

Esko's Corner

Esko Public School District #99

...Connecting School and Community

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Class Registration Information

Adult Enrichment

Adult Enrichment is taking a break for the summer! Check back in August for Fall 2025 offerings!



Register online 24/7

www.esko.ce.eleyo.com

Or, scan this QR code!

Youth Enrichment

After School Clubs are taking a break for the summer! Please see below for some Summer youth enrichment offerings!



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

6/16/2025 12:00PM - 3:00PM

6/17/2025 12:00PM - 3:00PM

6/18/2025 12:00PM - 3:00PM

6/19/2025 12:00PM - 3:00PM

6/20/2025 12:00PM - 3:00PM

6/23/2025 12:00PM - 3:00PM

6/24/2025 12:00PM - 3:00PM

6/25/2025 12:00PM - 3:00PM

6/26/2025 12:00PM - 3:00PM

6/27/2025 12:00PM - 3:00PM

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**August
session info
on next page!**



Sessions:10
Cost:\$125.00
8/18/2025 4:00PM - 7:00PM
8/19/2025 4:00PM - 7:00PM
8/20/2025 4:00PM - 7:00PM
8/21/2025 4:00PM - 7:00PM
8/22/2025 4:00PM - 7:00PM
8/25/2025 4:00PM - 7:00PM
8/26/2025 4:00PM - 7:00PM
8/27/2025 4:00PM - 7:00PM
8/28/2025 4:00PM - 7:00PM
8/29/2025 4:00PM - 7:00PM
Esko Schools - S132

Summer Elementary Cheer Camp

Do you love to cheer? Be part of the elementary cheer clinic! The elementary cheerleaders will learn cheers, jumps, kicks, and a dance to do during the Esko Fun Days parade! Cheerleaders will receive a shirt, themed pompoms and a bow. Practices will be held in the varsity gym. Enter through the Highschool door, #1 and plan to pick up your child in the gym. The Esko Fun Days Parade is Saturday, August 9th. Lineup information will be communicated by the instructor at a later time.
Grades K-2 | Tu 8/5/25 & Th 8/7/25 | 5:30-7:30 PM | \$52 | Varsity Gym
Grades 3-6 | Wed 8/6/25 & Fr 8/8/25 | 5:30-7:30 PM | \$52 | Varsity Gym

Fall Elementary Cheer Camp - Registration opens August 15th
Grades K-2 | M 9/15/25 - 3:15-5:00 & W 9/17/25 - 2:30-4:00 | \$52 | Cafeteria
Grades 3-6 | M 9/15/25 - 5:30-7:30 & W 9/17/25 - 4:30-6:30 | \$52 | Cafeteria

Elementary Volleyball

Join Mrs. Vesel-Johnson for fall volleyball, open to 5th and 6th grade boys and girls.
Grades 5&6 | \$65 |
See right for specific dates, times and locations.



Fall 2025/26 After School Clubs will open on August 15th

What to watch out for:

Northern Outdoors Club
Savannah's Pottery
Crafts With Sam
Cross Country
Lego Robotics
and more!

2025 5th and 6th Grade Volleyball Club

Week 1

Mon Sept. 8th- FCS Classroom, 3:20-4:30

Tues. Sept. 9th-Practice, Varsity Gym, 3:20-5

Thurs. Sept. 11th-Practice, Blue Gym, 3:20-5:30

Week 2

Tues Sept 16th- Practice-Blue gym, 3:20-5:30

Wed. Sept 17- Practice, Varsity Gym, 5:30-7:00

Thurs Sept 18- Practice, Varsity Gym, 3:20-5:00.

Week 3

Tues Sept. 23- Practice, Varsity 3:20-5:30

Wed. Sept. 24- Practice, Varsity, 5:30-7:00

Thurs. Sept 25- Practice, Varsity 3:20-5:00

Sept. 25- POSSIBLE TOURNAMENT (TBD)

Week 4

Tues Sept. 30- Practice, Blue gym 3:20-5:30.

Wed. Oct. 1- Practice, Varsity gym. 5:30-7:00

Thurs Oct. 2- Practice, blue gym 3:20-5:30

Week 5

**Monday Oct.6 - Practice Varsity 3:20-5:00

Wed. Oct 8- Practice, Varsity Gym, 5:30-7:00

Thurs. Oct 9-Practice, Varsity, 5:30-7:00

Sat. Oct. 15th-POSSIBLE TOURNAMENT (TBD)



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



Little Sprouts

Esko ECFE

Join Ms. Kari on Wednesdays from
8:45-10:45
Starting 10/1-12/17

Get ready for Fall ECFE classes!

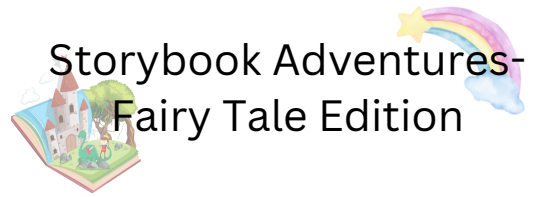
Teacher- Ms. Melanie
Parent Educator- Shannon Matzdorf



Fall into Learning



Storybook Adventures- Fairy Tale Edition



Gingerbread

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

Classes will be on Mondays 5:30-6:45
and Tuesdays* 5:15-6:30.

*Please note- If you register for
Tuesday night you will be registering
for all 3 sessions. Monday nights will be
offered on a monthly registration.

Registration will open June 1st.



Esko Early Learning School Readiness and Stepping Stones



School Readiness, Discovery, and Stepping Stones had a fantastic year. We played hard, learned so much, and made many wonderful memories.

Thank you for a GREAT YEAR!
Ms. Melanie & Ms. Nikki

2025-2026 Registration Information

School Readiness- **FULL**
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- **FULL**
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





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 dates for 2025-2026

Tuesday September 30, 2025

Wednesday October 1, 2025

Tuesday February 3, 2026

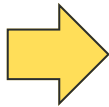
Wednesday February 4, 2026





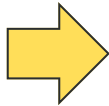
SUMMER COOL KIDS FAQ

Q: WHEN DOES SUMMER CK START?



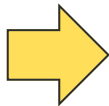
- FIRST DAY: JUNE 9
- CLOSED JUNE 19; 30-JULY 4
- LAST DAY: AUGUST 15

Q: WHAT IS THE RATE?



