

Rippleside Elementary Newsletter

May 2024

Welcome to May!

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We have reached the final month of the 2023-2024 school year! I want to thank all of our students, staff, parents, community members, volunteers, community organizations for your dedication and support throughout this year. There were many academic gains and student achievements reached that are worth celebrating!

There are countless end of the year activities and field trips, along with summer reminders and community events detailed in our final newsletter. Please read through completely so you don't miss any of your child's events. Report cards for quarter 4 will be available by June 1st for parent viewing. Rippleside offers a summer learning opportunity through our ASK Program, this is a **free** 6-week summer educational opportunity. **Free** breakfast and lunch are offered for all attending students. Registration is now open through our Community Education website, Eleyo! Please see the enclosed flyer for all the details.

I encourage you to take time this summer to rest and regroup. Take time with your family and friends to enjoy your months away from school. Entrance conferences for the 2024-2025 school year will take place on September 3rd, 4th and 5th. Information will be sent in August containing entrance conference scheduling instructions, along with your child's teacher for the year. If you have any concerns, please reach out to me directly by phone 218-927-2115 ext. 2106 or email adokken@isd1.org.

Thank you for an amazing school year. Have a marvelous summer Gobbler family!

Sincerely,

Andrew G. Dokken
Rippleside Elementary Principal



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Read to succeed!

RIPPLESIDE STUDENTS SHOULD READ 20 MINUTES A NIGHT.



Check Quarter 4
grades in your
Parent Portal!

Health Office – Prescription Pick up & Summer Visits

All medications and inhalers must be picked up by a parent/guardian by May 31, 2024 from the health office. These items cannot be sent home with students. All medications that are not picked up before the start of the 2024-2025 school year will be discarded.

Is your child going to be in sports next year? Sports Physical forms need to be completed every three years. Plan ahead if your child is due.

Have any of your children not had their annual physical? Schedule your child's exam now, so you can get them on their provider's schedule early in the summer. Save yourself the rush right before school starts!

If you are on MA or MinnesotaCare, you can have your student's sports physical paid by your health plan. (Many other health plans will cover these checkups, too!) If your child or teen goes in for regular health checkups, their provider can diagnose concerns earlier, before they become serious, perhaps before they lead to a sports injury.

An annual visit helps your provider get to know your child or teen so that he or she is comfortable talking to their provider when they are sick or have questions regarding his or her health.

School-aged children and teens need a checkup every other year. (Just like you!) If it has been over a year since your child had a checkup, call your clinic soon to schedule an appointment. If your child is on Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare, be sure to ask for a Child and Teen checkup when you make the appointment. If you make the appointment to cover a sports physical, make sure and get the form from your child's school before the end of the year.

Dental exams and treatment are also an important part of your child's health. If you need a provider, look for information regarding CDS Dental Clinics in your Rippleside school health packet next fall!

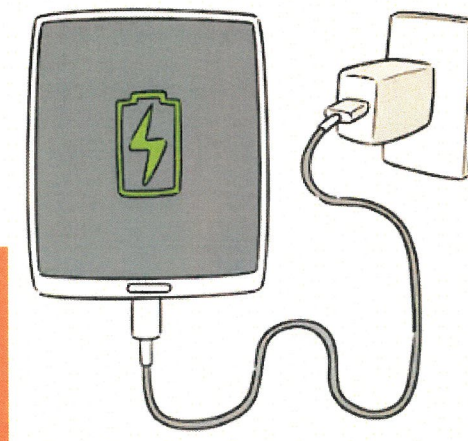


Technology Reminder

All iPads along with their Apple charger (block and cord) must be returned to classroom teachers by the last day of school, or sooner if requested by the teacher. Every device and charger is inspected by our technology department once summer break begins. If any damage has occurred to your student's iPad or charger, an invoice will be created and sent to families.

The replacement cost of the iPad charging block and lightning cable are \$19.00 each. If your student lost their charger during the school year and you purchased an off-brand cord or block, you will receive an invoice for an Apple replacement to be purchased.

All invoices for devices that were damaged during the 2023-2024 school year need to be paid in full prior to September 3, 2024.



WRAP Program

The WRAP (“We Rally Around Parents”) program in Aitkin County is open to any parent or guardian living in Aitkin County with a child or children 0-5 years of age, or in grades K-2. The mission statement of the program is, “To empower parents to build holistically health, strong families by connecting to community resources.” There is no cost to participate and there are no income limitations.

Our Resource Coach can make referrals to such things as employment, transportation, child care, mental health care, adult basic education, food resources and help with stress management and mental health challenges. Through participation in the program, the parents/guardians can move in the direction of self-sufficiency and attain a health family dynamic as well as gain supports in the community. Visits can occur in the home, virtually or in the community.

