

Community Education Report

August 17, 2022

News & Notes:

- Summer Offerings through American Rescue Plan grant:
 - <u>Weekly Picnics</u> We are wrapping up the picnics this week! We have had anywhere from 30 -90 kids attend the Crosby picnic and 10 - 20 kids in Emily.
 We plan to continue a similar program next year and will be seeking funding and people to help keep this going.
 - Learning through Baseball We hosted two field trips to Target Field serving a combined total of 50 students! The tour was very informative and showcased the behind the scenes spaces and operations very well. Did you know there is an incinerator adjacent to the ballpark that burns the garbage collected there and powers both the stadium and a good portion of downtown Minneapolis? Very impressive!! The kids also got a pep talk from former Twin & current radio announcer, Dan Gladden, and got to meet current player, Nick Gordon, and get a ball signed.
 - End of Summer Event Saturday, August 27th 4:00pm 8:00pm @ Crosby City Park Bandshell
 - Surviving Your Environment" featuring keynote speaker, Luke Soderling, who is an ameteaur survivalist, cancer survivor, northern Minnesota native, and winner of reality show "The Wheel" on The Discovery Channel. He will be on hand doing demonstrations prior to his 90 minute presentation and will wrap up with Q&A with those in attendance.
 - Various vendors from the community will also be on hand with resources on everything from mental health, to housing, to education, to safety including:
 - Crosby Fire Department, police department, and ambulance
 - Lutheran Social Service
 - Cuyuna Range Youth Center
 - Kinship Partners
 - CRMC & Smiles for Jake
 - We have a couple local food trucks that will be on site for people to purchase supper or snacks while they are at the event.
 - This event is free to attend.
 - We are advertising in the Courier as well as on community calendars, flyers, and the Chamber reader board under the Subway sign.
- 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 calendar will now have a more complete listing of the various activities & relevant notes for staff & custodians.
 - Outside renters can now pay for facilities rental fees online.

- Online Registration:
 - The online registration and payment system is up and running! Youth Sports registrations and payments are available now and Preschool & Ranger Care online scheduling and payments will be coming soon (it may be up by the time of the board meeting). We will continue to expand this as the setup is completed with rSchools. So far, we have had a good response from the community.
 - The link to the registration & payment page can be found on the Community Ed page of the website or directly at: <u>https://crosbyironton.cr3.rschooltoday.com/public/home/</u>.

Youth Sports:

- Registration is currently open for:
 - Kickball, Youth Football (tackle & flag), and Fall Dance.
- Registration is coming soon for:
 - Youth Volleyball, Ranger Run, and Lego League

Little Rangers Family Center:

- Our preschool classes are full and we have started a waiting list! We are monitoring this situation closely to see if we get enough students on the waiting list to add an additional class to our Family Center Programming.
- Preschool is using a new curriculum this year that will better align with the K-3 curriculum and behavior intervention model. Staff recently met to review the curriculum and are very excited to implement it in their classrooms.
- We have had issues getting the Preschool and Ranger Care registrations online. We continue to work with rSchools to resolve these issues but in the meantime have continued using the established system for getting students signed up. Once the online system is fully operational, families will be able to pay fees for both programs and submit their schedules for Ranger Care online. There will also be a streamlined check-in/check-out and attendance tracking system for Ranger Care.

**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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