

Sleepy Eye Community Education

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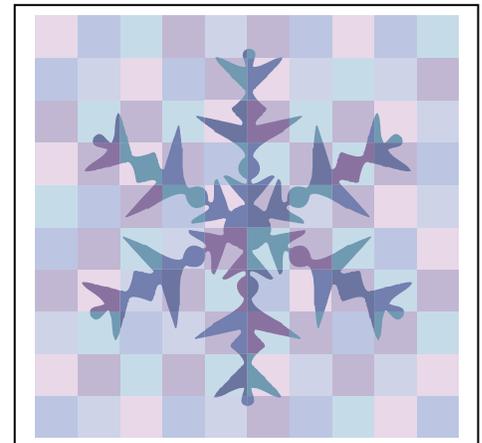
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School day office hours are generally 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. If school is closed due to inclement weather, activities are canceled. If school starts late, evening activities will be held.

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Welcome to another calendar year!

Community Education programs are for all ages. We hope you will find something of interest in what we are offering this winter-spring. This on-line newsletter is for your convenience. The ECFE newsletter is also on-line and people may register using the links provided.

Daytime visitors to the Sleepy Eye School need to enter Door #2, sign in and get a visitor's pass. The receptionist will direct you to the office you may need to visit.

Watch for weekly updates on our program by reading the Community Education News in the *Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch*. You can also find updates on Sleepy Eye Online.

The first and third Tuesday, a staff member provides updated information on KNUJ-SAM 107.3 FM at 8:30 a.m. Thank you for your continued support of our programs!

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Smart Driver classes



Drivers 55 and older who complete the course qualify for a ten percent discount on their vehicle insurance premium for three years. Developed by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and conducted throughout the country, Smart Driver teaches preventive measures to use when driving that saves lives. First time students must take an eight-hour course, but repeat students may take a four-hour renewal course to qualify for the discount. Classes are held in Room 134, Room 102 or the Lindahl Room at Sleepy Eye School.

Cost is \$15 (AARP member) or \$20 if not a member, with checks payable to AARP. Bring your driver's license and AARP membership card. Minimum class size is 15 and maximum is 25.

Classes this winter-spring will be offered on the following dates:

Four Hour Renewal Classes:

Monday, January 16, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
 Monday, February 20, 1-5 p.m.
 Monday, March 13, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
 Monday, April 10, 1-5 p.m.
 Monday, May 8, 5:30-9:30 p.m.

First Time Participant Class

Saturday, March 4, beginning at 8 a.m.

United Way Brown County Area

Many initiatives are offered through our Brown County Area United Way. One of the long standing programs has been the **Youth Activities Scholarship Program**. Young people ages 4-18 whose family income is insufficient to meet the activity and equipment fee are eligible. Did you know **92** Sleepy Eye students received scholarships from August to November 2016?

The **Dolly Parton Imagination Library** is open to all preschool children in Brown County. This program delivers one book a month to those who register through the United Way. Reading regularly to children at a very young age has proven to help children be ready for school. Registration forms and additional information is available on all of these activities at www.unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org

The **Life-Living Series** to be held on three Monday nights at 7 p.m. in January and early February. Programs are free and open to the public. Seating is first come, first served. Watch for more details as they become available. For more information, call 507-359-8334.

1000 Books before Kindergarten

The Brown County Early Childhood Initiative is partnering with libraries and ECFE programs to encourage families to read to their children. A log is available to record the books read (favorites can be listed more than once!) Incentives will be provided after each 100 books logged.

Reading three books a day accumulates to over one thousand in a year! If you read one story every day for three years it would equal 1,095 books! Children will ask for their favorite books to be read many times and that is just fine. Day care providers also read books to children and have been keeping reading logs for families as well.

Enrollment forms are available in ECFE classes and at the special reading event in February. Reading to preschool children has proven to be one of the best ways to help prepare children academically and socially for school.



One Day Outings

You are invited to take a journey with Sleepy Eye Community Education by motor coach. Stops are made along the route to pick up participants (Redwood Falls, Morgan, Evan, Sleepy Eye, Essig, New Ulm, Winthrop) when going to the Twin Cities area. A minimum number is needed in order to go. A number of trips have been planned by other departments so check out the possibilities of doing some fun things this winter-spring! Please adhere to sign-up deadlines. If you cancel after a ticket deadline, you will be responsible for the ticket price unless you find a replacement.

