
MANKATO AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

WINTER 2024 CATALOG

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Letter from Director

In the wake of the successful bond vote for Mankato Area Public Schools, I extend our heartfelt thanks. The success we've achieved together is a testament to the spirit of collaboration that defines our community.

Looking ahead, we will begin the final phase of construction, at the Center for Learning, in early 2024. Completion of this building will provide eight more classrooms and a gym to enhance the work of early learning and parent education. With this new space, we anticipate more opportunities for community partnerships to meet community needs.

We are also very excited to grow community access to water safety, through the addition of a pool at Dakota Meadows Middle School. We are currently engaged in creating the community use schedule for this new resource, to complement use of the pool at East High School, with an anticipated Fall 2025 rollout.

As we plan the exciting possibilities on the horizon, we express gratitude for your unwavering support of our existing programs. We believe that our winter offerings will provide you and those you care about opportunities to gather, inspire and move. We look forward to engaging with you and wish you a healthy and prosperous 2024.



Community Education has partnered with Connecting Kids (a program of Greater Mankato Area United Way) to offer scholarships for K-12 out of school time activities. To apply for a scholarship, please visit [Mankato Connecting Kids](https://connectingkidsmankato.org/apply-for-scholarship).
connectingkidsmankato.org/apply-for-scholarship



"Mankato Area Public Schools (MAPS) is committed to working together equitably, with families and communities, so that each learner has the knowledge and skills to be successful and contributing citizens in a diverse global society."

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SPIRIT OF YOUTH AWARDS

The Spirit of Youth Award recognizes those in our community who contribute to building assets in youth. Nominations for this competitive award are accepted through February. Awards will be presented at a public ceremony at 6:00 pm Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at Lincoln Community Center.

For more information and to submit a nomination, Click [HERE](#)



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Volunteer Today!

Start where you are.
Use what you have.
Do what you can.

Volunteer with us!

Mankato Area Public Schools Community Volunteer Program

No prior experience necessary. Volunteers can serve in Early Learning programming, K-12 schools or in Adult Basic Education programs.

Volunteer Opportunities Include:

- weekly classroom volunteers
- reading and math tutors
- classroom parents or grandparents
- classroom speakers
- school-based mentors
- financial literacy volunteers
- AVID tutors

Adult Basic Education Volunteer Opportunities Include:

- EL Volunteer
- GED Volunteer

Contact the Family and
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ADULT BASIC EDUCATION



MANKATO AREA ADULT BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

Lincoln Community Center New Ulm Public Library
110 Fulton Street 17 North Broadway Street
Mankato, MN 56001 New Ulm, MN 56058
(507) 345-5222 (507) 779-5827

2023-2024 2ND SEMESTER SCHEDULE

ABE CLASSES @ LINCOLN COMMUNITY CENTER, MANKATO

GED Preparation Classes

GED Social Studies (HyFlex)
GED Reading Language Arts (HyFlex)
GED Science (HyFlex)
GED LAB Daytime (In-Person)
GED Math (Online)
GED LAB Evening (In-Person)

ESL Classes - 4 day and 5 evening Levels

Daytime (In Person & limited HyFlex)
Evening (Distance Only)
Citizenship (HyFlex)

New students may join these classes every week!

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Monday through Thursday
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Monday through Thursday
9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Monday through Thursday
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Monday through Thursday
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Monday through Thursday
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM Wednesday

New students join these classes every month!

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Monday through Thursday
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Tuesday through Thursday
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Monday through Thursday

ABE CLASSES @ NEW ULM PUBLIC LIBRARY

GED Preparation and Northstar Basic Computer

Online and In-person available

All School Year - Join anytime!

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Tuesdays

ABE CLASSES @ SOUTH CENTRAL COLLEGE, NORTH MANKATO

ABE 0065 College Prep Math (In-Person) (Ongoing enrollment) 8 - 9:50 AM Monday - Thursday

ABE REGIONAL AND STATE-WIDE COURSE OFFERINGS (100% ONLINE!)

Child Development Fridays, January 12 - March 1, 2024 9:00 AM - Noon
College Prep TBA
Healthcare Core Curriculum (online) Online work + Scheduled Friday Check-Ins HCCC Video
Microsoft Office Specialist (online) Start Dates: Jan 24, Feb 21, Mar 21, Apr 24, May 29, June 19
Online work + 1 hour weekly meetings
ParaProfessional Training (online) Jan 15 - June 6 Flyer Video

REGISTER FOR CLASSES TODAY!

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SCAN

Open the camera app on your phone, scan the QR code, and tap to open.

*Childcare/preschool is available Mon-Thurs 8:30 am - 1:00 pm to parents attending ABE classes AT LCC with children who are 16+ months



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ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

ADULT Enrichment + LEISURE



OPEN POTTERY STUDIO

Purchase a punch card and clay coupon to use the Pottery Studio facilities: potter's wheel, slab roller, extruder, glazes, greenware storage, and NEW electric kilns. This is not an instructional class; previous experience required. The studio manager will be present to help with technical questions.

Mon, Tue & Thu, Feb 29-May 30; 6-9 pm
LCC 153

COURSE #: 1520-1W

Open Pottery Studio use **8 Visits \$40**

COURSE #: 1519W

Clay, Glaze, and Supplies \$25
(white stoneware)

ADULT HAND BUILDING CERAMICS

Make a variety of objects from a lump of clay into something that you can utilize or give as a gift! Each class meets twice, once to shape the clay, once to glaze. You will be notified when your finished piece comes out of the kiln!

COURSE #: 1524-Mug \$37

Tue, Feb 13 & 20; 6:30-8:30 pm LCC 153

COURSE #: 1524-Wall Sconce \$37

Sat, Mar 16 & 30; 2-4 pm LCC 153

COURSE #: 1524-Luminary 1 \$37

Sat, Apr 20 & May 4; 1-3 pm LCC 153

COURSE #: 1524-Luminary 2 \$37

Sat, May 11 & 18; 9-11 am LCC 153

SEWING SURVIVAL

Need to sew a button? Repair a hem? Your favorite ripped jeans distressed a little *too* much? Sewing Survival is the class for you! The basics of hand and machine sewing! Bring your own sewing machine on class two, or try out one of ours!

COURSE #: 1400-IS

Thu, Feb 22 & 29 6-8pm

\$65

LCC 154



BOB ROSS OIL PAINTING CLASS

What is the Ross "wet-on-wet" technique? It's the application of wet paint on top of wet paint, omitting the traditional wait for each layer to dry. Using special firm oil paints and starting with a wet based canvas, paint may be glided across the canvas with large brushes and palette knives-making clouds, mountains, trees, and water appear in seconds....AND IT'S SO EASY! Course fee covers all necessary supplies.

COURSE # 1501-Ocean/Water \$90

Sat, Feb 17; 11 am -3 pm LCC 154

COURSE # 1501-Ocean/Water 2 \$90

Thu, Feb 22; 1-5 pm LCC 154

COURSE #: 1501-Spring 1 \$90

Sat, Mar 16; 11 am -3 pm LCC 154

COURSE #: 1501-Spring 2 \$90

Tue, Mar 19; 1-5 pm LCC 154

COURSE #: 1501-Traditional

Mountain/Stream \$90

Sat, Apr 20; 11 am-3 pm LCC 154

COURSE #: 1501-GreenFlower \$90

Sat, May 18; 11 am-3pm LCC 154

INTRODUCTION TO WATERCOLOR

Watercolor for beginners. This class will touch on basics of the medium, using color, types of paper, resources, tips and tricks.

Just come in casual clothes and prepare to have fun. All supplies will be provided.

When you leave class, expect to bring home everything you need to be able to begin to paint on your own. Each participant will leave with one picture, paints, brushes, palette, and paper.