WE CHARGE A MINIMUM OF \$120 PER WEEK, REGARDLESS OF ATTENDANCE. \$40 EACH ADDITIONAL DAY. WE BILL EACH WEEK FROM JUNE 9- AUGUST 15.

Q: WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH FIELD TRIPS?



EACH WEDNESDAY WE GO ON A FIELD TRIP. PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD HERE BY 9:00 AM AND PLAN TO PICK UP AFTER 3:00 PM. **NO STAFF STAYS BEHIND ON THESE DAYS AND STUDENTS MUST RIDE THE BUS.** NO MONEY NEEDS TO BE SENT WITH YOUR CHILD. FEES ARE ADDED TO YOUR INVOICE.

JUNE 9-13	LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! - MOVIE AT PREMIER
JUNE 16-20	WEEK OF WONDERS - MAGIC SHOW ON SITE
JUNE 23-27	HISTORY MYSTERY - GLENSHEEN MANSION
JULY 7-11	COOL KIDS ALL STARS - TURF DAY!
JULY 14-18	TO BROADWAY AND BEYOND - ENCORE THEATER
JULY 21-25	SUMMER SPLASHTACULAR - WATER DAY!
JULY 28- AUG 1	CAMP COOL KIDS - SCHOOL FOREST
AUGUST 4-8	NATURE IS EVERYWHERE - MOOSE LAKE FISHING
AUGUST 11-15	SPIRIT WEEK - PIZZA PARTY!

Where are we going?



ESKO COMMUNITY EDUCATION

COOL KIDS IS HIRING!

JOIN OUR TEAM

- ✓ M-F 2:00-6:00 - NO WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS!
- ✓ PERFECT FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO WORK IN EDUCATION
- ✓ \$18.96/HOUR

IF INTERESTED, CONTACT EMILY DAVEY
EDAVEY@ESKO.K12.MN.US

MUST BE A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE AND
PASS A BACKGROUND CHECK

Q: WHERE SHOULD I DROP MY
CHILD OFF AND PICK THEM
UP?



NEW - INCOMING 3RD-5TH
GRADE STUDENTS WILL BE
LOCATED IN THE CAFETERIA
BETWEEN 8:00-4:30. IF YOU
ARE DROPPING OFF AND/OR
PICKING UP YOUR 3RD-5TH
GRADE STUDENT DURING THESE
HOURS, THEY WILL NEED TO BE
CHECKED IN AND OUT IN THE
CAFETERIA. IF YOU ARE
DROPPING OFF AND/OR
PICKING UP OUTSIDE OF THESE
HOURS, THEY WILL BE IN THE
COOL KIDS ROOM.

K-2ND GRADE STUDENTS
SHOULD BE CHECKED IN AND
OUT IN THE COOL KIDS ROOM.



Cool Kids Open House

INTENDED FOR NEWLY REGISTERED COOL CUBS/KIDS FAMILIES

- TO MEET WITH TEACHERS
- SEE THE SPACE AND
- GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED ABOUT OUR PROGRAM.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28TH
5:00-6:00 PM
16 E. HWY 61, ESKO



**THIS INFORMATION
AND MORE CAN BE
FOUND ONLINE IN OUR
HANDBOOK!**



Elementary News

By Brian Harker

Important Dates

- Thursday, June 5: Last Day for Students- 3-Hour Early Dismissal
- Friday, June 6: Last Day for Staff

Summer Vacation

As we wrap up another successful, fun, and rewarding year at Winterquist Elementary, we want to take a moment to thank our families for their continued support and involvement. Your partnership plays a vital role in your child's learning, and we are truly grateful to have such a caring and engaged school community. To our amazing students—thank you for your hard work, curiosity, and joy throughout the year. You've made this school year one to remember!

Enjoy your summer break! Stay safe, have fun, and remember—a good book can be the perfect summer adventure.

P.I.E.

The P.I.E. group once again provided leadership and financial support to enhance the learning opportunities for our students. PIE is a very proactive group that has a vision to enrich the school experience for all students. Please consider joining and attending their meetings next year. This is a great way to make a difference in the education of your children and also a nice way to get to meet other parents and families.

Summer Office Hours

The elementary office will be open until June 20. It will be closed until August 19. After August 18, it will be open for the year. We will be checking emails and voicemails throughout the summer.

Open House

Our Welcome Back to School Open House event will be held on Thursday, August 28 from 4:30-6:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and families to meet their teachers, drop off school supplies, and prepare for the new school year. We look forward to seeing you then.

Please Join Us to Watch the....

Kindergarten Graduation Car Parade!

When: Tuesday, June 3rd at 6 p.m.

Where: Please sit anywhere along the Kristen Burkholder Loop (parade starts at the football field, then down Harney Rd., Juntunen Rd, in front of the school and down Canosia Rd.)



Summer Kindercamp

August 4-6, 2025

8:30 -11:00 am

Transportation is not provided

Please send a water bottle and healthy snack with your child.

Pick-up/Drop off will be at the playground. In the event of rain, please bring your child to their kindergarten classroom.

To register your child:

Visit: esko.k12.mn.us

Click: 'New Families'

Click: 'Summer Kindercamp'

Click: red 'here' button to fill out form



Winterquist Elementary OPEN HOUSE

WINTERQUIST ELEMENTARY

Thursday, August 28, 2025

Grades K-6

4:30-6:00 PM

- SEE YOUR CLASSROOM
- MEET YOUR TEACHER
- BRING YOUR SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY OFFICE STAFF, NURSE, COUNSELOR, OR TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR



Kids Heart Challenge Success!

*Photo on Front Cover

Winterquist Elementary Students had a record breaking year in saving lives for the Kids Heart Challenge. Our school raised \$39,031.18. That is 780 lives. This amazing amount of generosity was led by students are passionate about helping save lives, young and old, of those that have special hearts. We had four students 5th grader, James Brabec (raised \$2051), 6th grader, Dachen Granholm (raised \$1857), 5th grader, Gianna Houle (raised \$1241) and 3rd grader, Hartley LeBrasseur (raised \$1182). This is the first time in Esko history that we have had more than one person raise over \$1000. Your incredible hard work and really made an impact on those that have special hearts.

We want to Thank all of you that contributed to the Kids Heart Challenge. Especially the parents of these students that participated. You are the back bone of our student's and school's success! We would also like to Thank the following volunteers Mrs. Melissa Halverson, Ms. Jessica Uecker, Mrs. Kara Staples, Mrs. Jill Harden, and Mr. Jeremy Zywicki. Without you this event would not have been as successful!