If interested, you can contact Janet Watson at janetw@lakesandpines.org, 320-364-3344 or call our main number at 800-832-6082 and select option #3 to get started.



“We Rally Around Parents”

The Wrap program in Aitkin County is available to any parent who is needing support and connection to resources within the community. The only qualification is that you live in Aitkin county and have a child or children ages birth through 2nd grade

**There is no cost and no Income limitations to participate in the program.
I can meet with you in your home or virtually to help you to attain your goals and connections.**



Contact Information:

Resource Coach: Janet W.


Cell phone (320)364-3344

Email: janetw@lakesandpines.org

The WRAP program is sponsored by Lakes and Pines CAC, Inc. In partnership with Aitkin County Health and Human Services


CAPS Event

Save the Date for
STAY
Walk, Run, & Rally
A Community Event to Prevent Suicide
July 20th, 2024: 8 AM - 1 PM
Aitkin County Fairgrounds



Promoting mental health and wellbeing and
reducing suicides in our communities.

Look for upcoming information to register for our walk or color run.
Rally will include presentations, music, games vendors, food, and more!



CAPS
Committee for the Awareness
& Prevention of Suicide

Rippleside Spring Choir Concerts

6th Grade Choir Concert

Monday, May 13, 2024

7:30 pm Evening performance open to the public
** Combined performance with 7th and 8th Grade Choir

Who: ALL students in 6th grade choir should attend the evening concert on Monday, May 13th. [This concert is required for all 6th grade choir students.](#)

What to wear: Students should wear clothes that make them feel proud and excited to perform. There is no particular color or uniform.

Location: [This concert is held at Aitkin High School in the Auditorium.](#)

4th and 5th Grade Choirs Concerts

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

9:45 am Matinee performance open to the public
1:45 pm Performance for Rippleside students
6:30 pm Evening performance open to the public

Who: ALL students in 4th and 5th grade choir should attend all of the concerts on Tuesday, May 14th. [All three concerts are required for all 4th and 5th grade choir students.](#)

What to wear: Students should wear clothes that make them feel proud and excited to perform. There is no particular color or uniform.

Location: 4th and 5th grade choir concerts are held at Rippleside in the Cafeteria.

Summer Music

HOW can we stay involved in **MUSIC** and the **ARTS** this summer?
Here are some ideas! Many are free and accessible in our community.

1. **Make music together**
 - Read music books
 - Make instruments with materials from your yard
 - Sing along to the radio
 - Have a dance party
2. **Attend summer music camps**
 - Aitkin Summer Arts Camp - See Aitkin Community Education for more information
 - Lakes Area Music Festival (LAMF) "Explore Music!" day camp (Brainerd)
 - Sound Garden at the Arboretum in Brainerd - Saturday, August 3rd
3. **Find opportunities to perform**
 - Attend "Youth on Stage" Open Mic Night (Brainerd)
 - Opportunities to perform, like a talent show
 - Find out more information by visiting the Facebook page: Youth On Stage-MN
 - Be in a play, such as "The Pied Piper" (Crosby Community Ed)
 - Open to ages 5-18, performances and practices the week of June 24
4. **Take private summer music lessons**
 - Bridge of Harmony (Brainerd)
 - Out Loud Music, LLC (Brainerd)
5. **Visit art centers or take classes**
 - Jacques Art Center (Aitkin)
 - Crossing Arts Alliance (Brainerd)
 - Traveling Arts Pub Youth/Kids Classes (Brainerd)
 - Fortunato Art Studio (Aitkin)
6. **Attend local music concerts**
 - Thalea String Quarter at the Ripple Center - July 6, 7:30 pm (Aitkin)
 - Kids Thrills & Superheroes Concert at Gichi-Ziibi - August 4, 3:00 pm (Brainerd)
 - Music in the Park at Serpent Park - contact Chamber of Commerce for more information (Crosby)
 - Concerts at the Ripple Center - visit the website for more information (Aitkin)



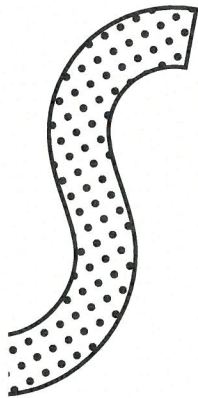
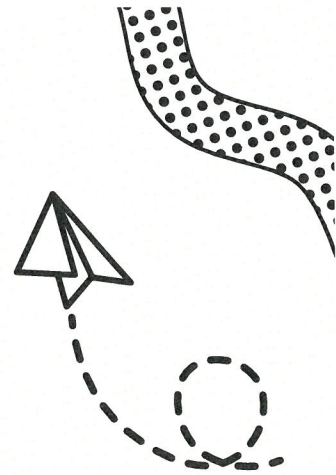
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summer ASK