COURSE: 1502 \$90

Fri, Feb 9; 6-8 pm & Sat, Feb 10; 9-11 am
LCC 154

ADVENTURE WITH US -

WABASHA STREET CAVES TOUR & SWING DANCING

This adventure has got it all. Mystery and intrigue of the St. Paul Gangster Era as seen through the historic cave tour. See the only remaining restored Gangster Era site. Get a Historic Tour of extensive caves carved into the hillside in long abandoned mining ventures in 1800's. The site was later a mushroom farm, and then developed as a Restaurant Casino and Gangsters' Hotspot during the 1930's prohibition era. Newspapers reported of an unsolved gangland murder at the casino. Tour guides point out the bullet holes. Some believe the caves are haunted by the murdered mobsters whose bodies were never found. After the tour it is Swing Dancing to Big Band music. You will even have access to a free dance lessons before the music starts. Dance or simply enjoy the music and great venue. Music starts at 7 pm and ends at 10 pm.

COURSE # 1261-1W \$89

Thu, Feb 15; 2 -11:50 pm

Departures - 2 pm depart WOW Zone parking lot, 2:15 pm depart St. Peter Community Center. Arrivals - 11:45 pm arrive at St. Peter Community Center, 12 am arrive at WOW Zone parking lot.

Registration Deadline: Jan 31, 2024

MN TWINS VS DETROIT

Take me out to the ball game! Come enjoy an evening of outdoor baseball by joining us for a trip to Target Field to watch the Minnesota Twins play Detroit Tigers! The game starts at 7:10 pm.

COURSE # 1260-2S \$89

Fri, Apr 19; 4:30 pm -12 am

Departures - 4:30 am depart WOW Zone parking lot, 4:45 am depart St. Peter Community Center. Return time- 11:45 pm arrive at St. Peter Community Center, 12 am arrive at WOW Zone parking lot.

Registration Deadline: Mar 15, 2024

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**WINTER 2024
ENRICHMENT + LEISURE**



ADULT SOCIAL PICKLEBALL

Come anytime and stay as long as you like! Meet new people and get some great exercise while playing pickleball. Anyone can play. Players of all ability levels are welcome. We even have equipment for you to try out! Come join us!

COURSE #: 3331-2F

\$40

Sun, Jan 7-Mar 10; 5-7 pm PWMS Gym

no pickleball Jan 21, Feb 4 & 11



CO-REC SOCIAL VOLLEYBALL

Informal Recreational Volleyball. This is NOT competitive. It is a time for individuals to play volleyball for fun and an opportunity for new individuals to learn the rules and how to play.

COURSE #: 5530-1W

\$30

Wed, Feb 21-Apr 10; 6-9 pm LCC Upper Gym

Registration Deadline: February 12

Walk with us!

COMMUNITY MEMBERS 62+

We are happy that our school spaces (DMMS, Lincoln, & Eagle Lake) can be utilized to assist you in staying well. The service is **FREE** to community members 62+, advance registration required. January 3, 2024 through March 28, 2024.

Dakota Meadows Middle School
1900 Howard Drive, North Mankato
Monday and Wednesday 6-8 PM.
January 15 and 22 1-3 PM

Eagle Lake Elementary
500 LeSueur Avenue, Eagle Lake
Monday and Wednesday 6-8 PM
January 15 and 22 1-3 PM

Lincoln Community Center
110 Fulton Street, Mankato
Tuesday and Thursday 6-8 PM



**Registration is required for Walk with us! Community Members 62+
Course #: 1100.**

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**WINTER 2024
ENRICHMENT + LEISURE**

JOIN US AT OUR UPCOMING FREE CLASSES

FRAUD & SCAM PROTECTION | MARCH 6, 2024 | 6 - 7PM

New FTC Data Show Consumers Reported Losing Nearly \$8.8 Billion to Scams in 2022. Explore the latest fraud trends, learn about scams, and discover strategies to safeguard your personal and financial information. This interactive seminar aims to equip participants with the tools needed to navigate the digital landscape securely and protect themselves from potential fraudulent activities.

SAVING FOR MY FUTURE | MARCH 20, 2024 | 6 - 7PM

Embark on a journey to financial empowerment at our 'Saving for My Future' class. This event is tailored to guide you through the key principles of effective saving & spending, setting goals, and navigating credit. Join us as we explore steps to secure your financial future, and help empower your life goals through smart saving practices.

All classes will be held at the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato, MN 56001.



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4-hour refresher classes (1 session)

January 11

February 8

March 7

April 4

8-hour classes (2 sessions)

February 12 & 13

PHONE & INTERNET SCAMS -

HOW TO STAY SAFE & INFORMED

Whether it is a nuisance phone call at meal time, a vague email or text promising immediate danger to yourself or family, internet scam artists are more prevalent than ever before. What should you do to protect yourself, your family and the assets you've worked hard to build? This seminar is for adults of any age. Cost is \$15 for 2 people and \$5 for each additional person in your party that would like to come to listen and learn.

COURSE #: 1701-W

\$10

Tue, Apr 23; 6-7:30 pm

LCC RM

CYBER SAFETY FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

Raising children in a world where the internet offers so many options for learning, growth, socialization and entertainment leave many parents concerned about what is safe and healthy vs what attributes of screen time can lead to harmful results or even threaten personal safety. Cost is \$15 for 2 people and \$5 for each additional person in your party that would like to come to listen and learn.

COURSE #: 1702-W

\$10

Thu, Apr 25; 6-7:30 pm

LCC RM 152



MANKATO'S WHO'S WHO?

It is Spring in Mankato and a good time to walk on the lush grass of Glenwood Cemetery and view the beautifully decorated stones of Mankato's beloved. Join local Historian, Bryce Stenzel for a guided tour of several historical monuments, representing heroes of the Civil War, Betsy Tacy Society, local business leaders and many more. The tour will last 90 minutes and be filled with lively storytelling that brings Mankato's past into the present. This is definitely a tour for the history lover.

Course #: 1280-1S

\$19

Sat, May 11; 9-10:30 am

Glenwood Cemetery, Mankato, MN

Plan to arrive at Glenwood Cemetery at

8:45am for check-in and instructions.

Tour begins at 9am and ends at 10:30am.

Wear comfortable shoes for walking.

Dress for the outdoors including bug spray. There are no restroom facilities on the cemetery grounds.



THE ORIGINAL ST. PAUL GANGSTER TOUR

We are the original Saint Paul Gangster Tour, and the best! You board a motor coach and ride in air-conditioned comfort, regardless of the weather. A costumed gangster character is your guide. We'll keep you informed, entertained and amused as we tour the 5-mile area of St. Paul. Our tour is the only one that starts at the historic Castle Royal Nightclub, a gangster hangout from the 1930s, preserved today as the Wabasha Street Caves.

COURSE # 1262-1W \$89

Sat, Mar 9; 9 am -4:30 pm
Departures - 9 am depart WOW Zone parking lot, 9:15 pm depart St. Peter Community Center. Arrivals - 4:15 pm arrive at St. Peter Community Center, 4:30 pm, arrive at WOW Zone parking lot.

Registration Deadline: Feb 9, 2024

A NEW ULM GET AWAY

Just 40 miles away, New Ulm history is known as near as the corner store to as far as across the globe. Get out and about to take in a few historic locations in the city of New Ulm. We will start with the Brown County Historical Society Museum, next it is the Historic Turner Hall for lunch. You will have your choice of a German Plate (brat, kraut, German potato salad and rye bread or a burger basket. We will end the day at Schell's Brewery to top off the day with samples, a souvenir and tour. Lunch meal is included with this trip.

COURSE # 1265-1W \$95

Fri, Mar 15; 9 am-5 pm
Departures - 9 am depart WOW Zone parking lot, 9:15 am depart St. Peter Community Center. Arrivals - 3:45 pm arrive at St. Peter Community Center, 4 pm arrive at WOW Zone parking lot

Registration Deadline: Feb 15, 2024

MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM

Explore 1,200 acres of professionally-maintained gardens, rare plant collections and accessible trails. In 2019 USA Today readers named the Arboretum the best botanical gardens in North America. Attendees will see 40,000 gorgeous tulips, acres of blooming crabapple trees and azalea bushes, wildflower, daffodil and flowering bulb displays. A Flowerpot lunch in a private dining area and guided tram tour is included with this trip.

