

Esko's Corner

Esko Public School District #99

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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

Open 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. If you are a first time player, equipment can be provided.

Blue gym.

Cost: Free

Sundays, January 5-March 16

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

NO Pickleball on February 23

Cost: \$48.00

Instructor: Naomi Christiansen

2/24/2025

3/3/2025

3/10/2025

3/17/2025

3/31/2025

4/7/2025

5:15 PM - 6:15 PM Esko School Cafeteria

Sessions: 6

Cost: \$48.00

Instructor: Naomi Christiansen

4/14/2025

4/21/2025

4/28/2025

5/5/2025

5/12/2025

5/19/2025

5:15 PM - 6:15 PM Esko School Cafeteria

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: 6

Zumba Punch Card

5 class punch card to use throughout the 23-24 school year \$45

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

Cost: \$36

Sessions: 3

Instructor: Kati Ruhnke

2/19/2025

2/26/2025

3/5/2025

5:30 PM-6:30 PM Esko School Cafeteria

Cost: \$72

Sessions: 6

Instructor: Kati Ruhnke

4/2/2025

4/9/2025

4/16/2025

4/23/2025

4/30/2025

5/7/2025

5:30 PM-6:30 PM Esko School Cafeteria

Northern Outdoors Club for Adults

Watch for this class coming this spring!

Spring: "Not your typical" FORAGING 101

As time springs forward and we are back to warmer weather, accompany Cassie in a plant walk searching for many kinds of plants! We will go over a bit of identification, what recipes, remedies and crafts they can be used in/for or potentially even try a sample of some of our foraging finds.

Taxes in Retirement

Unlock the secrets to smart tax planning for your golden years! Designed for those aged 50-75, this engaging workshop will guide you through how the federal tax code works and provide essential strategies to lower your tax burden. We'll discuss tax traps hiding in the tax code for retirees and how to avoid them. Gain valuable insight to take control of your taxes and have your questions answered. Attendees have an opportunity for a complimentary consult with a local CPA.

Cost: Free

Instructor: Oliver Kelsey with Signature Wealth

Management

April 8 6-7PM

Located in Room #132 Esko High School

Blind Date with a Book - Swap

In this workshop you will learn how to wrap and decorate a book. (all supplies are included) Please bring 1-2 gently used books that you have at home, at the end we will swap with others in the workshop.

Cost: \$10

Instructors: Melanie

Pliml and Brianna Mattonen

March 12, 2025 6-7 PM FCS Room #100



Rustic Revival- Sewing Drawer to Herb Garden

In this hands-on class, you'll learn how to transform vintage sewing machine drawers into charming and functional herb planters. Using old drawers that were once part of classic sewing machines we will have all the supplies to paint these unique pieces into rustic planters perfect for growing your favorite herbs. By the end of the class, you'll have your own upcycled herb planter that not only gives new life to an old item but also adds a touch of vintage flair to your home.

Cost: \$20

Instructors: Michele Carlson and Brianna Mattonen

April 9, 2025 6:30-7:30 PM Art Room #101



Youth Enrichment

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

3/31/2025 4:00PM - 7:00PM

4/1/2025 4:00PM - 7:00PM

4/2/2025 4:00PM - 7:00PM

4/3/2025 4:00PM - 7:00PM

4/4/2025 4:00PM - 7:00PM

4/7/2025 4:00PM - 7:00PM

4/8/2025 4:00PM - 7:00PM

4/9/2025 4:00PM - 7:00PM

4/10/2025 4:00PM - 7:00PM

4/11/2025 4:00PM - 7:00PM

Esko Schools - S132

Lego Robotics

Hang out with Miss Granholm for the afternoon and learn to build and control LEGO Robots! Open to grades 3-6.

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

Please check Eleyo for future spring sessions to be added.

April | Thurs 4/3-4/24 | 3:15-4:30 | \$30 | Room E372

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.

- Emoji Egg & Holder | 3/11/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$18 | Room S101
- Spring Bird Dish | 3/20/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$16 | Room S101
- Kids' Choice | 4/1/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$16 | Room S101
- Sea Shell Bowl | 4/15/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$17 | Room S101
- Sea Horse Dish | 4/29/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$15 | Room S101
- Father's Day Frame | 5/13/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$17 | Room S101
- Kids' Choice | 5/27/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$16 | 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.

- Changing of the Tides | Grades 3-5 | 3/18/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$21 | Room S101
- Life of a Seed | Grades 2-5 | 4/22/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$19 | Room S101
- Archery 101 | Grades 4-6 | Mon 5/5/25-5/19/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$65 | Playground
- Cooking with Dandelions | Grades 2-5 | 5/29/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$20 | Room S100

Board Game Design

Open to students grades 3-6. Gather your friends and join local board game company, Oaken Hollow Games, to design your very own board game! 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!

Registration will close Monday, March 10th at noon.

3/13/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$18 | Room S101

Elementary Track and Field

Join Elementary Track and Field Club, where young athletes discover the joy of running, jumping, and throwing! Our club offers a fun and supportive environment for kids to develop their athletic skills, build teamwork, and foster a love for physical activity. There will be three practices that focus on sprinting, distance, jumping, and throwing.

Pick up will be at 4:45 at the Esko stadium field. If your child attends Cool Kids, there will NOT be staff available to pick them up at the field.

Registration will Close Wednesday, May 7th. No registrations will be taken after this date.

5/8/25-5/22/25 | 3:15-4:45 | \$15 | Esko Stadium Turf



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 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.



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.



**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



Esko ECFE

Weather Wonders

Come and join us Mondays in March and learn all about Weather- we will conduct weather science experiments, read weather books, and create a weather craft. Parents will also have time in parent group.

