

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

Got Game? Make Snack Sticks & Get New Recipes

Are your freezers loaded with game meat from this hunting season and you're sick of the "same ole same recipes?" Or maybe you're looking for a way to make that "game-meat" taste good? Come and learn how to make your own snack sticks in an easy way and see the equipment needed. We will have a variety of many tried and true recipes to take home and even a few to sample. Join us for this fun, delicious, interactive, yet laid-back class!

12/3/24 | 6:30-7:45 | \$12 | FCS Room S100 | Cassie Janke

Adult Volleyball League

Adult volleyball league is open to high school graduates and older. Registration cost is for the entire team. Only captains of teams should register. Please fill out the questionnaire with your entire roster.

Sundays, January 5- April 27 | 6:00 -9:00 | \$175

Rustic Winter Creation

Come join Brianna and Michele for a fun evening making a birch planter perfect for decorating. This planter is made out of birch and you can change out the decor for different seasons. One planter per registration made for the Holiday season!

12/2/24 | 6:30-7:30 | \$30 | Art Room S101 | Michele Carlson and Brianna Mattonen



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.

Sundays, January 5-March 16 | 2:00-4:00 | Free | Blue Gym

Learn to Sew by Making a Quilt

A fun sewing class coming this fall called “Learn to Sew by Making a Quilt.” It is a beginning sewing class. The instructor will supply all the materials and the sewing machines. It is a 2-night class and everyone leaves with a 4’ x 5’ completed (guaranteed) quilt. I own 9 machines so my class size is limited to 9 unless people are able to bring a machine.

2/3/25 & 2/4/25 | 5:30-8:30 | \$100 | Room S100 | Erin Cox



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
1/6/2025
1/13/2025
1/20/2025
1/27/2025

2/3/2025
2/10/2025
5:15 PM - 6:15 PM | \$48 | Cafeteria | Naomi Christiansen

Sessions: 6
2/24/2025
3/3/2025
3/10/2025
3/17/2025
3/31/2025
4/7/2025
5:15 PM - 6:15 PM | \$48 | Cafeteria | Naomi Christiansen

Sessions: 6
4/14/2025
4/21/2025
4/28/2025
5/5/2025
5/12/2025
5/19/2025
5:15 PM - 6:15 PM | \$48 | Cafeteria | Naomi Christiansen

Zumba Punch Card

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

Youth Enrichment

Holiday Cookie Decorating



Open to grades 1-6. Join Mrs. Dav-ey and your friends as we decorate holiday cookies together! We will be using frosting, sprinkles and other small holiday treats! Students will take home 6 Class will close for registration on 12/17 at 12:00 PM. 12/19/24 | 3:15-4:30 | \$15 | Room S100

Lego Robotics

Hang out with Miss Granholm for the afternoon and learn to build and control LEGO Robots! Open to grades 3-6. Registration for the January 30th-February 20th section will open January 8th. Registration for each section will close 1 day prior to the start date at noon.

- January | Thurs 1/2-1/23 | 3:15-4:30 | \$30 | Room E372
- Jan/Feb| Thurs 1/30- 2/20 | 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.

- You are loved plate | 1/2/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$17 | Room S101
- Valentine tile and bowl | 1/14/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$15 | Room S101
- Snowy owl plate | 1/28/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$17 | Room S101
- St. Patrick’s Day cup | 2/11/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$16 | Room S101
- Kids’ Choice | 2/25/25 | 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.



Feather Painting | Grades 3-6 | 12/10/24 | 3:15-4:30 | \$17 | Room S101

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 Friday, January 3rd at 3:00 PM 1/7/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$18 | Room S101

Duluth Children’s Museum - Fossils

Open to students grades 3-6. Do you know what a paleontologist is and what they do? Become one and learn about fossils in this hands-on program where we will dig up real fossils and build a dinosaur! Registration will close 1/17/25 at Noon, so we are able to give notice to DCM. 1/21/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$14 | Room S101

Awesome Art

Hang out with Mrs. Hallsten for the afternoon creating fun art and craft projects! Open to grades 2-6.

- Folk Art Bears | 12/17/24 | 3:15-4:30 | \$14 | Room E367
- Cute Paper Penguins | 1/16/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$14 | Room E367
- Zentangle Hearts | 2/13/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$14 | Room E367



Elementary Cheer Clinic

Do you love to cheer? Be part of the elementary cheer clinic! The elementary cheerleaders will learn cheers, jumps, kicks, and a dance. Cheerleaders will receive a snack each day after school, free entrance into the game and a shirt, poms, hat and bandana. Cheerleaders should wear the shirt at the basketball game. Please bring tennis shoes and a water bottle. Registration will close 1/21/25 at noon. No late registrations will be accepted.

- Grades K-2 | 1/28/25 & 1/30/25 | 3:15-5:00 | \$52 | Cafeteria
- Grades 3-6 | 1/29/25 2:15-4:00 & 1/31/25 3:15-5:00 | \$52 | Cafeteria

Great Lakes Aquarium

Students become lake sturgeon traveling a migration route through an obstacle course depicting sturgeon habitats. Dangers accompany migration – the lake sturgeon encounter both natural and man-made obstacles as they grow to adulthood and return to spawning grounds. Registration will close 1/31/25 at noon. Run for your life cycle | Grades 3-6 | 2/4/25 | 3:15-4:30 | \$13 | Cafeteria



Awesome Afternoon Varsity Baseball Fundraiser

The Esko Varsity baseball team is offering an afternoon of inexpensive activities and fun for all K-6 students on Wednesday, February 5th and Wednesday, February 12th, 2025. These are both early release conference days. Families interested in sending their elementary students to the “Awesome Afternoon” must register via Eleyo. Afternoon activities will include a movie, games, open gym, playground time, coloring and study time/homework help. Children who are not registered in Eleyo will not be allowed to stay after school. Note, you must register for each date individually. Registration will close one day prior to each session. No registrations will be taken on the day of.

- 2/5/25 | 12:15-3:30 | \$22 | Cafeteria/other
- 2/12/25 | 12:15-3:30 | \$22 | Cafeteria/other

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Furry Fuzzy February

Tuesdays 2/11, 2/18, 2/25
4:30-5:30 & 5:45-6:45

GET READY FOR A MONTH OF FUZZY FUN WITH FURRY FUZZY FEBRUARY! IN THIS ENGAGING AND INTERACTIVE CLASS, CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL EXPLORE THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ANIMALS WITH SOFT, FLUFFY FUR.