COURSE # 1263-1W \$92

Wed, May 15; 8:15 am -5 pm
Departures - 8:15 am depart WOW Zone parking lot, 8:30 am depart from St. Peter Community Center. Arrivals - 4:45 pm arrive at St. Peter Community Center, 5 pm arrive at WOW Zone parking lot.

Registration Deadline: Apr 10, 2024

DAYTRIPPERS THEATRE -

"TIL BETH DO US PART"

Join us for Dinner Theatre at the Plymouth Playhouse, where we will see "Til Beth Do Us Part" and enjoy a delicious pulled pork or Fetuchini Alfredo vegetarian meal option. Charter bus, show ticket and meal all included.

COURSE # 1270-1W \$96

Fri, May 10; 9:15 am -5 pm
Departures - 9:15 am depart WOW Zone parking lot, 9:30 am depart St. Peter Community Center. Arrivals - 4:45 pm arrive at St. Peter Community Center, 5 pm arrive at WOW Zone.

Registration Deadline: Apr 26, 2024

MN TWINS VS KANSAS CITY

Take me out to the ball game! Come enjoy an afternoon of outdoor baseball by joining us for a trip to Target Field to watch the Minnesota Twins play Kansas City! The game starts at 12:10 pm. Return time is approximate, based on the length of game. Seating will be in the Diamond Terrace.

COURSE # 1260-1S \$89

Thu, May 30; 9:30 am -7pm
Departures - 9:30 am depart WOW Zone parking lot, 9:45 am depart St. Peter Community Center. Return time - 6:45 pm arrive at St. Peter Community Center, 7pm arrive at WOW Zone parking lot.

Registration Deadline: May 1, 2024

Bus Trips

REGISTRATION TIPS

- When paying with credit card it will show up on your statement as Mankato Area Public Schools.
- NO REFUNDS can be given for trips after the registration deadline.

Contact Mel at 507-387-5501 for any trip ideas.

TRAVEL TIPS

- Register early to get your spot on the coach bus.
- Arrive 15 minutes prior to departure and locate travel companions.
- We contract out transportation. Our provider does not provide wheelchair accessible seating at this time. Participants must be able to travel independently.
- No glass bottles or containers on the bus.

Professional Development & Workforce Training



Update your skills and add to your resume with professional development opportunities from South Central College's Customized Workforce Education division. We offer skills training and professional development courses in a variety of formats (online, virtual, in-person), as well as on-site customized workforce training for organizations looking to upskill their employees.

POPULAR COURSES

AHA HeartSaver CPR AED (Adult)

Earn a 2-year American Heart Association card. Learn how to administer CPR and recognize the signs of heart attack and stroke. \$75 | SCC North Mankato | Spring 2024 – View dates online | 3 hrs

Boiler Operator Exam Prep

Get trained in everything you need to know to pass your boiler exam! \$245 | Live Online | Spring 2024 – View dates online | 8 hrs

Certificate in Workplace Communication

Get a comprehensive and intensive training in workplace communication with skills and techniques you can put to use on Monday morning.

\$595 | Online | Choose Your Start Dates | 56 hrs

Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Training

Prepare for CDL licensure with entry-level Class A/Class B training. View all options at southcentral.edu/CDL

Computer Skills for the Workplace

Confidently apply for jobs knowing that you possess the computer skills needed to perform on the job.

\$129 | Online | Choose Your Start Date | 24 hrs

Google Cybersecurity Certificate

Learn from cybersecurity experts at Google and gain in-demand skills that prepare you for entry-level roles like cybersecurity analyst, security operations center (SOC) analyst, and more.

\$199 | Online | Start Anytime | 170 hrs

Google Data Analytics Certificate

Earn a credential from Google and update your resume with key analytical skills and tools including SQL, R programming, and Tableau.

\$199 | Online | Start Anytime | 180 hrs

New Supervisor & Manager Skills Workshop

Gain the skills you need to transition into a leadership role and manage teams effectively.

\$495 | Live Online | Spring 2024 – View dates online | 16 hrs

OSHA Construction 10-Hour

Ensure your employees are well-trained and safe with construction safety training. Participants earn an OSHA 10-hour construction card.

\$300 | SCC North Mankato | March 4-5, 2024 | 10 hrs

OSHA Emergency Care/First Aid

Learn the proper first steps of treating workplace injuries and medical emergencies. This course satisfies OSHA and MSHA standards with certification issued for a two-year period. (Does not include CPR.)

\$60 | SCC North Mankato | Spring 2024 – View dates online | 3 hrs

OSHA General Industry 10-Hour

Gain the necessary skills to assess the workplace for potential hazards and learn best practices in order to maintain compliance with the law.

\$300 | SCC Faribault | April 29-30, 2024 | 10 hrs

Speed Spanish

Learn to speak, read, and write in Spanish. Designed for anyone who wants to learn Spanish pronto.

\$125 | Online | Choose Your Start Date | 24 Hrs

And many more courses to choose from!

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LINCOLN LIVES!

JOIN ABRAHAM LINCOLN SCHOLAR AND COSTUMED HISTORICAL INTERPRETER, BRYCE STENZEL, AS HE EXPLORES THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF AMERICA'S 16TH PRESIDENT. THE CLASS IS SPONSORED BY AMERICAN LEGION LORENTZ POST 11 AND FRIENDS OF THE BOY IN BLUE CIVIL WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL.

THIS TWO HOUR COURSE WILL DISCUSS HOW LINCOLN'S FRONTIER ORIGINS SHAPED HIS CHARACTER AS A LEADER, THE REASONS WHY HE WAS SO DETERMINED TO PRESERVE THE UNION AGAINST ALL ODDS, LINCOLN'S ROLE AS "DIPLOMAT-IN-CHIEF," HIS ROLE AS AN AGENT OF "MANIFEST DESTINY," THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 1864, AND THE TRAGEDY OF HIS ASSASSINATION.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024; 7-9 PM; LINCOLN
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THE SUMMER CATALOG!**

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ACCESS

ADULT WITH DISABILITIES

Enjoy a variety of activities that will encourage your creative side, express your knowledge, and engage with the community. We will have numerous festive art projects to get you ready for any gift giving you may want to do. Sign up for as many classes that suit your interest.

All classes are held at the Lincoln Community Center from 10-11 am.

SPRING SAMPLER

Pick between a variety of enriching activities for adults with disabilities! Engage with community while developing your creative side and increasing your knowledge.

March 12- Internet Safety – Learn to keep yourself self with on the internet from Mankato Public Safety Detectives.

March 19- Ink Tiles – Create a blend of fun colors and watch them merge and marble together on a ceramic tile. The tile can be used as a coaster or wall art!

April 2- Banking 101 – Learn banking basics with a local banking professional!

- This class is available to participants at no cost due to a generous sponsorship from SouthPoint Financial Credit Union, "empowering people to enhance lives."

April 9- Happy Marine Animals – Create your own underwater world with pre-printed aquatic animals and plants. Color your chosen animals and plants and attach them to a tag board to create your own underwater environment!

April 16- Bird Feeders – Help welcome the birds after winter with two types of bird feeders – a pinecone and peanut butter + a string of cereal.

April 23- Budgeting – Learn the basics of creating and following a budget with a local banking professional!

- This class is available to participants at no cost due to a generous sponsorship from SouthPoint Financial Credit Union, "empowering people to enhance lives."

April 30- Spring Animal Blocks – Create a bunny and chick out of blocks and other craft items.

May 7- Bingo – Enjoy bingo with friends and there will be a variety of prizes to choose from for your bingo prize.