Esko Public Schools use a variety of digital tools to support student learning. Technology vendors and software is utilized to support work as we help all students develop the skills necessary to succeed in an ever-changing world.

We have an inventory of our curriculum, testing, and assessment tools posted on our school website; esko.k12.mn.us < Parents < Tech Resources < Software Inventory and Student Data Elements. It includes an outline of the student data elements within each tool. This list is maintained and communicated annually to all families at the start of the school year.

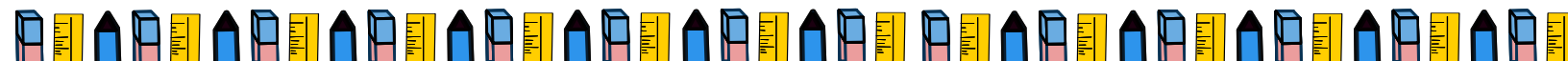
Please reach out to Greg Hexum, High School Principal (grhexum@esko.k12.mn.us) or Brian Harker, Elementary Principal (bharker@esko.k12.mn.us) if you have additional questions regarding specific digital tools used in classrooms.

Sincerely,
Esko Public Schools



The 3rd grade, Esko Blue team won the Arrowhead Youth Basketball tournament championship, hosted at Barnum on February 22, 2025. Team members included, Bottom row (left to right): Jonny Klatt, Maddux Zbacnik, and Frank Warpeha. Top row (left to right): Lucas Johnson, Landen Field, Luka Mayne, Andrew Abramson, Leo Dammer, and coach, Amanda Zbacnik. Axel McCullough also played for 3rd grade Esko Blue during the 2024-25 season.

Winterquist Elementary 25/26- SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST



Kindergarten

- Backpack – labeled
- Plastic folder – labeled
- Fiskars scissors – labeled
- Plastic Pencil Box (9x5)– labeled
- One 3 ring binder (2 inch) – labeled
- Two spiral notebooks – 8.5x11 – labeled
- Velcro Gym shoes: no black soles-labeled
- Headphones for iPads (not earbuds) – labeled
- Six LARGE Elmer's Glue Sticks
- Four Expo black thin dry erase markers
- Three boxes of 24 count Crayola crayons
- Two packs of Crayola classic color markers
- Clorox Wipes
- GIRLS: Kleenex
- BOYS: Large (non-coated) paper plates



Grade 1

- 1 dozen #2 pencils plain yellow – sharpened
- 3-5 large glue sticks
- Scissors *
- 1 large box of Kleenex
- 2 boxes of 24 crayons * (1 for Baird)
- 2 Pink Pearl erasers
- Pencil box (not bag) *
- 2 boxes of 8-10 Markers – washable *
- Sturdy Plastic folder *
- 2 Spiral notebooks *
- Water bottle labeled with name *
- Clipboard *
- 4-6 fine tip black Expo dry erase markers *
- Gym shoes – no black soles - Velcro shoes if your child cannot tie & no open back shoes*
- Good quality functional headset (no earbuds)
- 1 container of Clorox wipes
- basic stylus (3 pack)
- BOYS -1 roll of paper towels and paper plates or bowls
- GIRLS - Gallon size Ziploc bags and plastic forks/spoons

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH A *

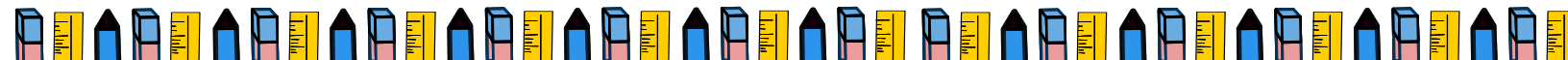
Grade 2

- 2 dozen #2 pencils – sharpened
- 2 Pink Pearl erasers
- Large box of Kleenex
- 2 packages of Black Expo thin dry erase markers
- Markers – Crayola Classic Thick *
- Markers – Crayola Classic Thin *
- 1 Mead 5 Star plastic folder w/ two pockets & brad fasteners *
- 1 plastic folder w/ two pockets *
- 3 WIDE lined spiral notebooks (no perforated edges)*
- Colored pencils – 7" - 12 count *
- Box of 24 Crayola crayons *
- 1 big glue stick *
- Gym Shoes (non-marking soles) *
- 1 pad of post-its (3x3)

- Scissors – 6" sharp Fiskars
- 2 highlighters
- Headset- headband style – labeled in bag *
- 3 ring binder – 1.5-inch w/ clear view front pocket * (not Mrs. Peterson)
- 1 deck of standard playing cards
- 1 small pencil sharpener (w/ shavings contained) *
- 1 container of Clorox wipes
- 1 Pencil Box (optional for Ms. Uecker) *
- LAST NAMES A-N: Roll of paper towels; Ziploc Gallon Size Bags with Sliders
- LAST NAMES O-Z: Hand sanitizer with pump; Ziploc Quart Size Bags with Sliders

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH A *

Winterquist Elementary 25/26- SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST



Grade 3

- 2 dozen #2 pencils – sharpened
- Individual pencil sharpener
- Large box of Kleenex
- 2 big glue sticks
- 2 containers of disinfecting wipes
- 1 pad of post-its (3x3)
- Ruler (with centimeters)
- Scissors – 5” sharp Fiskars
- Markers – Crayola Classic Thick
- Colored pencils – 7”- 12 count
- Box of 16 crayons
- 1 black Sharpie marker
- 1 package of multi-colored highlighters
- 1 set of thin dry erase markers
- 2 plastic folders w/ two pockets & brad fasteners
- 3 wide lined spiral notebooks
- 1 medium composition notebook
- 3 ring binder – 1.5 inch – w/ clear view front pocket
- 1 deck of standard playing cards
- Ear buds or headset for iPad
- Stylus for iPad
- Gym shoes (non-marking soles)
- Hand sanitizer
- BOYS – Gallon Ziploc bags
- GIRLS – Quart Ziploc bags

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS

Grade 4

- 1 box of pencils – sharpened
- 1 box of Markers
- 1 box of Crayons
- 8 Expo THIN black dry erase markers
- 1 composition notebook
- 1 legal pad (8 1/2 x 11)
- 1 notebook
- 2 plastic folders w/ pockets & brad fasteners
- 2 highlighters
- 1 pad of post-its
- 1 container Clorox wipes
- 1 Large box of Kleenex
- Gym shoes (no black soles)
- Ear buds or headset