Early Childhood Screening Information

Attention Families of Children ages 3 1/2 to 5 years old:

Early childhood screening in Minnesota is a proactive, statewide initiative aimed at ensuring young children are prepared for school and developmentally on track. This free screening, generally recommended for children between ages 3 and 5, assesses several key areas of development, including vision, hearing, height and weight, speech, language, cognitive skills, and social and emotional development. Administered by school districts, the screening helps identify any potential developmental delays or health concerns that might need further evaluation or support.

Screening is mandatory before a child enters kindergarten, and it is designed as a supportive, rather than restrictive, measure. Its primary goal is early intervention, allowing parents and caregivers to address any developmental needs early on, which can lead to better educational outcomes. Families receive personalized feedback, and if concerns are detected, resources and referrals for specialized services are offered.

Esko Early Childhood Screening will be held on Tuesday, February 4 and Wednesday, February 5 with evening and daytime appointments at the Esko Education Center located at 16 Highway 61.

If your child has not participated in Early Childhood Screening yet, register for an appointment at <http://esko.ce.eleyo.com/>

Please contact Esko Community Education at (218)879-4038 if you have any questions.

These appointments are open to residents of the Esko school district.

- Tuesday, February 4, 2025 4:00 PM-6:00 PM
- Wednesday, February 5, 2025 8:00 AM-2:00 PM

Esko Early Learning

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

March 10th @ 12:00 pm

School Readiness
Discovery
Stepping Stones

SAVE THE DATE

For your information please contact us:

mpliml@esko.k12.mn.us

218-879-2969 ext. 635

**COOL KIDS
REGISTRATION**SUMMER 2025
12:00 NOON, MONDAY
FEBRUARY 10THFALL 2025-26
12:00 NOON, MONDAY
MARCH 10TH**SAVE
THE
DATE****Summer 2025 Cool Kids Registration will begin
at 12:00 NOON, Monday, February 10th**

Summer Cool Kids provides care for students entering Kindergarten up to completing 5th grade. We open at 6:30 AM daily and close at 5:30 PM. The first day of Summer care is June 9th, the last day of summer care is August 15th, as we then begin to prepare for the school year. We will also be closed June 19th and June 30th-July 4th in observance of the 4th of July holiday. To register for the program, all community education balances must be paid in full.

Registration will be online in our registration system, Eleyo. You will not receive an email with a direct link to registration. Please see our Esko website under Community Ed for the link in Eleyo at 12:00 NOON, Monday, February 10th.

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

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

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

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.

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

By Jerry Frederick

In addition, I want to take an opportunity to give updates on a few initiatives at ISD 99.

You will read in other parts of this issue, that a decision was made to discontinue printed copy of this publication. I want to assure you that this decision was not taken lightly. The board has had several work sessions trying to problem solve to find creative solutions to curb the rising costs, looking at the availability of finding a local printer, cutting down on delays in publication/ distribution, keeping current on mailing lists, reducing the time and effort required to put the printed layout together as well as the quality of the printing. I especially would love to see better quality pictures in our publication. During my monthly Minnesota School Board Association zoom sessions that include people from around the state, I have asked other school board members how they are handling these issues and many of them have also chosen to go to a digital format. The members of the Esko school board received recommendations from both the Community Education Director, who oversees the publication, as well as the Superintendent to move to

You may have heard that the school has purchased the home at 25 Lincoln Lane which will be torn down this month to expand much needed parking for the school. We will be contacting the families that own the homes around that property to let them know the plans. More will be shared as we enter the design phase of this project.

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Clerk's Minutes	
on, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the	Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to budget. Motioned carried by unanimous vote.
derick, Todd Rengo, Steve McConnell, Rob Johnson, narborg and Superintendent Aaron Fischer.	Approve the Hire of Amber Fisher as Data Management for 210 days effective July 1, 2024
	Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Rob Johnson Fisher as Data Management/ Tech Help Desk Assistant, 2024. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
	Administrative Reports:
	Principals' Reports:
	Elementary School: Mr. Harker reported on the following year activities included field trips, Kindergarten celebrations
	Jeremy Zywicki and Bridget Vesel-Johnson did a walk
	Field day
	Move Up Day
	Second Special report on the

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

I do want to do a quick shutout to Steven Krueger who is one of our third grade teachers at Esko. Steven has spear-headed the School Forest project and he and his group of volunteers have created a wonderful addition for the school and the community. For those who haven't heard, this area is located by the football field at the Esko Sports Complex. It offers walking trails and great learning spaces for the students. There is too much going on there to cover in this article, so I invite you to please join their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/5709544015755055> or search for Esko School Forest on Facebook for more information and upcoming events!

I also wanted to pass along an additional link that some may enjoy. The school applied for and received a grant from the State of Minnesota to build a small solar panel that is located on the parking lot side of the football field. This panel not only

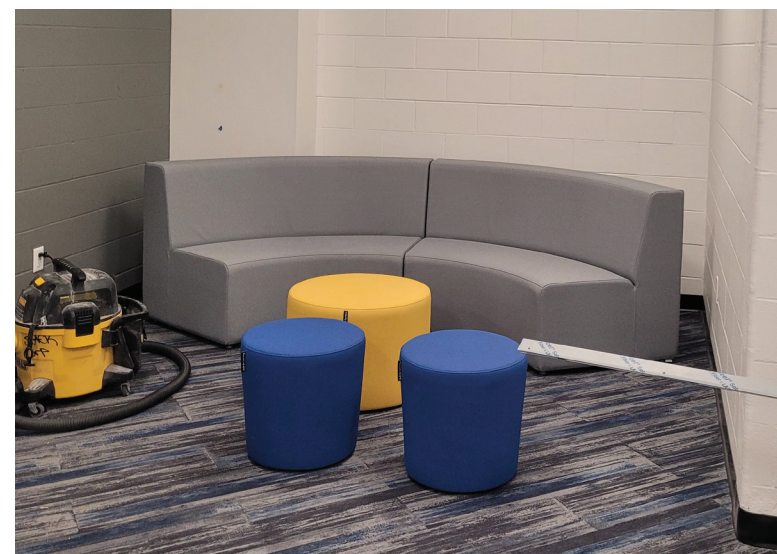
lowers our carbon footprint but also saves on energy costs with a relatively short payback period. It also will be utilized as a teaching instrument for those wishing to enter a great paying tech career. You can follow the energy produced by this facility by going to the following web page...

