



AUGUST 2024

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August Connection to Community Resources features:

- New Car Seat Law, School Supply Drive, Wrap Training
- **2024-25 School Year Info- Key Dates, School Supplies- how to donate & access supplies:** Educational Benefits, Early Childhood Screening ages 3-5
- **Fall Registrations** - Sign up dates, financial assistance, free English classes, Family Literacy
- **Financial Wellness**- Free workshops & counseling
- **Upcoming Events**- Band Together Aug 22, Gear Swap Sept 7-8,

If you have a resource you would like featured in an upcoming newsletter or would like to connect regarding your specific situation, please let me know.

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In the Community



BAND TOGETHER
 Live Music- Games-Raffle
 Food Trucks
 Fundraiser for Mental Health support within the Edina Schools.
 All Are Welcome

NEW CAR SEAT LAW Begins Aug 1
 Review what's new

MINNESOTA CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY LAW UPDATE

Seat Type	Age/Size	Restraint Use
Rear-facing	Birth to at least 2 years old.	Rear-facing in an infant or convertible child safety seat.
Forward-facing	At least 2 years old AND has outgrown the rear-facing seat with internal harness by height or weight.	Forward-facing with an internal harness.
Booster seat	4 Years old AND has outgrown the forward-facing seat with internal harness by height or weight.	Ride restrained in a belt-positioning booster seat using the lap belt and shoulder belt.
Lap belt	9 years old or has outgrown the booster seat AND the child can pass the 5-step test. A child, under age 13, must sit in a back seat, if possible.	Ride restrained with a lap belt and shoulder belt secured correctly on the vehicle seat.

Read about the 5-step test that demonstrates how the seat belt fits correctly, on back



August 18 & 19
 WRAP is a Free Training for Parents & Caregivers with a child experiencing mental health Challenges
[Register by Aug 16](#)

[WRAP Training \(PDF\)](#)



GEAR SWAP 2024

Donate your good condition or new gear on Saturday, September 7 8:30-2pm

Gear Shop on Sunday, September 8 9:30-1pm

Donate if you can. Donate what you can. All Are welcome.

Gear Swap will accept and distribute **WINTER GEAR**- Jackets, boots, snow

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

JULY 31-AUGUST 16

Wish List

Elementary

- Headphones
- Pencil Pouch
- Pencil Box
- Erasers- large
- Dry Erase Markers
- Felt Tip Pens (Flair)
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Pencil Sharpeners

Middle/High School

- Calculators (Graphing & Scientific)
- Colored Pencils
- Ear Buds
- Felt Tip Pens (Flair)
- Highlighters
- Index Cards (3x5)
- Pencil Pouch (clips into a binder)
- Post-its
- Reinforcement Labels
- Tab Dividers
- Trapper Keepers

All Grades

- Markers (Broad Tip & Thin)
- Folders - 2 pocket
- Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Notebooks
- Pens (blue, black, red)
- Highlighters
- Reusable Water Bottles
- Backpacks (large sizes)

Donation Drop-off

Edina Community Center
Door 3
5701 Normandale Rd,
Edina, MN 55424



pants.

Help us gather winter items for students in our schools who cannot afford them. Full range of size child-youth-adult are needed

[Learn More](#)

Donations of School Supplies are needed to ensure every students is ready to learn. Click on the wish list above or use the [SignUpGenius](#) to add your donations. Edina Resource Center will dis

2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

EDINA FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

AUGUST 26 - GRADES 6-12 1st Day

AUGUST 23 & 26 K-5 Connect/Assess

AUGUST 28- GRADES K-5 1st Day

AUGUST 28 - ELC/ECSE 1st Day

[FAMILY BACK TO SCHOOL](#)

[HANDBOOK](#) Your go to place for all the information about the new school year.

OPEN HOUSES

Elementary Schools Thursday, Aug 22

Concord 7:30-9:00 AM

Cornelia 8:00-9:00AM

Countryside 3:00-5:00PM

Creek Valley 8:00-9:30AM

Highlands 4:00-6:00PM

Normandale 3:00-5:00PM

[Get Connected Days](#)

South View Aug 13 11:00-7:00PM

Valley View Aug 20 8:30-12pm/ 1:00-5:30PM

Edina High School Aug 22 11:00-6:00PM



School Supplies for Edina Students

Find your School Supply List for 2024-25

[Concord](#) [Cornelia](#) [Countryside](#) [Creek Valley](#) [Highlands](#) [Normandale](#)
[South View](#) [Valley View](#) [Edina High School](#) [Edina Virtual Pathways](#)

Get Help with Supplies

Any family who needs assistance getting a backpack & school supplies can connect with their [school social worker](#).

Donate Supplies & Backpacks

Thank you to the many supporters who have donated supplies for students. A Special Thank you to VEAP for their collection of supplies. View our Donation Wish List [here](#): Please donate by Aug 19

Tax Benefits for Purchasing School Supplies

As students of all ages prepare for another school year, the Minnesota Department of Revenue reminds parents and caregivers to save receipts on school supply purchases to claim valuable K-12 tax benefits when filing their taxes next year. Two tax benefits can help Minnesota families pay expenses related to their child's education: the refundable [K-12 Education](#)

[Credit](#) (income limits apply) and the [K-12 Education Subtraction](#) (no income limits). Check out the two links above or [this video](#) to learn more about the K-12 education tax credit.



Apply for Educational Benefits

MDE Educational Benefit Applications are now available for the 2024-25. (formally known as Free & Reduced Lunch/Breakfast)

[Edina Public Schools](#)
[Richfield Public Schools](#)
[Hopkins Public Schools](#)

Families approved for Education Benefits qualify for free ACT testing; participation in College Possible program; college scholarships; some government benefits; discounts for things such as Comcast internet service, and discount tickets to various museums such as the MN Zoo, MN Science Museum, MN Children's Museum and more.

