

Community Education Director Report

March 25th, 2019

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1. Classes/Programs/General info

Next brochure deadline: March 29th, brochure comes out in mailboxes May 3rd.

Upcoming Classes: Prairie Fire Children's theater is back! July 22-27, Snow White is the show that will be here. We will also be offering three theater workshops that week: Basic Acting, Make-Up and Improv. Students do not need to be part of the production to register for the workshops. 8U, 10U and 12U softball will be available and baseball for ages 7-12 will start soon as well. Ranger Ride for elementary students as well as a beginner women's mountain biking class will be available this summer. A MN Twins trip will be in the next brochure so keep an eye out for that fun event! We will also be holding our first elementary volleyball camp this summer hoping to spark enough interest to have a 5th and 6th grade volleyball team this year that may travel to a couple local scrimmages.

2. Grants/Donations/Finances

A grant was submitted to the Initiative Foundation to help support the new Pre-School wrap around care. \$10,000 would be granted if it is accepted. A \$25,000 North Face grant and Cabella's grant is currently being constructed to create a program that would educate high school students on outdoor survival skills and camping skills. A one week trip to the boundary waters would be led by Brad Hollenhorst if the funding is provided. This would be an outdoor educational program that would be part of the community education programming. A grant was submitted to Five Wings Arts Council to support our Prairie Fire Children's theater week. The grant requested amount was \$2,475.

3. Online Registration

Payschools Events will start being utilized for summer program as a trial so the Fall runs smoothly.

4. Pre-School Update

The following changes have been proposed for PreSchool and School Readiness next year.

- i. There will be three sections of half day 3's
- ii. There will be three sections of full day 4's
- iii. There will be Wrap Around care available for 3's
- iv. Care will also be available the days they do not have PreSchool

- v. A self-contained special education class will be held 2 days a week for half days. This classroom will be for students with high behavior needs that need more one on one educational assistance.
- vi. An infant non-separating ECFE class will be added to the current toddler separating ECFE class that is offered. These will take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
- vii. Our goal is to increase enrollment in our 3's program by 8-10 students by offering our Wrap-Around care program.

5. Community Connection

Community Education is working with the Courier to provide a promotional item in the 'new resident' gift bag that will be given out to new residents in our area to help promote our programming. Customized chapstick and a cardstock flyer was created to promote Community Education programming. Thank you Anita Hollenhorst for always creating our wonderful marketing material!