<https://monitoringpublic.solaredge.com/solaredge-web/p/kiosk?guid=3e29b797-48f9-45b3-8258-613e29a6e167>

My apology for being so long winded!

Finally, on behalf of your school board, I would like to thank you for your continued confidence and support as we try to do our best for the students at Esko Public Schools, while still being fiscally responsible spending taxpayer money. We will continue to work diligently to continue to maintain and strive to improve offerings, quality and the excellence of education that the community has come to expect. It's always a great day to be from Esko!

Esko Schools' New Flexible Learning Space is Taking Shape



MONTHLY MEETINGS ON THE 3RD* MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Community members always welcome!

Come share your ideas! Learn about volunteer opportunities!

COMMUNITY EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

School Forest Day- annually on the 1st Saturday in October

Pumpkin Walk- annually in October- walk the forest along a path of carved pumpkins donated by the community!

Lantern Walk- annually on the evening of Winterfest- walk among glowing ice lanterns with candles donated by Woodfire Candle Co!

Check out our Facebook page for more information on this and other School Forest News!

*Some monthly meetings may be held on a different Monday- check out our Facebook page for updates!

Weather Closing Information

The winter season is already upon us. It is time to revisit what the school district will do on days that conditions make it difficult to open and run school.

When it has been decided that school needs to be closed, we will send this information out through our instant messaging system. The message will then be communicated to the local TV stations and WKLK radio out of Cloquet. The message will be posted on our school web page too.

- WDIO 10
- KDLH 3
- KBJR 6
- Fox 21
- WKLK 96.5 FM and 1230 AM

School cancelations can happen at any time, and you are encouraged to keep your instant messaging system up to date. Make sure the message is going to a number or email address that you can check throughout the day. If you have any questions about the instant messaging system, please contact Sam Engen in the elementary office at 218-879-3361 or Gretchen Grover in the high school office at 218-879-4673.

There is always a possibility that you won't receive the information that school is closing. This is especially true when schools close unexpectedly for utility issues and parents aren't watching for a closure. You are encouraged to develop a family emergency plan for your student if they were to go home and you aren't there for them.

The family emergency plan could include family members to call, neighbors to go to for assistance, additional keys, or ways to get into the home safely and additional measures to ensure your child is safe if they return home and you are not able to be there. Plan for the unexpected.

ESKO LEADS

DONATION DRIVE

December 9th-13th

Each grade bring the following to your classroom:

- PRE-K - DIAPERS, WIPES AND GENTLY USED INFANT CLOTHES AND TOYS
- KINDERGARTEN - NON-PERISHABLE DRINK AND DRINK MIXES
- FIRST - BOXED MEALS AND MIXES
- SECOND - CEREAL AND CEREAL BARS
- THIRD - CANNED MEALS AND SOUPS
- FOURTH - CANNED FRUIT AND VEGGIES
- FIFTH - PASTA AND SAUCE
- SIXTH - NON-PERISHABLE SNACKS, CRACKERS, COOKIES

Coin Drive Collection:

MONDAY - PENNIES

TUESDAY - NICKELS

WEDNESDAY - DIMES

THURSDAY - QUARTERS

FRIDAY - ANY COINS!

Save the date for our Holiday Concert.

Grades 1-3. Tuesday December 10th @ 6 PM in the Varsity Gym. Dress Rehearsal that same afternoon at 1:30.

Looking for the lunch menu?

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

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



The Esko Music Boosters would like to thank everyone who made it possible to provide the band with their new timpani set! A special thank you to our business donors, Superior Squeegie and Barta Plumbing!

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#GoEsko

SUMMER 2025 SOFTBALL

**REGISTRATION
OPENS**

**FEBRUARY 15-
MARCH 7**

**LATE REGISTRATION
MARCH 8-14
+ADDITIONAL FEE**



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EMAIL: ESKOFASTPITCHASSOCIATION@GMAIL.COM

JOIN THE ESKO JAZZ BANDS
AND MADRIGAL CHOIR FOR A
NIGHT OUT AT THE

HEART AND SOUL JAZZ DANCE!

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8TH
ESKO CAFETERIA
7:00PM - 9:00PM
REFRESHMENTS AND DESSERTS FOR PURCHASE
TO HELP WITH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS!**



Congratulations to the Esko Girls Soccer team who won their final game of the year to receive 3rd place in the state!
Way to make us proud!

Cross Country:

Letter winners: Elliot Zigich, Jackson Renninger, Aiden Tingum, David Cornell, Mason Eng, Chase Walz, Elijah Gonzales, Ethan Gamache, Alec Halvorson, Brayden McKibbon, Gwendolyn Weber, Addison Johnson, Brooke Koski, Marie Eng, Kellie Renne, Mari Sathre, Elly Barta, Aspen Berg, Macy Hanson, Evelyn Peterson

Soccer:

MSHSL Class A 3rd place

All State 1st Team- Reese Kuklinski

All State 2nd Team-Britta Koski

All Tournament Team- Reese Kuklinski and Britta Koski

Essentia Senior All Star- Reese Kuklinski, Kenna Lammi, Jordan

Stodola, Liberty Clifford, Celia Preiner, Kaitlyn McConnell

Letter winners: Liberty Clifford, Whitney Hanson, Madeline Hipp, Britta Koski, Reese Kuklinski, Kenna Lammi, Gianna Madiill, Kaitlyn McConnell, Abigail Naud, Sophia Naud, Emma Padgett, Paiton Plante, Celia Preiner, Hannah Roemer, Maya Steurmer, Jordan Stodola, Eilee Straub

Girls Tennis:

Letter winners: Raegan Grayson and Grace McIlvain

Football:

All Conference/All Section/State Awards:

Graham Hartlieb, Heath Sunnarborg, Dominic Androsky, Logan Dahlman

Letter winners: Santiago Anich, Jack Graddy, Jack Bergstedt, Max McWilliams, Jacion Owens, Nolan Pfister, Brody Lillo, Luke Tester, Graham Hartlieb, Easton Harter, Jayden Ausland, Dominic Androsky, Heath Sunnarborg, Matt Wiermma, Sam Cheslak, Owen O'Connor, Wyatt Perrault, Andrew Waters, Ethan Hill, Hewitt Liimatainen, Trevor Matteen, Derek Nooyen, Logan Dahlman, Kaiden High, Connor Dallmann, David Larsen, Sawyer Hipp, Braxdyn Male

Volleyball:

Letter winners: Chiara Houser, Cassie Stark, Sydney Kazel, Greta Harden, Kiya Marino, Clara Swanson, Kennedy Kurhajetz, Emma Adkins, Brooklyn McKibbon, Aubrey Micken, Maya Johnson, Paige Hanson, Kennedi DeBondt

On behalf of the Esko Sports Alliance we would like to thank our area businesses and individuals for supporting the Bob Thompson Memorial - Esko Sports Alliance Golf Fundraiser. Due to the generosity of many, we were able to raise over \$28,000 at this year's event.

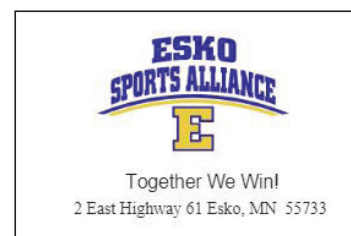
The Esko Sports Alliance recently provided financial support to the new Esko Fitness Center and the outdoor sport courts. The proceeds from this year's tournament will help the Esko Public Schools maintain quality athletic programs and provide scholarships for Esko student athletes.

Our twenty-fourth annual event is scheduled for Saturday, September 6, 2025 at the Cloquet Country Club. Thanks again for your generous financial support!

Sincerely,

The Esko Sports Alliance Executive Committee and Activities Director

Steve Knutson, President
Ori Scherer, Vice President
Dennis Rengo, Vice President
Greg Hexum, Secretary
Scott Christensen, Treasurer
Chad Stoskopf, Activities Director



ESKO YOUTH BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Registration Begins
February 1, 2025

Registration Ends
Feb 22nd for Legion, Bantams, Intermediates, Majors & Rookies
March 30th for Fun League & Developmental

REGISTER AT WWW.ESKOYOUTHBASEBALL.COM

Levels / Age Range* / Price

Fun League - All children ages 4 & 5 - \$65 (must be 4 by April 30th)

Developmental - ages 6 & 7 - \$95

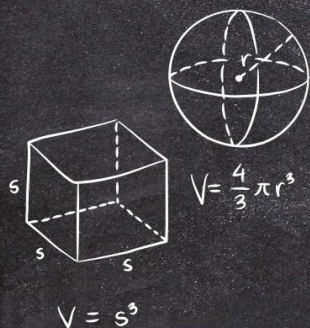
Rookies - ages 8 & 9 - \$125

Majors - ages 10 & 11 - \$135

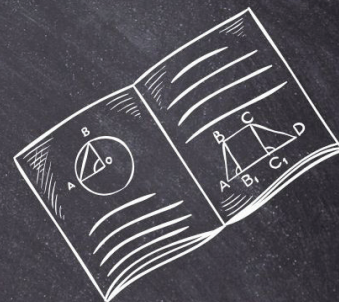
Intermediates - ages 12 & 13 - \$145

Bantams & American Legion Ball - \$210

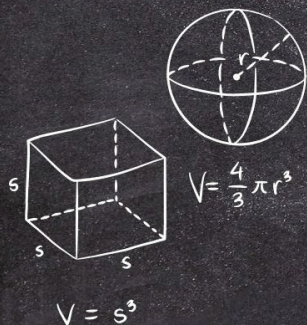
*Age cutoff is April 30th. For more details, visit our website.



