

Community Education Director Report

September 13, 2016

Community Education

1. The participation numbers for Ranger Care at CRES for the start of the school year is currently at 24 participants registered each week: 8 children participate in the morning and 16 children participate 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 first meeting for the club will be on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. The Art Club is for students in grades 7-12. We averaged 15 participants last year. Mr. Andrew Otterstad is the advisor.
3. The Cuyuna Range SALT (Service Adventure Leadership Team) is currently recruiting new members for the 2016-2017 school year. This group is for students in grades 10-12 at the Crosby-Ironton High School. The groups' first meeting is 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. 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. Mrs. Chris McCuster is the instructor with the High School Cross Country Team helping each Monday night.
5. After-school STEAM Programs will be offered again this year at the CRES Creative Café. The first program to be offered will be the First LEGO League begins September 22, 2016. Additional programs will be offered throughout the year. The program instructors are elementary teachers at CRES.
6. Elementary Youth Football had registration night on Monday, September 12, 2016 in the high school commons. 3rd and 4th grade students play flag football and 5th and 6th grade students play tackle football. 27 students registered for 3rd and 4th grade football and 39 students are currently registered for 5th and 6th grade football. Both groups play on Mondays and Thursdays. Mr. Mike Gindorff and his staff are the instructors with help from the High School Football Team.
7. Elementary Girls' Basketball Skills Development Program is currently accepting registrations. The program is for girls in grades 3-6 and it will begin October 3, 2016 at the CRES gym. Mrs. Sue Peterson is the coach for this program.
8. Community Education Department will be working to create a greater social media presents in 2016 – 2017. One of the first areas will be creating a Twitter account for Community Education.
9. The Community Education Department is working with the Great River Strings to provide the group practice space. They provide our community members opportunities to participate in orchestra. We are also involved with Dr. Brian Buckstead, Assistant

- Professor of Violin and Viola at University of Minnesota Duluth to provide violin lessons for community members on Friday's at the Crosby – Ironton Junior High Band room.
10. Currently, I am working to finish the Fall Community Education Brochure. I will send it to printing after it is finished and approved by the CE Advisory Council.
 11. The Community Education Advisory Council met on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at the High School Conference Room. The Council decided to have the Community Education Director recruit some new members for the Council. Currently, we have commitments from two community members to join the Council and are still looking to add a couple more members.
 12. The online registrations options for community education classes will be available through Power Schools (student management system). This system has the capabilities of doing online registrations and class management for the Community Education Department. The process of switching over to Power Schools for Community Education will take place before the beginning of next school year, after some key areas are complete.
 13. The new Volunteer Coordinator for CRES is Mrs. Devan Bartels. She is filling the position, after it became available from a resignation. The volunteer hours for last year at CRES were 3595 hours. We also had 64 Watch D.O.G.S last year. The volunteer hours were up 1250 hours from the year before. The Watch D.O.G.S. participants increased by 46 from 2015-2016.

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. Seven people are participated in the program over the summer months from the Crosby area.
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. Enrollment for school readiness classes this year is going very well. We currently have 53 (4 year olds) and 25 (3 year olds) students are participating. The Early Childhood Schedule for classes is the same schedule as last year.
2. The Early Childhood Team is working with new curriculum and assessment programs that are directly tied to new MDE requirements.
3. The Early Childhood Parent Advisory Council is planning to meet in the next couple weeks at CRES. Various early childhood topics will be discussed at the meeting. The Early Childhood Staff is currently working at recruiting new members.
4. Early Childhood Family Education will have gym nights every Monday in November at CRES for children ages 2-5.

5. Fabulous Fridays (Early Childhood Family Education Classes) begin 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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