Minnesota State Capitol Tour – Thursday, February 9. A chance to see the renovated building after three years! A guided tour is scheduled for 11 a.m. Lunch will be available at the Minnesota History Museum followed by a tour and visits to the exhibits. Sign up by January 30. Tours and motor coach will be \$35 per person with lunch on your own. Depart 8:30 a.m. from Sleepy Eye and return by 5 p.m.

Minneapolis Home and Garden Show at Minneapolis Convention Center – Friday, March 3. Shop, Compare, See, Try, and Buy! It's the place for you to experience what's new in Home, Gardening, Remodeling, Home Décor, and More! You'll have the opportunity to meet over 1,000 experts. Depart at Redwood Falls at 6:45 a.m., Sleepy Eye at 7:30 a.m. and Winthrop at 8:15 a.m. Fee of \$37 includes motor coach and show ticket. Register by February 23 or until filled.

Plymouth Playhouse – Thursday, March 30 – “Rise Up, O Men” is a new musical in the Church Basement Ladies series featuring the men of the church and the favorite church basement ladies who serve them. As these hard-working farmers discuss their scrap lumber piles and the benefits of solder vs. welding, they unintentionally disrupt the order of the kitchen. But that's what happens when you let roosters in the hen house! Motor coach and show ticket is \$50 per person; lunch on your own at Ridgedale. Would depart Sleepy Eye at 8:45 a.m. and return around 5:30 p.m. Sign up by March 6.

“Grease” at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre – Wednesday, April 5. A visit to Rydell High for an affectionate satire of high school life in the 50's. The history of Rock and Roll is packed with explosive energy, vibrant 1950's pop culture and unforgettable tunes: “Summer Nights,” “Look at Me, I'm Sandra Dee,” “We Go Together,” and “Grease Lightin.” Noon lunch, theatre ticket and motor coach fee is \$80. Sign up is needed by March 13. Depart from Sleepy Eye at 9 a.m. and return around 5:30 p.m.

Old Log Theatre – “The Savannah Sipping Society” on Wednesday, May 3. In this delightful, laugh-a-minute comedy, four unique single Southern women, all needing to escape the sameness of their day-to-day routines, are drawn together by Fate – and an impromptu happy hour – and decide it's high time to reclaim the enthusiasm for life they've lost through the years. Over the course of six months, filled with laughter, hilarious misadventures, and the occasional liquid refreshment, these middle-aged women successfully bond and find the confidence to jumpstart their new lives. Together, they discover lasting friendships and a renewed determination to live in the moment—and most importantly, realize it's never too late to make new, old friends.

Matinee lunch menu: Beef Short Ribs, Baked Tilapia, Vegetarian Pasta or Chicken Breast. Indicate your menu choice when registering. Dinner, show, motor coach is \$70 per person. Depart 9:30 a.m. from Sleepy Eye. Register by April 10.

US Bank Stadium Tour – Date cannot be scheduled till the end of February - A ninety-minute guided adventure through U.S. Bank Stadium will give you behind-the-scenes access to the new home of the Minnesota Vikings. Discover the inner workings of U.S. Bank Stadium including VIP-accessible only clubs and suites, the press box, the art collection, team locker room, stadium floor, and so much more. Tours are wheelchair accessible. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes as tours cover a distance of approximately one mile. Lunch will be on your own at the Mall of America. Would have time to visit new adventure park on 4th floor or the Northwest Airlines Museum. Motor coach and tour ticket is \$40 per person. Depart from Sleepy Eye at 8 a.m., return by 5 p.m.

“Wife Begins at Forty” – Daytrippers Dinner Theatre – Thursday, May 25 - A new play by Ray Cooney who gave us Funny Money, Run for Your Wife and It Runs in the Family. This is a laugh-a-minute farcical afternoon when housewife Linda fans the flames of passion with her mild-mannered, ordinary husband, George. Throw in the assistance of their fun-loving neighbors Roger and Betty, along with George's father Bernard and their son Leonard – and you have the formula for hilarious comedy. Noon buffet lunch, play ticket and motor coach is \$65 per person. Depart from Sleepy Eye at 9:30 a.m., return around 5 p.m. Sign up by May 1.



Community Education... Lifelong Learning



CPR and First Aid

CPR and Emergency First aid courses are offered by the Sleepy Eye Ambulance Service and sponsored through donations received from many businesses, organizations, and individuals. Classes are held at the Ambulance/Police Station training room at 130 2nd Ave NW in Sleepy Eye. To register, contact Shari Hittesdorf, Ambulance Coordinator at 794-3116 or email hitt@sleepyeyetel.net

Courses offered in the past have been Lay Rescuer/Non-Healthcare Providers CPR Certification, Healthcare Provider's CPR, and Emergency First Aid Training. Check out the City of Sleepy Eye website for dates of upcoming classes.

