

**School Board Workshop:**

**April 14, 2025**

**Subject:**

Summer Programs

**Presenter:**

**Eric Erlandson, Director  
Community Education**

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

Review

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Community Education team has programmed a wide range of activities and services for this summer across all program areas.

We are excited to launch our newly renamed Bison Academy (formerly Targeted Services), which offers remedial reading and math instruction taught by licensed teachers. The program is free of charge and available to in-district students in grades K–3 who are referred by their classroom teachers.

The program is funded through Targeted Services dollars. We have changed the referral and registration process for this program to make it easier for both teachers to refer and parents to register by handling the whole process within the Infinite Campus platform. We will continue to provide centralized transportation from Vision to each of the district elementary schools, and will include stops at two child care centers and the mobile home parks in Montrose and Buffalo.

Bison Academy will be held at Tatanka Elementary, running Tuesday through Thursday, June 16 to July 31, from 8:30–11:30 a.m. There will be no classes on June 19th or the week of July 4th (July 1,2,3).

We will have a vast variety of summer enrichment, recreation and field trip opportunities for a fee, open to all students in grades 2–7. These courses will be held at Tatanka Elementary, operating in conjunction with Bison Academy.

KidKare will remain site based and students will stay at their home schools during the summer. All sites will have the ability to be transported to Tatanka for Bison Academy. KidKare students may participate in both Bison Academy and enrichment programs as part of their daily schedule.

The USDA Summer Food Service Program will also operate at Tatanka Elementary. Students in summer programs will have access to free breakfast and lunch. This service is also open to all children ages 18 and under in the community.

In addition to Bison Academy, summer enrichment programs and KidKare, BHM Community Education will offer a robust variety of activities and events for children and adults. Below is a snapshot of the opportunities planned:

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## **Early Childhood**

- ECFE Music in the Park (with meals delivered by BHM Nutrition Services)
  - ECFE Storytime and Picnic in the Park
  - ECFE Summer Drop-In and Play – DES
  - Nature Camp at Montrose Early Education Center
  - Summer Bison Preschool – DES
  - Early Childhood Screening
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## **Youth**

- Youth Recreation: Football, lacrosse, Pickleball, soccer, Bison Training, Golf, tennis, basketball, volleyball, gymnastics, self defense
  - Youth Enrichment: Engineering, foreign language, cinematography, Orchestra Camp, camp invention, field trips, Storybook Theatre - Alice in Wonderland
  - Swim Lessons: BCMS pool/open swim, Dive Camp
  - High School Driver Education: Classroom instruction at MESI, HES, and BHS (June & July)
  - Parent-Teen Safety Night – Minnesota Safety Council at BHS
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## **Adults**

- Adult Enrichment: Yoga, Qiong, dance, online offerings, day trips including; Twins Game, Minnesota Zoo, Landscape Arboretum, Riverboat Cruise, and more.
- Adults with Disabilities: Concerts in the Park, Wright County Demo Derby, Fishing Forever, Mini-Golf, Bowling, Crafts, Foods, and more.
- Adult Basic Education: ESL and GED classes (daytime and evening)

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- ECFE Brochure – Summer 2025 (Draft)
- Community Education Brochure – Summer 2025 (Draft)