To Register: visit mankato.ce.eleyo.com

for assistance with registration email Tia Dupont: tdupon1eisd77.org or call 507-387-5501.



ACCESS provides individuals with disabilities an opportunity to participate in social & recreational activities.

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**WINTER 2024
ACCESS**

AQUATICS *at East High School*



GROUP SWIMMING LESSONS

Ages 6 and up

COURSE #: 3100-1S

Level 1: Introduction to water Skills

COURSE #: 3200-1S

Level 2: Fundamental Aquatics Skills

COURSE#: 3300-1S

Level 3: Stroke Development

Apr 15-May 15; 4:30-5:15 pm

\$80

PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS

Ages 6 and up

Individual and Small Group lessons available 30-minute sessions
Saturday Afternoons

Individual \$24/Lesson

Ages 3 and up

Small-Group \$20/Lesson per participant

Registration is available online, [CLICK HERE](#)

LIFEGUARD TRAINING

Learn how to effectively prevent and respond to water emergencies with the American Red Cross lifeguard training. Our courses are designed to arm you with the skills and knowledge to prepare you for a variety of scenarios in and around the water. With our lifeguard training, you will learn how quick response times and effective preparation are vital to being a lifeguard while also understanding the crucial elements in helping to prevent drownings and injuries. This course utilizes a blended learning delivery with a combination of online and in-person content.

COURSE #: 3725-S24

\$180

Fri-Sun, Apr 12, 19, 20, 21, 26 & 27 EHS Pool

Fridays; 5-8 pm

Saturdays 9 am-2 pm

Sundays 9 am-2 pm

WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR® COURSE

Earn your certification to teach American Red Cross swimming and water safety, and gain the skills needed to teach courses and make presentations to swimmers of every age and ability. Through our Aquatic Instructor Training program, you can help recreational swimmers meet their goals, refine their skills and stay safe in, on, and around water. Water Safety Instructor (WSI)® course trains instructor candidates to teach all of the courses presented in the Swimming and Water Safety program to all age groups; learn-to-swim courses including Parent and Child Aquatics, Preschool Aquatics, Learn-to-Swim Levels 1-6, Adult Swim, and private swimming lessons. This certification is the gold standard and provides the most comprehensive training for swim instructors.

COURSE #: 3775-1S

\$230

Mon-Fri, Mar 25-29; 9 am-2 pm

EHS Pool

COURSE #: 3775-2S

\$230

Sat May 4 & 11; 9 am -4 pm &

Sun, May 5 & 12; 11 am-5 pm

EHS Pool

ADULT AQUATICS

MASTERS SWIM

Tuesdays & Thursdays

5-6:45 am

Saturday

6-8 am

February 1 - May 23

\$40 Monthly

\$5 Drop In

WATER AEROBICS & LAP SWIM

All abilities welcome for water aerobics!

Monday Evenings

March 18- May 20

6:30-8 pm

Wednesday Evenings

February 7-May 22

6:30-8 pm

Punch cards available in increments of 5, 10, or 20

ADULT PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS

Individual and small group lessons to help adults learn to swim or refine their skills. Sessions are 45 minutes long.

Lessons are available Sundays 10 am - 2 pm.

Registration is available online, [CLICK HERE](#)

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ENRICHMENT + LEISURE

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HAND BUILDING CERAMICS

Make a variety of objects from a lump of clay into something that you can utilize or give as a gift! Each class meets twice, once to shape the clay, once to glaze. You will be notified when your finished piece comes out of the kiln!

Grades 3-9

	COURSE #: 4410-Mug	\$37
	Sat, Apr 6 & 13; 9-11 am	LCC 153
	COURSE #: 4410-Luminary 1	\$37
	Tue, Apr 9 & 16; 6:30-8:30 pm	LCC 153
	COURSE #: 4410-Flower Pot	\$37
	Tue, Apr 23 & 30; 6:30-8:30 pm	LCC 153
	COURSE #: 4410-Luminary 2	\$37
	Tue, May 7 & 14; 6:30-8:30 pm	LCC 153

INTRODUCTION TO CERAMICS

Cups, bowls, vases, hand sculptures oh my! This introductory class is designed to build the foundations for ceramic wheel throwing and hand building techniques. Learn how to form, trim, glaze works with your own two hands!

Ages 11 & up

COURSE #: 4760-1W	\$89
Tue, Feb 27-Mar 26; 6-9 pm	LCC 153
This Introduction to Ceramics adult and child course is custom designed for adults and youth who would like to learn the art of ceramics together! The price of the course is based on a child attending the class with an adult and the 2 learning this skill together. Grades 3 & up	
COURSE #: 4761-1W Youth/Adult Class	\$150
Tue Apr 16-May 21; 6-9 pm	LCC 153



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connectingkidsmankato.org/apply-for-scholarship

INTRO TO HAND AND MACHINE SEWING

Welcome to hand and machine sewing. Learn the basics and then be free to explore your potential. To make our practice more fun, we will create a pillow monster to take home. A parent or adult guardian should attend with the youth. Double the fun by learning a new skill together. **Grades 3-8**
COURSE #: 4112-1W **\$79**
Thu, Apr 4 & 11; 6-8 pm LCC 154



AMERICAN INDIAN LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

American Indian Life Skills Development & Cultural Activities is an opportunity available to any student interested in learning about the American Indian Culture. Course is taught by Megan Schnitker & Lydia Larson.

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS,
February 1 - May 23
3:00 - 4:00 PM (GRADES 2-5)
4:00 - 5:00 PM (GRADES 6-12)
LINCOLN COMMUNITY CENTER RM 154
Preregistration required at
mankato.ce.eleyo.com

This is a FREE program made possible by the Mankato Revitalization Project and funded by Build & Believe Afterschool Grant from Ignite, Youthprise & MDE in partnership with MAPS.

HOME ALONE SAFETY (PARENT & CHILD CLASS)

Summer is coming and it may be time for your child to show increased independence by staying home alone. The new season brings both opportunity and challenge for families navigating sudden severe weather, neighborhood safety, screen time, and keeping your home safe and secure. Join Melanie Schmidt for a special edition of Home Alone Safety where we focus on summer fun and how kids can be safe while experiencing the outdoors, neighborhood friends, and even vacation adventures at the lake or cabin. **Grades 2-6**
COURSE #: 5107-1S **\$20**
Mon, May 6; 6-7:30 pm
LCC 157

RED CROSS ADVANCED BABYSITTER TRAINING

The American Red Cross Babysitter's Training course provides youth ages 11-15 with the information and skills necessary to safely and responsibly care for children. Participants develop skills in leadership and professionalism, basic care, safety and safe play and first aid. Class fee includes textbooks (babysitter handbook & emergency response book). Participants earn certification in pediatric first aid, CPR, and AED. All participants should bring a lunch and beverage to class.

Grades 11-15	
COURSE #: 4850-1W	\$120
Mon, Jan 15; 9 am-3 pm	LCC 157
COURSE #: 4850-1S	\$120
Wed, Apr 10; 9 am-3 pm	LCC 157



YEL GRANDMASTERS OF CHESS 1.1

New and returning students invited. Our winter session focuses on advanced beginner and intermediate concepts. Learn, Practice and Play chess each class.

