 5/12/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$18 | Room S101
- 4th of July Kids' Choice | 5/19/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$17 | 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

- Firemaster | Grades 3-6 | 3/12/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$15 | Playground
- Shed Hunting | Grades 2-5 | 3/24/26 | 3:15-5:00 | \$28 | School Forest
- Archeology Dig | Grades 2-5 | 4/23/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$18 | Playground
- Archery | Grades 4-6 | 5/4/26, 5/11/26, 5/18/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$60 | Cafeteria/Playground

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

- Bee Hotel | Grades 1-6 | 4/16/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$15 | Room E263
- Wooden Bead Butterfly | Grades 1-6 | 5/21/26 | 3:15-4:35 | \$15 | Room E263

LEGO Robotics

Hang out with Miss Granholm for the afternoon and learn to build and control LEGO Robots! LEGO Robotics 2nd grade intro class is for 2nd graders looking for an introduction to LEGO Robotics. Please only register for 1 of the intro sessions. 2nd graders will be using less complicated kits. LEGO Robotics grades 3-6 classes will open for registration on the following dates:

March session will open on February 20th

April session will open on March 19th

May session will open on April 16th

Registration will close 1 day prior to start date at noon.

Summer Drivers Ed- Watch for a class coming in August!

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.

- Easter Egg Plate | 3/10/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$15 | Room S101
- Easter Kids' Choice | 3/17/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$16 | Room S101
- Kids' Name Plaque | 3/24/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$16 | Room

Early Childhood

- March | Grades 3-6 | Thurs 3/5/26-3/26/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$30 | Room E372
- April 2nd grade Intro | Grade 2 | Tues 4/7/26-4/28/24 | 3:15-4:30 | \$30 | Room E372
- April | Grades 3-6 | Thurs 4/9/26-4/30/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$30 | Room E372
- May 2nd grade Intro | Grade 2 | Tues 5/5/26-5/26/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$30 | Room E372
- May | Grades 3-6 | Thurs 5/7/26-5/28/26 | 3:15-4:30 | \$30 | Room E372

Elementary Track & Field

Get ready to run, jump and throw! Each week will focus on a different skill! Students will meet in the cafeteria after school and walk to the Esko athletic complex. Pickup is at 4:45 at the Esko athletic complex. If your child attends Cool Kids there will not be staff available to pick them up at the field.

- Spring 2026 | Grades 3-6 | Thurs 5/7/26-5/21/26 | 3:15-4:45 | \$20 | Esko Athletic Complex

Oaken Hollow Games

Gather your friends and join local board game company, Oaken Hollow Games, to learn how to play 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.

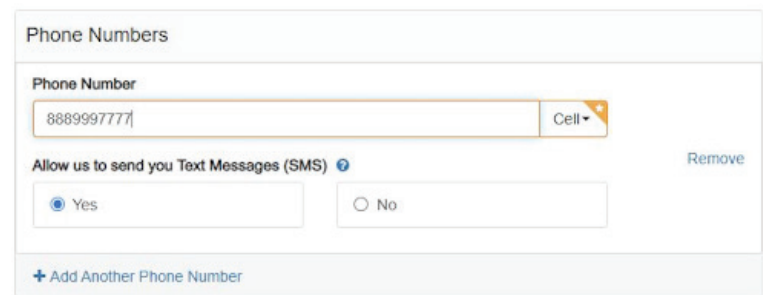
- Tinker 101 | Grades 4-6 | 4/13/2026 | 3:15-5:00 | \$30 | Room E372

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.



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.



Please remember the Esko Education parking lot is ONE WAY

This is especially important now that we have snow banks large enough to block visibility exiting the lot.

Parking is reserved for staff in the building and parents using programs. Thank you for your help in keeping our littlest learners safe.



Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)



**EARLY CHILDHOOD
FAMILY EDUCATION**

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



Why We Play Night

Esko School Readiness/ ECFE

SAVE THE DATE!
04/08/2025
TUESDAY

QUESTIONS?
MPLIML@ESKO.K12.MN.US



6:00-7:00

COME LEARN WHY WE PLAY AT SCHOOL.



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

Esko Early Learning

Tiny Tots ECFE Class

Ages 0-3 – All Caregivers Welcome!

Class begins Monday February 23rd 9:00–10:00

Classes are held at Esko Community Education Building

Bring moms, dads, grandparents and anyone who loves your little one for a joyful morning of connection & discovery
Questions? email mpliml@esko.k12.mn.us



Coffee and Donut Play Date

Saturday May 16th
9:00-10:30

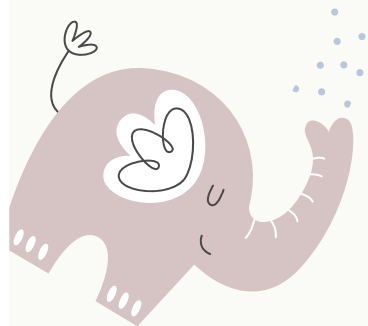
Northridge Park, Esko

Coffee and Donuts will be provided.

Hosted by Esko ECFE and School Readiness.

RSVP is not required but we ask you to reach out to your teacher if you can make it.