March 3rd, 10th, and 17th
4:30- 5:30 or 5:45- 6:45

Registration opens Feb. 3rd at noon on esko.ce.eleyo.com

New Group!
Navigating Parenting Together

Hello & Welcome 

Free to all who attend

Connecting families for shared experiences and growth. Join us to foster connections and support one another as we navigate the challenges of parenting.

Who is this group intended for?
Parents/ Guardians of young children with special needs (birth - 8 years).

email smatzdorf@esko.k12.mn.us with any questions regarding Navigating Parenting Together

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.

Esko ECFE

LITTLE GARDENERS

JOIN US FOR A FUN ECFE CLASS DESIGNED FOR BUDDING GREEN THUMBS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS! LITTLE GARDENERS WILL EXPLORE THE WONDERS OF NATURE AND GARDENING THROUGH HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, STORIES, AND PLAY.

Mondays in April
4/7, 4/14, 4/21, & 4/28
4:30-5:30 or 5:45-6:45

Registration opens Feb. 24th at noon



Esko Early Learning School Readiness and Stepping Stones



**Registration opens
March 10th at Noon for
School Readiness,
Discovery and Stepping
Stones for the 2025/2026
school year**

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

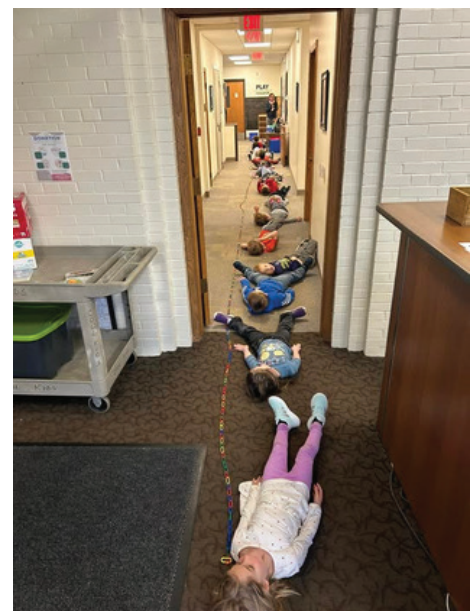
Students must be 4 years of age by Sept. 1st to attend.

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 the school website



Learning Through Play is The Best Way!

~Michele Carlson



Esko Early Programs are working to spread the word to parents and community members about the importance of play for learning with our littlest learners. On January 22, we held a Why We Play event for families to show all the learning that happens in a typical day in our programs.

Play is a vital part of learning for Pre-k children because it supports the overall development in ways that are natural, engaging, and effective for their age. Our programs are supportive of stopping the push down academics to students who are not developmentally ready to learn items they will need to learn when they are in kindergarten or first grade.

Play helps cognitive development by stimulating curiosity and problem solving skills. When children build with blocks or engage in pretend play, they practice critical thinking, creativity and reasoning. In addition, play develops early academic skills like math and language through activities like counting games, sorting and storytelling. The best way for children to begin to learn literacy and reading skills is by having a parent or caregiver talk to them in actual words (sorry-no baby talk) and read stories to them. While reading stories, don't forget to look at and talk about the illustrations and ask kids to predict what might happen next. Asking children what they may have done differently allows them to grow their critical thinking process that will help them throughout life.

Through play, children also learn to share, take turns and collaborate with others, building essential social skills. Pretend play allows students to explore emotions, practice empathy and understand different perspectives. At home,

encourage children to take turns talking at the dinner table. YES! You should be eating dinner together. Play games where everyone takes a turn to flex that patience muscle in all members of the family. Through games with rules or structured activities, children practice patience, impulse control and following instructions.

Play also builds fine and gross motor skills. Activities like running, climbing, drawing, or playing with small objects strengthen coordination and physical health. Children need to build the muscles in their hands before they can attempt to hold a pencil. Playing with small objects by sorting or using tweezers can both work to help in this process. Playing with playdough or clay will also give those young hands a workout.

Language growth happens through verbal and nonverbal communication. Whether children are telling stories, singing songs, or working out rules, students practice language in real life situations. Social interactions like these expand vocabulary and improve listening skills.

Play lets children use their imagination which is vital for innovation. Play fosters a sense of wonder, joy and exploration helping them understand the world around them and sparking their passion for learning.

Play allows children to experiment, make decisions and solve problems on their own, boosting their self confidence. Play gives them a safe space to try new things and learn from their mistakes. Of course, parents and caregivers need to give space for children to play. Walking behind a child asking them to be careful undermines their self esteem quickly. Every time you tell your child to be careful, they hear that you don't believe they can do something. Is that the message you want to send?

Play is not just fun, it is the foundation to learning in childhood. Play creates joyful and meaningful experiences that lay the groundwork for academic and social success later in life.

Get out there and play!



Cool Kids/Cool Cubs school year 25-26 Registration will begin at 12:00 NOON, Monday, March 10th.

**COOL KIDS
REGISTRATION**

**FALL 2025-26
12:00, NOON,
MONDAY
MARCH 10TH**



**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 10th.

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 12th.

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 any 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.

ESKO COMMUNITY EDUCATION



Are you missing a shoe?

One day this shoe ended up sitting outside the Cool Kids door and it became an interesting topic of conversation. Here are some of the answers we received when we asked kids where they thought it came from.

Our Pre-K answers

"The boot was the garbage truck driver's. He was driving too fast so the boot fell through the garbage tube." C.

"A gopher broke a hole in the school window and threw it inside." Eli

"Frosty the snowman brought it when he had that magic hat." Calvin

"A man lost it". Evan

"It came from Miss Andrea's house." Rae

"It came from a monkey from Costa Rica." Jack

"They threw it out the window and it just stand up." Evelyn

Our school age answers

"Someone threw it out because it was broken" Maeve

"It was too stinky so someone threw it out the window." Eli

"It must have been too big and fallen off someone's foot"
Avery

Do you know the story? Give us a call!