Grades K-5

WINTER SESSION

COURSE #: 5295-1W (LCC / Sat) \$120
Sat, Jan 13-Feb 17; 9-10 am LCC 154

COURSE #: 5295-1W(Hoover) \$120
Wed, Jan 24-Mar 6; 2:30-3:30 pm H-Dome
No class Feb 14

COURSE #: 5295-1W(Bridges) \$120
Thu, Jan 25-Feb 29; 2:50-3:50 pm B-125

COURSE #: 5295-1W(LCC) \$120
Mon, Jan 29-Mar 4; 5-6 pm LCC 154

COURSE #: 5295-1W(Washington) \$120
Mon, Jan 29-Mar 4; 2:30-3:30 pm W-Media

COURSE #: 5295-1W(Eagle Lake) \$120
Thu, Apr 4-May 9; 2:30-3:30 pm EL-Media

SPRING SESSION

COURSE #: 5295-1S(LCC) \$120
Mon, Apr 1-May 6; 5-6 pm LCC 154

COURSE #: 5295-1S(Washington) \$120
Mon, Apr 1-May 6; 2:30-3:30 pm W-Media

COURSE #: 5295-1S(Eagle Lake) \$120
Tue, Apr 2-May 7; 2:30-3:30 pm EL-Media

COURSE #: 5295-1S(Hoover) \$120
Wed, Apr 3-May 29; 2:30-3:30 pm H-Dome

COURSE #: 5295-1S(Bridges) \$120
Thu, Apr 4-May 9; 2:50-3:50 pm B-125

COURSE #: 5295-1S(Roosevelt) \$120
Fri, Apr 5-May 10; 2:30-3:30 pm R-Art Rm

COURSE #: 5295-1W (LCC / Sat) \$120
Sat, Apr 6-May 11; 9-10 am LCC 154

DRAMA KIDS

At Drama Kids the "Difference is Dramatic!" Developing important lifelong speaking, leadership, and social skills through FUN drama activities is our specialty! The copyrighted curriculum features original creative lessons with a built-in advancing scale of language development that enables students of different ages and abilities to progress at their own rate.

To Register for all of the elementary schools and middle schools visit [click here](#).



ROBOTICS

Build a better, safer world. This session we focus on keeping civilization safe by building and programming an automatic flood gate, an earthquake machine, and designing your own city-safety features. **Grades 1-5**

WINTER

COURSE #: 5357-1W(Washington) \$115
Fri, Jan 12-Feb 16; 2:30-3:30 pm W-Art Rm

COURSE #: 5357-1W(Hoover) \$115
Tue, Jan 23-Feb 27; 2:30-3:30 pm H-Dome

COURSE #: 5357-1W(Bridges) \$115
Wed, Jan 24-Mar 6; 2:50-3:50 pm B-125

COURSE #: 5357-1W(Eagle Lake) \$115
Mon, Jan 29-Mar 4; 2:30-3:30 pm LCC 154

SPRING

COURSE #: 5357-1S(LCC) \$115
Tue, Feb 6-Mar 12; 6-7 pm LCC- 154

COURSE #: 5357-1S(Eagle Lake) \$115
Mon, Apr 1-May 6; 2:30-3:30 pm EL-Media

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Wed, Apr 3-May 29; 2:50-3:50 pm B-125

COURSE #: 5357-1S(Washington) \$115
Fri, Apr 5-May 10; 2:30-3:30 pm W-Art Rm

Middle School After School

At Dakota Meadows & Prairie Winds Middle School

Middle School After School is an after school program for youth in grades 6-8, located at Prairie Winds & Dakota Meadows Middle Schools. Students have the opportunity to register for clubs of their choice that meet on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday afternoons from 3:25-5 pm at each school. Club topics vary by school and season, but popular themes include: Dungeons and Dragons, Art Club, Chess, Theater, and more. The Winter Session of Middle School After School starts Monday, January 8 and closes on Thursday, March 14, 2024. Middle School After School runs all school year.

For more information about Middle School After School, contact **Melanie Schmidt**, Enrichment Coordinator at mschmi3@isd77.org or call 507-387-5501. Click here to register online at mankato.ce.eleyo.com

5TH GRADE TRANSITION TO MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

5th Grade students attending Dakota Meadows or Prairie Winds in the Fall of 2024 are invited to spend some time at their new school, learning some of the basics of middle school.

COURSE#: 8989-4 \$15
Mon, Jan 22; 12-3:30 pm DMMS

COURSE#: 8989-3 \$15
Mon, Jan 22; 8-11:30 am PWMS



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July 15 - 19, 2024 | Grades: K-6





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LEARN TO SKI

Ages 7-9

COURSE #: 8500-1W **\$120**
Mon, Feb 5-19; 6-8 pm Mt Kato

Ages 10-13

Course #: 8500-2W **\$120**
Mon, Feb 5-19; 6-8 pm Mt Kato

LEARN TO SNOWBOARD

Ages 9-13

COURSE #: 8500-3W **\$120**
Mon, Feb 5-19; 6-8 pm Mt Kato

FAMILY LEARN TO SKI & SNOWBOARD

COURSE #: 8500-4W **\$120**
Tue, Feb 6-20; 6-8 pm Mt Kato



SKATING SCHOOL

Skating classes are offered through the Ice Skating Institute of America for all recreational skaters at all levels.

WINTER SESSION:

COURSE #: 2301 **\$65**

Sat, Feb 3- Mar 9; Times vary

ALL SEASONS ARENA

AGES 3+

Prerequisites

Beginner 1 - ages 3-6

Beginner 2 ages 7 and up or passed Beginner 1

Pre Alpha - prerequisite Beginner 2

Alpha - prerequisite Pre Alpha

Beta - prerequisite Alpha

Gamma/Delta - prerequisite Beta

GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

Mankato West Coaches

Join Mankato West Basketball Coaches for a basketball skills camp. **Grades K-2**

COURSE#: 8117 **\$65**
Sat, March 2-23; 9-10 am DMMS Gym



SATURDAY MORNING SPORTS

Rules and fundamentals are covered at the beginning of each session, followed by low-key competition.

INDOOR SOCCER COED-GRADES K-6

COURSE #: 8512 **\$65**
Sat, Feb 3-24; times vary LCC Gym

BASKETBALL-COED-GRADES PK-6

COURSE #: 8511 **\$65**
Sat, Mar 2-23; times vary RP Gym

FLAG FOOTBALL COED- GRADES K-6

COURSE #: 8513 **\$65**
Sat, Apr 4-27; times vary RP-Fields

YOUTH T-BALL COED- AGES 4-7

COURSE #: 8509 **\$65**
Sat, Apr 20-May 11; times vary W- Fields



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ARCHERY

Archery is fun way for students to try something new! Our program provides the curriculum and equipment to teach the basics of using a compound bow. Classes are taught by a certified archery instructor and provide a safe and fun introduction to the sport of archery. Commands, signals, techniques and shooting challenges are all part of the program. Learn about equipment and participate in a low-pressure and supportive environment.

All equipment is provided.

BEGINNING ARCHERY GRADES 4-6

COURSE #: 8514-IS **\$65**
Tue, Mar 5- Apr 16; 4:30-5:30 pm
LCC Lower Gym

INTERMEDIATE ARCHERY GRADES 4-8

COURSE #: 8515-IS **\$65**
Tue, Mar 5- Apr 16; 5:40-6:40 pm
LCC Lower Gym

****Students must have successfully completed the Beginning Archery class to register for Intermediate Archery.**

TEEN ARCHERY-GRADES 7-12

Teens now have the opportunity to become involved in something new and explore the world of target shooting!

COURSE #: 8516-IS **\$65**
Tue, Mar 5-Apr 16; 6:50-7:50 pm
LCC Lower Gym

FENCING 1.1 -GRADES 2-5

COURSE #: 5970-1(WINTER) **\$125**
Mon, Jan 29-Mar 4; 6-7 pm LCC Gym

COURSE #: 5970-2(Spring) **\$125**
Mon, Apr 1-May 6; 6-7 pm LCC Gym

FENCING 1.2 -GRADES 6-12

COURSE #: 4970-1(WINTER) **\$125**
Mon, Jan 29-Mar 4; 7-8 pm LCC Gym

COURSE #: 4970-2(Spring) **\$125**
Mon, Apr 1-May 6; 7-8 pm LCC Gym

MANKATO WEST BASKETBALL

Join West Basketball coaches for this basketball skills camp. Skills camp & introduction to 3 on 3 team play.