PLEASE JOIN US FOR ESKO'S ANNUAL

Community Baby Shower



FOR ALL ESKO FAMILIES WHO HAD
A BABY BORN IN 2025

Thursday, March 5th, 2026
5:30 - 6:30pm

ESKO COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER
16 E. HWY 61, ESKO, MN 55733
ECFE ROOM



Gifts

Cake

Games

Prizes

Meet other
parents with a
little one



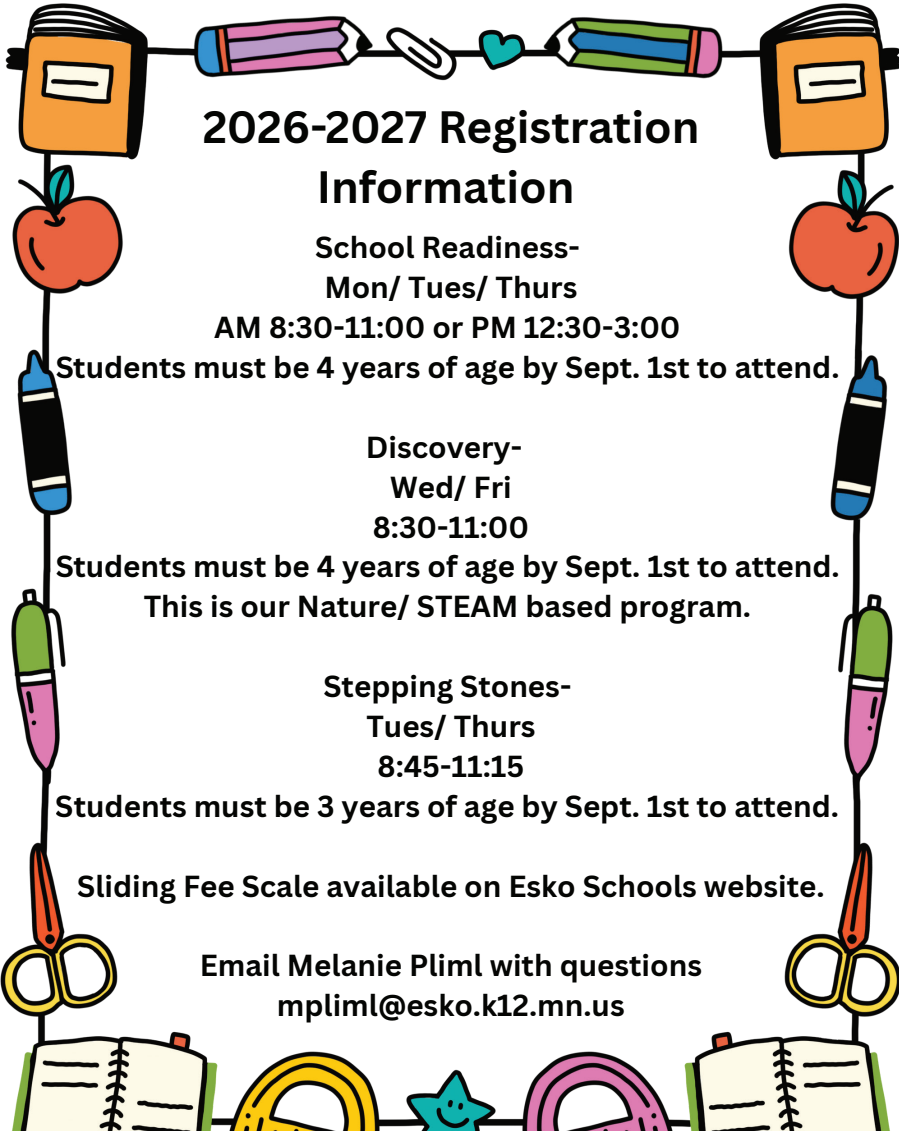
Congratulations on the birth of your
2025 baby!

Please register through Esko Community Education to
help us plan for your attendance. There will be a
personalized gift included for your baby. .





Esko Early Learning School Readiness and Stepping Stones



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

Registration is on Monday
March 9th 2026 at Noon.

School Readiness and Stepping
Stones have a \$40 non refundable
registration fee.

Discovery has a \$200 non
refundable registration fee, this
fee covers the cost of all trips and
activities.

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



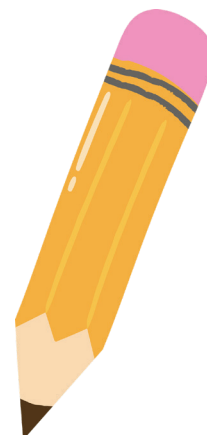


Early Childhood Screening



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.



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

Early Childhood Screening -
We were able to screen over 25 three to four year olds during our February screening dates.

Save the date for next school year-

October 7th, 2026
February 10th, 2027

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 **CONNECT**



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

COOL KIDS REGISTRATION

FALL 26-27
12:00 NOON,
MONDAY,
MARCH 9TH



SAVE THE DATE

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.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is my child a Cool Kid or a Cool Cub?

- If your child attends School Readiness Preschool classes, they are a Cool Cub. If your child is in grades K-5, they are a Cool Kid.

What are your hours?

Cool Kids is open 6:30 am – 6:00 pm.

- Cool Kids AM Session: 6:30-7:45 AM
- Cool Cubs: 6:30 AM -6:00 PM
- Cool Kids PM Session: After School - 6:00 PM

What are your rates?

- Flat rate for preschool Cool Cubs care: \$125 weekly, for 38 weeks
- Before & After School (K-5) Flat Rates: \$50 weekly, for 38 weeks

Am I billed for days my child does not attend?

- Accounts are billed based on program dates, not attendance. You will be billed as of the first day the program is open to your student, not the first day your student attends. You will be billed the flat weekly rate each week, even if your child attends 0 days. Removing your child from the schedule will not reduce your bill.

How and where do I make my child's schedule?

