



Community Education Report

Jul 20, 2023

**Updates:**

- We hosted Missoula Children's Theatre for their first residency with us (they stepped in to replace Prairie Fire) last week, July 10th - 15th, and we had a VERY good experience with them.
  - 50 area students auditioned and participated in the play. As you may remember from past play productions, the entire process only lasts 5 days, so it is a very rigorous process from auditions to performances. Overall, everything went very smoothly and we put on two well received performances!
  - Friday evening performance had 187 in paid attendance and Saturday afternoon we had 108 in paid attendance. For a weekend in July, this is an excellent turnout!
  - We have two more contracts in place for this next school year and will be locking in next Summer in the upcoming weeks. The next two residencies are set for December 4th - 9th and February 26th - March 2nd.
- We have had excellent turnouts at the picnics we have hosted to date! WCCO stopped by the July 12th picnic and aired footage of our Superintendent grilling hot dogs for the kids in attendance (thank you to Dr. Skjeveland for doing this again this year). This past week the Crosby Fire Department sponsored the picnic and served pulled pork sandwiches and had a fire truck for tours and several fire department members on hand to interact with the kids. We have averaged 85 kids each week with this last week setting a new record at 120 kids! The fire truck was a huge attraction! (Thankfully we did not run out of food!)
- We received approval from the City of Emily to host monthly Family Fun Nights. We will be utilizing the city ballfields while the weather is friendly for outdoors and have the option to use the gym in the City Hall in the indoor season if we can get people in the community to participate. We are advertising on social media, have flyers up in the community, information in the Courier and will be including information in the upcoming edition of the Northland Press which is the official communication for the Emily community. The Family Fun Nights are currently scheduled for Thursday, July 27th and Thursday, August 24th from 5:30 - 7:30pm. We are hoping to be able to include the Emily Fire Department in one or more of these offerings as well.

Respectfully Submitted by: *Abby Geotz*