

Community Education Highlights

May-August 2026



Adult/Youth/Senior/Driver Ed Programming

Coordinator Sharon Sculley

- *Music on the Lake - It's Golden* held nine concerts this summer! Only one was rescheduled due to weather. We are so grateful for this partnership with the City of Circle Pines.
- Our private music lesson instructor, Brady Perl, added a Thursday series of lessons this summer as his Mon/Tues were filling up. We now have him running the three days of the week (versus 2) in fall. He currently has 27 students enrolled for his first fall series.
- We offered several cooking camps/classes this summer. With the prep and clean-up process surrounding a cooking camp they can be best suited for summer camp designs. Two of the camps offered were for a wide age range (grade 4-12), here is an associated comment from a participant's family: *"I sent my stepdaughter to this class, she really enjoyed it. She is 16 and autistic. She visits MN in the summers and as she gets older there are fewer camps and activities available."*
- The collection of camps and classes offered this past summer totaled 89, along with 54 separate gymnastic classes, 2 Driver Education classrooms and a number of participants who completed behind-the-wheel with us.
- Our POUND Rockout Workout participants moved from their outdoor location at GL Park to outdoors at the HS campus. They had a great summer getting fit and fresh air!



- A sampling of comments from summer class evaluations:
 - *"Keep offering this class!!!"* **Rock 'n' Roll Band Camp**
 - *"The instructor was quite knowledgeable and I learned quite a bit in a short amount of time, I enjoyed the lessons!"* **Private Music Lessons**
 - *"Fun class to get you moving!"* **Pound Rockout Workout**

Director Cori Sandle

- We had a great start to summer with our invite-only program for high-potential students called Summer Academy. The link shows some highlights from one of our classes, Mad Scientists.
<https://canva.link/zsx8t3ngngy642q>
- The August 14 edition of *Inside Centennial Schools* highlighted our Food Truck Night, and summer Kids Club. Our Food Truck Night was very well attended. There was lots to do and eat! Food truck vendors donate part of their proceeds to our scholarship fund. <https://app.smore.com/n/5adnm-inside-centennial-schools?ref=email>



- Our Middle School Tour and Scavenger Hunt for incoming 6th graders continues to be well received. High School Theater students volunteer and our Middle School Principals also attend to welcome the students and introduce themselves.
- Pictured above is our summer cakes class. We had a full class of 14 aspiring bakers.
- Adults are traveling! Adult trips continue to be a hit. We took two buses to Duluth, two trips to Mackinac Island and one trip to Bayfield, as well as other day trips this summer.
- Our More Than Pink program for girls entering 4th-7th grade is pictured above, with one of their favorite activities, tie dying t-shirts! During the summer, they had lessons and guest speakers on topics such as mindfulness, goal setting, internet safety, healthy relationships, and more. We ended with a celebratory 5K run.
- Our summer outreach program at Centennial Square had a hot summer. They participated in lots of water days, as well as reading time a couple days a week. Volunteers come out and read with the children; pictured above is a theater student partner reading.
- A sampling of comments from summer class evaluations:
 - *"We loved all the self-defense the girls learned!"* **More Than Pink**
 - *"I would definitely recommend this tour for anyone that would like to see more of the Duluth harbor!"* **Duluth Lunch & Boat Ride**
 - *"My child learned a lot about the ocean, he had new facts each day coming home."* **Summer Academy Ocean Adventures**



Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) and Centennial Preschool

Coordinator Sara Ison, EC Specialists Kelly Marquard and Lynn Dierks, Lead Administrative Assistant Deb Klausing

- As we began a new school year, we celebrated that our Early Childhood program had all returning staff. We have worked hard to create a program and culture where staff want to work, thrive and feel supported. This is also a reflection of our partnership with Human Resources to get all teachers on the master teacher contract.
- Centennial Early Childhood was out in the community this summer. We were happy to participate in so many outreach opportunities including Centennial Square Resource Fair, Summer Fun Reading Buddies, Music on the

Lake, Food Truck Night, Blue Heron Days Parade, Centerville Market- Community and Kids Nights.



- Each year our ECFE team is required to complete a Community Needs Assessment and submit to the state of Minnesota. This assessment looks at barriers in our communities, and ways we can better serve our families. [Here](#) is a summary of the 2025-26 Centennial ECFE Community Needs Assessment.



Early Childhood Screening **Coordinator Kelly Marquard**

- After the addition of an Early ID-funding screening at the Early Childhood Center on June 4, we finished the year having screened 411 children, identifying 87 children with a new health or developmental concern.
- 99% of our 26-27 kindergarteners are starting school screened. We held a special screening on August 19 to catch the summer move-ins.
- We are well prepared for our incoming preschool classes, with 89% of 4-year-old students and 66% of 3-year-old students already screened or having an October appointment.
- Following a successful transition last year, we are continuing to offer monthly screenings every other Thursday and Friday to provide families with greater flexibility.
- We are entering the 16th year of our partnership with the Anoka County Children and Family Council for our Early ID Grant. We will continue our outreach and off-site screenings to connect with more families and reduce barriers to screening.



