

SLEEPY EYE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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SLEEPY EYE, MN 56085
507-794-7873

School day office hours are generally 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

If school is closed, activities are canceled.

If school starts late, evening activities will be held.

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Watch for monthly updates on our program by reading the Community Education News in the *Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch*. On the first and third Tuesday of each month, a staff member provides updated information on KNUJ-SAM 107.3 at 8:30 a.m. You may also find weekly updates on *Sleepy Eye Online*. Watch for a spring brochure available in March.

Thank you for your continued support of our programs!

Pat Stevermer, Director

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Some topics and information included in this brochure include:

- Defensive Driving Classes, Motorcycle Safety Training, Classroom Driver's Education
- Winter-Spring Trips
- Adult and Youth Enrichment Courses
- ECFE Classes and Activities
- VIP Passes



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 20, February 10, March 9, and April 13**. 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 may be made for \$6.25. Instructor is Patty Haala. Class is held in the Sleepy Eye School Cafeteria.

Outings

This winter, take a journey by motor coach with Sleepy Eye Community Education. Stops are made along the route to pick up participants. A minimum number is needed to go. 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.

Home and Garden Show - Minneapolis Convention Center - Friday, February 23 - Will plan to arrive by 10:30 a.m. and spend some hours visiting booths as well as learning at seminars. Food available on site. Registration needed by February 16 to determine if there is interest in attending and to get a block of discounted tickets. Minimum needed: 30. Motorcoach and ticket is \$40 per person.

VIP Senior Citizen Athletic Pass

Sleepy Eye Community Education in partnership with School District #84 offers the VIP Pass! The VIP pass is a complimentary pass for senior citizens 60 years old+ who reside within the Sleepy Eye School District. VIP passes allow the bearer free entry to all regularly scheduled Sleepy Eye Public School home athletic events. This pass is not valid for any tournament or post season games. Patrons may obtain a VIP pass by stopping in the Community Education Office, Room 109, 400 4th Ave SW. Individuals are required to provide their name and home address to prove they are a School District 84 resident. Passes are good year to year—no need to get a new one each year.

Dyckman Free Library

The following activities have been planned for the Dyckman Free Library this winter-spring:

Explore the world of spices with our **Spice Expeditions** the 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. February through April. Information, samples and recipes will be offered. Fennell will be featured in February.

Storytime every Thursday morning at 10 a.m. **Musical Storytimes** with Yellow Door Studio the second Thursday of each month January - March at 10 a.m.

Adult Painting of a snowman led by John Ebenhoh Jan. 24 and 29 at 6 p.m. Registration required.

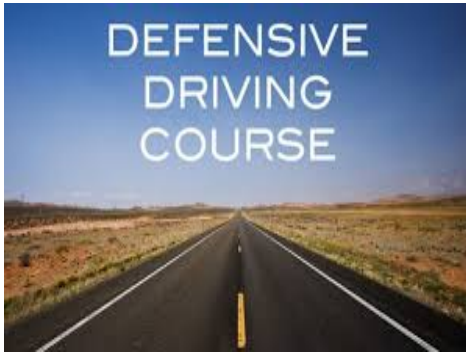
After School Craft for kids ages 6-12 on January 31 at 3:30 p.m. Registration required.

Young Adults Painting for ages 10-16 on February 5 at 5:30 p.m. Registration required.

After School Activity for kids ages 6-12 on February 18th at 3:30 p.m. Registration required.

1000 Books before Kindergarten - The goal of the program is to promote reading and encourage children to have had 1000 books read to them by the time they enter kindergarten. Enrollment in the program can be done at the Dyckman Free Library or any ECFE classes or events. Once enrolled, children will receive a log to track the books being read to them. If you read a book twice, mark it down twice! After each 100 books read, children will receive a small prize or sticker. Special incentives are awarded to children when they complete 300, 500, 700 or 1000 books.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING 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 Minnesota Safety Council and conducted throughout the state, Defensive 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 at the Sleepy Eye High School.

Cost is \$25 per person.

Bring your driver's license.

Minimum class size is 15 and maximum is 25.

Classes this spring will be offered on the following dates:

Four Hour Renewal Classes:

Monday, March 25, 1:00 or 5:00 pm

Monday, April 15, 1:00 or 5:00 pm

Monday, May 13, 1:00 or 5:00 pm

First Time Eight Hour Class

Call 507-794-7873 for information.

CLASSROOM DRIVERS EDUCATION (for students who turn 15 by the end of May,) will be offered during January and February. Registration forms will be available in the high school offices or community education office. Thirty hours are required by the State of Minnesota in order to obtain a driver's permit. Behind the wheel instruction is held during the summer months.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart! Motorcycle Safety Training

RSRS is recognized by the National Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) and licensed by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. All RiderCourses are held at the Sleepy Eye High School and are limited to 8 riders.

- Always wanted to ride? It's time to hit the road!
- Been riding on a motorcycle permit for years? Time to get legal!
- Learn to ride and earn your endorsement in just two days!
- No riding experience is necessary and the bikes are provided!
- Be ready for a FUN weekend - Saturday & Sunday only - 9 am-4 pm!
- Refresher courses are available for experienced riders.
- Moped courses are also available - ONLINE.