**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.

Superintendent's Update

By: Aaron Fischer

Parking Lots

When I drove to Esko twenty-one years ago to interview for the elementary principal's position, I noticed that finding a place to park was very challenging. There have been a few things done to help with this issue over the years, and yet parking is still a problem around the school. There is little debate that more parking is needed here.

The school board accepted bids at the last meeting to address our parking shortage. The district will be constructing a new parking lot west of the school. This lot will be paved and will increase our parking by around 82 spots. This is a significant addition to our parking lot capacity and should be helpful in addressing our parking needs especially for events.

The school board also approved paving and lining the small school lot between the tax office and the dental office in town. This will provide a much better surface for parking and by painting lines on the lot, we may increase our parking by a few spots too.

The district also approved adding seven parking spots by the custodial office for kitchen and custodial staff members. Every little bit helps with our parking situation.

Budgeting

I am glad to be able to share with you that in a year when many school districts are discussing budget reductions for the next school year, we are not. We anticipate having the same level of programming and staffing ratios that we have this year going forward. Things look to be very stable for us. Our financial planning and attention to details have allowed us to provide a great educational experience for our students. This is remarkable considering we are one of the lowest funded school districts in the State of Minnesota.

Flexible Learning Space

The new flexible learning space opened this fall. It has been very well received by our students. I am amazed at how our students have embraced this area as their own. I walk through and observe students working in small groups in our conference rooms. I see students studying together and sometimes students unwinding from a big test or an assignment. I am very pleased with how well this space is being used. This is part of our vision to create a personalized educational experience that brings our students together in a warm and welcoming manner. It seems to be working splendidly!

Thoughts/Questions

I welcome any of your thoughts and questions. There are many things happening at the school district, and we want to make sure that any questions that you have are addressed. You are always welcome to stop by my office or to call me at 218 879-2969.



From the School Board Chair

By: Jerry Frederick

Second semester is upon us already and great things continue to happen.

To begin, your School Board would like to congratulate Winterquist Elementary Principal Brian Harker, who received the 2024 Northeast Division Leadership Award from the Minnesota Elementary School Principals Association! Brian's endless commitment to strong leadership and in bringing new ideas and improvements to the school as well as building the strong bonds between the school and the community are what helps make Esko, Esko!

We are extremely blessed to have such great administration, teachers, support staff and a great community that supports all facets that make the school so successful. Whether it's a sporting event, concerts, open houses, conferences, the list goes on and on. The school is filled with folks that all pitch in to make the education and atmosphere at Esko, second to none!

The school has also been in the news with the opening of the flex learning space and the student-run Kahvia Coffee Shop. (Kahvia is the Finnish word for coffee) This is part of a new entrepreneurial class being taught by business education teacher Corey Gray and family consumer sciences teacher Deb DeArmond. The students have pretty much developed the model and themselves with some help from their advisors. The new space has been well utilized by students. The individual conference rooms are used by small groups, collaborating and helping one another be the best that they can be. In passing through the area between periods, one can't help but notice the study notes and chemistry formulas littering the whiteboards. High School Principal Greg Hexum is working hard and will be releasing additional plans for the flex learning space in the near future!

The board approved the work to be done for the new parking area at the recently acquired property next to the existing lot at the end of Lincoln Lane. Requests for bids were released and returned, and the winning bid was awarded to Kiminski Paving. This will add much needed parking and will be a great enhancement to safety around the school campus. The scope also includes paving the west lot near the dental office that the school owns. This will also provide a better organized lot and will add a few additional parking spaces. It also will include a small paved area for the maintenance and custodial staff near their entrance.

This will clear up congestion near the playground and the area where the dumpsters sit. This project is again being handled by ICS, a consulting firm that has helped us with many projects in the past. They have been great to work with and have been a reliable partner to assure that the project is done correctly, is done on time, and stays on budget. The construction will begin as soon as school is done this spring and will be completed before the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

On behalf of the entire School Board, we thank you for your support and we will continue to do whatever we can to ensure quality education while being cognizant of how your tax dollars are spent.



From Our School Board

Clerk's Minutes

on, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, 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

Agenda Items

second by Leona Johnson to approve the Consent of checks dated 6/5/24

on 6/10/24, second by Leona Johnson to approve the

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to budget. Motioned carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Amber Fisher as Data Manager 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 End of year activities included field trips, Kindergarten celebrations

Jeremy Zywicki and Bridget Vesel-Johnson did a work

Field day

Move Up Day

School Board presentation

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)**

Elementary News

By Brian Harker

Important Dates

- Monday, March 3: PIE Meeting – 5:30 pm- Board Room
- Thursday, March 13: Kindergarten Visit Night- Incoming Students (4:00 and 5:30)
- Friday, March 21: End of 3rd Quarter
- Monday, March 24–March 28 – Spring Break
- Tuesday, April 1, : Kindergarten Round-Up- Parent Night- 5:30- Theater
- Friday, April 4: Kindergarten Round-Up- Incoming Students Visit- During the day
- Monday, April 7: PIE Meeting- 6:00 pm- Board Room
- Tuesday, April 22 and Wednesday, April 23- MCA Reading Test
- Tuesday, April 29 and Wednesday, April 30- MCA Math Test
- Monday, May 5: PIE Meeting- 6:00 pm- Board Room
- Tuesday, May 6- MCA Science Test (5th grade only)
- Thursday, May 22- Spring Program- 6:00 pm- Grades 4-6- Varsity Gym
- Monday, May 26: No School- Students and Staff
- Tuesday, June 5: Last Day of School- 3 Hour Early Release- 12:15 pm

Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on Wednesday, February 5 and Wednesday, February 12. 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 among us for grades 3-6. Our students in grades 3-6 will take the MCA Reading Test on April 22 and 23. The MCA Math Test will be administered on April 29 and April 30. The MCA Science Test will be on May 6 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, March 31. 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 Wednesday, 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, 2020, please join us on Tuesday, April 1. 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.