- You must create your schedule manually in the Eleyo system. You may schedule as far out in advance as you'd like. Schedules need to be completed 7 days prior to needing care. Same-week schedule changes may result in additional charges. Cool Cubs students should only schedule in the Cool Cubs section. Cool Kids students should schedule in AM and/or PM based on your family's needs.



How do I register?

- Registration takes place in our online registration system, Eleyo. It is not available to register for until 12:00 Noon, on March 10th and will not appear in Eleyo until then.



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

If your child is a preschooler, you will be registering for the Cool Kids/Cubs program, and scheduling in the Cool Cubs section.

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

Elementary News

By Brian Harker

Important Dates

- Monday, March 2: PIE Meeting – 5:30 pm- Board Room
- Thursday, March 19: Kindergarten Visit Night- Incoming Students (4:00 and 5:30)
- Thursday, March 19: Science Night- 5:30 pm- Cafeteria
- Friday, March 20: End of 3rd Quarter
- Tuesday, March 24 : Kindergarten Round-Up- Parent Night- 5:30- Theater
- Friday, March 27: Kindergarten Round-Up- Incoming Students Visit- During the day
- Monday, March 30–April 5 – Spring Break
- Monday, April 6: PIE Meeting- 6:00 pm- Board Room
- Tuesday, April 21 and Wednesday, April 22- MCA Reading Test
- Tuesday, April 28 and Wednesday, April 29- MCA Math Test
- Monday, May 4: PIE Meeting- 6:00 pm- Board Room
- Tuesday, May 5- MCA Science Test (5th grade only)
- Tuesday, May 19- Spring Program- 6:00 pm- Grades 4-6- Varsity Gym
- Monday, May 25: No School- Students and Staff
- Thursday, June 4: Last Day of School- 3 Hour Early Release- 12:15 pm

Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on Wednesday, February 4, and Wednesday, February 11. We enjoy conferences as a time to meet, share, and grow together as a school community. Our relationships with our families help us create an environment that is student-centered and focused on meeting the needs of each child here. Thank you for your attendance at your child's conference.

MCA Testing

The MCA testing season is upon us for grades 3-6. Our students in grades 3-6 will take the MCA Reading Test on April 21 and 22. The MCA Math Test will be administered on April 28 and April 29. The MCA Science Test will be on May 5 for 5th graders only.

It is very important that the students get a good night's sleep each night and that they eat a healthy breakfast in the morning. Please help ensure that your child is rested and prepared for each school day. Also, avoid appointments or family trips on these testing dates. The students must be here on these days.

Elementary Teacher Requests

We will follow the same process as we have done in the past for Teacher Requests. There is a Teacher Request Form that will need to be filled out if you wish to request a teacher

for your child for next year. This form can be picked up in the elementary office starting Monday, April 6. One form will need to be completed for each teacher request (one per student). This form must be completed in full and turned in to the office by Thursday, April 30. There may be some cases in which a teacher request cannot be accommodated. Requests made after April 30 will not be granted.

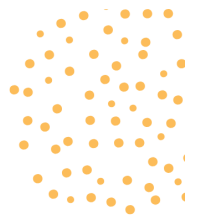
Future Kindergarteners and Parents

It is time to get ready for school!

If you have a child who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2026, please join us on Tuesday, March 24. Kindergarten Parent Meeting will take place in the Theater at 5:30 pm. Please join us and meet the elementary staff and learn about the wonderful learning opportunities offered at Winterquist Elementary School. Children do not need to attend this meeting. It is purely informational for the parents. If you know of any out-of-district families that may be interested in attending kindergarten in Esko, please let them know they are welcome to join us. Interested families can reach us at 879-3361.



CLASS OF 2039



KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING



**TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026
5:30-6:30 PM
THEATER**

Please enter the building at the high school entrance and we will direct you to the theater. Children do not need to attend this meeting, and we ask that they stay home. If you have already attended a Kindergarten Parent Meeting for an older child, you are certainly welcome to attend; however, it is not necessary.



Kids Heart Challenge

We are excited to announce the 2026 Kids Heart Challenge kick off assembly will be March 5th, 2026. If your child gets signed up and receives a donation before the Kick Off, they will earn a prize. This year the Kids Heart Challenge is being lead by the "Lifesavers League" of super hero puppies. We are so proud to say that Winterquist Elementary has been the leader in the life saving mission by being one of the top 5 schools in Minnesota for the past 5 years. Last year our school raised \$39,031.18. Come join the fun while we help the American Heart Association saves lives of the with special hearts!



KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Friday, March 27, 2026

PLEASE JOIN US FOR KINDERGARTEN
ROUNDUP!

YOUR CHILD WILL SEE THE
CLASSROOM, MEET TEACHERS, AND
EXPERIENCE A KINDERGARTEN DAY.

PARENTS WILL HAVE QUESTIONS
ANSWERED BY OUR PRINCIPAL AND
TOUR THE SCHOOL.

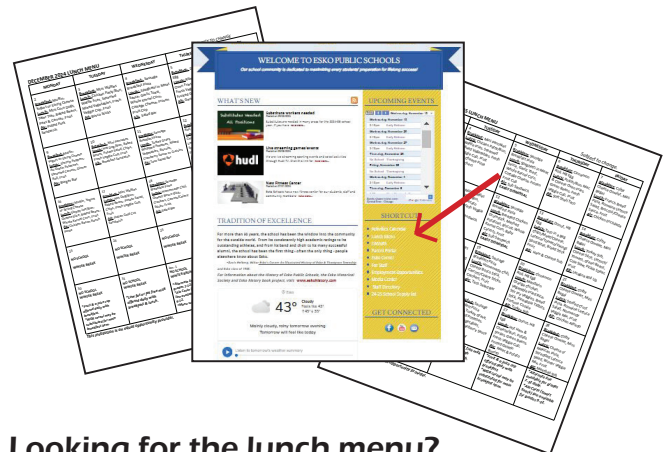
PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF
THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

**SESSION 1:
9:00-10:00 AM**

**SESSION 2:
10:30-11:30 AM**

**SESSION 3:
1:00-2:00 PM**

EMAIL SAM TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT:
SENGEN@ESKO.K12.MN.US



Looking for the lunch menu?