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS

Grade 5

- Mechanical or regular pencils (large supply)
- 1 bottle of glue – 8 oz. / glue stick
- Scissors
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- 4 notebooks
- 1 composition notebook
- Crayons
- Black fine point (Sharpie) markers
- Markers (large)
- 4 folders
- Gym shoes (no black soles)
- Colored pencils
- 1 dry eraser or old sock (Smith & Mooney only)
- Index cards (Smith & Mooney only)
- Scotch tape
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 2 containers of disinfectant wipes
- Ear buds or headset (mandatory)
- Stylus for iPad
- 1 small box of 8-12 dry erase markers (Smith & Mooney only)

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS

Grade 6

- 12 mechanical pencils
- Scissors
- 2 spiral notebooks
- Ruler (with centimeters)
- 2 small glue sticks
- Black fine point (Sharpie) marker
- 8 dry erase markers – black, blue, or red
- 1 dry eraser
- 1 folder – plain w/ 2 pockets
- 2 red pens (Nielsen & Johnson only)
- Pencil pouch (not hard box)
- Gym shoes (no black soles)
- Wired headphones that STAY AT SCHOOL
- 2 highlighters
- Markers and/or colored pencils
- Post-it notes
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Boys = 1 large box of Kleenex
- Girls = 1 container of Clorox wipes

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS

Winterquist Elementary Families: Want to skip back-to-school shopping?



impacks  will save you time and money!



Impacks gives you a way to buy school supply kits that contain all the supplies your child needs for the upcoming school year, at up to 20% less than most major retailers. Enjoy high-quality products and the ultimate convenience of online shopping.

- 1 Scan the QR code using your phone camera
- 2 Select your child's upcoming grade
- 3 Check out using a debit or credit card



Or visit:

shop.myimpacks.com/school/winterquist-elementary-esko-mn

At check out there's an option to donate. If you do, Impacks will match the first \$5! Funds will go towards supporting the school's critical needs.

Order
deadline:
July 15

Packs will be
available for pick up
during open house.

A+ DEALS
on name brands
SAVE ~20%
vs. compared to
MAJOR RETAILERS!



Congrats to the Esko Knowledge Bowl squad and soon-to-be emeritus coach, Charles Farrow, on a podium finish at the MN State Knowledge Bowl Meet. This group of super sophomores: Alex King, Kaiden High, Nolan Thwaits, Eden Mendez, and Liam Reeves, finished third place in the state, an all time high finish for an Esko team!

Congrats to this group of brilliant young people and their exemplary coach!

From Our School Board

Clerk's Minutes

on, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minne-
meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the

derick, Todd Rengo, Steve McConnell, Rob Johnson,
narberg and Superintendent Aaron Fischer.

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

and by Rob Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion

in Items

second by Leona Johnson to approve the Consent
of checks dated 6-4-24.

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

Approve the Hire of Amber Fisher as Data Manage-
ment for 210 days effective July 1, 2024

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Rob Johnson
Fisher as Data Management/Tech Help Desk Assis-
1, 2024. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports:

Principals' Reports:

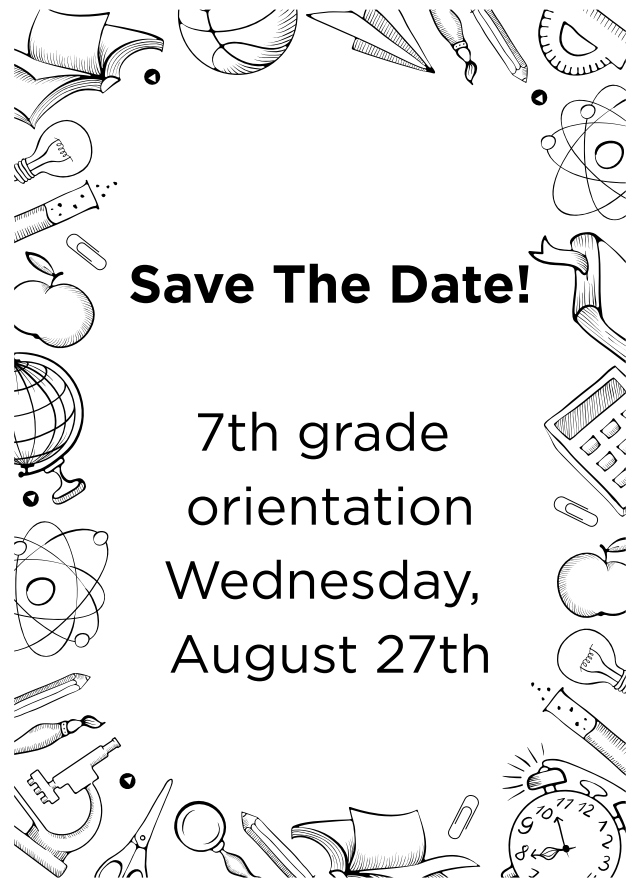
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Interested in keeping up on Esko
School Board news? Meeting minutes
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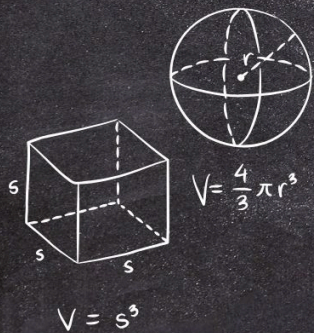
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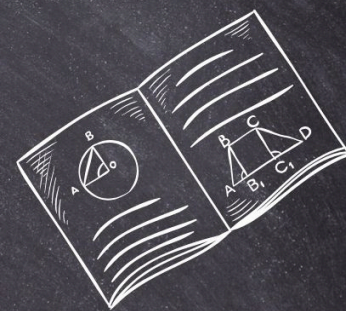


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7th grade
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August 27th