Adult Basic Education

ABE is an adult educational program designed for busy people. Classes are offered at flexible times and days to meet your hectic schedule. ABE is an academic program intended to provide you with meaningful learning opportunities. Students may enroll throughout the year.

Classes will be held at the New Ulm Workforce Center Building at 1618 South Broadway, New Ulm.

GED/College Prep classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Basic Computer classes are held on Mondays 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Open lab is Thursdays, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Call 507-779-5827 to register.

Minnesota FastTRAC is an adult career pathway program for Healthcare, Manufacturing and Commercial Drivers License (CDL). Gain the confidence necessary to enroll in college and get a better job! Start a new career by enrolling in a FREE 8-week preparation course. Successful completion of the course will lead to enrollment in South Central College, where students will be provided resources necessary for success in college and the workplace. Please call 507-345-5222 for more information about requirements and enrollment.



Enrichment Activities

All Day Quilting – A day long class to start a new pattern or finish one that has been in your tote for a few months. Yardage provided when one registers. All quilting projects use the rotary cutter method. Patterns are available for beginners and experienced quilters. Scheduled classes are: Saturdays, January 21, February 18, March 18 or 25 & April 22. The class begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. Participants bring a potluck dinner. The fee for a quilt is \$12.50 but smaller projects can be made for \$6.25. Instructor is Patty Haala. Class held at Sleepy Eye School Cafeteria.

ARTquest - Retired art teacher May Van Roekel will help you develop your skills in various art media...pencil, colored pencil, watercolors, acrylic paints, etc. The class will meet on Tuesdays 3:30-4:30 p.m. March 28-May 2. Anyone 12 and older is invited to participate. Six classes will be \$90 which includes all supplies.

Voice Lessons/Piano Lessons - Interested in voice or piano lessons? Individual voice and piano lessons are being offered through community education. These lessons are available to anyone in the community! Lessons are set up to be ½ hour in length Monday-Thursday 3:30-5:30 p.m. Fee: \$20 per ½ hour lesson. Payments will be done on a monthly basis and are due at the first lesson. Additional costs to the student may include purchasing of a song book. Lessons are held in the Sleepy Eye High School Choir Room. Contact Kristina Iwan at Sleepy Eye Public School, 507-794-7904 or via email at kristina.iwan@sleepyeye.mntm.org if you would like more information.



*Time to get
crafty!*

Redwood Falls Community Education, 507-644-3531, has the following two trips scheduled:

Disney on Ice: Dream Big at the Target Center – **Saturday, March 4** – Enter a world where adventure is awaiting and courage leads the way at Disney on Ice! Through enchanted pixie-dust, Tinker Bell takes you on a journey of beloved Disney tales LIVE ON ICE. Make a splash with the fearless dreamer Ariel as she yearns to explore life above the waves. Watch Rapunzel, Cinderella and Belle as they learn about the power to make their own magic. Travel to the wintry world of Arendelle with sisters Anna and Elsa and the hilarious Olaf from Disney's Frozen as they learn that true love is the greatest magic of all. Be there to discover a whole new world with the daring Jasmine, and join Snow White, Aurora and Tiana as they remind you to always be strong, kind and fearless. High-flying jumps, daring acrobatics, breathtaking skating and lovable Disney friends make this an experience your family will never forget. Believing is just the beginning when Disney on Ice presents Dream Big! Depart Fairfax at 12:15 p.m. for the 3 p.m. show. Any child who has celebrated their second birthday must have a ticket. **School bus** and ticket will be \$50 per person. **Sign up by February 17.**

“Wicked” at the Orpheum Theatre – Thursday, April 13, 2 p.m. show – WICKED, the Broadway sensation, looks at what happened in the Land of Oz...but from a different angle. Long before Dorothy arrives in Munchkinland, two girls meet in the Land of Oz. One born with emerald green skin is smart, fiery and misunderstood. The other is beautiful, ambitious and very popular. How these two grow to become the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good Witch makes for “the most complete, and completely satisfying, new musical in a long time. Registration deadline is January 6, 2017. Show ticket and motor coach bus ride is \$84 per person. Board the bus in Fairfax at 11:15 a.m.

New Ulm Community Ed, 507-359-8561, has planned the following outings:

“Wicked” at the Orpheum Theater on Sunday, May 7, 6:30 p.m. show with registration due January 9. Charter bus and show ticket is \$90 with bus leaving at 4 p.m. from the Middle School in New Ulm.