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

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



From Our School Board

Clerk's Minutes

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to budget. Motioned carried by unanimous vote.
Approve the Hire of Amber Fisher as Data Management for 210 days effective July 1, 2024
Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Rob Johnson Fisher as Data Management/ Tech Help Desk Assistant 1, 2024. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
Administrative Reports:

Principals' Reports:

Elementary School: Mr. Harker reported on the following year activities included field trips, Kindergarten

and Bridget Vesel-Johnson did a work

field day

Move Up Day

School Board members



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

Esko Board Chair Selected as a 2026 All-State School Board Member



Esko Board Chair, Jerry Frederick, has been selected by the Minnesota School Board Association as a 2026 All-State School Board Member. Jerry was one of only seven chosen from nearly 2,400 Minnesota School board members state-wide. Since 1971, this honor has recognized school board members who represent the "best of the best in public education." All-State honorees are chosen for their leadership,

service to students, and unwavering commitment to the success of their local schools.

Congratulations to Jerry Frederick on this well-deserved state-wide honor and thank you for your dedication to the Esko School District!



One Act Play placed 2nd at Sub Sections in Two Harbors on January 26th. They moved on to Sections on January 30th where they placed 6th. The team had a lot of new members this year as well as a few returning cast. There was a lot of growth from the team and we are excited to see how the group continues to grow and improve in the next few years!

Kindness is in season for Esko students

Pine Knot News: Dec 26, 2025

Shared with permission by Pine Knot News, photos by Tom Urbanski



Christmas cookies, greeting cards and festive decorations were a fun assignment for Esko students last week during an annual holiday service learning project.

About 90 eighth-grade students participated in the project on a flexible learning day, which the district schedules several times throughout the school year. During a morning rotation through four classrooms, the students frosted and decorated cookies, designed and wrote holiday greeting cards, and decorated bags with festive holiday designs and messages.

Later in the day, students filled about 120 bags with their creations and prepared them for delivery to the Cloquet Senior Center, where the gift bags were distributed

through Meals on Wheels. This was the fourth year Esko students created and built the gift bags. Super One Foods in Cloquet donated the sugar cookies for decorating once again.

School psychologist Alissa Anderson had worked on a similar project with the Duluth YMCA and adapted the concept for the holiday season and Esko's eighth-graders.

"I want the students to think outside of themselves around the holidays and feel a sense of purpose that they're contributing and spreading joy," Anderson said. "The Cloquet Senior Center [folks are] always really excited when we connect with them."

Students throughout Esko schools have been doing similar service activities through the Christmas season. District superintendent Aaron Fischer made note of the buzz around the school campus during the Dec. 8 school board meeting, saying what he'd been seeing from students was "really cool."

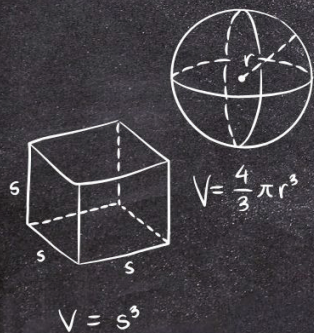
The eight-graders enjoyed the different components of the project, from decorating cookies to writing special messages on the cards and decorating bags.

"I had the most fun decorating the bags," said student Hattie Hallback. "I think it's important that people have something to look at or have on the holidays, especially around this time of the year if they don't have any family members around."

The service-learning experience combines a fun day with purpose.

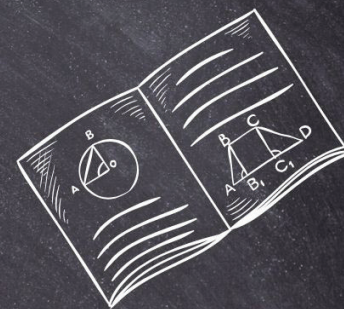
"It makes you feel good about yourself," said student Blake Conklin. "We can help the community and help people in need."



