

Community Education Report

June 22, 2022

News & Notes:

- Summer Offerings through American Rescue Plan grant:
 - <u>Weekly Picnics</u> Our weekly picnics have been a HUGE success and received an outpouring of comments and appreciation from the community for hosting these events both in Crosby and Emily. We plan to look for ways to continue this type of offering in future summers through community partnerships and other funding sources.
 - <u>Cuyuna Range Youth Center</u> The youth center is open four days a week from 12pm 6pm and offers youth a meal & snack plus a fun environment to hang out and connect.
 - <u>Camp Invention</u> Camp Invention wrapped up on June 17th with 89 registrations. This continues to be a great opportunity for students in our community!
 - Learning through Baseball We have almost filled both of our Learning through Baseball field trips that will be going to Target Field this summer. The July 14th trip has a few spots still available to 9th-12th graders and the August 1st trip is already full! This will be an exciting opportunity for the students to get a behind the scenes tour of Target Field to learn about the environmental sustainability of the ballpark and then enjoy a Twins game with a new appreciation for the facility and operations.
 - <u>End of Summer Event</u> We are pulling together final details for an end of summer/back to school event and will start promoting to the community very soon.
 - Saturday, August 27th 5:00pm 8:00pm @ Crosby City Park Bandshell
 - Guest Speaker, Luke Soderling will be on hand with demonstrations and a 90-minute keynote presentation on Surviving Your Environment. For more information about Luke, visit his site: <u>https://lukesoderling.com/</u>
 - Various vendors from the community will be on hand with resources on everything from mental health, to housing, to education, to safety. Basically everything you would need to survive as a member of the Crosby-Ironton community.
 - We will be inviting a couple local food trucks to be on site for people to purchase supper or snacks while they are at the event.
 - This event will be free to attend.
- Facilities Requests & Rentals:
 - We have updated the Facilities Use Procedures so that this process and expectations are more clearly communicated with those who use our facilities.
 - The Facilities Scheduler program will be updated and available for bookings starting July 1st.
- Online Registration:
 - We are expanding our rSchools software (current Facilities Scheduler) to include online registrations for Community Ed, PreK, and Ranger Care as well as online payment options for all programs & classes.



Youth Sports:

• Most of the summer youth sports are in full swing and we have seen increased numbers across the board. Football camp starts June 27th and Volleyball Camp is coming up in July followed by Jr Rangerettes in August.

Early Childhood Family Education:

- Carrie Cain is taking over as our Family Center Coordinator. She has had the opportunity to meet with Community Ed, Mr. Becker, and the Family Center Staff and has hit the ground running to prepare for next year.
- Abby Geotz & Dr. Skeveland also met with the Family Center Staff and Elementary Principal at the end of the school year to discuss what is working well, what things need to be improved, and the direction the team would like to move in going forward. This was a very productive meeting and Ms. Geotz will be working on putting these pieces in place over the summer so we will be ready to kick off the '22-'23 school year with a full PreK program!

Classes & Events:

- <u>Community Dance Classes</u> Spirit Movement Dance Studio will be offering a series of adult dance classes starting with a four session Line Dancing Class that will be held at CRES on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-7:15pm July 13th August 3rd. Information is available on our website, Facebook page, in the Courier and flyers posted around town.
- <u>Prairie Fire Children's Theatre:</u> Unfortunately, PFCT had to cancel their production in Crosby that was scheduled for June due to staffing issues within their organization. We have secured another production with them that is scheduled for January 2023 and received a grant from Five Wings Art Council to help offset costs of that production to keep it accessible for our community youth to participate.

**We will continue to add classes, events, and start gearing up for fall throughout the month of July.

**Community Ed is on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter and our website is updated regularly with the most current news, events, and registrations.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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