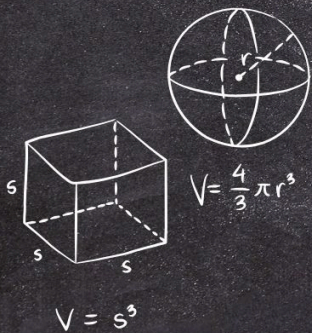


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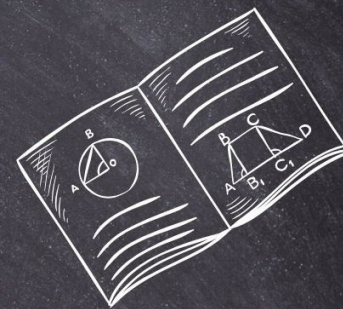


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Carlson Charlie	Gerard Ella	Johnson Ilee	Marsh Audrey	Parker Ashelyn	Skifstad Henry	
Cawcutt Owen	Gerard Aubrey	Johnson Jayce	Martineau Avery	Parrott Adelyn	Skifstad Lucy	
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Quarter Three Merit Roll



Anderson Ava
Anderson Adisyn
Anderson Eliza
Anderson Nolan
Androsky Dominic
Anich Santiago
Ausland Jayden
Ausland Mallory
Autio Ali
Bailey Emmett
Belich Gavin
Bergstedt-Bloss Maiya
Besonen Elin
Blotti Wyatt
Bohlman Genevieve
Borden Leah
Breed Emma
Brissett Liam
Byrnes London
Carson Ryan
Christensen Brynn
Coleman Keaira
Conklin Blake
Coyle Kamden
Dallmann Connor
Dallmann Adam
Dallmann Ethan
Dammann Aria
Dammer MyKenzie
Daveau Ava
Dinda Brody
Downs Thomas
Dusek Gabriel
Ecklund Jayden
Elsmore Neil
Elton Samuel
Erickson Finnley
Erickson Tait
Fisher Amelia
Fonoti Kalea
Foster Benjamin
Furcht Philip
Genereau Preston

Gerard Brennan
Glendenning Haley
Gonzalez Elijah
Gotchie Brenten
Grimm Liberty
Grover Henry
Gunderson Tanner
Hacker Wyatt
Haglund Jaden
Halverson Weston
Halvorson Alec
Hansen Gabriel
Hanson Anna
Harden Greta
Hartlieb Graham
Heittola Payton
Hendrickson Kam
Hill Leland
Hipp Madeline
Hitchcock Alexis
Hobbs Evangalena
Houser Chiara
Hurst Robert
Jauhola Kailyn
Johnson Alexandra
Johnson Jaster
Johnson Jocelyn
Karjala Mikko
Kayser Madek
Keppeler Jayden
Kluenenberg Ethan
Kopp Emma
Koski Britta
Krech Abigail
Krech Olivia
Kulas Kamryn
Kvitek Ethan
Lammi Kennadie
Larsen David
Lawry Amber
Lawry Carley
Leach Trevor
Lillo Brody

Lindgren Ethan
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Matteen Trevor
Mattson Trygve
Mattson Solveig
McClure Calla
McKibbon Cierah
McKibbon Braydon
McMillan Liam
Miketin Elias
Milbridge-Scott Ty
Miller Nolan
Moderson Gavin
Modich Ezra
Nelson Violet
Nelson Alexander
Nooyen Derek
Oveson Altyn
Owens Jacion
Pagelkopf Adam
Panger Samuel
Panger Sophia
Parks Leland
Patrick Leo
Pearce Connor
Pehl Carson
Perfetti Donovan
Perrault Wyatt
Peterson Margaret
Peterson Brock
Peterson Evelyn
Pfister Nolan
Porter Kadrik
Prachar Dylan
Reeves Liam
Renninger Benjamin
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Rulifson Olivia
Saari Jennifer
Salmela Lauryn
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Smith Cayden
Solomon Lucas
Spears Zakary
Spicer Vivian
Stark Cassie
Streu Bristol
Swanson Clara
Sweere Bryce
Sykes Alexa
Taivaloja Tenley
Tesser Addie Jo
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Esko High School Announces 2025 Scholarship Winners

On Sunday, May 4, Esko High School held its annual scholarship ceremony, honoring 36 award-winning members of its Class of 2025. This class has received in excess of 1 million dollars in awards from the local and national foundations and their future academic institutions. These students join more than 700 Esko graduates, since 1994, in receiving 1.3 million dollars in Esko Educational Foundation awards. The Foundation, which formed in 1993 after a generous gift from 1934 valedictorian, Ruth B. Logsdon (nee Kuusito), operates as a non-profit 501(c)(3), governed by a community board of directors whose mission is “to award post-secondary education scholarships to graduating Lincoln High School seniors in Esko, MN.”

Esko Public Schools wishes to thank all of our partners and benefactors in supporting these deserving graduates as they begin their post-secondary educational experiences.



Esko Educational Foundation

- Agnas Benko Scholarship: Kiya Marino
- Dr. Jack and Betty Bergstedt Scholarship: Lauryn Hilton Jessica Blake Memorial Scholarship: Jackson Peterson
- Kristin Burkholder Memorial Scholarship: Nolan Pfister, Elizabeth Haapanen, Joelle Majerle
- Centennial Music and Arts Scholarship: Celia Preiner Esko Education Association Scholarship: Evie Kelsey Foundation Scholarship: Macy Hanson, Aleah Lindgren EEF Sisu Award: Caitlin Klunenbergl
- Federated Co-op Scholarship: Grace Miles
- Zak Gamache-Esko Fire Department Scholarship: Jack Hakala
- Davis Helberg Memorial Scholarship: Kaitlyn McConnell
- Cynthia “CJ” Johnson Memorial Scholarship: Elijah Gonzalez
- Golden K Kiwanis Scholarship: Jamis Halverson, Grace McIlvain
- LaMarche Creek Scholarship: Claire Fontaine
- Ruth B. Logsdon Memorial Scholarship: Ella McLeod, Kaylee Tipple, Stella Haugen, Leo Luense, Sydney Kazel
- National Bank of Commerce Scholarship: Kennadie Lammi
- Sherry Peterson-Kalm Memorial Scholarship: Madison Slygh
- Scott Plaisted Memorial Scholarship: Harper Mears
- RAM Mutual Scholarship: Aspen Berg
- Employees of RAM Mutual Scholarship: Max Foster
- Rauha Scholarship: Avery Martineau, Reese Kuklinski
- Gladys Richardson Memorial Scholarship: Ben Schramm
- Rod and Sharon Sandberg Memorial Scholarship: Jacion Owens