- ✓ Ask is a full day of math and literacy fun! STEM, music, outside playtime, and local field trips are all included. Passport to the parks will now be included for 2nd-6th graders.
- ✓ When: June 10-July 25 (closed on June 19 and July 1-4)
- ✓ Time: 8:00am-3:00pm
- ✓ Who: Current K-6th graders
Cost: FREE!
- ✓ Choose from Monday/Tuesdays or Wednesday/Thursdays

Registration Opens April 19

Register through community education at www.isd1.ce.eleyo.com

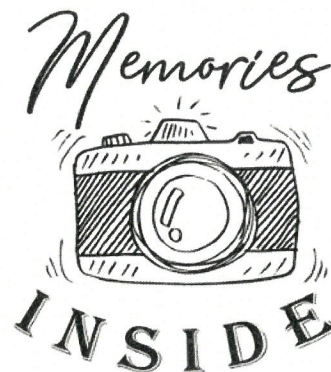


Memory Books

Memory books for the 2023-2024 school year have arrived! Order envelopes will be sent home soon. Please turn in envelopes and funds to the office and pick up your memory book.

Cost per book is \$15.00. Checks can be made payable to "Women of Today".

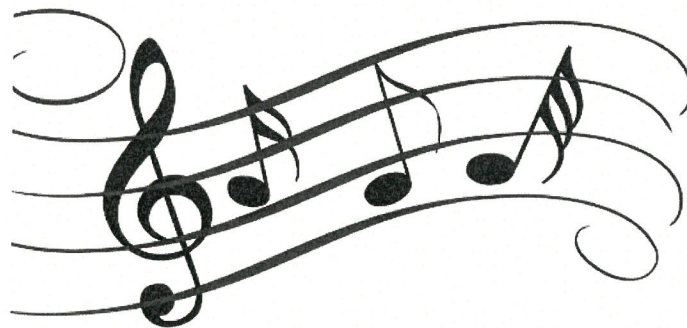
If you missed last years' memory book, you can still purchase one for \$12.00 from the office.



5th & 6th Grade Band Concert

Monday, May 20th at 7:30PM in the Aitkin High School Auditorium! We are only a couple weeks away from our spring band concert! I am so excited for May 20th to hear our **WHOLE BAND PROGRAM** play on one stage, and to see the amazing growth that our musicians have from beginning band to senior high band.

For 5th and 6th Grade Students and Parents: Our concert will be held in the high school auditorium and **call time for band students is at 6:00pm.** Door B on the north side of the high school will be open for parents to drop off and students to enter. There is no specific dress code for elementary students, other than wearing nice concert appropriate attire (button up, dress, suit, etc.) Dress to Impress!



Lastly, during our concert we will have an intermission where the high school jazz band will play out in the cafeteria. It is my idea to have treats like brownies, cookies, donuts, coffee, juice, etc. for the parents and community members to enjoy while the jazz band plays. **If any parents would like to help out with bringing something please shoot me an email or phone call!** It would be greatly appreciated.

Please call or email me if you have any questions.

Taylor Meeks
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218-927-2115

PTO News & Events

Monthly Meeting

The next meeting of the PTO is on Monday, May 20th at 5:30PM in the Rippleside Media Center. This is the final meeting for the school year.

The meetings are usually held on the 3rd Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome!

6th Grade Graduation

6th Grade Graduation is on Friday, May 24th at 1:30PM in the Rippleside Old Gym. Invitations will be mailed to families soon. If you would like to volunteer to help with set up, please contact pto@isd1.or

Golden Gobbler Award

Each month parents and Rippleside staff members will be able to nominate any employee (teacher, custodian, bus driver, paraprofessional, secretary, etc.) of Rippleside that they think has done an exceptional job. Golden Gobbler winner for the month of May is Mr. Josh Smith!

Nomination slips can be found at the Rippleside Office.



PTO Sponsored

- 6th Grade Graduation
- 3rd Grade TV Busters Prizes
- K-6th Grade Rialto Movie
- 3rd Grade Kathio State Park
- 4th Grade Bowling Alley
- 3rd Grade Clearwater Forest
- Kleenex for Health Office
- Muffins & Juice for Bus Driver Appreciation Dy
- Lunch for office staff on Administrative Professionals Day

Walk-a-thon! May 2nd!