Kindergarten Visiting Night!

Come meet our kindergarten teachers and view our classrooms!

For students eligible to start Kindergarten in the fall of 2025

Welcome!

KG Visiting Night:

Thursday, March 13, 2025

- Session 1: 4:00-5:00 PM

OR

- Session 2: 5:30-6:30 PM

Please only sign up for one session.

To register—email Sam at:

sengen@esko.k12.mn.us



CLASS OF 2038

KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025
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.

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Friday, April 4, 2025

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.

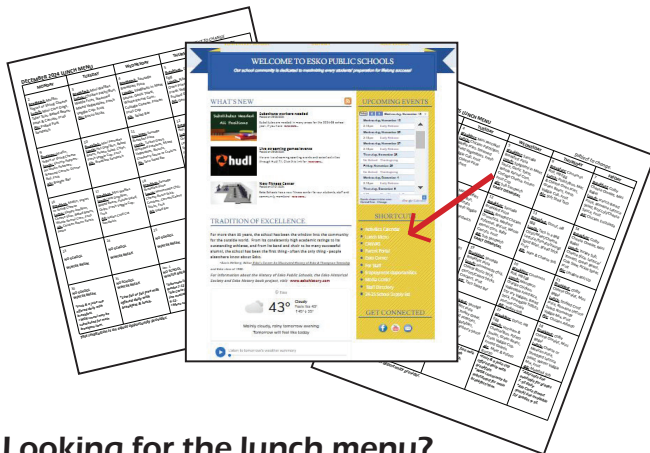
PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

**SESSION 1:
8:30-9:30 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/>

2025 Kids Heart Challenge is Fast Approaching!

Hello all you heart heroes! We are less than 30 days from the Kids Heart Challenge Kick Off Assembly on March 3rd, 2025. We are excited to enter this year's challenge with some fun student and teacher incentives. We are hoping to encourage our students to complete Finn's while they participate. We are looking forward to helping save 800 lives again. Last year we were 33 lives shy of meeting our goal. The students will be voting to see what they can do to Mrs. Vesel and Mr. Zywicki upon completion of our goal. Two years ago the students got to silly string them.

You can earn a special prize if you scan the QR code to register AND get a donation before the kick off assembly.





Students from Esko participated in the Unified Bowling Event at the Incline Station on December 6, 2024. Esko students bowled alongside students from Proctor and Duluth East. Students bowled and had lunch together afterwards. Fun was had by all!!!



Former Esko students, Paige (Tranah) Carlson and Hannah (Gottschald) Osborne received donations for the St Louis County Maternal Health department. Jenny Barta from Carlton County also received half of the donation for Carlton County. The donations go directly to at risk families and infants in the counties. Thank you Esko for your support!



What we lacked in quantity, we made up in quality. With the jug almost half full, we collected a total of \$835.43. We are able to brighten the holiday for a few of our Winterquist families as well as make a donation to charity. Our food drive was also a success and delivered to the Cloquet Salvation Army Food Shelf by a very helpful crew of high school students and Mr. Fischer. You may even notice that Dennis Rengo came out of retirement for the morning to join in the annual event.

1st Place winner - 4th Grade - Cayden Fisher estimated \$850.00
 Runner Up - 6th Grade - Lucas Prom estimated \$853. 79

Congratulations to our local Eagle Scouts

These Eagle Scouts will all graduate this spring from Esko. They participated in Cub Scouts and Troop 152 in Esko, and started in Scouts when they were in 1st grade.

Ben Schramm- My favorite memories of Scouts were spending time at camp and enjoying camp activities. I also enjoyed campouts and being connected to nature. My Eagle Scout project was cleaning headstones and cleaning and putting pea rock around footstones in the Veterans section at Oneota Cemetery in Duluth. I organized volunteers and participated in cleaning 99 headstones, the Commemoration Statue and over 100 foot stones to make them more visible to families and visitors.

Trevor Leach- For my Eagle Scout project I made loon nests for the National Loon Center: The Nest in Crosslake, MN to help the state bird repopulate its species. Scouts has been with me my entire life and I loved every minute of it. It has shaped me into the person I am today.

Jaxon Benedix- I started Cub Scouts in first grade because I thought it would be interesting. In joining Scouts, I have made many new friends and learned so much about how to live my life to the fullest. Being in the Scouts, I got to hang out with my friends, go camping and canoeing and have fun together. My favorite memory with Boy Scouts was going to Philmont Scout Ranch in the summer of 2021 for 12 days and I got to hike in the mountains. The Eagle Scout project I chose was to create a walking bridge at the Esko School Forest. Boy Scouts has been a huge positive influence in my life and made me who I am today.

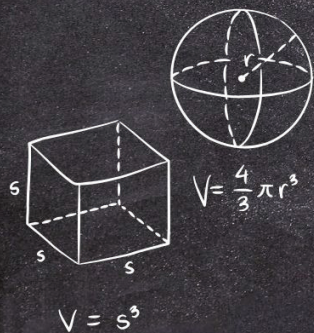
Bryce Sweere- I joined Scouts in first grade, and I'm so glad I stuck with it. It has taught me valuable lessons and incredible experiences. From exciting meetings and camping adventures to hiking through the breathtaking Rocky Mountains, every moment has been unforgettable! For my Eagle Scout project, I built a mountain bike skinny course at Pine Valley in Cloquet. The course is elevated off the ground and features narrow pathways.