BOYS CAMP

COURSE #: 8117-K/2 **\$65**
Sun, Apr 7-28; 12:30-1:30 pm WHS Gym

COURSE #: 8117-3/5 **\$65**
Sun, Apr 7-28; 1:45-2:45 pm WHS Gym

COURSE #: 8117 6/8 **\$65**
Sun, Apr 7-28; 3-4 pm WHS Gym



Join Us for Winter Classes!! Starts January 3rd

Free Registration with this flyer!

507-625-2005 dcdance002@gmail.com www.dcsmdance.com

****Mankato Studio****

1400 Madison Ave Suite 318
All performs in Spring Recital

Boys Combo

Ages 8+ Thursdays 8:00-8:55
\$25 per month
Learn Hip Hop and Jazz

Winter Frost

Ages 3+ Mondays 5:15-6:00
Or Wednesdays 6-6:45
\$35 per month
Learn Jazz, Ballet, & Tap

Intro to Hip Hop

Ages 5+ Sat 11:00-11:45
\$35 per month
Learn basic intro to Hip Hop

Daytime Classes

Learn Jazz, Ballet, & Tap
\$30 per month

Combo E

Ages 5-6 Tues 1:00-1:45

Combo D

Ages 7+ Tues 1:45-2:30

****St Peter Studio****

112 Grace Street St Peter

Winter Frost

Ages 3+, Thurs at 5:15-6:00
Or Sat at 11:00-11:45
\$35 per month
Learn Jazz, Ballet, and Tap
Performs in our Spring Recital

Dance Session Sampler Class

Ages 3+ Sat 12:00-12:55
Classes are Jan 20-Mar 23
\$100 for 10 weeks
Learn Jazz, Ballet, & Tap
*Non-performance Class

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WINTER 2024

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Boys & Girls Age 4-18!

ONLY
\$**9**
PER WEEK

About CFA Cheer

To learn more about our awesome recreational and elite cheer opportunities check out our website at championforce.com! To sign up for one of our classes go to championforce.com and click register. To sign up for this class use class code (10767).



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Class Information

HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH
105 HOSANNA DR.
Mankato, MN 56001

Classes held every **THURSDAY** Starting

FEBRUARY 15TH, 2024

D1 (AGES 4-6) @ 5:30 PM

D2 (AGES 7-8) @ 6:15 PM

D3 (AGES 9+) @ 7:00 PM



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THE SUMMER CATALOG!**

**CONTACT LEIGH
OR CALL 507-387-5501
FOR MORE INFORMATION**



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Register Now!
for Spring Semester

MankatoAreaYouthChoirs.org

Participation open to students in grades 1-12



Monday evening rehearsals start Jan. 8
Christ the King Church, Mankato
30th Anniversary Spring Concert: April 21



This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



PREGNANCY CLASS

Free

**PELVIC HEALTH
CONSIDERATIONS
IN PREGNANCY**

April 17th 5:00-6:00pm
Lincoln Community Center
Enter through door 1



Learn about your pelvic floor and changes that occur during pregnancy from Janelle Harding, DPT, a pelvic health physical therapist. Discover strategies and exercises to optimize the comfort and support of your body during this time.

**To Register click
here!**

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SUMMER ACES

A FUN, EDUCATIONAL + RECREATIONAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN
ALIGNING WITH MAPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS + EARLY LEARNING DEPARTMENT

2024

EARLY LEARNING

3-5 YEAR OLDS



One Location:



ACES Early Learning
Center for Learning
15 Map Drive | Mankato

Dates: June 10 '24 - Sept 1 '24

Hours: 7a-5:30p

Who: 3-4-5 year olds

(who are not entering kindergarten in Sept 2024)

Cost: Coming January 2024!

Cost will include:

breakfast

lunch

snacks

field trip t-shirt

sunscreen + bug spray

off-site adventures

Registration opens: 03.13.24 @ 630a

ELEMENTARY

K-5TH GRADE

Three Locations: 📍 TBA

Dates: Coming Soon!

Hours: 6:30a-6:00p

Who: incoming K-5th students

Cost: Coming January 2024!

Cost will include:

breakfast

lunch

snacks

field trip t-shirt

sunscreen + bug spray

off-site adventures

Registration opens: 03.13.24 @ 630a



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registration dates

Summer ACES '24:
Opens 03.13.24 @ 6:30a



**School Year ACES
2024-2025:**
Opens 05.08.24 @ 6:30a



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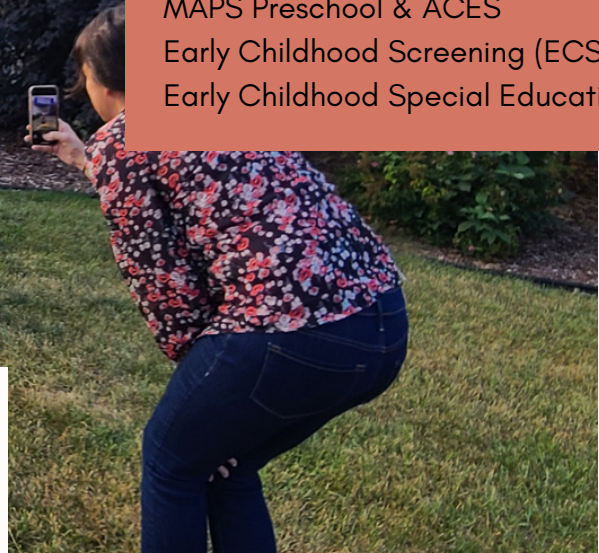
EARLY LEARNING CENTER FOR LEARNING PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN BIRTH TO AGE 5 AND THEIR FAMILIES

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

MAPS Preschool & ACES

Early Childhood Screening (ECS)

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)



PLAY BASED LEARNING

7 acres to explore



We are excited to have access to several acres of outdoor space at our new location! At the Center for Learning, we are committed to creating an environment for the healthy development of our youngest learners. Therefore, our Early Learning classes will be utilizing our outdoor spaces on a regular basis with many opportunities for nature play and exploration. Please come prepared to play, explore, learn, and enjoy in the great outdoors!

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EARLY LEARNING



EARLY LEARNING

Welcome

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) provides programming and service to families of young children. Parents and caregivers are critical to a young child's development and provide a foundation for young learners' success. Early Childhood Family Education works to strengthen families and encourages parents to provide the best possible environment for the healthy development of their children through facilitation of parent-child activities by a licensed early childhood teacher, and parent discussion facilitated by a licensed parent educator. A variety of classes and outreach activities are offered for families with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with varied topics and interests.

What does a typical ECFE class include?

Parent-Child Activity Time

Families explore a classroom filled with developmentally appropriate play and learning activities planned by a licensed early childhood teacher. These experiences foster a child's social, emotional, cognitive, physical and language and communication skills.

Parent Education Time

Parents meet with a licensed parent educator to share support, experiences and information about child development and parenting. Discussions are focused on early brain development, parent-child relationships, social-emotional learning, behavior guidance, language development, thinking skills, and physical development.

Children's Activity Time

Children explore, gain independence, and practice social skills while interacting with the early childhood teacher and paraeducator.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

for Early Learning

SPRING SESSION

March 11- May 24

To register, visit mankato.ce.eleyo.com.

If you are unable to register online, you may call our office at the Center for Learning (507) 625-4620.

PAYMENT/SCHOLARSHIPS

Fees are payable by cash, check or credit card. Scholarships for parent/child classes in the form of a reduced fee or waived fee are available for families in need of financial assistance (ECFE Fee Scale). Registrant wishing to withdraw their registration must do so no later than one week prior to the course start date. No refunds will be given if withdraw is made less than one week prior.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Please bring a copy of your child's immunization records to the first class. If your child has not been immunized, we will need you to submit a signed exempt form to the Early Learning office.