District Facilities **Coordinator Anne Thomas**

- We have wrapped up a very busy summer!
- Outdoor field use was maxed out this summer with lots of Community Ed clinics and programs, high school activities, and rentals running all summer long.

- We hosted a couple of large summer sports camps - one on the CHS campus and one over at Golden Lake Elem.
- There were a lot of projects going on all throughout the district this summer to prepare the facilities for the upcoming school year.
- Indoors was packed all summer long as well. We had so many youth/adult enrichment classes and activities all throughout the district.
- We worked with most of our high school sports this summer to get all of their needs taken care of for off season training.
- Busy entering the high school athletics' activities into the system for the high school to get them ready to go come August when their fall season gets kicked off.



Blastball clinics ran over at Centerville and Golden Lake this summer



Kids Club
Coordinators Molly Nelson and Heather Watson

Summer 2026

- We finished up the summer with 565 contracts, a total of 42 more than Summer 2025!
- Kids Club participates in the special milk program. We received \$1,374.14 in reimbursement.
- All sites participated in a coin war and raised a total of \$715.45 for our local Centennial Food Shelf!
- Kids Club staff from all sites participated in 4 days of set up and training prior to summer starting.



- All three sites planned an onsite carnival. The Lino Lakes ambassadors joined us for these!



- Bike days are so much fun! Centerville held a 4th of July parade with decorated bikes.



- Firefighters came to help cool us off! And show off their trucks.



- Track and Field Day. Students participated in eight different events, plus a freezie station. The goal for the day was to represent your site and cheer on your teammates. Look at all that color!



Swimming

Coordinator Colleen Skoglund and Barb Pierce

- Nearly 300 people participated in our swimming program this summer.
- This summer we piloted a new offering: Cougar adapted lessons for small groups. This course is for children who have conditions that make it difficult for them to participate in our current group level swimming opportunities, most of them need one-on-one attention. We do offer one-on-one adapted lessons, but the cost of the private lesson is sometimes too prohibitive for families. Adrianna Cogger, one of our HS staff members, developed the program as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award Project. Parents are with their child in the water, so the child has one-on-one attention, and the instructor works on general skills and customizes practice and skills to accommodate each child's needs. It was a success and now we have a full class this fall. Thank you to Adrianna for all her work putting the program together for our community.
- We trained several new lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors™ over the summer, providing young people with job training that emphasizes leadership and communication as well as water safety skills. This also adds new staff to our roster as the CHS Seniors move on to college.





Marketing

Marketing Coordinator Joy Orcutt

- The recent District Newsletter provided a great amount of information for families:
<https://app.smores.com/n/5adnm-inside-centennial-schools?ref=email>
- Online registration for the Fall Activity Guide opened on August 3. Online registrations that day were slightly lower to that of opening day for fall in 2025.
- Over the summer months, I had a goal to send an e-newsletter every Friday with the purpose of maybe helping families find last-minute opportunities for activity and engagement. This helped us to fill one or two more spots in classes that were near their minimum amount.
- Music on the Lake-It's Golden, our free music concert series together with the City of Circle Pines, was featured on the cover of the Quad Community Press twice this summer, May 26 and June 16.
https://www.presspubs.com/quad/music-on-the-lake-it-s-golden-returns-for-another-summer/article_af7097de-1352-4f98-9054-95a406a78c59.html
- The Quad Press did a story highlighting the activities that are available "after the bell rings," in our school buildings, including many offerings for adults.
- There is a mention and link to Community Education now listed on the high school athletics and activities portion of the ISD12 website. We are hoping that helps families with high-schoolers find offerings.
<https://highschool.isd12.org/athletics-activities-at-chs>



English as a Second Language (ESL)

Pearl Cheng, Teacher; Maggie McDonald, Michelle Tornga, Assistants

- The Adult ESL program continues to provide comprehensive instruction in reading, writing, speaking, and listening for learners at all proficiency levels. Currently, 39 learners are enrolled in the program.
- In addition, CASAS remote post-tests have proven especially helpful for learners who face transportation challenges, increasing accessibility and program participation.
- **In-Person Instruction**
Monday and Thursday nights at West High School, and onsite at Centennial Square Mondays
- **Online Instruction (Google Meet)**
Multiple classes and times to support learners schedules
- **May 19 – Golden Lake Park Ice Cream Social:** Celebrated cultural diversity with Centennial ISD 12 EL families through games, music, and meaningful conversations.
- **June 30 – Centennial Square Mobile Home Family Fair:** Participated in an outreach event to connect with families, build community relationships, and promote ABE English classes.