Thank you for all of your hard work gathering pledges for the Walk-a-thon! Pledge packets and money are due to the office on Wednesday, May 1st by 3:00PM. (day before the walk-a-thon). If possible, have them wear the color listed next to their grade:

- Kindergarten (blue) – 10:30 – 11:00
- 1st Grade (red) – 10:30 – 11:00
- 2nd Grade – Forest History Center Field Trip
- 3rd Grade (green) – 1:45 – 2:45
- 4th Grade (red) – 1:30 – 2:30
- 5th Grade (gray) – 1:50 – 2:50
- 6th Grade (blue) – 12:45 – 1:45

Please make sure students bring a water bottle, refill stations will be available. Volunteers are needed in the afternoon. Email pto@isd1.org if you would like to help during the walk-a-thon.

All students who turn in at least \$25 in pledges are eligible to win prizes. Prizes will be distributed to students the day after the walk-a-thon. Remember, if we reach our goal of \$17,500 we will have a Dunk Tank at the PBIS Rally on May 29th. The top 2 student fundraisers from each grade will have a chance to “Dunk Principal Dokken”. Plus everyone will get snow cones on the last day of school.

Schedule of Events!

May 1st

- 5th Grade Science MCA's

May 2nd

- Walk-a-thon
- 2nd Grade to Forest History Center 8:30 – 2:35

May 3rd

- Kindergarten DNR Day
- 6th Grade to Depot Museum – 12:15 – 2:10
- 4th Nordick Cribbage – 1:35 – 2:45

May 4th

- Student Council Grocery Bagging

May 7th

- Student Council Meeting

May 8th

- 5th Grade to Fort Snelling 7:00 – 3:30
- 4th Dotzler Cribbage – 1:35 – 2:45

May 9th

- Final Pop Tab pickup!

May 13th

- 6th Grade Choir Concert 7:30PM AHS Auditorium

May 14th

- 4th & 5th Grade Choir Concerts @ 9:45AM, 1:30PM & 6:30PM
- 3rd Grade Bike Safety
- Student Council Meeting

May 15th

- Children's Dental Services
- 6th Grade to State Capitol
- 4th Grade DNR Day – 1:00 – 2:55
- FAST Testing Incentive day

May 16th

- PBIS Reward Day!

K-2nd – 10:20 – 11:00

3&4 – 1:50 – 2:30

5&6 – 11:15 – 11:55

May 17th

- 3rd Grade to Kathio State Park
- Kindergarten to Pine Grove Zoo 8:30 – 2:30
- MCA high scorers picnic

May 20th

- 3rd Grade TV Busters @ School Forest
- 5th & 6th Grade Band Concert – 7:30PM AHS

May 21st

- LAST Tuesday Study Hall
- Student Council Meeting
- 6th Grade to Tour High School – 12:20 – 2:00

May 22nd

- 3rd Grade Grandfriend Luncheon @ American Legion 12:00 – 2:00

May 23rd

- LAST Thursday Study Hall
- 1st Grade to City Park 11 – 12:30
- 3rd Grade to Clearwater Forest
- FFA Petting Zoo on playground

May 24th

- Kindergarten end of year programs 10:00 – 11:00 in classrooms
- 6th Grade Graduation – 1:30PM
- 3rd Grade to Rialto
- 3rd Grade Family Picnic – 12:00 – 2:00
- 4th Grade to Rialto – 12:30 – 2:30

May 27th – NO SCHOOL

May 28th

- Kindergarten walk to public library 1:30 – 2:30
- Kindergarten Book Buddies
- 5th Grade Track & Field – 12:30 – 2:30
- 2nd Grade to Rialto
- Student Council meeting
- 3rd Grade to Dairy Queen
- 6th Grade kickball 8:30 – 10:30

May 29th

- PBIS Rally 1:30 – 2:55
- K&1 to Rialto – 8:30 – 11:00
- 3rd Grade classroom auctions

May 30th





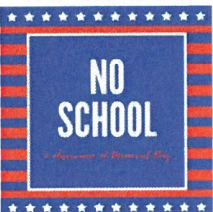



- Quarter 4 Ends
- 6th Grade to Rialto
- Aitkin Lions picnic during lunch
- 5th Grade to Rialto – 12:00 – 2:30
- 3rd Grade to launch rockets

