

Community Education Report

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Updates:

- "Healing Through Time" a presentation on the history of medicine in the Cuyuna Range will be given by retired Chief of Surgery, Dr. Howard McCollister, on Thursday, January 25th at 6:00pm in the high school media center. A suggested donation of \$10 is requested to attend. Light refreshments will be served. We have received several pre-registrations online, by phone, and by email. Registration is not required but is requested to plan for refreshments.
- We're currently working on organizing an author presentation and book signing event for Patty Wetterling and Joy Baker's book, "Dear Jacob." With tour dates in mind, we're aiming to hold the event in mid-April and have allowed ample time for publicity. In addition to reaching out to our immediate community, we plan to extend the invitation to our neighboring towns in hopes of attracting a diverse audience. We're confident that this event will be a success and draw a large crowd.
- Registration just opened for our next Missoula Children's Theatre production of "Cinderella". Auditions
 will be held Monday, February 26th at 3:30 with practices the rest of the week and conclude with
 performances on Friday, March 1st at 7:00pm and Saturday, March 2nd at 2:00pm. Registrations are
 already pouring in.

Advisory Council:

- The Advisory Council met on January 10th.
 - Received an update from the Ranger Youth Sports program and everything has been running smoothly after the transition.
 - Received community updates from community members on current needs around Crosby and Emily.
 - The group brainstormed types of classes to offer and other needs that could be filled by Community Ed programming.
 - Update was given to the group on Early Childhood programs.

Early Childhood:

- We continue to enroll new students as the school year progresses. We opened the 3 year old class to "rolling enrollment" as soon as they turn 3 versus waiting until the following year. This has been going well thus far.
- We are working on an outreach plan to inform families on preschool screenings and the programming we offer.
- The 2024-25 schedule is already being built and we plan to have registration open to the public on April
 1st. Current families will be given the opportunity to register early starting in mid-March. Although we
 have not had to turn any children away this year due to capacity, we do like to ensure the current
 students are able to continue.

Respectfully Submitted by: Abby Geotz