Elijah Gonzalez- I first started Scouting as a tiger Scout, not knowing that this decision would change my life forever. I went in just wanting to hang out with friends, with the added bonus of making a few more as well; but I got a lot more than I expected. When I was young, my scout leader Brent asked me if I was going to be an Eagle Scout when I was older. I said yes, without understanding the vastness of the challenges that awaited me. As I got older, I gave up becoming an Eagle for a while, only doing Scouting for fun. That was when I competed multiple ranks at Camp Wilderness, ranking up from second class, to first class. After that, I raced to become an Eagle Scout. I also worked on cleaning memorial headstones at Oneota cemetery. It was honestly awesome, being a leader and watching as the countless hours of preparation and planning came together. When I finally completed the project, did the board of review, and became an Eagle, I felt an emotion unlike anything I have ever experienced. My goal is to join the AirForce, become a radiologist, and be able to help my mother retire. This was my drive to become an Eagle Scout, to reflect the life that my mom has given me.

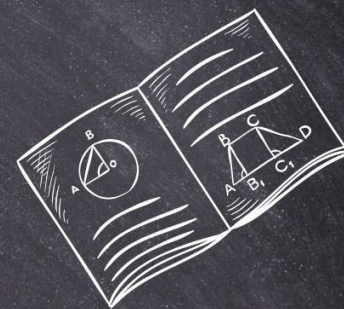


EEA members were represented as Bentleyville volunteers. Thanks Jana for organizing this event, and thanks for our volunteers!

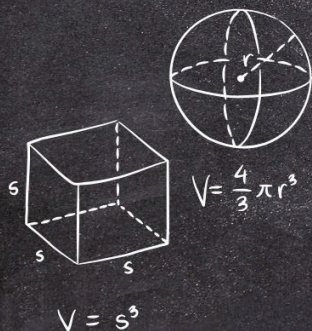
*Not pictured, Laura and Kristy who helped hold down the merch store!



Quarter Two Honor Roll

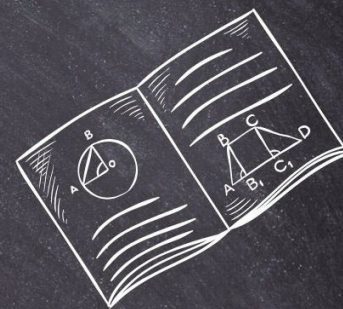


Aania Ahsan	Austin Robnik	Easton Mattson	Henry Warden	Landen Parask	Owen Genereau
Aaron Bailey	Autumn Doble	Easton Snow	Hewitt Liimatainen	Landon Ridgewell	Owen OConnor
Abigail McConnell	Ava Marline	Eilee Straub	Hope Schmitz	Layla Peterson	Owen Zywicki
Abigail Naud	Ava McKibbin	Eliana Erspamer	Hunter Dallager	Leland Parks	Paiton Plante
Abram Thwaits	Ava Savage	Elijah Gonzalez	Hunter Johnson	Leo Luense	Parker Micken
Abrina Dammann	Ava Sheridan	Elise Finc	Hunter Roemer	Levi Hanson	Peyton Forsberg
Adaline Savage	Ava Zywicki	Elise Johnson	Isaac Tester	Levi Raisanen	Peyton Selin
Addison Johnson	Avah Clow	Eliza Anderson	Isabella Bowman	Liam Reeves	Philip Furcht
Addison Nord	Avery Martineau	Elizabeth Haapanen	Izaac Zimmer	Liana Rust	Priya Carey
Addison Sielaff	Aviana Bergstrand	Ella Gerard	Jacion Owens	Lillee Ankarlo	Quinn Bryant
Adelyn Parrott	Ayden Chopskie	Ella Grell	Jack Hakala	Lillian Hester	Raegan Grayson
Adelynn Michaud	Baizlee Ritchie	Ella Miles	Jackson Peterson	Liam Zimny	Reese Kuklinski
Adisyn Anderson	Bella Huffman	Ellie Naud	Jacob Haugen	Logan Dahlman	Remington Bender
Adrian Nyakundi	Benjamyn Schramm	Elliot Zigich	Jada Fuchs	Logan Filipiak	Robert Thornton
Ahna Brekke	Blake Nesseth	Ellynor Barta	James Rautell	Logan Gamache	Roman Barnes
Ahti Kari	Braeden Caple	Emerson Jo Sielaff	Jamis Halverson	Logan McConnell	Samantha Gilbertson
Aidan McWilliams	Braxdyn Male	Emma Adkins	Jaxon Benedix	Logan Salo	Samuel Cheslak
Aina Jouppi	Brayley Merrier	Emma Piirainen	Jayce Johnson	Londynn Salmi	Samuel Hammond
Aislynn Mock	Breckyn Male	Estella Marline	Jayce Johnson	Lucy Barta	Samuel Haugen
Alan Skowlund	Bridget Schoepflin	Ethan Culbert	Jayden Keppeler	Lucy Skifstad	Samuel Panger
Aleah Lindgren	Brielle Stewart	Ethan Dallager	Jayden Symiczek	Luke Tester	Samuel Skog
Alec Halvorson	Britta Koski	Ethan Gamache	Jocelyn Johnson	Madeline Hipp	Sawyer Hipp
Alex King	Brooke Koski	Evan Rengo	Johanna Peterson	Madison Slygh	Sharla Hansen
Alexandra Johnson	Brooklyn Battaglia	Evan Watsick	Jolie Urie	Mari Sathre	Solveig Mattson
Allison Zigich	Bryce Sawyer	Evelyn LeBlanc	Jordan Stodola	Mariana LeBlanc	Sophia Naud
Alyssa Gonzalez	Bryn Sathre	Evelyn Peterson	Josef Bednar	Marie Eng	Sophia Sheridan
Alyssa Hansen	Brynn Christensen	Evie Kelsey	Joseph Cekalla	Marisa Brabec	Stella Haugen
Amber Lattner	Caitlin Klunenber	Ezra Modich	Joseph Cooper	Mason Eng	Sydney Kazel
Amelia Cebelinski	Camden Kurhajetz	Finn Muchow	Joseph Jukich	Matthew Wiermaa	Tagan Mock
Amira Nick	Carson Kronlund	Gabriel Dusek	Joshua Antonutti	Max Foster	Taylon Sweere
Andrew Mattinen	Cecilia Hart	Gabriella Hilinski	Joshua Houle	Max Olson	Taylor Gilbertson
Anna Hanson	Charlie Carlson	Gannon Mattson	Kaden Willis	Maxwell McWilliams	Thomas Mattonen
Annabella Brodin	Chase Walz	Garrett East	Kadence Ghann	Maya Johnson	Thurston Lick
Annabelle Skowlund	Claire Fontaine	Garrett Leow	Kadrik Porter	Maya Stuermer	Titus Piepho
Annabelle Sunnarborg	Clara Swanson	Genevieve Mattevi	Kaiden High	Melanie Gamache	Trevor Leach
Annika Hallsten	Cole Luense	Gianna Madill	Kaija Thompson	Michael Dusek	Trygve Mattson
Annika Halvorson	Colton Dewey	Grace McIlvain	Kailyn Jauhola	Michael Pfeifer	Tuula Hallsten
Aoife Cook	Conor Sullivan	Grace Miles	Kaitlyn McConnell	Micheal Couture	Tyler Finc
Araya Coleman	Cooper Greiner	Grace Swanson	Kali Fox	Molly Hawkinson	Tyson Stormoen
Ariel Schmitz	Cruz Olson	Greta Harden	Kam Hendrickson	Naiya Ruuska	Vera Cook
Arylene Haney	Cullen Genereau	Hailey Hansen	Kamryn Korkala	Natalie Klunenber	Vincent Pianalto
Ashlynn Beare	David Larsen	Hailey Raisanen	Kaylee Tipple	Neela Stuermer	Violet Warden
Aspen Berg	Dawson Gaskell	Hannah Rautell	Keira Leach	Nels Jouppi	Whitney Hanson
Attlei Sheldon	Declan Johnson	Hannah Roemer	Kelsey Klemmer	Nolan Hendrickson	William Beisang
Aubrey Gerard	Deklenn Sheldon	Harlow Perlinger	Kendra East	Nolan Thwaits	William Karjala
Aubrey Micken	Delaina Schumann	Harper Benedix	Kenley Theisen	Nora Kachinske	Wyatt Edblad
Aubrey Pearce	Drew Madill	Harper Mears	Kennadi Fox	Nora Pulford	
Audrey Marsh	Drew Piontek	Hattie Hallback	Kinsley DeBondt	Oliver Olson	
August Marline	Eagan Harker	Hazel Mendez	Kira Sauter	Olivia Krech	
	Easton Harker	Henry Skifstad		Olivia Leow	