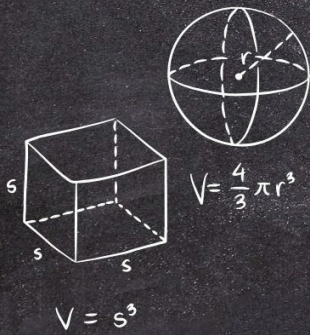


Quarter Two

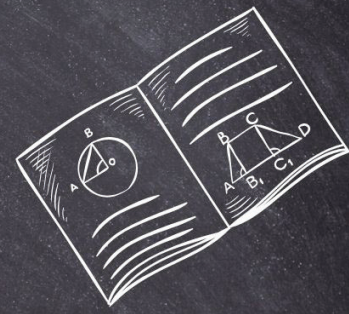
Honor Roll



Emma Adkins	Aoife Cook	Vivian Halvorson	Alex King	Aidan McWilliams	Eleanor Pfeffer	Addison Sielaff
Aania Ahsan	Vera Cook	Sharla Hansen	Kelsey Klemmer	Brayley Merrier	Vincent Pianalto	Emerson Jo Sielaff
Mya Amundsen	Edward Cooper	Alyssa Hansen	Natalie Klunen- berg	Oliver Michaud	Titus Piepho	Lucy Skifstad
Aiden Anderson	Ethan Culbert	Hailey Hansen	Peter Knudson	Adelynn Michaud	Drew Piontek	Cayden Smith
Dominic Androsky	Hunter Dallager	Anna Hanson	Kamryn Korkala	Aubrey Micken	Paiton Plante	Brynlee Smith
Lillee Ankarlo	Ethan Dallager	Whitney Hanson	Bryce Koski	Ella Miles	Caleb Pollard	Priah Smitke
Joshua Antonutti	Aria Dammann	Lilee Hanson	Brooke Koski	Shelby Miller	Witten Powers	Easton Snow
Jayden Ausland	Abrina Dammann	Paige Hanson	Abigail Krech	Tagan Mock	Dylan Prachar	Olivia Spears
Ali Autio	Avry Dammer	Levi Hanson	Oakley Krocka	Trevor Mrozik	Samantha Prosen	Weston Stay
Ike Backstrom	Ruby Davis	Easton Harker	Carson Kronlund	Finn Muchow	Lucas Pulford	Brielle Stewart
Lucy Backstrom	Kinsley DeBondt	Eagan Harker	Aubrey Kulas	Laila Nagorski	Nora Pulford	Greyson Stonemark
Aaron Bailey	Autumn Doble	Jacob Haugen	Camden Kurhajetz	Abigail Naud	Hailey Raisanen	Owen Straub
Maren Bailey	Kendra East	Molly Hawkinson	Kennedy Kurhajetz	Noah Naud	Levi Raisanen	Eilee Straub
Roman Barnes	Garrett East	Hanna Heehn	Jaxon Lackas	Ellie Naud	James Rautell	Neela Stuermer
Ellynor Barta	Wyatt Edblad	Emelyn Hendrick- son	Amber Lattner	Sophia Naud	Hannah Rautell	Maya Stuermer
Lucy Barta	Marie Eng	Elena Hendrickson	Carley Lawry	Caleb Nesseth	Liam Reeves	Annabelle Sunnar- borg
Brooklyn Battaglia	Mason Eng	Briley Hendrickson	Keira Leach	Blake Nesseth	Charlotte Retzlaff	Grace Swanson
Ashlynn Beare	Colton Engstad	Nolan Hendrickson	Evelyn LeBlanc	Amira Nick	Landon Ridgewell	Jayden Symiczek
David Bednar	Eliana Erspamer	Norah Heule	Mariana LeBlanc	Sovay Nick	Hunter Roemer	Ty Symiczek
Josef Bednar	Tyler Finc	Kaiden High	Garrett Leow	Kenleigh Nikunen	Hannah Roemer	Luke Tester
Norah Beisang	Elise Finc	Gabriella Hilinski	Olivia Leow	Addison Nord	Abigail Rogers	Isaac Tester
William Beisang	Paige Fontaine	Leland Hill	Thurston Lick	Easton Nord	Courtney Roweka- mp	Kenley Theisen
Gavin Belich	Peyton Forsberg	Amelia Hipp	Aeryan Lick	Elsie Norman	Olivia Rulifson	Kendra Thompson
Remington Bender	Kennadi Foxx	Sawyer Hipp	Hewitt Liimatainen	Karalyn Norstrom	Liana Rust	Abram Thwaites
Harper Benedix	Millie Frederick	Alexis Hitchcock	Brody Lillo	Owen OConnor	Ellie Ruuska	Nolan Thwaites
Elin Besonen	Ezekiel Frederick	Joshua Houle	Aria Lindquist	Oliver Odland	Naiya Ruuska	Aiden Tingu
Jonas Besonen	Rosie Frederick	Jaena Hovi	Emma Jean Lough	Amelia Olson	Rosemary Ryan	Madalyn Trone
Jordan Black	Jada Fuchs	Lyla Hudspith	Hailey Lough	Cruz Olson	Lauryn Salmela	Aiden True
Isabella Bowman	Philip Furcht	Bella Huffman	Jaedyn Lowinski	Max Olson	Londynn Salmi	Annika Turcotte
Jackson Brabec	Melanie Gamache	Grace Illikainen	Mason Luense	Oliver Olson	Bryn Sathre	Xai Vang
Marisa Brabec	Zachary Gamache	Brynlee Jens	Gianna Madill	Gabrielle Osberg	Mari Sathre	Ethan Vo
Annabella Brodin	Logan Gamache	Alexandra Johnson	Drew Madill	Paisley Osvold	Kira Sauter	Molly Vonasek
Isebella Brown	Callie Gangelhoff	Declan Johnson	Breckyn Male	Sophia Panger	Aiden Sawyer	Vienna Ward
Quinn Bryant	Owen Genereau	Annika Johnson	Ariya Marino	Ashelyn Parker	Bryce Sawyer	Henry Warden
Alli Campanario	Brennan Gerard	Donald Johnson	Estella Marline	Ethan Parrott	Robert Schilling	Violet Warden
Braeden Caple	Aubrey Gerard	Emilia Johnson	Ava Marline	Adelyn Parrott	Natalia Schmitz	Evan Watsick
Merik Carey	Ella Gerard	Addison Johnson	Audrey Marsh	Levi Pearce	Ariel Schmitz	Gwendolyn Weber
Priya Carey	Kadence Ghann	Elise Johnson	Andrew Mattinen	Aubrey Pearce	Bridget Schoepflin	Matthew Wiermaa
Amira Carey	Samantha Gilbert- son	Hunter Johnson	Thomas Mattonen	Avani Perez	Caleb Schumann	Rayna Williams
Lucky Carlson	Taylor Gilbertson	Jayne Johnson	Easton Mattson	Donovan Perfetti	Tucker Selin	Kaden Willis
Charlie Carlson	Alyssa Gonzalez	Maya Johnson	Solveig Mattson	Harlow Perlinger	Peyton Selin	Allison Zigich
Waylan Cawcutt	Isabel Gorski	Nels Jouppi	Hannah Maunu	Wyatt Perrault	Harper Senenfelder	Elliot Zigich
Amelia Cebelinski	Dachen Granholm	Aina Jouppi	Ty Mayne	Johanna Peterson	Peyton Seppanen	Alia Zimmer
Samuel Cheslak	Liberty Grimm	Joseph Jukich	Logan McConnell	Margaret Peterson	Grace Shannon	Liam Zimny
Ayden Chopskie	Jackson Hacker	Nora Kachinske	Abigail McConnell	Brynn Peterson	Attlei Sheldon	Ava Zywicki
Avah Clow	Hattie Hallback	Elin Kalkbrenner	Ava McKibbin	Alec Peterson	Deklinn Sheldon	Owen Zywicki
Keaira Coleman	Annika Hallsten	Kroix Kayser	James McLaughlin	Layla Peterson	Sophia Sheridan	
Araya Coleman	Tuula Hallsten	Jovie Kelsey		Addi Peterson	Araya Shovein	
Blake Conklin						