2024 class schedule:

Tentative dates for 2024 are April 20-21, May 11-12, May 18-19, June 8-9, June 29-30
July 27-28, August 10-11, August 24-25 (classes run 9 am-4 pm both days)

Fee: \$270

Instructors: Brent & Debby Jass, certified MSF RiderCoaches

More information and registration can be found at RideSafeRideSmart.com

Questions? Call Brent at 507-630-0551

Early Childhood Family Education

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 at the end of January with offerings for all ages of preschoolers. The child's age as of September 1, 2023 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.

Babies (birth to walking) on Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. – Meet with other parents and discuss topics related to parenting babies. Classes held on January 20, February 10, March 9, April 13. FREE.

Toddlers and Two Year Olds on Mondays, 5:15-6:30 p.m. beginning January 29 for eight sessions. Fee is \$32. Come for ideas, motivation and support to stay ahead of your curious, active child. Parent(s) separate from the children for discussion time.

Mixed Ages (3-5 years) on Thursdays, 5-6:30 p.m. beginning February 1 for eight sessions. Fee is \$32. Play is your child's work and the classroom offers many types of play activities.

All Ages (0-5 years) on Thursday morning 8:30-9:45 a.m. beginning February 8 for seven sessions. Fee is \$27.

SAVE THE DATES!

- ❖ Father/Daughter SnowBall: Sunday, January 28, 2024
- ❖ Mother/Son Sweetheart Soiree: Sunday, February 11, 2024
 - The afternoon will include dancing, pictures, refreshments and quality time with the one you love. Come dressed in your best attire and dance the afternoon away!

Advance tickets available in the community education office: parent and child \$10, additional child \$5. Tickets at the door \$2 more. Both held at the Sleepy Eye Event Center, 1-2:30 p.m.

Early Childhood Screening - Thursday, February 1 – Children who will be four by May 31 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. Appointments are scheduled every 30 minutes and the MPSP screener takes about an hour to complete. Call 507-794-7873 to set up an appointment for your child.

Open Gym – Saturday, **January 27**, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Saturday, **February 24**, 3:30-5 p.m. and Saturday, **March 9**, 10:30 am-12 noon in the Sleepy Eye Elementary Gym. Time to run, jump, climb and play!

Preschool Offerings



School District #84 offers a three-year-old **Discovery Time** preschool three days a week for two hours and 15 minutes. Parents also attend ECFE classes with the child. Scholarships are available for qualifying families and busing is available in town. Early sign-up is encouraged as classes fill fast!

Voluntary Pre K is available for four year olds and meets 140 days during the school year. Tuition is free due to a grant which was awarded to Sleepy Eye School for the school year.

Other preschools are available at Grace Lutheran Church, St. Mary's Catholic School and Tri Valley Head Start.

RaiseRight (Scrip) Fundraiser Cards – ECFE and Preschool Programs are selling gift cards. Scrip gives a percentage back to the programs so it is a win-win for purchasers and the program. Over 750 stores offer a percentage of the sale of gift cards back to the sponsoring organization. You can get physical gift cards, e-gift cards or reloadable gift cards. The ECFE program accepts orders anytime. go online www.glscrip.com to see all of the possibilities. RaiseRight is the site for getting gift cards on your phone.

LIFE-WORK PLANNING CENTER

THE MISSION OF LIFE-WORK PLANNING CENTER IS TO INCREASE THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

LIFE-WORK PLANNING CENTER:

- Pre-Employment for women and a Minnesota Displaced Homemaker Program. They serve women in transition, including Displaced homemakers; Non-Displaced Homemakers; Latina Women and Youth, and Women transitioning from Welfare to Work.
- Provides a supportive environment where one can gain pre-employment skills and define what is important to them.
- Services include Workshops, One-to-One Peer Counseling, Computer tutoring, Resources & Referrals and Advocacy.
- Service individuals in Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan Counties.
- Is sponsored in part by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, area United Ways, and individual contribution.

Job Search will be offered for 3 weeks. It covers the following topics: Assessments, Work History, Interview Skills and Job Search. This workshop begins on Wednesday, February 21 at the New Ulm CareerForce Center, 1618 South Broadway, New Ulm from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Call 1-507-345-1577 or e-mail info@lwpc.org for the latest updates and to register for offerings through Life-Work Planning Center.

GED classes are offered in New Ulm through the **Mankato Area Adult Basic Education Consortium**. Preparation for people who need a high school diploma or its equivalent in order to get a better job, or move on to post-secondary education opportunities. All classes are held at the New Ulm Public Library either in-person or online.

Class times during the year are 4:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

For more information or to schedule an appointment contact: Mankato Area Adult Basic Education at 507-345-5222 or text (507)779-5827.

ESL classes have 5 levels available and an evening distance only option is available. The classes are held 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, For more information, call 507-240-2736. Leave a message and they will get back to you.

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 fees, are eligible.

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 United Way. Reading regularly to children at a very young age has proven to help children be ready for school. Call the United Way at (507)354-6512 to register a child. Registration forms and additional information is available on all of these activities at [HYPERLINK "http://www.unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org" www.unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org](http://www.unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org)

Registration Form

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

Name _____
Address _____
City/Zipcode _____
Email _____

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Others ways to register:

Call 507-794-7873 and leave a message if the office is unattended.

Email Pat.stevermer@sleepyeye.mntm.org or Sandy.brinkman@sleepyeye.mntm.org