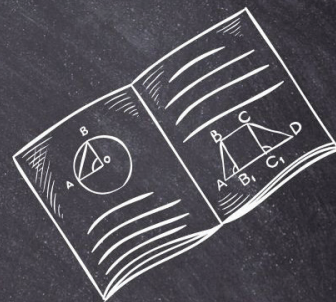
Quarter One Honor Roll



Emma Adkins	Kendra East	Molly Hawkinson	Trevor Leach	Amira Nick	Benjamyn Schramm
Aania Ahsan	Garrett East	Nolan Hendrickson	Evelyn LeBlanc	Addison Nord	Peyton Selin
Adisyn Anderson	Wyatt Edblad	Michael Henney	Mariana LeBlanc	Adrian Nyakundi	Attlei Sheldon
Lillee Ankarlo	Samuel Elton	Lillian Hester	Garrett Leow	Owen OConnor	Deklinn Sheldon
Joshua Antonutti	Marie Eng	Kaiden High	Olivia Leow	Max Olson	Ava Sheridan
Emmett Bailey	Mason Eng	Gabriella Hilinski	Thurston Lick	Cruz Olson	Addison Sielaff
Aaron Bailey	Eliana Erspamer	Lauryn Hilton	Hewitt Liimatainen	Oliver Olson	Emerson Jo Sielaff
Roman Barnes	Theodore Federico	Sawyer Hipp	Brody Lillo	Carter Osvoid	Henry Skifstad
Ellynor Barta	Logan Filipiak	Alexis Hitchcock	Ethan Lindgren	John Owens	Lucy Skifstad
Lucy Barta	Tyler Finc	Evangelena Hobbs	Aleah Lindgren	John Pagelkopf	Samuel Skog
Brooklyn Battaglia	Elise Finc	Joshua Houle	Leo Luense	Sophia Panger	Alan Skowlund
Ashlynn Beare	Claire Fontaine	Chiara Houser	Drew Madill	Samuel Panger	Annabelle Skowlund
Josef Bednar	Peyton Forsberg	Bella Huffman	Gianna Madill	Landen Parask	Madison Slygh
William Beisang	Max Foster	Ilee Johnson	August Marline	Adelyn Parrott	Easton Snow
Gavin Belich	Kali Foxx	Jaster Johnson	Ava Marline	Leo Patrick	Cassie Stark
Remington Bender	Kennadi Foxx	Jayce Johnson	Estella Marline	Aubrey Pearce	Brielle Stewart
Jaxon Benedix	Millie Frederick	Alexandra Johnson	Audrey Marsh	Harlow Perlinger	Jordan Stodola
Harper Benedix	Ethan Gamache	Declan Johnson	Avery Martineau	Jackson Peterson	Jonah Storck
Aviana Bergstrand	Logan Gamache	Addison Johnson	Genevieve Mattevi	Johanna Peterson	Tyson Stormoen
Elin Besonen	Owen Genereau	Elise Johnson	Andrew Mattinen	Evelyn Peterson	Eilee Straub
Isabella Bowman	Cullen Genereau	Hunter Johnson	Thomas Mattonen	Layla Peterson	Neela Stuermer
Marisa Brabec	Aubrey Gerard	Jayce Johnson	Gannon Mattson	Michael Pfeifer	Maya Stuermer
Ahna Brekke	Ella Gerard	Jocelyn Johnson	Solveig Mattson	Nolan Pfister	Conor Sullivan
Annabella Brodin	Kadence Ghann	Maya Johnson	Easton Mattson	Vincent Pianalto	Annabelle Sunnarborg
Quinn Bryant	Samantha Gilbertson	Nels Jouppi	Kaitlyn McConnell	Titus Piepho	Clara Swanson
Braeden Caple	Taylor Gilbertson	Aina Jouppi	Abigail McConnell	Emma Piirainen	Grace Swanson
Merik Carey	Alyssa Gonzalez	Nora Kachinske	Logan McConnell	Celia Preiner	Bryce Sweere
Priya Carey	Elijah Gonzalez	Ahti Kari	Grace Mclvain	Nora Pulford	Jayden Symiczek
Charlie Carlson	Jack Graddy	William Karjala	Brooklyn McKibbon	Hailey Raisanen	Isaac Tester
Owen Cawcutt	Raegan Grayson	Mikko Karjala	Ava McKibbon	Levi Raisanen	Luke Tester
Amelia Cebelinski	Cooper Greiner	Sydney Kazel	Landon McMillan	Hannah Rautell	Kenley Theisen
Joseph Cekalla	Ella Grell	Evie Kelsey	Maxwell McWilliams	James Rautell	Kaija Thompson
Samuel Cheslak	Elizabeth Haapanen	Jayden Kuppeler	Aidan McWilliams	Liam Reeves	Robert Thornton
Ayden Chopskie	Jack Hakala	Aubree Kern	Harper Mears	Garrett Reeves	Abram Thwaits
Brynn Christensen	Hattie Hallback	Alex King	Eden Mendez	Piper Rice	Nolan Thwaits
Liberty Clifford	Annika Hallsten	Kelsey Klemmer	Hazel Mendez	Landon Ridgewell	Kaylee Tipple
Avah Clow	Vivian Halvorson	Maija Klingelhofer	Brayley Merrier	Baizlee Ritchie	Aiden True
Blake Conklin	Alec Halvorson	Natalie Klunenber	Oliver Michaud	Hunter Roemer	Jolie Urie
Aoife Cook	Annika Halvorson	Caitlin Klunenber	Adelynn Michaud	Hannah Roemer	Chase Walz
Vera Cook	Samuel Hammond	Emma Kopp	Parker Micken	Liana Rust	Henry Warden
Joseph Cooper	Arlyne Haney	Kamryn Korkala	Aubrey Micken	Naiya Ruuska	Violet Warden
Micheal Couture	Alyssa Hansen	Britta Koski	Grace Miles	Lauryn Salmela	Matthew Wiermaa
Ethan Culbert	Sharla Hansen	Brooke Koski	Ella Miles	Londynn Salmi	Payten Williams
Logan Dahlman	Hailey Hansen	Olivia Krech	Aislynn Mock	Logan Salo	Kaden Willis
Hunter Dallager	Levi Hanson	Carson Kronlund	Tagan Mock	Mari Sathre	Allison Zigich
Ethan Dallager	Whitney Hanson	Reese Kuklinski	Finn Muchow	Bryn Sathre	Elliot Zigich
Aria Dammann	Greta Harden	Camden Kurhajetz	Abigail Naud	Kira Sauter	Izaak Zimmer
Abrina Dammann	Eagan Harker	Kennedy Kurhajetz	Ellie Naud	Ava Savage	Liam Zimny
Colton Dewey	Easton Harker	Kennadie Lammi	Sophia Naud	Aiden Sawyer	Ava Zywicki
Autumn Doble	Cecilia Hart	Amber Lattner	Allysa Nelson	Bryce Sawyer	Owen Zywicki
Dawson Dunaiski	Stella Haugen	Amber Lawry	Caleb Nesseth	Ariel Schmitz	
Rilee Durovec	Jacob Haugen	Carley Lawry	Blake Nesseth	Hope Schmitz	
Gabriel Dusek	Samuel Haugen	Keira Leach	Sovay Nick	Bridget Schoepflin	



Quarter One Merit Roll



Mya Amundsen
Cale Anderson
Nolan Anderson
Eliza Anderson
Dominic Androsky
Santiago Anich
Jack Arevalo
Mallory Ausland
Jayden Ausland
Ali Autio
Lucy Backstrom
Lourdes Barousse
Therese Barousse
Aspen Berg
Wyatt Bergstedt
Alexander Besta
Wyatt Blotti
Genevieve Bohlman
Leah Borden
Emma Breed
Rowan Brissett
London Byrnes
Lucky Carlson
Ryan Carson
Araya Coleman
Keaira Coleman
Kamden Coyle
Braelyn Crotteau
Adam Dallmann
Ethan Dallmann
Ava Daveau
Kinsley DeBondt
Irelynn Dee
Daniel Dewey
Brody Dinda
Thomas Downs
Michael Dusek
Neil Elsmore
Anika Elsmore
Finnley Erickson
Kalea Fonoti
Paige Fontaine
Benjamin Foster
Jada Fuchs
Philip Furcht
Hailey Gamache
Melanie Gamache
Preston Genereau
Brennan Gerard
Haley Glendenning
Brenten Gotchie
Liberty Grimm
Jackson Hacker
Tuula Hallsten