Quarter Two Merit Roll



Ava Anderson
Nolan Anderson
Mallory Ausland
Emmett Bailey
Lourdes Barousse
Soren Barron
Wyatt Blotti
Genevieve Bohlman
Leah Borden
Ryan Carson
Owen Cawcutt
Brynn Christensen
Joseph Cooper
Camron Courteau
Braelyn Crotteau
Logan Dahlman
Zoe Dahlman
Connor Dallmann
Adam Dallmann
MyKenzie Dammer
Kennadi DeBondt
Irelynn Dee
Daniel Dewey
Gabriel Dusek
Logan Filipiak
Kalea Fonoti
Benjamin Foster
Axel Frascino
Ezra Frederick
Cullen Genereau
Caleb Gerard
Weston Halverson
Graham Hartlieb
Kam Hendrickson
Madeline Hipp
Robert Hurst

Asa Jackson
Jayce Johnson
Jaster Johnson
Atticus Jondal
Eero Juntunen
Ahti Kari
William Karjala
Madek Kayser
Aubree Kern
Ethan Klunenberg
Ashton Koschak
Olivia Krech
Kamryn Kulas
Cole Luense
Braxdyn Male
August Marline
Genevieve Mattevi
Gannon Mattson
Calla McClure
Cierah McKibbin
Parker Micken
Ty Milbridge-Scott
Nolan Miller
Addison Miller
Ezra Modich
Oliviana Monnier
Eryka Moran
Ellie May Mudrak
Jase Nelson
Alivia Nelson
Derek Nooyen
Carter Osvold
Leland Parks
Jace Pasbrig
Milo Pederson
Brock Peterson

Michael Pfeifer
Kadrik Porter
Dawson Prachar
Garrett Reeves
Kellie Renne
Jackson Renninger
Baizlee Ritchie
Austin Rogalla
Greyson Russell Smith
Jennifer Saari
William Samec
Maxxwell Sauter
Ava Savage
Noah Schmitz
Benjamin Schmitz
Delaina Schumann
Max Senenfelder
Millie Seymour
Henry Skifstad
Samuel Skog
Alan Skowlund
Oliver Soukkala
Katelynn Stinson
Tyson Stormoen
Bristol Streu
Conor Sullivan
Tenley Taivaloja
Brianna Tingu
Jolie Urie
Teagan vonGillern
Chase Walz
Finley Ward
Lexi Whiting
Layla Whiting
Payten Williams
Jacenta Zangs

Congratulations Esko Athletes!



ESKO 10,000 SHOT CLUB – 2025

The following students have joined the 10,000 shot club!

Alivia Anderson, Norah Beisang, Avry Dammer, Leo Dammer, MyKenzie Dammer (not pictured), Trip Diercks, Jada Fuchs, Valarie Fuchs, Arlyne Haney, Beau Hedlund, Jovie Hedlund, Elin Kalkbrenner, Jace Lackas, James Lackas, Jaxon Lackas, Gabby Lindquist, Braxdyn Male, Estella Marline, Logan McConnell, Axel McCullough, Liam McCullough, Alexis Mielke, Troy Quick, Wesley Solomon, Owen Shelerud, Henry Sullivan, Jayden Symiczek, Ty Symiczek, Taylor Symiczek, Grayson Troy, Jace Troy, Draven Van Guilder, Vivian Van Guilder, Finley Ward, Gracelyn Wheale (not pictured), Brody Zbacnik, Maddux Zbacnik



Levi Raisanen has qualified for the State meet in both of his individual events, the 100 Butterfly and 100 Backstroke.

He had quite the section meet! On Thursday, he qualified 1st in both of his individual events breaking a 26-year-old team record in the 100 fly and breaking his own 100 free time leading off the 400 free relay.

In the finals on Saturday, he went faster and placed 2nd in both of his individual events which qualified him for state. He rebroke the fly record then broke a 34-year-old team record in the 100 back.

Great job Levi!