“Rent” on Saturday, June 10, 2 p.m. show. Fee for charter bus and show is \$75 and due by April 10.

“Motown the Musical” on Saturday, July 15, 2 p.m. show Fee is \$80 with registration due May 15.



Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

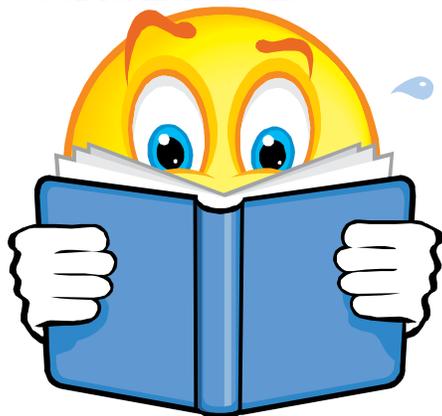
Since parents are the first and most important teachers for their children, all families are welcome in the ECFE program. No one will be denied participation due to inability to pay. Scholarships are available. Classes are held in the ECFE rooms (#318-320) in the Sleepy Eye Elementary School.

Winter term begins mid-January with offerings for all ages of preschoolers. The child's age as of September 1, 2016 should be used to determine which class to enroll. The teachers take into consideration children's developmental levels when planning activities for each class. Complete class information and additional offerings are available in the ECFE newsletter and on the school website www.sleepyeyeschools.com. If you do not receive the newsletter, we do not have your preschool children on our census list or perhaps you have a new address. Call 507-794-7873 with this information. Check out Facebook! Sleepy Eye - ECFE

Literacy Night

Monday, February 6
Sleepy Eye Elementary School

Watch for more details!



ECFE Open gyms:

Saturday, January 7,
3:30-5 p.m.
Saturday, January 21,
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Saturday, February 11,
3:30-5 p.m.

ECFE Classes

Toddlers (walkers to runners) on Thursdays, 6:00-7:15 p.m. beginning February 2 for nine sessions. Fee is \$27.

Two Year Olds on Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m. beginning January 31 for nine sessions. Fee is \$36.

Mixed Ages (2 1/2-5 years) on Mondays, 9:00-10:30 a.m. or 4:30-6:00 p.m. or 6:00-7:30 p.m. beginning January 23 for nine sessions. Fee is \$36.

Babies (birth to walking) classes on Saturday, January 28, February 18, March 11, April 1 and 22 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 320.

ECFE Special Family Events

Cooking with Mom – Friday, January 6, 5-6:30 p.m. Time to make pizza and cookies in the FACS Room.

Kindergarten Transition – Learn ways you can help your child be better prepared for kindergarten. Designed for parents of children planning to attend kindergarten in fall 2017. There will be activities for the children to do while the parents at in the discussion. Watch for date, time and place.

Grandparent and Me – Saturday, March 4, 9:00-10:30 a.m. An opportunity for preschoolers to share their classroom with their grandparents. Fee is \$2 per child.

Building with Dad – Thursday, March 30, 6-7:30 p.m. Suitable for 3-5 years as an item will be built with the help of an adult. Materials provided. Fee: \$2 per child, \$5 per family or food shelf item.

Daddy/Daughter Dance – Sunday, April 23, 2-4 p.m. at the New Ulm Country Club. \$10 per couple, \$5 for each additional daughter. Tickets on sale beginning February 10.

Mother-Son Hoedown – Sunday, May 7, 2-4 p.m. at the New Ulm Country Club. \$10 per couple, \$5 for each additional son. Tickets on sale beginning February 10.

UCare and South Country Health Alliance offer a \$15 scholarship for ECFE classes for any child who has a policy with them. Be sure to add the number to the registration form.

**Register early for
classes and events!**



Youth Enrichment

An updated **babysitting list** has been prepared following the clinic held during the summer. If you need a copy, stop in Room 109 at SEHS or request one to be mailed to you.

Drivers Education - Spring session of **classroom driver's education** will be held during February and March. Thirty hours of instruction are needed before the permit test can be taken. Registration will take place in late January. Behind The Wheel sign up will happen in April.

"**Snow White**" will be produced by Prairie Fire Children's Theatre June 5-10, 2017. Children seven and older are invited to participate in this week long residency. Performances would be Friday evening and Saturday morning of that week. Residency held at Sleepy Eye High School Auditorium.