Jamis Halverson
Weston Halverson
Gabriel Hansen
Paige Hanson
Anna Hanson
Lilee Hanson
Graham Hartlieb
Madilyn Hawkinson
Rylan Henagin
Briley Hendrickson
Kam Hendrickson
Leland Hill
Madeline Hipp
Robert Hurst
Jacob Iallonardo
Grace Illikainen
Joseph Jukich
Eero Juntunen
Jordan Kangas
Maded Kayser
Kroix Kayser
Alexandra Kemp
Ethan Klunenbergl
Aubrey Kulas
Kamryn Kulas
Chase Kvitek
Charlie Langhorst
Cole Luense
Joelle Majerle
Breckyn Male
Braxdyn Male
Ariya Marino
Kiya Marino
Chase Martin
Trygve Mattson
Calla McClure
Tennley McKibbon
Braydon McKibbon
Cierah McKibbon
Eli Metcalf
Elias Miketin
Nolan Miller
Addison Miller
Gavin Moderson
Ezra Modich
Trevor Mrozik
Adrian Mumma
Alexander Nelson
Alivia Nelson
Kenleigh Nikunen
Kylan Nyakundi
Evan O'Leary
Altyn Oveson
Henry Parendo

Ashelyn Parker
Leland Parks
Connor Pearce
Donovan Perfetti
Alton Perrault
Wyatt Perrault
Margaret Peterson
Brock Peterson
Drew Piontek
Paiton Plante
Kadrik Porter
Witten Powers
Dylan Prachar
Ava Preiner
Evan Rengo
Kellie Renne
Benjamin Renninger
Jackson Renninger
Austin Robnik
Olivia Rulifson
Braydon Salo
William Samec
Harrison Samec
Elsa Sathre
Maxxwell Sauter
Adaline Savage
Robert Schilling
Noah Schmitz
Benjamin Schmitz
Henry Schoepflin
Delaina Schumann
Kane Selin
Tucker Selin
Grace Shannon
Sophia Sheridan
Araya Shovein
Jaxson Siats
Cayden Smith
Lucas Solomon
Jaiden Soukkala
Zakary Spears
Bristol Streu
Alexa Sykes
Catlin Timblin
Brianna Tingu
Aiden Tingu
Teagan vonGillern
Meghan Wagner
Andrew Waters
Evan Watsick
Evan Weaver
Layla Whiting

The Future (if there is one) for Esko Fun Days

Esko Fun Days is an annual community event in Esko, Minnesota, celebrating the town's spirit with a week of activities, typically in early August. Organized by the Esko Community Partnership, the festival includes family-friendly events like a National Night Out, parades, games, a medalion hunt, and outdoor movies. The celebration ends with a grand finale featuring a 5K race, a community barbecue, and a popular street dance for adults. The event showcases Esko's local pride, raising funds to support various community projects and organizations.

This past year, Esko Fun Days was run predominantly by 4 members of Esko Community Partnership. At this time, ECP has a board of directors to monitor budgets and donations as well as manage costs of insurance for community events like Esko Fun Days. Fortunately, we have groups that have jumped in to help with certain events, but there still are not enough people to sustain the future of planning and implementing Esko Fun Days.

In addition, Michele Carlson will be leaving her role with Esko Community Partnership in October of 2025 as she is moving out of the area in June of 2026. That means the organization is losing 25% of their efforts in holding community events.

The passionate work of Courtney Grenier, Sarah Rautell, and Amy Feely is greatly appreciated. These women are ready to hand off the baton to other members of the community who want to see Esko Fun Days and Winterfest continue long into the future. All three of these community members have children who are aging out of these events and want to move on with their children's interests. It is time for a new generation of leadership for community events.

Esko Community Partnership executive board meets 2-3 times per year to monitor the budget and management concerns for a non profit organization. In addition, the group meets with additional volunteers for events 3-4 times for each large event. These planning meetings are held in the evening at local restaurants to be both social and productive!

We are asking for volunteers to step up to help out with community events. Perhaps your interest lies in the Davis Helberg award or events for senior citizens. We need your help! Maybe you really love the games in the park on Saturday. It's time to volunteer! You could be passionate about National Night Out and the connections created between community and law enforcement. More people are needed! All of these areas need volunteer support. Please reach out to Esko Community Partnership at eskocommunitypartnership@gmail.com if you are willing to get involved with the ECP board or volunteering for a specific activity. The future of Esko Fun days depends on your involvement.

27th Annual Kristin Burkholder 5k Post Race Recap

On Saturday, August 10, 2024, the Esko Educational Foundation hosted the 27th Annual Kristin Burkholder 5k Run/Walk. The event was held at the Esko Sports Complex and raised approximately \$4600 to fund a scholarship that is awarded annually in Kristin's memory. In addition, students elected to donate a portion of their registration fee to a school activity of their choice.

Approximately 170 people were on site for the race. Awards were given to the top two runners in eight (8) categories. The runner with the best time for men was Pheonix Anderson with a finishing time of 17:22 and for women Emaleigh Ole-siak with a finishing time of 19:32.

Community sponsors included RAM Mutual Insurance, Red Pine Campground, Buffalo House, Community Printing, the DuluthRunner, Theobald Family Eyecare, Reliable Insurance

Agency, the fig tree, Gordy's Hi-Hat, the Esko Historical Society, Smith Company, Bearaboo Coffee, Adolphson Real Estate, Cloquet Community Memorial Hospital, Daugherty Appliance, National Bank of Commerce, Tomhave Dental Associates, and Members Cooperative Credit Union. In-kind sponsors included Thrivent Financial, Super One Foods, the Esko Volunteer Fire Department, Carlton County Sheriff's Department and Tor-toise and Hare Footwear.

The Esko Educational Foundation would like to thank ALL of our amazing volunteers and the community for their support of this year's race – especially Steve and Emily Krueger for designing and printing this year's race medals. We're looking forward to next year's race which will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2025.





A big thank you to those who gave of their time and volunteered at Second Harvest November 6th. We were asked to pack three pallets of food for the elderly nutrition program. In true Esko spirit, we worked well as a team, set a good pace, and met the goal in half the time expected.