Independent Foundations & Agencies

- Memorial Blood Bank Outstanding Service Scholarship: Ella McLeod
- Northern Communities Credit Union: Harper Mears
- Esko Theater Scholarship: Claire Fontaine, Aviana Bergstrand Esko Music Boosters Scholarships: Max McWilliams, Lauryn Hilton
- Alworth Memorial Fund Scholarships: Reese Kuklinski, Ella McLeod, Avery Martineau, Max McWilliams, Harper Mears, Kaylee Tipple
- Horatio Alger Scholarship: Aviana Bergstrand
- Lake Country Power Les Beach Memorial Scholarship: Ben Schramm Harbor Pointe Credit Union: Harper Mears

Esko Sports Alliance

- The Santo Antonutti Family Scholarship: Nolan Pfister
- The Julian “Bert” Bertogliat Family Scholarship: Nolan Pfister
- Bob Thompson Memorial Scholarship: Nolan Pfister, Raegan Grayson
- Outstanding Team Contribution Scholarship: Sam Haugen, Reese Kuklinski
- Outstanding Teammate Scholarship: Jackson Peterson, Kaitlyn McConnell
- Outstanding Athlete Scholarship: Sam Haugen, Reese Kuklinski

ESKO ELITE^x FOOTBALL

^x Camp

June 28-29
\$100 per camper

Why Join Our Camp?

- Collegiate Athlete Coaching
- Skill Development
- Fun Activities
- T-Shirt
- Autographed memorabilia

Who Can Join?

- Boys and Girls
- Grades K-8
- All skill levels welcome

2 Sessions:

K-3rd Gr: 9-10:30

4th-8th Gr: 11-12:30

Koi Perich
Cole Engen
Mason Perich

Questions call Lorie: 218-390-8565



Register
Here



FLAG FOOTBALL

\$50 PER
PERSON

Sunday Nights
August 31st Sept-28th
5:00 PM-7:00 PM
Esko Football Field

Divisions:

3rd and 4th Grade-
No Contact

5th and 6th Grade-
"Flex" Flag Football

August 31st- parents meeting with
Coach Zywicki and Fechtelkotter.

Questions? Contact: Jeremy
Zywicki @ jzywicki@esko.k12.mn.us
or Kiel Fechtelkotter @
kfechtelkotter@esko.k12.mn.us

Register in Eleyo
until August 11th



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ESKO HOOPS CLUB

SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP

GRADE/SCHEDULE/COST

Grade Levels are
based off the grade
for 2025-2026
school year

- 2nd – 3rd Girls: Tues/Wed/Thurs 8-9 am \$100 ●
- 2nd – 3rd Boys: Mon/Tues/Wed 8-9 am \$100 ●
- 4th – 5th Girls: Tues/Wed/Thurs 9-10:30 am \$115 ●
- 4th – 5th Boys: Mon/Tues/Wed 9-10:30 am \$115 ●
- 6th – 8th Girls: Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs 10:30 am – 12 pm \$125 ●
- 6th – 8th Boys: Mon/Tues/Wed 10:30 am – 12 pm \$125 ●
- 9th – 12 Girls: Mon/Wed (am League) & Tues/Thurs
10:30 am – 12 pm \$150 ●
- 9th – 12th Boys: Mon/Tues/Wed 10:30 am – 12 pm \$150 ●

*Times are subject to change based on gym availability

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER –
WWW.ESKOHOOPS.ORG**



1st Session- 7-8 grade boys

8-9 am

2nd Session- 7-12 grade girls

9-10 am

3rd Session- 9-12 grade boys

10-11 am

Esko Power

SUMMER ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE CAMP



**JUNE 9-
JULY 31
NO FRIDAYS**

Cost \$180

Esko Turf and Esko Fitness Center

FIND YOUR STRENGTH

Join Sarah Petite, George Perich, and Kiel Fechtelkotter for this camp that is for anyone looking to improve their athletic performance by getting proper techniques and mechanics in running, jumping, and lifting. Benefits include: increased strength, running faster, increased vertical, agility, stamina and endurance. Remember you have to put in the time in order to get better. See you at camp!

Register in Eleyo Today



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ESKO HOCKEY REGISTRATION TO OPEN SOON

SKATERS MUST BE 4 BY NOVEMBER 1, 2025
MINI MITE PROGRAM AVAILABLE FOR BEGINNERS
NEW WEBSITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION
FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AT ESKO HOCKEY
FOR FURTHER UPDATES!

questions email:
Eskohockeyassociation@gmail.com

Shout Out to our Winter extracurricular participants!

Robotics

Letter winners: Claire Fontaine, Lliam Zimny, Garrett East, Liam Reeves, Ethan Kluenenberg, Nolan Thwaites, Logan Gamache, Kaija Thompson, Lourdes Barousse, David Cornell, Evan Weaver, Ahna Brekke, Jayce Johnson, Josef Bednar, Paige Fontaine, Alex King, Kaylee Tipple, Gabriella Hilinski

Alpine Ski

1st Team LSC All-Conference: Gavin Belich

2nd Team LSC All-Conference: Anika Elsmore, Aiden True, Eli Metcalf

Letter winners: Anika Elsmore, Aiden True, Carson Kronlund, Blake Nesseth, Eli Metcalf, Gavin Belich, Amelia Cebelinski

Nordic Ski

Letter winners: Aiden Tingum, William Beisang, Aiden Chopskie, Ellynor Barta, Andrew Mattinen, Coldon Dewey

Boys swimming

Letter winner: Levi Raisanen

All Section - 200 Free Relay- Levi Raisanen

Boys Basketball

1st Team Polar League/MVP - Sam Haugen

1st Team Polar League - Jackson Peterson

2nd Team Polar League - Graham Hartlieb

MBCA Academic All State - Sam Haugen

Letter winners: Jack Bergstedt, Joe Cekalla, Tait Erickson, Sam Haugen, Ethan Lindgren, Braydon McKibbin, Jacion Owens, Sam Panger, Jackson Peterson, Josh Synnott, Graham Hartlieb, Hewitt Liimaitainen, Braxdyn Male

Girls Basketball

All Conference 1st Team- Kaitlyn McConnell, Clara Swanson

All Conference 2nd Team- Maya Johnson

Academic All-State: Kaitlyn McConnell

Letter winners: Maya Stuermer, Maddie Hipp, Kaitlyn McConnell, Irelynn Dee, Ava Marline, Clara Swanson, Maya Johnson, Keaira Coleman, Kadence Ghann, Kamryn Korkala, Celia Preiner, Kennadi Foxx

Wrestling

Letter winners: Kaiden High

CEC Boys Hockey

Letter winners: Jacob Iallanardo, Trevor Mrozik, William Karjala, Jake Hurst, Neil Elsmore, Connor Sullivan, Bobby Thornton, Kaden Willis, Madek Kayser, Leo Luense, Jamis Halverson

Free!