Quarter Two

Merit Roll



Santiago Anich
Nolan Anderson
Ava Anderson
Dominic Androsky
Mallory Ausland
Jayden Ausland
Ali Autio
Lucy Backstrom
Emmett Bailey
Gavin Belich
Wyatt Bergstedt
Maiya Bergstedt-Bloss
Elin Besonen
Wyatt Blotti
Genevieve Bohlman
Leah Borden
Emma Breed
London Byrnes
Merik Carey
Ryan Carson
Owen Cawcutt
Liberty Clifford
Keaira Coleman
Blake Conklin
David Cornell
Braelyn Crotteau
Connor Dallmann
Adam Dallmann
Ethan Dallmann
Aria Dammann
Ava Daveau
Kennadi DeBondt
Irelynn Dee
Brody Dinda
Dawson Dunaiki
Rilee Durovec
Jaela Egge
Neil Elsmore
Anika Elsmore
Samuel Elton
Theodore Federico

Kalea Fonoti
Paige Fontaine
Benjamin Foster
Ezra Frederick
Millie Frederick
Hailey Gamache
Preston Genereau
Brennan Gerard
Haley Glendenning
Jack Graddy
Wyatt Hacker
Jackson Hacker
Weston Halverson
Vivian Halvorson
Lilee Hanson
Graham Hartlieb
Madilyn Hawkinson
Rylan Henagin
Michael Henney
Leland Hill
Lauryn Hilton
Alexis Hitchcock
Evangalena Hobbs
Chiara Houser
Robert Hurst
Jacob Iallonardo
Ilee Johnson
Jaster Johnson
Jordan Kangas
Mikko Karjala
Kroix Kayser
Aubree Kern
Maija Klingelhofer
Ethan Klunenberger
Emma Kopp
Abigail Krech
Aubrey Kulas
Kamryn Kulas
Chase Kvitek
Kennadie Lammi
Charlie Langhorst

Amber Lawry
Carley Lawry
Brody Lillo
Ethan Lindgren
Joelle Majerle
Ariya Marino
Broderick Marsh
Trevor Matteen
Hannah Maunu
Calla McClure
Brooklyn McKibbin
Braydon McKibbin
Landon McMillan
Eden Mendez
Oliver Michaud
Elias Miktin
Nolan Miller
Addison Miller
Gavin Moderson
Trevor Mrozik
Alexander Nelson
Alivia Nelson
Sovay Nick
Kenleigh Nikunen
Derek Nooyen
Kylan Nyakundi
Evan O'Leary
Carter Osvoid
Altyn Oveson
John Pagelkopf
Sophia Panger
Ashelyn Parker
Leo Patrick
Connor Pearce
Donovan Perfetti
Alton Perrault
Wyatt Perrault
Brock Peterson
Nolan Pfister
Witten Powers
Dylan Prachar