SAVE THE DATE: ESKO POWER SUMMER ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE CAMP

**June 8th-July 31st (except non-contact week of July 6th-10th)
Monday-Thursdays (times/sessions to be announced)**

ATTENTION SPRING 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 through the school website for the sport you wish to participate in. The following are athletic activities that are available for student athletes in the 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

Baseball: Head Coach – Scott Johnson

Email: scojo10@yahoo.com

Players meeting March 5th after school. Grades 8-12

Arm care week March 9th-13th

Parents meeting March 11th, 8pm

First day of practice is March 16th

There is no school 7th grade team. 7th graders will play little league. Look for information from the Esko Youth Baseball Association (EYBA) about registration and start times.

Softball: Head Coach – Jeff Emanuel

Email: emanueljems@gmail.com

Cell: 218-393-1599

March 9th is the first day of Softball. 3:30-5:30

Parent Meeting is March 9th 6:00 in either the flex center or theatre which ever is open that night

Track and Field: Head Coach – Matt Peterson

Email: mpeterson@esko.k12.mn.us Cell: 218-393-4171

Track and Field athletes grades 7-12.

Register online! You will not be allowed to practice until your registration is completed!

Informational meeting for Parents on Monday, March 2nd, @ 5:15pm in the HS Theater.

Practice Begins Monday 3/9/26 for ALL athletes grades 7-12

Clay Target: Head Coach – Josh Mattson

Email: JJMATTSON@usg.com

Cell: (218)-348-1264

Parents meeting - February 11th, 6:30 in the theatre.

Registrations open February 12th and season kicks off Sunday March 29th

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

1) Online Sports Registration

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

3) Pay Activity Fee



ESKO YOUTH SOFTBALL CAMP

Future Esko Softball Players Start Here!

 **March 2nd–5th** |  Blue Practice Gym

1st–6th Grade

COME HAVE A BALL WITH US!

Join the Esko High School Softball players and coaches
for a week full of:

- ♥ Hitting
- ♥ Pitching
- ♥ Catching
- ♥ Teamwork
- ♥ Throwing
- ♥ Fielding
- ♥ Base Running
- ♥ FUN with Friends!

CAMP SCHEDULE

Monday, March 2

♥ 3:30–4:30 (1st–3rd Grade)

♥ 4:30–5:30 (4th–6th Grade)

Wednesday, March 4

♥ 3:30–4:30 (1st–3rd Grade)

♥ 3:30–4:30 (4th–6th Grade)

Tuesday, March 3

♥ 3:30–4:30 (1st–3rd Grade)

♥ 4:30–5:30 (4th–6th Grade)

Thursday, March 5

♥ 3:30–4:30 (1st–3rd Grade)

♥ 4:30–5:30 (4th–6th Grade)

CAMP COST: \$45

Includes a super fun camp t-shirt!

● **REGISTER THROUGH ELEYO** ●

Sign up through Community Education
using **Eleyo**



SAVE THE DATE

Esko Fun Days 2026

AUGUST 4TH - 8TH

**ESKO FUN DAYS IS COMING BACK SOON!
BRINGING ALL YOUR FAVORITE TRADITIONS
PLUS SOME BRAND-NEW FUN YOU WON'T
WANT TO MISS!**

NEW IN 2026: NINJA WARRIOR COURSE



YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT



Want to be a part of Esko
Fun Days 2026?

We would love to have
volunteers to assist with
planning and running the
events!

If you're interested:
Contact us via email, website,
or Facebook page

**ESKO FUN DAYS WOULD NOT BE
POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!
WE ARE LOOKING FOR FINANCIAL
DONATIONS FOR OUR EVENT IN 2026.**

WAYS TO DONATE:

- MAIL YOUR DONATION TO PO BOX 177, ESKO, MN 55733
- CLICK ON "DONATIONS" ON OUR WEBSITE



EMAIL: ESKOCOMMUNITYPARTNERSHIP@GMAIL.COM
WEBSITE: ESKOCOMMUNITYPARTNERSHIP.COM
FACEBOOK PAGE: SEARCH "ESKO COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP"



From the Thomson Town Board

By Nathan Barta

Greetings,

I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season and that you're enjoying this "almost Spring" weather. It will be a very busy time for Thomson Township this spring. Here are two important dates to keep in mind:

March 10 – Annual Township Meeting – 6:30 PM at the Town Hall

April 6 – Board of Appeals and Equalization – 10:00 AM at the Town Hall

The Annual Township Meeting will occur on Township Day, March 10. It will begin at 6:30 PM at the Thomson Town Hall. This is one of the most important days of the year for township government in Minnesota. The primary purpose of this meeting is to approve the tax levy for the following year, in this case 2027. Uniquely, the levy is not approved by the governing body (Town Board) as it would be in a city or county. Each year, the "electors", residents of the township who are registered or otherwise eligible to vote, may attend the meeting and vote on the levy. Township staff work diligently to craft a budget and proposed levy, but the electors in attendance have the final approval. Non-residents or those not eligible to vote may also attend as observers but may not participate. This is a great opportunity for young people interested in learning about local government.

The order of the Annual Meeting will go roughly as follows: The financial report from the Board of Audit will be posted prior to the meeting for those interested in reviewing it. The clerk will officially open the meeting at 6:30 PM. The electors present will then choose a moderator to run the meeting. The first order of business will be approval of the minutes from the previous year's annual meeting. The 2025 annual statement will then be presented for review, discussion, and approval. Following this will be reports from the fire department, law enforcement, township departments, and others. The final order of business will be discussion and approval of the 2027 tax levy. This is an incredibly important meeting for those interested in efficient and responsible government, and in ensuring the Township can operate as such. A budget work session will be held at the Town Hall on February 17 at 3:30 PM for anyone interested in following the process more closely.