SIBLING CARE

Sibling care is available for most parent/child classes. Please make alternative care arrangements for your child if sibling care is not available. You will register and pay for sibling care at the same time you register for your parent/child class. We ask that you provide one healthy snack item per term. You are welcome to visit your child in sibling care at any time.

ECFE FEE SCALE

Income Range	Fee for 1.5 hr class	Fee for 1 hr class
\$0-19,999	\$0	\$0
\$20,000-29,999	\$15	\$10
\$30,000-49,999	\$40	\$20
\$50,000-74,999	\$65	\$40
\$75,000+	\$80	\$60

Registration for ECFE or Program Questions:

Center for Learning
15 Map Dr, Mankato
507-625-4620

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EARLY LEARNING



INFANT/TODDLER

WELCOME TO THE WORLD LITTLE ONE!

Congratulations on your new baby and welcome to Mankato Area Public Schools. Parents and caregivers are invited to register for one of our Great Start infant classes for support, more information, and to learn alongside other new parents. Please call to register for your first ECCE Great Start Infant class for FREE!

GREAT START 0-9 MONTHS

Non-Separating

Bring your baby to play in our ECCE classroom! You will find age appropriate activities to enjoy with your baby, simple ways to encourage your baby's development at home, and meet other parents with whom you can share ideas, concerns, and successes.

Monday 10-11 am

Tuesdays 6-7 pm

BUSY BODIES 10-18 MONTHS

Non-Separating

Rolling...Creeping...Crawling... Walking! Explore, play and learn with your little one alongside a licensed early childhood educator. Learn, support and grow with other parents and caregivers alongside a licensed parent educator. Topics range from child development to finding time for yourself.

Mondays 6-7 pm or

Tuesdays 9-10 am

NEWBORN DISCOVERY

BIRTH-12 WEEKS

Non-separating

For parents of newborns ages 0-12 weeks. Support and information will be provided through discussions that are facilitated by a licensed Parenting Educator, Public Health Nurse, and a Lactation Specialist and through connections with other parents and caregivers. Topics include: feeding, sleep, attachment, returning to work, family changes, and developmental milestones.

Year Round

LITTLE WIGGLERS

13-24 MONTHS

Non-Separating

Your one year-old is busy, curious and ready to play! Together you and your child will play with a variety of toys, use art materials, learn songs and finger plays and enjoy lots of movement. A benefit of this class is that you and your child will remain in the same room together while parent discussion takes place.

Mondays 9-10 am

Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 pm or 6-7 pm

Thursdays 9-10 am

MUSIC, MOVEMENT & BOOKS

13-28 MONTHS

Non-Separating

Come and enjoy music, movement and books with your toddler! During this class, we will use songs, books, and large motor skills to help foster literacy development, active learning, and physical health.

Wednesdays 9-10 am

SHAKERS AND MOVERS

18-33 MONTHS

Separating

Toddlers are always on the move! Enjoy some one on one time with your child while they learn a variety of skills through play. As a caregiver, you will gain knowledge and support with other caregivers when you separate for parent discussion time.

Friday 9-10:30 am

YOUNG 2'S

18-30 MONTHS

Gradual Separating

Toddlers are constantly on the go exploring with energy and wonder. That is their job. Join us in activities that encourage language development, self-help skills, and a variety of sensory activities. Gradually, as the class allows, parents will move on to the parenting education room. As a parent, you will gain knowledge and support from a licensed parent educator and other parents during discussion time.

Monday 10:30 am -12 pm



AGES 2 & 3/MULTI-AGE

2'S-3'S YEAR OLDS 28-47 MONTHS

Separating

Being a two or three year old is a very unique time in your child's life. Language development is emerging, social skills are developing and physical and cognitive changes occur rapidly. The class will have parent/child interaction time followed by a parent only discussion time lead by a Parent Educator. Children remain in the classroom to experience learning activities, such as sensory exploration, dramatic play, large and small muscle experiences, in addition to storytelling, music and other literacy-rich activities under the guidance of an Early Childhood Teacher.

Mondays 10:30 am-12 pm or 6-7:30 pm
Tuesdays 8:30-10 am, 10:30 am-12 pm or 6-7:30 pm

Wednesday 8:30-10 am or
10:30 am-12:00 pm

FAMILY NATURE MEET-UP

FOR 8 WEEKS BIRTH - 8 YEARS

Non-Separating

Nature will be our guide as we explore, learn, and grow outside together. The Nature Meet-up is for all families whether you are an avid explorer with your little ones or just want to try something new. We welcome backpack babies and children birth - 8yrs. You, the parents, or caregiver, will stay with your children during the nature meetup. You get to explore and play too. Please come dressed to be outside. We'll be playing and hiking in all types of weather. Rain boots and raincoats make exploring more fun on wet days. Fall & Spring only
Mondays 4:30-5:30 pm or
Wednesdays 10:30-11:30 am

FANTASTIC 3'S 36-48 MONTHS

Separating

Parenting your 3 year old is exciting, fun, and also challenging at times. Spend some time with your child in our ECFE classroom with other children and parents or caregivers who are having similar experiences. Children will be able to play, explore, and learn new skills with the guidance of a licensed early childhood educator. You will value time spent with other caregivers to discuss child development, challenges, proud moments, and gain support with a licensed parent educator.

Fridays 9-10:30 am

BOOKS AND BEYOND

3-5 YEARS

Non-Separating

Dive into the world of imagination with your child through books. In this non-separating class you and your child will experience art, math, science, music, and nutritional activities that will correspond with the books you'll be reading. Parenting tips will be shared.

Wednesdays 6-7 pm or

Thursdays 10:30-11:30 am

MESSY ART

13-35 MONTHS OR 2-5 YEARS

Non-Separating

"Paint, chalk, flour, oatmeal, glue, glitter, hands and feet..." What do all these items have in common? These are just a few tools we will use to "mess around" in our class. So, come prepared to explore, create, and have fun!

Thursdays 10:30-11:30 am or 6-7 pm or

Fridays 11 am-12 pm

STEM CLASS 3-5 YEARS

Non-Separating

Help your child explore the world using their senses. Join us as we explore, investigate, calculate, & experiment with hands-on math and science concepts. Learn with your child how fun, easy, and important it is to incorporate math and science into your everyday life. This is a non-separating class taught by an Early Childhood Teacher.

Mondays 6-7 pm

BUILDING EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Non Separating ages 12-24 months

Separating ages 24-48 months

"Building Emotional Intelligence" is a specialized parent-child class designed to foster social-emotional learning in children aged 0 to 5, while equipping parents and caregivers with the tools and knowledge to support their child's emotional development during these critical early years. Through age-appropriate activities, games, songs, and guided discussions, "Building Emotional Intelligence" provides a foundation for parents and caregivers to understand the importance of social-emotional development in their child's overall well-being. Led by licensed Early Childhood and Parenting Educators with expertise in early childhood development.

PARENTING FOR EQUITY

Virtual

There is no perfect way to talk with young children about race, racism, equity, anti-racism, and justice. Let's do this together! With the guidance of a licensed parent educator, parents will explore how racial identity develops, share how to use children's books to aid in conversations, and examine what role parent's play in raising race conscious children. There will be asynchronous and synchronous portions of this class.

Winter Only

ONLINE PARENTING DISCUSSION GROUP

Virtual

Come join us for a 10-week journey exploring what is vital to a strong foundation of parenting! Topics will focus on attachment, brain development, social emotional learning, and parenting philosophy and goals. This online discussion will be lead by a licensed parent educator by sharing videos, information, and posting discussion questions. Parents can participate and respond to the discussion questions throughout the week as it fits their schedules. A biweekly chat will also be held for those who are able to participate every other Wednesday evening, but not required.



EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Best to be screened at age 3

Required before Kindergarten Registration

Early Childhood Screening is a comprehensive developmental screening for children 3–5 years old.

The purpose of Early Childhood Screening is to...