Early Childhood Screening

Thursday, March 9 – Children who will be four by June 1 are invited to attend the spring Early Childhood screening. This screening is free of charge and begins at 8:30 a.m. It is held in the basement of Trinity Lutheran Church.

What to expect at Screening: Children participate in an evaluation of speech, language, fine and gross motor skills, behavioral, social and emotional development, hearing and vision, height and weight measurement, immunization recording and a parental questions and answer period.

Appointments are scheduled every 30 minutes and the ESI-R takes about an hour to complete. Call 507-794-7873 to set up an appointment for your child. If your child was screened in another community, the results need to be submitted to the school office prior to kindergarten entrance.

SCRIP gift cards may be ordered at any time. Purchase a gift card choosing from over 800 stores and ECFE receives a percentage of the sale. Place your order by the 1st of the month and the cards are delivered within two weeks. Gift cards make great gifts for those upcoming events like holidays, weddings, graduations. Go online to see what stores provide this opportunity to support the local ECFE programs: www.shopwithscrip.com

Write down the store name and the amount of the gift card when you place your order. Include a check for the amount of the cards.

Do you have any of these items that the ECFE program can redeem for cash or supplies?

Box Tops for Education

Labels for Education

Milk Moola labels or lids

Loaves 4 Learning labels

The Sleepy Eye Elementary School also collects

Coke Points

Cashwise Points for Education

Preschool Opportunities

Registration for 2017-2018 preschool has been taking place and interested families are encouraged to sign up early.

School District #84 offers a three year old **Discovery Time** preschool two days a week for two hours. Parents also attend ECFE classes with the child.

School Readiness is available for four year olds and meets one to three days depending on family's choice.

Scholarships are available for qualifying families and busing is available in town. A preschool scholarship fund is open for tax-deductible donations to help fund the program.

Other preschools are available at St John's Lutheran School and St Mary's Catholic School.

The ECFE program has renewed their partnership with Casey's and are again selling Pizza and Donut punch cards. The cards are good at any Casey's store in the country and do not have expiration date.

To use the donut card, purchase six cake donuts, and get six free. The card costs \$10 and has ten punches on it.

To use the pizza card, purchase a large specialty pizza and get a medium single topping pizza free. This card costs \$15 and has ten punches on it.

Cards are available in Room 109 or 320. You can also order them and they can be mailed to you. Be sure to include a check for the cards you want.

Community Events

SUPPORT LOCAL THEATRE!!
Robert Fulghum's
"All I Really Need to Know I
Learned in Kindergarten"
 Sleepy Eye High School
 March 24-26, 2017



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Straw Bale Gardening
 Tuesday, April 18, 6-7:30 p.m.
 Lindahl Room at SE School
 Presenter: Mark Paluch
 Fee: \$10
 Register by April 10

Breaking new ground! If you thought the only place to grow healthy crops was in black dirt, you must attend this new class. You will learn how to grow a bountiful garden without using herbicides, insecticides, or fungicides, and without weeding. Learn how to plant a wide variety of vegetables, root crops, vine crops, fruit crops, and even beautiful flower gardens, directly into your "conditioned" straw bales. You will never do the "heavy lifting" or bending over that is required with normal soil-based gardens again. Learn this revolutionary and easy gardening method to create a beautiful and productive garden, without lifting a shovel and without using dirt.

Community Health Day

Saturday, March 18
6:30-9:30 a.m.

Sleepy Eye Elementary School
 gym/cafeteria

Health Screenings Available: Blood Analysis (requires a 12 hour fast for most accurate results,) \$40; TSH screening \$30, and free Blood Pressure checks.

Call 1-800-658-2368 or 794-3331 during business hours for an appointment. A limited number of walk-ins accepted before 7:30 a.m.

Health related table displays welcome. Contact the Community Education office at 507-794-7873 to reserve a space.

Event co-sponsored by Brown County REA, Brown County Public Health Nursing Service, Sleepy Eye Community Education, and Sleepy Eye Medical Center.

WALKING FOR BETTER HEALTH

The halls at Sleepy Eye School are available for walking during inclement weather. Please register with Sleepy Eye Community Education to receive your walking badge and walking routes. Hours are 3:30-7 p.m. on school days.

Red Cross Bloodmobile
 Tuesday, January 3, 1-7 p.m.
 Orchid Inn



*That's
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We're on the Web!

See us at:

sleepyeyeschools.com

Registration Form

Return to: Sleepy Eye Community Education, 400 4th Ave SW Sleepy Eye, MN 56085

Name _____

Address _____

City/Zipcode _____

Class or Event	Day/date	Fee
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