Bounce houses during specialist hour

May 31st

- ½ day teacher in-service
- Medication pickup deadline from health office

May Menu

		1 WED	2 THURS	3 FRI
		Day 2 CHOCOLATE SCONE YOGURT or CEREAL, FRUIT JUICE & MILK ***** ROASTED TURKEY MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY VEGGIES DINNER ROLL w/BUTTER	Day 3 "RIPP" GRIDDLE w/MAPLE SYRUP or CEREAL, FRUIT JUICE & MILK ***** TACO MAC VEGGIES	Day 4 CINNAMON ROLLS YOGURT or CEREAL, FRUIT JUICE & MILK ***** CHEESE PIZZA CAESER SALAD
6 MON	7 TUE	8 WED	9 THURS	10 FRI
Day 1 MYSTERY DAY! 	Day 2 PANCAKES w/MAPLE SYRUP & SAUSAGE LINKS or CEREAL, FRUIT JUICE & MILK ***** GRILLED CHEESE TOMATO SOUP ICE CREAM SANDWICH	Day 3 LEMON STREUSEL BREAD YOGURT or CEREAL, FRUIT JUICE & MILK ***** TURKEY & POTATO CHOWDER GARLIC BREAD GARDEN SALAD	Day 4 SAUSAGE, EGG & CHEESE CROISSANT or CEREAL, FRUIT JUICE & MILK ***** MAC & CHEESE POPCORN CHICKEN VEGGIES	Day 1 MYSTERY BREAKFAST! or CEREAL, FRUIT JUICE & MILK ***** TACO PIZZA RANCH SALAD
13 MON	14 TUE	15 WED	16 THURS	17 FRI
Day 2 CHOCOLATE CHIP MUFFIN YOGURT or CEREAL, FRUIT JUICE & MILK ***** GARLIC CHEESE BREAD MARINARA SAUCE CARROTS & CUCUMBERS	Day 3 HAM & CHEESE OMELET or CEREAL, FRUIT JUICE & MILK ***** BBQ PULLED PORK SANDWICH BROCCOLI SALAD COOKIES & ICE CREAM	Day 4 SAM'S BANANA BREAD! YOGURT or CEREAL, FRUIT JUICE & MILK ***** TURKEY BITES w/GARLIC CREAM SAUCE OVER NOODLES ROASTED VEGGIES	Day 1 TACO BREAKFAST BURRITO or CEREAL, FRUIT JUICE & MILK ***** FARM2SCHOOL HAMBURGER GRAVY MASHED POTATOES ROASTED VEGGIES	Day 2 CHOCOLATE DONUT YOGURT or CEREAL, FRUIT JUICE & MILK ***** CARNITA FAJITA'S PICO DE GALLO w/ALL THE TOPPINGS
20 MON	21 TUE	22 WED	23 THURS	24 FRI
Day 3 MYSTERY DAY! 	Day 4 CHEESY SCRAMBLED EGGS & BACON or CEREAL, FRUIT JUICE & MILK ***** SARAH'S BBQ CHICKEN SANDWICH VEGGIES	Day 1 FRENCH TOAST STICKS MAPLE SYRUP or CEREAL, FRUIT JUICE & MILK ***** ROASTED TURKEY MASHED POTATOES GRAVY ROASTED VEGGIES DINNER ROLL w/BUTTER	Day 2 CINNAMON TEXAS TOAST HOT CHOCOLATE w/MARSHMALLOWS or CEREAL, FRUIT JUICE & MILK ***** PORKY TOTS w/CHEESE VEGGIES	Day 3 MYSTERY BREAKFAST! or CEREAL, FRUIT JUICE & MILK ***** BEEF TACO NACHO'S w/ALL THE TOPPINGS
27 MON	28 TUE	29 WED	30 THURS	
NO SCHOOL! 	Day 4 MYSTERY DAY! 	Day 1 MYSTERY DAY! 	Day 2 MYSTERY BREAKFAST! or CEREAL, FRUIT JUICE & MILK ***** AITKIN LION'S PICNIC! GRILLED HOT DOGS POTATO CHIPS PICKLE FRUIT JUICE	

1 Juice & 1 Milk (1% or Choc) Served with Breakfast
1 Milk (1% or Choc) Served with Lunch
EXTRA Milk or Juice will be charged: \$.40

MINNESOTA FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Breakfast	\$0.00	2 nd Meal	\$3.00	-	Milk	\$0.40
Lunch	\$0.00	2 nd Meal	\$4.95	-	Juice	\$0.40

NOTE: MN Free School Meals: Must be a complete meal
If **ONLY** milk or juice is taken, you will be charged
NOTE: 2nd Meal prices same as adults per state guideline.
Must be money in lunch account to purchase.

**MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE
THIS IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER**

Sandwich option available upon request

Community Education

Aitkin Children's Center

As part of the Aitkin School District #0001 the Aitkin Children's Center is conveniently located on the south side of Rippleside Elementary School. During the school year the Aitkin Children's Center offers high quality early childhood programs for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and their families taught by licensed teachers.

Research has shown that high quality early childhood programs, such as those offered by the Center, have a positive impact on a child's social and emotional development as well as their overall cognitive development. This impact extends beyond preschool and into the early elementary grades.

Jakes (4's) Preschool

We are excited to announce that all 4's preschool programs will be Full-Day programs in 2024/2025!! Parents can choose from 2x, 3x, or 4x/week! Classes will emphasize social emotional learning as well as basic school readiness skills such as shapes, counting, numeral and letter recognition, and much more! Lottery for each program will open on April 19th and will close on May 15.