Dawson Prachar
Celia Preiner
Ava Preiner
Garrett Reeves
Benjamin Renninger
Piper Rice
Olivia Rulifson
Jennifer Saari
Lauryn Salmela
Braydon Salo
Elsa Sathre
Aiden Sawyer
Robert Schilling
Noah Schmitz
Benjamin Schmitz
Kane Selin
Tucker Selin
Grace Shannon
Jaxson Siats
Cayden Smith
Lucas Solomon
Zakary Spears
Cassie Stark
Bristol Streu
Bryce Sweere
Alexa Sykes
Tenley Taivaloja
Addie Jo Tesser
Jack Thompson
Aiden Tingu
Brianna Tingu
Aiden True
Teagan vonGillern
Meghan Wagner
Evan Weaver
Gwendolyn Weber
Layla Whiting
Payten Williams
Sophia Worton-Wherley

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 2020 Season. If you have any questions, please contact the coach or the Activities Director, Chad Stoskopf, at 879-1909 or via email cstoskopf@esko.k12.mn.us

Baseball: Head Coach – Ben Haugen
Email: bhaugen@esko.k12.mn.us
Cell: 218-428-0249

Baseball (Grades 8-12).

Arm Care Week begins March 10.

Official practice begins March 17.

No practice during spring break (week of March 24) unless you are traveling to Orlando.

Coach Haugen will have meetings at school with the players leading up to the season.
Email communication with parents will be forthcoming in early February.

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 10th is practice number one 3:30-5:30
We will hold a Parent Meeting at 6:00, where? To be determined.

Track and Field: Girls Head Coach – Matt Peterson
Boys Head Coach – Gary Beaudot
Email: mpeterson@esko.k12.mn.us Cell: 218-393-4171
Email: gbeaudot@esko.k12.mn.us Cell: 218-391-1994

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 3rd at 5:15pm in the HS Theater.
Practice Begins Monday 3/10/25 for ALL athletes grades 7-12

Clay Target: Head Coach – Josh Mattson
Email: JJMATTSON@usg.com
Cell: (218)-348-1264

*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

Winterfest Wrap-Up

Winterfest was January 11th at the Esko Sports complex and School Forest. We had a great turn out for this updated event. Thank you to Esko Community Education, Esko Leads, Esko School Forest Committee, Northwoods Church and Esko Community Partnership for putting this event together for the community!

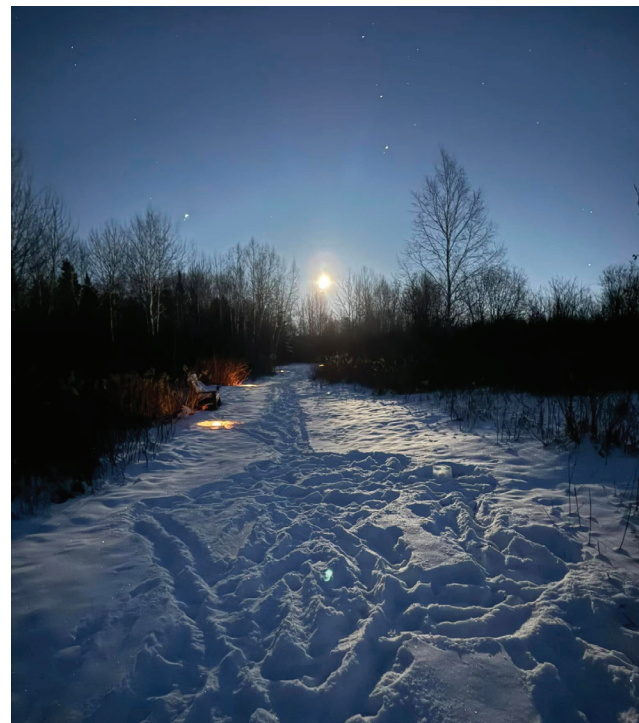
Esko Community Partnership is holding an interest meeting at Hank's on Sunday, February 23rd at 6:00 PM. If you are interested in serving on the board or helping out with events like Winterfest or Esko Fun days in the future, please email esko-communitypartnership@gmail.com to let us know you will be attending the meeting.

Esko Community Partnership is a non-profit developed for the purpose of funding events and leveraging manpower through school, group, and business volunteers to offer community building activities for Esko.

The board meets 4-5 times per year and the focus is recruiting people to run events and to oversee fundraising and budgets for large events. Currently, we are looking to fill many positions on the board. We would like to have new people shadow our current board members through Esko Fun Days in August 2025. After that, the new members would take over running the board. Without new members for this leadership group, we fear losing these events. We hope to see you at Hank's on the 23rd.

If you have questions regarding how Esko Community Partnership works, please feel to reach out to the board members:

Michele Carlson, President
Courtney Greiner, Secretary
Sarah Rautell, Treasurer
Amy Feely, Marketing/PR



GARAGE SALE

4 SEASONS COMPLEX
CARLTON, MN.
2025
MAY 14. May 15. May 16

WEDNESDAY. THURSDAY. FRIDAY

3:00-7:00. 9:00-7:00. 9:00-4:00

Items for this event may be dropped off at 4 Seasons on Wednesday morning starting at 9 o'clock. NO TVS or COMPUTERS.

To drop off items before Wednesday, May 14, please call 218-879-6274.

Purchases will be by DONATIONS.

Sponsored by the Volunteer Services Organization (VSO) of Community Memorial Hospital. Contact Linda Newlon with any questions 218-879-6274

Proceeds go to benefit the patients of Community Memorial Hospital, and health career scholarships for students in the surrounding communities.

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.



CROSSROADS COMMUNITY THEATRE

Fiddler on the Roof

AUDITIONS
MAY 15TH & 16TH
5 PM - 9 PM

MORE INFORMATION AT
[HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/VIEW/CROSSROADSTHEATRE](https://sites.google.com/view/crossroadstheatre)

SOCIAL MEDIA
IG: CROSSROADSSMLC
FB: CROSSROADS COMMUNITY THEATRE

OPEN TO AGES 9+

ST. MATTHEWS
4 ELIZABETH AVE
ESKO, MN 55733

PRESENTED BY
CROSSROADS MINISTRY

TOWN OF

THOMSON

ESKO *Minnesota*

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>.