Sports Physicals



Free sports physicals for local middle school, high school, or collegiate-level athletes who intend to compete during 2025-26.

Tuesday, June 10, 4:30-6 PM  **CMH Raiter Family Clinic**

Pre-registration is required. Scan the code to pre-register or go to cloquethospital.com/happenings/sports-physicals-2/



CMH Raiter Family Clinic
Community Memorial Hospital

Link to sign up for activities

Read instructions carefully and complete registration.

Fall registration will be open mid July 2025



<https://esko-ar.schooltoday.com/>

Attention Future 7th graders

As we near the end of the current school year, preparations are already underway for the 2025-2026 school year. This is a very exciting time as they begin this new chapter as junior high students. We want to help make this transition as smooth and stress free as possible. That said, please be aware of a couple very important things for your son or daughter.

First, please utilize the summer months to schedule an appointment with your family physician to have a sports physical completed.

Registration for Fall sports will be open in mid July on the Esko website under the athletics tab. If you already have a child registered who is older please DO NOT make another account. Just log into your family account and add another family member under register...then add "new student".

Second, if your son or daughter is planning to participate in a sport, please be aware that student athletes will not be allowed to participate in a sport until they have a current sports physical on file. Physicals are good for three years from the date of the physical exam. Please keep a copy for your records and email page 1 to the Athletic Office. Please note, that if the sport is combined with Cloquet (boys soccer, swimming, boys and girls hockey, nordic and alpine skiing, wrestling, golf, tennis) then CHS needs a copy of all paperwork as well.

2025 Fall Sports/Activities Information

Registrations for Fall sports/activities will open mid July. Please email your physical forms to Tanya Pagelkopf at tpagelkopf@esko.k12mn.us [2024-25 printable Sports Physical Form](#)

Cross-Country Running:

Season starts on August 11, 2025 at 7:00 AM! We will meet in Ms. Kye's room to begin (top of the stairs in the HS clock lobby). Practice will run until 8:30 AM. We will continue to meet M-F from 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM until school starts. More information will be sent out closer to the start of the Fall 2025 Season. Questions? Please contact Coach Hallsten at eskocrosscountry@esko.k12.mn.us

Football:

- Summer Practices:
 - June 12, 19, and 26th from 11:30-1:30
 - July 10, 15, 17, 22, and 24th from 11:30-1:30
- Summer camp- July 28-30th 11-12
- 7 on 7 scrimmages-
 - July 13th @ Denfeld 6-7pm
 - 20th @ Esko 6-7pm
 - 27th @ Denfeld 6-7 pm

Practice begins August 11th
August 15th- White water rafting at swiftwater adventures 2pm
September 27th- Gopher football game vs. Rutgers?
Look on the Facebook Esko High School Football page for everything football.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/691787914335682/> First Day of

Volleyball:

Coach: Peter Stasiuk email: peter.stasiuk@isd709.org

Girls Soccer:

Coach: Sharon Lahti email: soccer@esko.k12.mn.us

C-E-C Boys Soccer:

Coach: John Sundquist email: sunstorm1010@gmail.com #218-355-8188

C-E-C Girls Swim:

Optional Captains Practice: (Location TBD)
August 4th - August 8th, 2025
August 11th - August 12th, 2025
First Day of Organized Practice: August 18th, 2025
Right now there isn't anything planned for the summer, but I am working on that and will share with you if I am able to get something set up. Families that are interested can email me at jeffkalm@gmail.com or the team Facebook Page: [Your paragraph text](#)
Coach: Jeff Kalm

C-E-C Girls Tennis:

First day of official practice is Monday August 11th. Times TBD
Coach: Derek Johnson Dirkjohnson22@aol.com #218-390-0580

***Prior to the start of official practice all athletes need to complete and hand-in the following:**

- 1. Current Sports Physical signed by Physician (good for 3 years) [2024-25 printable Sports Physical Form](#)**
- 2. 2024-2025 MSHSL Form**
- 3. Register and pay activity fee - Registration will open mid July 2024**

****For information about Activity Fees please go to the Esko Website under the Athletics tab****



The Esko Sports Alliance will be inducting two coaches and one team into the Esko Sports Alliance Hall of Fame on Saturday, August 9, 2025.

The coaches being inducted are Rod Johnson and Tim Lindquist along with the Esko 2014 State Championship Basketball team.

Rod Johnson – Rod served as the Esko Boys' Basketball coach for 18 years, during which his teams achieved remarkable success, capturing six Polar League Conference Championships and six Sub-Section Championships. Beyond his accomplishments on the court, Rod was a dedicated mentor and a tremendous role model, whose positive influence left a lasting impact on countless young men.

A cornerstone of Esko Basketball's sustained success was the outstanding elementary basketball program that Rod established. This initiative created a strong feeder system for the varsity team and laid the foundation for the program's continued excellence. Even today, his vision and leadership remain integral to the strength and tradition of Esko basketball.

Tim Lindquist – Tim coached Track and Field for over 30 years and was the Esko Girls' Track and Field coach for 20 years. His teams won the Polar League title for ten consecutive years from 2003 to 2012 and the Section 7A Championship for seven consecutive years from 2006 to 2012. His team also competed in the Section 7A True Team meets and were the champions six consecutive years, winning the State Championship in 2011 and 2012. He was named the Section 7A Coach of the Year six times.

Tim connected with his athletes by showing an interest in them and he inspired them to complete and excel in Track and Field by coaching them and training them to compete at a high level. Tim also coached Cross Country and Basketball at Esko.

The 2014 Boys State Champion Basketball Team – This team achieved something that no other Esko team had accomplished by winning the 7AA championship in March of 2014. Led by head coach, Mike Devney, and assistant coaches Shane Dadrick and Mike Bottila, this team won the Polar League Conference title and the Section 7AA title before winning the AA State Championship.