When:

2x/week - Tu/Th 8:05-2:55

3x/week - M/W/F 8:05-2:55

4x/week - M/Tu/W/Th 8:05-2:55

Where: Aitkin Children's Center

Ages: Children must turn 4 prior to Sept. 1, 2024

Fee: Sliding fee based on a families income

Junior Jakes (3's) Preschool

In Junior Jakes, children learn about the world around them through exploration. They grow in a safe environment that focuses on social, emotional, and cognitive development.

When:

2x/week - Tu/Th 8:30-11:30

3x/week - M/W/F 8:30-11:30

Where: Aitkin Children's Center

Ages: Children must turn 3 prior to Sept. 1, 2024

Fee: Sliding fee based on a families income

Please note - Registration for both Jakes and Junior Jakes will open April 19th There will be a lottery for all classes that will be open from April 19- May 15. Parents will be notified after May 20th as to enrollment status.

Summer Arts Camp

Come experience music, drama, and art through exploration, projects, and games! Taught by elementary music teacher Mrs. Lucy Swanson!

When: August 5-7

Time:

8:00-11:30 am - Grades K-3

12:30-4:00 pm - Grades 4-7

Where: Rippleside Music Room

Cost: \$50

Community Education

T-ball

T-Ball is the first introduction to baseball where children learn to throw, catch, and run the bases. Parent participation is encouraged! The first portion of practice will be spent on skill development, followed by a friendly scrimmage.

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays August 6-22nd

Time: 5:00pm-6:00pm

Who: Boys and girls age 3-6

Where: Roost Field behind Rippleside

Fee: \$15

Young Hitters Baseball

Young Hitters is the next step after T-ball before joining the Minor League in Aitkin Baseball. This is parent pitch and works to get them to understand general game play.

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays August 6-22nd

Time: 6:15-7:30pm

Who: Boys and girls age 5-7

Where: Roost Field behind Rippleside

Fee: \$15

Intro to Soccer

Learn the basics of the sport and play in fun scrimmages against your peers! No equipment needed.

When: Mondays and Wednesdays August 5-21

Time: Age 5-7 - 5-6pm; Age 8-12 - 6:15-7:30pm

Where: Behind Rippleside

Cost: \$15

Elementary Tennis Camp

All youth are invited to learn the basics of a sport that they can play through their lifetime! Tennis! Coach Justine Nordick and her staff of high school players make the camp fun for all.

When: Monday/Wednesday/Friday June 3-14

Time: Grades K,1,2 - 8:30-9:30, Grades 3, 4 - 9:45-10:45, Grades 5, 6, 7 - 11:00-Noon

Where: Aitkin Tennis Courts

Cost: \$25

Big Dreamers Softball

The mission of Big Dreamers Softball is to create a fun atmosphere to foster interest, knowledge, and skills including sportsmanship, positions, hitting, throwing, base running, and beginner catching.

When: Mondays July 8-29

Time: 6:00-7:30 pm

Where: The Roost (fields behind Rippleside)

Who: Going into or completed Kindergarten

Fee: \$20 (includes t shirt)

Dance Team Summer Intensive

Join instructors from Next Level Dance for a 2-day dance team intensive! These sessions will focus on dance skills and technique in preparation for the winter competition season. This intensive is open to any student who will be in 7th-12th grade next school year. Participants do not need to be members of the Aitkin All Starz, although the intensive will be geared toward those interested in high school dance team. Lunch will be provided each day.

When: June 26 -27

Time: 9am - 3pm

Where: Aitkin High School Old Gym

Cost: \$100

Who: Students going into 7-12th grades

Volleyball Camp

Join Aitkin alumni Ellie Michaletz, graduate of the University of Jamestown's women's volleyball program, for a camp filled with fundamental skills and competitive game play.

When: July 22-24

Session 1: going into grades 4-6 – 9am - 10am, \$60

Session 2: going into grades 7-9 – 10am - Noon, \$80

Session 3: going into grades 10-12 – 12:30pm - 3:00pm, \$100

Where: Aitkin High School

Who: Girls entering grades 4-12

Elementary/JH Boys & Girls Basketball Camp

Join our Aitkin Varsity coaches and several varsity players for a fun week of skills, drills, and games!

When: June 10-13th

Time: 3/4th Grade - 9-11am

5/6th Grade - 11:30-1:30

7/8th Grade - 2-4pm

Who: Boys and girls going into 3-6th grade

Where: Aitkin High School

Cost: \$50

PARENT CONNECTION

What is a compound word?