Another important date to remember is April 6. The Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting will begin at 10:00 AM on this date. This meeting is for those who wish to appeal the assessment or classification of their property. Before appealing, it may be helpful to contact the Carlton County Assessor's Office. If you still wish to proceed, you may attend this meeting. Be sure to bring the proper information with you, which can be found on the Minnesota Department of Revenue's website under the "Appealing

Property Value and Classification" page. Staff from the Carlton County Assessor's Office will also be present to assist and help make a determination.

Some reminders as the snow clears:

- Please do not place garbage cans in the road or right-of-way, or plow snow across the road. It is against the law in Minnesota (see MN Statutes 609.98 and 169.42).
- If you are planning any large spring projects, keep in mind that permits are required in Thomson Township. Please visit our website or contact our office for more information.

- The Township Board of Supervisors meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month at the Thomson Town Hall, 25 E. Harney Road, at 5:00 PM.

- For more information, visit www.townofthomsonmn.gov or download our app, "Thomson Twp Esko Connect."

- Office hours are Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM.

- Recycling shed hours are Wednesday–Friday, 2:00 PM–6:00 PM, and Saturday, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM.

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



SNOW PLOWING REMINDER

The Town of Thomson reminds all snow removal operators/property owners that it is unlawful to deposit snow on or next to a public highway or street.

Minnesota Statute § 160.2715 prohibits the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow onto public roadways. This includes the ditch and right-of-way area along the roadside.

This would include pushing the snow from your driveway across the street onto the right-of-way of a vacant lot/land. The snow from your driveway needs to remain on your property.

According to state law, violations are considered misdemeanors, but civil penalties also apply if the placement of snow creates a hazard such as a slippery area, frozen rut or bump that contributes to a motor vehicle or pedestrian crash. Damage can also be done to Town plow equipment or privately owned vehicles. The civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person who placed the snow.

Other hazards created by improper placement of snow on or near a public roadway include drainage problems, drifting, sight obstruction and safe accessibility. Special attention should be made to keep crosswalks, intersections, entrances and exits clean and unobstructed.



**Interested in keeping up on Esko
Town Board news? Meeting agen-
das, 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

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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>.





Find your Prom Look *for free*

NORTHWOOD HAS OFFICIALLY TAKEN OWNERSHIP OF THE NONPROFIT "IF THE DRESS FITS," ENSURING THAT EVERY STUDENT IN THE NORTHLAND HAS ACCESS TO BEAUTIFUL PROM AND FORMAL WEAR, REGARDLESS OF THEIR FINANCIAL SITUATION.

WHETHER YOU ARE A GREYHOUND, A HUNTER, A LUMBERJACK OR A RAIL, ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO SHOP HUNDREDS OF FREE DRESSES AT THEIR UPCOMING BOUTIQUE EVENTS.

THE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

FORGET THE STRESS OF PRICE TAGS! COME ENJOY A FUN, UPBEAT ATMOSPHERE AT MERRITT CREEK ACADEMY FEATURING:

- HUNDREDS OF STYLES AND SIZES TO CHOOSE FROM.
- PRIVATE DRESSING ROOMS FOR A COMFORTABLE EXPERIENCE.

NO APPOINTMENTS NEEDED—JUST STOP BY DURING THE TIMES LISTED BELOW.

SAVE THE DATES

ALL SHOPPING EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT MERRITT CREEK ACADEMY:

- FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH: 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
- SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

STAY UPDATED

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March 2026 Schedule

Sundays:

9-9:45am Sunday School

10am Worship Service – All Ages

1st & 3rd Sundays - Holy Communion

11:15am 1st Sunday Meal,
elsewise Coffee & Fellowship

Tuesdays:

8:00am Men's Fellowship

Wednesdays:

9:30am Ladies Bible Study

6:30pm Lenten Worship Service

Thursdays:

9am Quilting every 2nd and 4th

April 2026 Schedule

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(resumes 04/08)

Holy Week:

04/02@6:30pm Maundy Thursday
Service w/Holy Communion

04/03@6:30pm Good Friday Service

04/05 8am Early Ester Service

9am Breakfast

10am Late Easter Service

May 2026 Schedule

Sundays:

9-9:45am Sunday School

(last one: 05/24)

10am Worship Service – All Ages

(9:30a, 05/31)

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11am 1st Sunday Meal,
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Lenten Schedule

Midweek Worship "Dying His Death, Living His Life"-

February 25 & March 4, 11, 18 & 25 - 6:30pm

Wednesday Soup Suppers-

February 18, 25 & March 4, 11, 18 & 25 - 5:30pm

Palm Sunday Worship, March 29 - 8:00am & 10:30am

Movie *The Passion of the Christ*, April 1 - 6:30pm Bring snacks

(Caution- This movie is Rated R due to violence. Not recommended for children or sensitive viewers)

Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion, April 2 - 6:30pm

Good Friday Worship, April 3 - 6:30pm

Easter Sunday Worship with Holy Communion-

April 5 - 8:00am & 10:30am

Easter Breakfast served from 9:00-10:30am in the Family Life Center





Living Word
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Schedule of Events

Time

Session

10:30 AM

Sunday morning
Service and
Fellowship

4:00 PM

Saturday Prayer

★ MOVIE NIGHT ★



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★ 03/27/2026 ★

★ 6PM ★

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