- Increase parent understanding of child's health, development and school readiness
- Identify conditions and risk factors that may affect a child's ability to learn and develop, make referrals for further assessment
- Link families to parenting resources and preventive health care

A Parent Should Schedule an Early Childhood Screening because...

- It identifies, at an early age, any hearing, vision, growth or development needs.
- It gives the parent valuable information about their child, information about school readiness and community resources.
- It is required by the state of Minnesota before entrance into public school kindergarten.



Click here to make your appointment. If you have any questions please contact our office at 507-625-4620.

HELP ME GROW

WHAT IS HELP ME GROW?

- Help Me Grow provides resources for families to understand developmental milestones and learn if there are concerns. This helps families take the lead in seeking additional support, or referring their child for a comprehensive, confidential screening or evaluation at no cost.
- Help Me Grow is an inter-agency initiative of the State of Minnesota Department of Education, Department of Health and Department of Human Services. We partner with all local service agencies.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW TO HELP A YOUNG CHILD DEVELOP, LEARN AND GROW?

- Developmental Milestones - Learn more about how a child develops from birth to five.
- Encouraging Healthy Development- Find ideas on how to support a child's development, healthy learning and growth.
- Get Help for a Child- Learn what to do if you have concerns about a child's development.
- Articles- Explore in-depth information on birth to five child development and growth and early intervention.

HOME VISITING

Our Early Childhood Family Education Home Visit program is designed to provide individual support to parents and caregivers of children prenatal to age 5. A licensed parent educator will help support parents in their role as the most important and influential teacher of their child. For questions and to schedule an appointment with a home visitor, call the Early Learning Department at (507) 625-4620.

WHO MAY BENEFIT FROM ECFE HOME VISITS

- Families without access to reliable transportation
- Families with children and/or parents having special medical, physical, or developmental concerns
- Families referred by other programs
- Expecting mothers
- First-time parents
- Families who would benefit from individual support
- Families experiencing trauma or stressful family situations

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM OUR HOME VISIT PROGRAM

- Make connections with other community resources
- Encouragement, support, and strategies to create an environment for learning and growth
- Discuss current parenting and family issues based on individual family needs
- Learn developmentally appropriate activities to support your child's development.
- A safe, confidential, environment to share and discuss personal issues related to parenting
- Develop a better understanding of the importance of strong positive relationships.



WEATHER INFORMATION

On days when MAPS schools are closed or students are released early due to hazardous weather conditions, all ECCE Parent/Child classes are canceled.

When MAPS K-12 starts two hours late due to weather, all ECCE Parent/Child classes starting 10:30 or later will still be held.

If school is released on schedule and there is a threat of inclement weather, the Early Learning Department along with the Community Education Department will make a decision whether to hold evening classes or to cancel. Watch for announcements indicating MAPS Community Education classes or Early Learning or Early Childhood classes are canceled.

Caregivers are encouraged to use their own judgment in attending classes if weather is threatening.

We will announce any closures or cancellations on our Facebook page, MAPSEarlyLearning, and on local media outlets indicating ECCE classes, Early Learning and/or Community Education classes are canceled.

Check out the weather hotline number 507-387-6046 (Call 24 hours/7days a week) for all the latest information on school closings related to weather.

FAMILY OPEN GYM & PLAYTIME

Parents and their children Birth- Age 5 are WELCOME! Family Open Gym and Playtime is great for large muscle development.

Riding toys, balls, and more will be available.

Join us for Open Gym

9:30am to 11:30am

January 12 and 26

February 9 and 23

March 15

April 5 and 19

May 3 and 17

Free! No need to register.

Located at Lincoln

**Community Center Upper Gym :
110 Fulton Street, Mankato**

Move with us



MAPS PRESCHOOL

**Children age 3 or 4 by
September 1, 2024**

Locations:

**Center for Learning
Eagle Lake Elementary**

Registration is easy!

For more information or to register:
Call 507-625-4620 or visit our website
<https://www.isd77.org/schools-programs/early-learning/preschool>



**Mankato Area Public Schools
Preschool Registration
for 2024-25
Begins January 15, 2024**



WHY PRESCHOOL IS IMPORTANT ?

- MAPS Preschool is a registration based program. Scholarships are available on a sliding fee scale.
- Family Involvement is essential to the MAPS Preschool experience.
- A research, play based, curriculum and authentic assessment are used across program classrooms.
- Play builds the brain! Play is a child's work! Play based learning is foundational at MAPS!
- The whole child is developed by offering activities and experiences through music, movement, outdoor, and hands-on learning to develop skills in the areas of math, literacy, cognitive, and social emotional.
- Alignment with Mankato Area Public Schools policies, practices and procedures for successful transition to Kindergarten and life long learning!
- Our classrooms offer inclusive settings for children with special needs.

REGISTRATION IS EASY!

For Community Education



ONLINE
<https://mankato.ce.eleyo.com/>
EMAIL
commed@isd77.org

PHONE
507-387-5501
MN RELAY SERVICES: V/TTY711

PAYMENTS

Community Education collects payment information at the time of registration. Typically payment will be processed in the week prior to start date. You will be emailed a payment reminder at that time. We accept VISA, MasterCard and Discover. Participation for all members of the household will be suspended until the account is brought up to date.** Delinquent accounts are subject to collections.

ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Please be sure to review and update all user information including payment information, payer and participant names, address, phone numbers, emergency contacts and email address.

REFUNDS

Registrants wishing to withdraw their registration from a course must do so no later than 4 business days prior to the scheduled start of the activity* Refunds may include a \$10 processing fee. *NO refunds can be given for trips or tours after the registration deadline.

CANCELLED CLASSES

CE reserves the right to cancel any event, class or program. CE will make efforts to contact registrants before the scheduled start of the activity. Refunds (may include \$5 processing fee) will be given if cancellation occurs. If Mankato Area Public Schools District 77 closes school or releases students early due to weather concerns, CER activities will also be cancelled. For updated information, please check www.mankatocer.com or Mankato Community Education Facebook page.

MANKATO AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUILDING KEY



B - Bridges Community School 320 Garfield Avenue, North Mankato	M - Monroe Elementary School 441 Monroe Avenue, North Mankato
EL - Eagle Lake Elementary School 500 Le Sueur Avenue, Eagle Lake	R - Roosevelt Elementary School 300 West Sixth Street, Mankato
F - Franklin Elementary School 1000 North Broad Street, Mankato	RP - Rosa Parks Elementary School 1001 Heron Drive, Mankato
H - Hoover Elementary School 1524 Hoover Drive, North Mankato	W - Washington Elementary School 1100 Anderson Drive, Mankato
J - Jefferson Elementary School 100 James Avenue, Mankato	DMMS - Dakota Meadows Middle School 1900 Howard Drive West, North Mankato
K - Kennedy Elementary School 2600 East Main Street, Mankato	PWMS - Prairie Winds Middle School 1200 Prairie Winds Drive, Mankato
EHS - Mankato East High School 2600 Hoffman Road, Mankato	
WHS - Mankato West High School 1351 South Riverfront Drive, Mankato	
LCC - Lincoln Community Center 110 Fulton Street, Mankato	
C4L -Center for Learning 15 Map Drive, Mankato	



Walk with us!

COMMUNITY MEMBERS 62+

We are happy that our school spaces (DMMS, Lincoln, & Eagle Lake) can be utilized to assist you in staying well. The service is **FREE** to community members 62+, advance registration required. January 3, 2024 through March 28, 2024.

Dakota Meadows Middle School

1900 Howard Drive, North Mankato
Monday and Wednesday 6-8PM.
January 15 and 22 1-3PM

Eagle Lake Elementary

500 LeSueur Avenue, Eagle Lake
Monday and Wednesday 6-8PM
January 15 and 22 1-3PM

Lincoln Community Center

110 Fulton Street, Mankato
Tuesday and Thursday 6-8PM



**Registration is required for Walk with us! Community Members 62+
Course #: 1100.**