A compound word is a word made up of two or more smaller words that combine to form a new word with a different meaning than the original words. Examples include "firefly", "toothbrush", and "keyboard"



Why is it important?

Compound words allow us to express complex ideas and concepts more efficiently. They can convey a great deal of meaning in just a single word, which can help to simplify language and make communication faster and more effective.

Ways I can support this at home

- Encourage students to create their own compound words and use them in sentences to demonstrate their understanding of the concept.
- Use real-life examples of compound words in your everyday conversation and encourage students to use them in their own speech and writing.
- Play word games that encourage the creation of compound words. For example, you can ask the students to create a compound word from two or more smaller words.
- Read books and texts that contain a lot of compound words. Encourage the students to identify the compound words and discuss their meanings.

Lakes & Pines



Did You Know?

Lakes & Pines Community Action Council, Inc. was established in 1965 in response to the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 and the call to eliminate poverty. We are part of a nationwide Community Action network, and are one of 24 Community Action agencies in the state of Minnesota.

We are funded mainly by state and federal funding directly delivered to area residents.

We employ roughly 115 people from all over the service area and provide approximately \$10 million of economic activity annually to the area in the form of payroll, vendor payments and direct assistance to clients (2018).

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Give Back!

Donate to what you value!

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Volunteer Income Tax Preparation

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Classroom Activities with Kids

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Mission: To build prosperous communities by serving local families and individuals in their pursuit of self-reliance.

Partnering to End Poverty

Serving the Counties of: Aitkin, Carlton, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs & Pine
An Equal Opportunity Employer/Contractor
Special Accommodations Upon Request

Energy Assistance Program:

Helps to pay a portion of heating costs for low-income households. Can help people facing utility shut-off or disconnection and help homeowners with furnace repairs.

Call 800.832.6082 - Option #2

Small Cities Development Programs:

Helps small communities address area needs (i.e. housing repairs for low-income homeowners/renters) through a Community Development Block Grant.

This program can only be applied for by cities, townships or counties. Call for details.

Housing Rehabilitation Loans - Helps low and moderate income homeowners make basic permanent repairs to their home (includes accessibility & emergency improvements).

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Head Start:

Family Focused Early Childhood Program that promotes the school readiness of children from birth to age five from families with low-income by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development. Home based and center based options are available.

We also serve pregnant parents by providing prenatal and postpartum information, education, and services. Head Start services are no cost.

We Rally Around Parents (WRAP):

No cost programs for caregivers which offers parental support & community resource connections, designed to help lead to self-sufficiency by building better relationships. Services currently available in Aitkin.

Call 800.832.6082 - Option # 3

Weatherization Program:

Helps reduce energy costs for low-income households by providing and installing insulation, weather-stripping and caulking. Households must apply for Energy Assistance to be considered for Weatherization services.

Call 800.832.6082 - Option #2

Housing Programs:

Emergency Housing Assistance - Helps households with low-income maintain housing while experiencing a crisis (job loss, injury, domestic violence, etc.). Can assist with mortgage, rent, deposits, utility, & emergency shelter costs.

Homeless Youth Act - Helps homeless youth aged 16 - 24 with transitional housing search & placement, provides support services. Can assist with deposit, rent, utility deposit, & certain basic needs.

Eviction Prevention - A navigator will work with customers & landlords to resolve differences, make referrals, & help complete paperwork when necessary.

Housing Navigation - Navigators will help customers without housing or who are about to lose their housing identify options, provide resources, offer classes such as budgeting, & complete assessments needed to be placed on housing lists.

Call 800.832.6082 - Option # 4

Financial Programs:

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance - Income tax preparation by volunteers for low-income families & individuals at no cost.

Financial Fitness - Interactive one-on-one or group sessions on budgeting, saving, debt-reduction and consumer protection.

SNAP Employment & Training - Assists participants receiving SNAP Benefits to learn skills for a new or better paying job.

Family Assets for Independence in MN (FAIM) - Low-income households improve their financial fitness & can have savings matched \$3 to \$1 for purchasing a home or vehicle, furthering their education, or starting a business.

Call 800.832.6082 - Option #4

Application Assistance:

Social Security - Helps those with a long-term disability on state assistance or at-risk of homelessness apply for Social Security.

Food Support & Health Insurance - Helps individuals applying for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and health insurance through MNsure.