Boat Captains Needed

The Esko H.S. Bass Fishing Team is always looking for volunteers with a boat and a willingness to take two- member fishing teams to tournaments.

Email eskohsfishing@gmail.com or phone/text Landa Zimmer at 218-428-6356 with interest or questions.



Congratulations, Isabella Bowman

Congratulations to 8th grader, Isabella Bowman on qualifying for the 2025 US Figure Skating Midwestern Sectional Singles Final!

Isabella's score from this year's National Qualifying Series advanced her to compete with the top 24 skaters in the Midwest this November in Plano, TX.

We are very proud of Isabella's accomplishments and wish her the best of luck!



ESKO'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

For all Esko families who had
a baby born in 2024

SAVE THE DATE!

THURSDAY, FEB. 6TH, 2025
5:30 PM

AT THE ESKO COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING, 16 E. HWY 61, ESKO

YOU ARE INVITED TO

LAKEHEAD HARVEST HAYRIDES 2024

December 6 6:00-8:30pm
December 7 2:00-8:30pm
December 8 2:00-8:30pm

December 13 6:00-8:30pm
December 14 2:00-8:30pm
December 15 2:00-8:30pm

December 20 6:00-8:30pm
December 21 2:00-8:30pm
December 22 2:00-8:30pm



Lakehead Harvest Hayrides is coming soon, featuring hayrides, smores, Santa, home style meals, skating rink, Hales trails, and more! \$8 for adults, 11 and under free!
70 East St. Louis River road, Esko MN 55720

**WINTER
FESTIVAL**

JANUARY 11, 2025
3:00-8:00 PM

LANTERN WALK ❄️ **FOOD** ❄️ SNOW ACTIVITIES

ESKO STADIUM PARKING LOT & SCHOOL FOREST

ESKOCOMMUNITYPARTNERSHIP@GMAIL.COM

Esko
Community Partnership

Esko High School Theater Program Concludes Their Fall Production of CLUE



The Esko High School Theater Program concluded their fall production of CLUE on Sunday, November 3rd. The four performance run was sold out each night as members of the local community came out to support these EHS students. Directors Steve Krueger, Kara Staples, and Joyce Bergstedt worked with 26 students from grades 8-12 to bring this classic Murder Mystery/Comedy to the stage. Set in the 1950s at the height of the Red Scare, this production told the story of a brief, albeit deadly, evening at the mysterious Boddy Manor where six Washington socialites coalesced, under threat of blackmail, for a suspicious and fateful dinner party. Among the cast were 5 seniors: Jaxon Benedix, Aviana Bergstrand, Claire Fontaine, Annika Halvorson, and Trevor Leach. Many community members, families, and local businesses donated their time, energy, and resources to help this show come alive. The directing staff extends a most sincere thank you to everyone who supported these students and the performing arts in Esko.

Cast & Crew

Director, Steve Krueger; Assistant Director, Kara Staples; Stage Director, Joyce Bergstedt; Student Director, Kendra East (11)

CAST

Wadsworth, Leah Borden (10); Miss Scarlet, Anika Halvorson (12); Mrs. Peacock, Aviana Bergstrand (12); Mrs. White, Londynn Salmi (11); Colonel Mustard, Alyssa Gonzalez (10); Professor Plum, Haley Glendenning (11); Mr. Green, Eden Mendez (10); Yvette, Eloise Modich (10); The Cook, Landen Anderson (9); Mr. Boddy, Ashlynn Beare (8); Unexpected Cop, Kendra East (11); The Motorist, Addison Sielaff (11); Singing Telegram Girl, Vivian Halvorson (8); Chief of Police, London Byrnes (8); Backup Cop, Adalyn Berglund (8); Auxiliary Scarlet, Vivian Halvorson (8); Auxiliary Mustard, Kambrey Polling (8); Newscaster (recorded), Jayce Koskela (12)

Stage Crew

Stage Manager, Claire Fontaine (12); Stage Crew, Cora Hammond (9); Stage Crew, Bella Audette (9)

Tech

Tech Manager, Trevor Leach (12); Tech: Jaxon Benedix (12); Vivian Spicer (10); Peyton Selin (11); Braydon Salo (8); Rylan Henagin (8)

Help Esko Area Babies

Maternal health nurse services are healthcare services provided by nurses specializing in supporting women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period. These services are essential for promoting the health and well-being of both mothers and their babies. Maternal health nurses typically provide:

- **Prenatal Care:** Monitoring maternal and fetal health during pregnancy, educating mothers on nutrition, prenatal vitamins, exercise, and avoiding harmful substances. They may perform health assessments, track vital signs, and support emotional well-being.
- **Labor and Delivery Support:** Assisting during labor and childbirth, monitoring fetal heart rate, managing pain relief, and supporting the mother physically and emotionally throughout labor.
- **Postpartum Care:** Supporting recovery after childbirth, addressing physical and emotional needs, monitoring for postpartum complications, and educating new mothers on breastfeeding, infant care, and maternal mental health.
- **Education and Counseling:** Providing guidance on maternal health topics such as birth plans, breastfeeding, safe sleep practices, family planning, and overall wellness for both mother and child.
- **Community Outreach and Home Visits:** In some cases, maternal health nurses may provide home visits or community-based support to offer personalized care, particu-

Donations needed:

Newborn - 4 diapers

Baby Wipes

Infant clothing Size 0-12 month

Infant & toddler toys

Infant & toddler books



larly for mothers in underserved or rural areas.

- These services play a critical role in reducing maternal and infant mortality rates, improving health outcomes, and providing emotional support during a significant life transition. Nurses work with families over a span of two years providing support, education, and resources to help them navigate common health disparities including poverty, homelessness, and racism.

Esko Community Education is collecting items to donate to St Louis County and Carlton County maternal health departments. These departments work with at risk populations of children that will one day be attending our schools. We hope to provide these departments highly needed items like diapers and newborn sleeper sets along with baby board books and newborn toys to help develop the brains of these young learners. We will be accepting donations at the Esko Education center in the lobby until December 13th. Please consider helping us out with this worthwhile cause!

Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging Webinars

Age-Friendly Businesses

Presented by Georgia Lane, Aging Services Planner, Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging and Brenda Shafer- Pellinen, Eldercare Development Partnership (EDP) Program Coordinator, Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging

Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

We are living longer, healthier lives: 1 in 3 Iron Range Community members are 65 or older, which surpasses the number of children 18 and under. Businesses and communities can establish innovative ways and creative solutions to harness the potential of older customers as well as an aging workforce. Join us for an informational webinar that will highlight how regional businesses and organizations can participate in upcoming Age-Friendly Business training, aimed at promoting inclusivity and harnessing the potential of older adults as consumers and workers in our communities.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/4fogbBu>

Long-Term Care Options

Presented by Marjori Bottila, Program Manager, Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Join us as we discuss how Long-Term Care Consultation (LTCC) services help you make decisions about long-term care services and support that reflect your needs and preferences. Resource specialists can provide information and connection to housing options and many other services and programs. Resource coordinators can help you build a community support plan to stay in your home and community and return home from a nursing home stay and provide free follow on for 5 years.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/4e4TeSG> or scan QR Code

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Home Modifications

Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Join us for an insightful webinar focused on home modifications for older adults, designed to enhance safety, accessibility, and comfort. This session will provide valuable information for professionals, caregivers, and families on effectively implementing modifications that cater to the needs of older adults. We will explore various funding options available to support these modifications, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder the creation of a safe living environment. Whether you're a caregiver seeking practical solutions or a professional looking to expand your knowledge, this webinar offers essential guidance and resources to help you make informed decisions. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from experts and empower yourself with the tools needed to improve the quality of life for older adults.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/3NLIxxy>

Power of Attorney

Presented by Kristen Parendo, Elder Law Lead Attorney, Justice North

Monday, April 14, 2025, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Join us for an informative webinar designed specifically for older adults, focusing on the importance of the power of attorney document and the benefits of advanced planning. This session, co-hosted by the Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging and Justice North, will guide you through the essentials of designating a power of attorney, ensuring your wishes are respected and your affairs are managed effectively. Learn how proactive planning can provide peace of mind and protect your interests. Don't miss this opportunity to empower yourself with knowledge and take control of your future.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/3C4PLGo>

End of Life Planning

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Join us for a compassionate and informative webinar on end-of-life planning, co-hosted by the Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging, local hospice professionals, and community death doulas. This session will guide you through the complex decisions involved in end-of-life care, offering insights and support to help you navigate this sensitive process. Learn about the various options available, how to communicate your wishes effectively, and the peace of mind that comes with having a well-thought-out plan. Empower yourself by understanding how to approach these important decisions with clarity and confidence.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/4hligjb>

Having the Conversation

Presented by Sare McCumber

Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Join us for an engaging webinar dedicated to navigating the often challenging yet essential conversations about advanced care planning with family and friends. This session will provide practical guidance on how to approach these personal discussions, emphasizing the benefits of openly sharing your wishes. By having these tough conversations, individuals can ensure their preferences are understood and respected, reducing stress and uncertainty for their loved ones. Learn how to foster open communication and create a supportive environment for discussing future care needs, ultimately benefiting both you and your family.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/4e4ilF9>

Healthcare Directives

Presented by Kristen Parendo, Elder Law Lead Attorney, Justice North

Thursday, April 17, 2025, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Join us for a crucial webinar tailored for individuals looking to secure their future healthcare needs by understanding the importance of a healthcare directive. This session, co-hosted by the Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging and Justice North, will delve into how a healthcare directive can ensure your medical preferences are honored, even when you are unable to communicate them yourself. Discover the peace of mind that comes with planning ahead and making informed decisions about your medical care. Don't miss this chance to learn how to safeguard your health and well-being through proactive planning.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/4e8zihQ>

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

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(218) 879-9114 (fax)

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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.

DOGS AND CATS

Thomson Township has a leash - running at large ordinance. This applies to all areas of the Township. All animals must be under their owner's control at all times and not on neighboring properties.

And as a reminder: Please pick up after your pet. Your neighbors appreciate it. There's also a link to a video on the Town website: <https://townofthomsonmn.gov> with more information on the effects of animal waste on the local waterways.





**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



December 2024 Worship Schedule

Sundays (1, 8, 15, 22):
9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service
(1st & 3rd Sundays - Holy Communion)
11 AM-Noon Coffee & Fellowship

Tuesday, Dec. 24th:
4:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service with Special Music
10:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service with Special Music

Sunday, Dec. 29th:
No Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service
11 AM-Noon Coffee & Fellowship

Wednesdays (4, 11, 18):
9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
5:30 PM Supper
6:30 PM Advent Service

Wednesday, Dec. 25th:
Merry Christmas!
No activities at the church

EVENTS:

Pikku Juolu at Pine View in Carlton. Event updates will be posted to our website

January 2025 Worship Schedule

Sundays (5, 12, 19, 26):
9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service
(1st & 3rd Sundays - Holy Communion)
11 AM-Noon Coffee & Fellowship

Wednesdays (8, 15, 22)
9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
5:30 PM Supper
6:15-7:00 PM Activities for all ages
Youth Group: Pre-School - 12th Grade
Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, January 29th:
9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
6:00 PM Annual Meeting.
No other Wednesday Night activities

February 2025 Worship Schedule

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

Wednesdays (5, 12, 19, 26)
9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
5:30 PM Supper
6:15-7:00 PM Activities for all ages
Youth Group: Pre-School - 12th Grade
Adult Bible Study

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

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





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Sundays

8 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Adult Bible Study,
Children's Sunday School and
Youth (Grades 7-12) Sunday Study
10:30 am online worship via
St. Matthews Lutheran Church Facebook
9:30 am TV Option "My Savior Lives"
Channel 6.3 (KBJR) MY9 airs

Additional Activities

Silent Auction
Sunday, December 8
8 am - 12:30 pm

Children's Program
Sunday, December 15th
10:30 am

Midweek Advent Worship

Wednesdays, December 4, 11 & 18th
6:30 pm

Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve

Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 24
3, 5, & 10 pm

Christmas Day

Worship
Wednesday, December 25
9 am

Sunday, December 29

Worship 9 am (1 service)

Midweek Advent Services at St. Matthews

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18 at 6:30 pm

Join us Wednesdays as we count down favorite Christian Christmas songs and hear the great messages and teachings of these songs for us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. On Christmas Eve we will find out the favorite Christmas song.

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