

## Community Education Director Report

October 18, 2016

### Community Education

1. The participation numbers for Ranger Care at CRES for September and October are 36 participants each week: 12 children participated in the morning and 24 children participated in the afternoons on a regular basis. The numbers of participants vary each day according to their child care needs. Mrs. Grace Leyk is working both: morning and afternoon shifts as the Ranger Care Coordinator. The Ranger Care hours are the same as last year.
2. The Art Club meets in the Art Room at the High School every Wednesday afterschool from 3:00pm – 4:30 pm. The Art Club is for students in grades 7-12. We have been averaging twenty participants each week this year. Mr. Andrew Otterstad is the advisor.
3. The Cuyuna Range SALT (Service Adventure Leadership Team) is averaging 15 participants at their weekly meetings this year. This group is for students in grades 10-12 at the Crosby-Ironton High School. The groups' first meeting was on September 14, 2016. SALT is a free student group to join and students complete a variety of service projects in the school and community during the year. Students participate in several outdoor adventures during the year, also. The group attended the WE Day Event on September 20, 2016 at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul. 22 students participated in this event. Mrs. Kristine Anderson is the SALT advisor.
4. Ranger Run began on September 12, 2016 at CRES. This running program is for children in grades: Pre-K through six. The program is collaboration between CRMC, Community Education and High School Cross Country Team. The Ranger Run Program had 150 children attend. The next elementary age running program will be track and field in the spring. Mrs. Chris McCuster is the instructor with the High School Cross Country Team helping each Monday night.
5. The first after-school STEAM program to be offered at CRES Creative Café is the First LEGO League. This program began on September 22, 2016. We currently have 20 children attending on a regular basis. Additional programs will be offered throughout the school year. The program instructors are elementary teachers at CRES.
6. High School Robotics program will begin in November for students in grades 9-12.
7. Elementary Youth Football ended on October 7 with youth football night at the varsity home football game. 34 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade students played flag football and 30 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students played tackle football. Mr. Mike Gindorff and his staff are the instructors with help from the High School Football Team.
8. Elementary Girls' Volleyball skills program for girls' in grades 3-6 at the Ranger Gym. 39 girls participated in this after-school two day event. Mr. Brad Hollenhorst and his staff were the instructors with help from the varsity volleyball players.
9. Elementary Boys' Basketball Registration will begin the last week of November. The program is for boys' in grades 1-6. Mr. Dave Galovich and his staff are the instructors for this program.

10. Elementary Girls' Basketball Skills Development Program began on October 3, 2016 at the CRES gym. The program is for girls in grades 3-6. 35 girls are registered and 50 girls participated on bring a friend night. Mrs. Sue Peterson is the coach for this program.
11. Community Education Department will be working to create a greater social media presents in 2016 – 2017. Crosby-Ironton Community Education is now on twitter @CI\_Com\_Ed. Feel free to follow community education on twitter.
12. The Community Education Advisory Council is continuing to add members. Our next meeting will be in November. We will be changing the time of our meetings to accommodate new members.
13. Facility Use request have been increasing at both schools. Historically, we see an increase in requests this time of year.
14. The online registrations options for community education classes will be going in a different direction. We will be pursuing an online registration program with activities. We will be looking for a program that has the capabilities of doing online registrations and class management for both: Community Education and Activities Departments.
15. I attended the Minnesota Community Education Association Conference on October 12-14 in St. Cloud, MN. Some of the breakout session topics were: safety, emergency preparedness, digital marketing, customer service and creative new programs.
16. The volunteer hours for September at CRES were 203 hours. The volunteer hours through October 14 were 188 hours. The total number of children and adults attending the Watch D.O.G.S. sign up night at CRES on October 3 was 208.

#### Adult Basic Education (ABE)

1. We are still collaborating with Brainerd, Pequot Lakes, and Pine River in the Brainerd ABE Consortium for 2016-2017 Adult Basic Education classes. All of the school districts involved in the consortium last year will continue to participate this year. Mrs. Orla Kenton is the ABE instructor.
2. Four people are participated in the programming in September from the Crosby area at CLC.
3. The Consortium will have its first Semi Annual Meeting for 2016-2017 at Central Lakes College on November 15, 2016. The agenda items for the meeting are to discuss general operations, changes in programming and MDE regulations.

#### Early Childhood

1. The Early Childhood Team continues to work on their new curriculum and assessment programs. These programs are directly tied to new MDE requirements. The team is using Fridays and early dismissal days to fine tune this transition.
2. The Early Childhood Parent Advisory Council is meeting on Tuesday, October 25 at 5:00 PM in the Conference Room at CRES. Various early childhood topics will be discussed at the meeting.
3. Fabulous Fridays (Early Childhood Family Education Classes) began on October 7, 2016. The classes are held every Friday morning in the Early Childhood Center. The classes are taught by both: Parent Educator and Early Childhood Teacher. The Parent Educator works with parents in breakout sessions, while the teacher works with the children on

developmental skills. We had 10 adults and 19 children attend the first week. The second week we had 12 adults and 21 children attend.

4. Early Childhood Family Education will have gym nights every Monday in November at CRES for children ages 2-5.

Respectfully submitted,

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