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Transportation 2024-2025

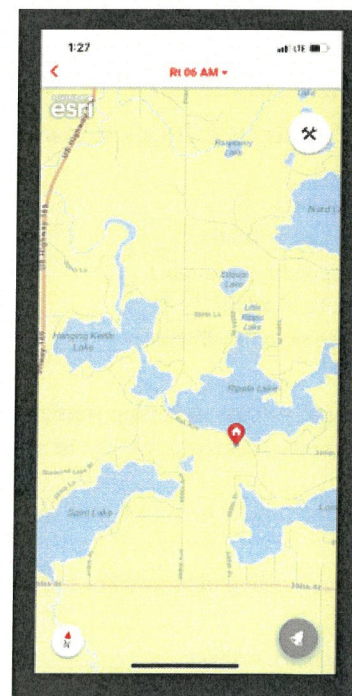
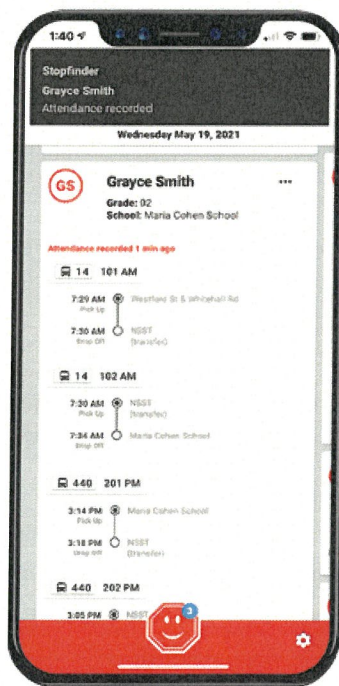
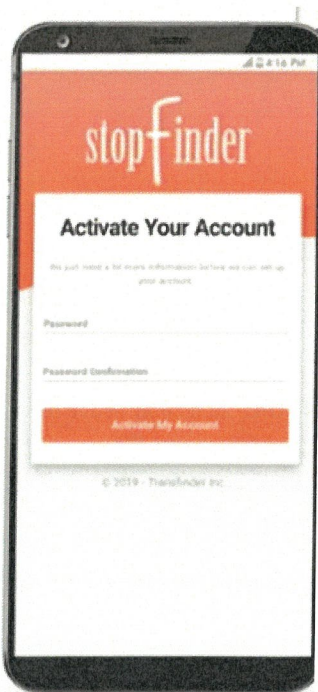


Dear Parent or Guardian,

The **Aitkin Public Schools Transportation Department** is currently using and will continue using a Bus Stop app called Stopfinder, for the 2024-2025 School Year. Stopfinder is the easy to use, all-in-one app that allows you to have the most accurate information about your child's bus schedule at anytime from anywhere. In addition to displaying your child's transportation information, Stopfinder features push notifications and a private messaging feature that will allow you to communicate directly with the **Aitkin Schools** Transportation Department. Please make sure the school has up to date information including a valid email address. If you have not received an invitation to join Stopfinder or have questions, feel free to call Michelle Alcox-Larson @ 218-429-0241 (Bus Garage) or 218-831-0824 (Cell Phone). If you are unsure if your information is up to date please feel free to reach out to the office staff and they can verify for you. We are looking forward to another great year.

Stopfinder, can be downloaded free from the App Store or Google Play. Stopfinder will require an invite and registration through the district prior to accessing your child's transportation schedule.

Thank you,
Aitkin Schools Transportation Department



Aitkin Public Schools- Transportation Request (2024-2025)



Aitkin Public Schools

306 2nd St NW
Aitkin, MN 56431

To help ensure the safety of our students we require all families to complete a transportation request form for each student. This is to inform the office and bus garage of the regular plan for student transportation. We recommend a consistent plan as this is especially important for our young students. If any permanent changes need to be made during the school year, please contact the office or bus garage to complete a new form. The form needs to be on file for any permanent changes to take place.

Please complete this form in its entirety:

- At the beginning of each new school year
- If your child is a new student
- For changes regarding Primary/Secondary location

*Each student who qualifies will be allowed transportation to a primary and, on occasion, a secondary location. Parents/Guardians are responsible for their own temporary arrangements.

- Please allow up to (3-5) school days for any changes to go into effect.
- All highlighted fields are required

STUDENT INFORMATION (1 student per form)

Student's name (Please Print): _____

Primary address: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher's name (if known): _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____ Parent/Guardian phone number: _____

Will your student require busing? YES NO

REASON FOR REQUEST (please check at least one option):

New student:

New school year:

Change to primary location:

Change to secondary location:

Change to both locations:

Date for change to be effective: _____

***Please note: if you are changing your primary address you must provide that to the school office as well in order for change to go into effect-you will not be allowed to change busing plans if we have conflicting addresses on file.**

Does a bus currently go by your house? YES NO If so what bus? _____

Will you be requesting transportation to a secondary location? YES NO (if YES, please complete remainder of form)

Secondary Location Address: _____

Secondary phone number: _____ Bus number (if known): _____

Reason for the secondary location request (e.g. daycare, dual household, etc.): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____