Members of that team included Jaxson Turner, Derek Pantsar, Reed Bakken, Trenton Menor, Marc Peterson, Alex Walther, Ryan Bodie, Elijah Mattinen, Aaron Olson, Casey Staniger, Nate Johnson, Kory Dadrick, Matt Bolgrean, Jacob Lindstrom, and Garrett Tantsar.

The Esko Sports Alliance Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held on Saturday, August 9 at the Esko Northridge Park at 4 p.m. as part of Esko Fun Days. If inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Esko School Theater. The induction ceremony is open to the public and free of charge. A reception and social gathering will follow the induction ceremony.



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50TH CLASS REUNION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

TIME TBD

RUGGED SPRUCE, MAHTOWA

RSVP:

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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOLFING, PLEASE
CONTACT SHAWN SUNNARBORG @ 218-390-1575
NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2025



Football, volleyball, track
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Trophies proved we knew
how to score!

Girls and boys played their best,
But now it's time for some trophies to be
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Everyone will have a chance to bring one
home. Or as many as you want. Fill the
room.

Sale during Esko Fun Days

Watch for more info to come and other
goodies that might be had.

**Watch for an Esko Fun Days Issue
coming soon!**

Little Free Library Project

Submitted by Melanie Pliml

We need Gardening Volunteers

FOR THE ESKO SCHOOL GARDEN

EMAIL MCARLSON@ESKO.K12.MN.US
FOR DETAILS

Esko Community Education and Mr. Scheider's Exploring the Trades class partnered up for a "Pay it Forward" project. When walking around Esko this summer you might notice a few new items to the community. Five Little Free Lending Libraries will be designed and built by Esko students, and placed for all to enjoy. One will be placed at Esko Mini's, another on the corner of Canosia and Hwy 61, thanks to Pete Radosovich, and the other three are pending placement. This project is being done as part of my Masters Degree, and I am so excited to give back to a wonderful community and give people more opportunities to curl up with a good book.

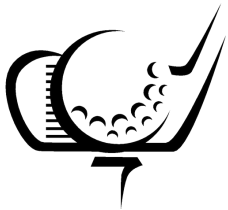
Thank you to Minnesota Energy, in partnership with the Wisconsin Public Service Foundation for supporting and funding this project. Without their help this project would not have been possible. We cannot thank you enough for helping bring more books into the community and supporting our high school students who have learned many skills to use in life in the completion of this project.

Bob Thompson Memorial Esko Sports Alliance Golf Tournament

When: Saturday, September 6, 2025

Where: Cloquet Country Club

Time: 11:00 a.m. Shotgun Start



Donation: \$500 for a 5-person team -
\$100 for individual non-member.

4-person teams \$500 - \$125 for individual non-member.
(\$20 less for any Cloquet Country Club members)

Donation Includes: Lunch at the turn, Green Fees, Golf
Carts (two per group) or you may walk or use your own

push cart and a participant gift. Limited to first 28 teams

Sign up your team on the Esko Sports Alliance
Facebook page or the Esko School Website >athletics.
If you have any questions, please contact Chad Stoskopf
at cstoskopf@esko.k12.mn.us or 218-879-1909
All proceeds will support Esko Athletic Programs!

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Town Board news? Meeting agen-
das, minutes and virtual meeting
information is available online at:**

**[https://www.townofthomsonmn.
gov/meetings/](https://www.townofthomsonmn.gov/meetings/)**





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PLEASE SEND ALL SUBMISSIONS TO MICHELE
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Pastor Nathan Juntunen

Website: www.esko-apostolic.org

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June Worship Schedule

Sundays (1, 8, 15, 22, 29):

9:30 AM Worship Service - All Ages

*(1st & 3rd Sunday - Holy Communion)

10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship

NO WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

(Family night schedule resumes in September)

Schedule of Upcoming Events

- June 8-13: Confirmation camp
- June 15: Confirmation
- June 16-18: Vacation Bible School for ages Pre-K to 5th grade.
- June 26-29: ALCA Annual Convention in Brush Prairie, WA. (For more info, go to: apostoliclutheran.org/upcoming-services)

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



July Worship Schedule

Sundays (6, 13, 20, 27):

9:30 AM Worship Service - All Ages

*(1st & 3rd Sunday - Holy Communion)

10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship

Schedule of Upcoming Events

- July 13, 11:30 AM: All Church Picnic at Northridge Park
- July 23-27: Lahti Retreat Center Bible Camp (www.lbfbbiblecamp.org)

August Worship Schedule

Sundays (3, 10, 17, 24, 31):

9:30 AM: Worship Service - All Ages

*1st & 3rd Sunday - Holy Communion

10:30 AM: Coffee & Fellowship

† Check out our Church website at www.esko-apostolic.org.

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

A SUMMER PRAYER

LONG WARM DAYS..
THE PACE OF LIFE SLOWS..
A TIME FOR PICNICS AND REST IN THE SHADE..
LORD, HELP ME TO REST AWHILE
IN THE COOLING SHADE OF YOUR PRESENCE.
SLOW DOWN MY RESTLESS HEART AND FILL ME
WITH GENTLE COMPASSION FOR ALL YOUR PEOPLE.
AMEN.
- AUTHOR UNKNOWN

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Pastor Marty Mably

Worship Sundays 9 a.m.

UPCOMING:

- Monday, June 2nd – 6:30 pm New Wine Presents “The Prince of Egypt”
- Monday, June 23rd – Friday, June 27th 8:30-11:30 am Vacation Bible School
- Thursday, July 31st & Friday, August 1st- 6:30pm “Fiddler on the Roof”
- Saturday, August 2nd & Sunday, August 3rd - 2 pm “Fiddler on the Roof”
- Thursday, August 7th 6:30-8:30 pm BINGO in Esko School Cafeteria
- Saturday, August 9th 10:30 am Parade Line-up at St. Matthews Parking Lot
- Saturday, August 9th 11:30 am -1:30 pm BBQ at Northridge Park

www.stmatthewsesko.org

NEW WINE PRESENTS



MONDAY, JUNE 2
6:30 PM

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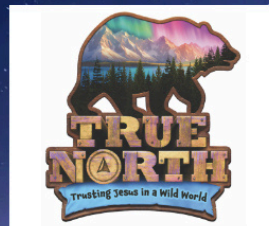
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**St. Matthews
Lutheran Church
VBS**

**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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