TOWN OF THOMSON
Carlton County
25 East Harney Road, P.O. Box 92
Esko, Minnesota 55733
(218) 879-9719
(218) 879-9114 (fax)

Email: thomson@cpinternet.com or ttownship@townofthomsonmn.gov

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.





**SUBMISSIONS
WANTED!**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE YOUR SUBMISSIONS IN
THE NEW ONLINE VERSION OF THE ESKO'S
CORNER? WE CAN NOW PRINT ARTWORK, ESSAYS,
POEMS AND OTHER SUBMISSIONS AT NO EXTRA
COST.

PLEASE SEND ALL SUBMISSIONS TO MICHELE
CARLSON AT MCARLSON@ESKO.K12.MN.US

Apostolic Lutheran Church

25 Church Road Esko, MN 55733
(PH: 879-3882)

Pastor Nathan Juntunen

Website: www.esko-apostolic.org

E-mail: eskoapostolic@msn.com



March Worship Schedule

Sundays (2, 9, 16, 23, 30):
9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service –
All Ages
*(1st & 3rd Sunday - Holy
Communion)
11 AM - Noon Coffee &
Fellowship:

Wednesday, March 5th:
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:30 PM Supper
6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesdays (12, 19, 26):
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:30 PM Supper
6:30 PM Lenten Service

April Worship Schedule

Sundays (6, 13, 27):
9-9:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service – All Ages
*(1st & 3rd Sunday - Holy
Communion)
11 AM - Noon Coffee & Fellow-
ship

Wednesdays (2 & 9):
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:30 PM Supper
6:30 PM Lenten Service

*No Wednesday evening activities on
April 16th*

Wednesdays (23, 30):
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:30 PM Supper
6:15 - 7:00 PM Activities for all ages
(Youth Group: Pre-School - 12th Grade
& Adult Bible Study)

Upcoming Events:
April 17, 6:30 PM: Maundy Thursday
Service with Holy Communion
April 18, 6:30 PM: Good Friday Service
with special music
April 20, 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM: Easter
Services, 9:00 AM: Easter Brunch (No
Sunday School)

May Worship Schedule

Sundays (4 & 11):
9-9:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service
(1st & 3rd Sunday - Holy
Communion)
11 AM-Noon Coffee &
Fellowship

May 18th:
9-9:45 AM Last Day of Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service
(1st & 3rd Sunday - Holy Communion)
11 AM-Noon Coffee & Fellowship

May 25th:
9:30 AM Summer Worship Schedule
begins! No Sunday School until the fall.
10:30 AM Coffee &
Fellowship

Wednesdays:

May 7th:
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:30 PM Supper
6:30 PM Night of Music Fundraiser

May 14th:
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:00 PM Supper
6:00 PM All Church Cleaning (Indoors &
outdoors)

May 21st:
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:30 PM Supper
6:15 PM Outdoor Church Cleaning al-
ternate date if there is inclement weath-
er on May 14th

May 28th: (Last night of Wednesday
activities until Fall schedule resumes)
6:00 PM Semi-Annual Congregational
Meeting
8:00 PM Esko H.S. Baccalaureate

Upcoming Events:
May 10th, 10:00 AM: Ladies Brunch
May 26 th: Memorial Day

† Check out our Church website at
www.esko-apostolic.org.
There are pictures, upcoming events,
bulletins, church calendar, cemetery
information and more!



St. Matthews Lutheran Church Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday Worship w/Communion-
March 5 @ 12:00pm & 6:30pm
Midweek Worship "Singing with the Exiles"-
March 12, 19 & 26; & April 2 & 9 @ 6:30pm
Wednesday Soup Suppers -
March 5, 12, 19 & 26; & April 2 & 9 @ 5:30pm
Palm Sunday Worship-April 13 @ 8am & 10:30am
Passover Seder Meal & Program-
April 16 @ 5:30pm-RSVP required
Maundy Thursday Worship w/Communion-
April 17 @ 6:30pm
Good Friday Worship-April 18 @6:30pm
Easter Sunday Worship w/Communion-
April 20 @ 6am, 8am & 10:30am
Easter Breakfast served from 9:00-10:30am in the
Family Life Center

Passover SEDER

Meal
Provided



Free
Will
Offering

PLEASE JOIN US as we celebrate the Passover Seder (SAY-d'r), journeying with the Old Testament Israelites through the miraculous story of their deliverance. Along the way, we see paralleled, the story of Y'shua's (Jesus') death and resurrection, the final victory!

WEDNESDAY 16 5:30 PM
APRIL

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

4 Elizabeth Ave-Esko

RSVP TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY APRIL 11th
AT (218)879-3510

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ESKO COMMUNITY SPRING RUMMAGE SALES

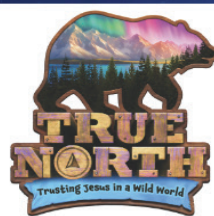
THURSDAY-SATURDAY
MAY 15th-17th

To get your address on the list, send \$5 to
St. Matthews Church-4 Elizabeth Ave,
Esko 55733 along with the following
information by May 9th:

- *Address
- *Dates & times of your sale
- *Brief description of items being sold



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St. Matthews Lutheran Church VBS

Monday, June 23rd to Friday, June 27th
8:30am-11:30am

Join us as we trek into an
unforgettable Alaskan adventure!
Kids will hike through the tundra of
Alaska & experience what it means
to trust in Jesus.

Please register your child(ren) using
the QR code or the link on our website



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