Families who received Educational Benefits for 2023-24 should receive their summer S-EBT cards in August or September. This program is run by MN Dept Human Services.

Questions about S-EBT: S-EBT Hotline 651-431-4608



Screen at Age 3

Early Childhood Screening is a quick and easy way to check in on your child's health and development and connect them to amazing early childhood programming before they begin Kindergarten. It is recommended to screen between ages 3-4 to provide ample time for support should a need be identified. Screening is free and takes about 1 hour. Screening is required to begin Kindergarten.

[Learn More and Sign up for Screening Appointment](#)

ENGLISH CLASS / FAMILY LITERACY CLASS

ECFE Family Literacy Class-

Edina Early Learning Center

Tues/Thurs 8:30-11:30

Open to families with children ages 0-5 who would like to increase their English language skills and attend Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE). The Family Literacy Class is free for the parents and child. Class includes Parent/Child time as well as Parent Education and language. Adult language testing is required and will take place in August/September. Class begin Aug 29

To learn more and sign-up email Early.Learning@Edinaschools.org or call [952-848-3964](tel:952-848-3964).

Free English Class for Adults

Tuesdays/Thursday 9 am-11:30 am

Interested in learning English but don't have a child? Contact Metro South to join the English class offered at the Edina Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes start Aug 29 and testing is Aug 27. Register a www.metro-south.org



Volunteer with Metro South

www.metro-south.org/volunteer

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH - FALL 2024

Fall Activities

Children & Youth Sports & Activities in Edina
[Registration dates/links](#)

Edina Community Ed Enrichment Classes
Adults & Youth Registration opens [Aug. 13](#)
[Fall Catalog Register Here](#)

Financial Support

Needs-based assistance is available to participate in various youth programs in Edina.

[Edina Community Ed](#)

Enrichment Financial Aid Application for

Edina Parks & Rec

Adult & Youth Registration opens at noon **Aug. 21** for residents and **Aug. 28** for non-residents
[Register Here](#)

EHS Fall Sports and Activities
[Register Here](#)

2024-25 School Year

[Edina Connect Card](#)

Edina Parks & Rec Camps & Classes and various Athletic Associations. Cards must be renewed every 2 years.

[Edina Give & Go](#)

Up to \$500 during the school year for Edina K-12 students to participate in Athletics, Arts or Academic offerings.

FOOD RESOURCES



VEAP Food Pantry

Fresh produce, perishables and food items of your preference. Drive-up model is currently used. You are welcome to visit twice per month.
Call **952-888-9616** for an appointment

VEAP Mobile Pantry- open to everyone. Find a location near you. veap.org/events/



Loaves & Fishes

Meals To-Go are available to anyone in need. Locations are available throughout the metro area including Richfield, St Louis Park and Bloomington.

Find a dining site here. loavesandfishesmn.org/dining-sites/



FARE FOR ALL
Food that Makes Cents

FARE FOR ALL
Open to everyone. Purchase packs of frozen meats, fresh fruits & vegetables & special buys (\$10-\$30).
763-450-3880

fareforall.thefoodgroupmn.org/



HUNGER SOLUTIONS

Search for nearby food resources including food shelves, farmers markets, senior discounts and community food distributions
hungersolutions.org/find-help/



Edina Farmer's Market
Thursdays 3:00pm-7:00pm
ends Sept 26
Centennial Lakes Park
[Learn More](#)

[Printable Food Resource List](#)

FINANCIAL WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC) is offering a free financial wellness workshops for community members. Program utilizes the [FDIC Money Smart curriculum](#)
Aug 22 & 23 | 12:00 PM- 4:30 PM North Regional Library

Sept 14 | 9:00 AM- 5:30 PM online
Sept 26 & 27 | 12:00 PM- 4:30 PM North Regional Library

Learn More and Register for the Free CAP-HC Workshops at
caphennepin.org/what-we-do/financial-services.html

Request a free: [Financial Counseling Appt.](#) [Renter Counseling Appt.](#) [Homebuyer Counseling Appt](#)

Happenings at Southdale & Edina Library



Job Search Assistance & Career Counseling

Aug 15 2-4:00pm Southdale
Aug 22 1:30-4:00pm Edina

[Understanding Social](#)

Kids/Family Programs

Stories in Spanish
Aug 13, 20 4:30-5 PM Edina

Family Storytime-- returns in Sept.

Tech Help for Seniors (Age 60+)

Southdale Library
1st & 3rd Thursdays
1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Aug 1, 15 Sept 5, 19
Oct 3, 17 Nov 7, 21
Dec 5, 19

Call 612-543-5900 to reserve an appointment. Ages 60+

[Security Benefits](#)

Sept 16 1:00-2:15 PM Edina

[Understanding Medicare Benefits](#)

Sept 16 2:30-4:00 PM Edina

Wednesdays 10:30-11AM Southdale
Thursdays 10:00-10:30 AM Edina



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 22: BAND TOGETHER

Join the Edina Education Fund for an outdoor concert event benefiting the Heal Together EPS Mental Health Campaign! Music by Aiden Intro, Chutes, Wondrous Wontons, "St Paul" Peterson, Heart of the Beast Puppet Theatre, plus talents of EPS students. Food Trucks, games and raffle. Suggest donation of \$20/person \$50/family
11 AM-10 PM
Edina High School
[Learn More](#)

Sept 7 & 8: Edina Give and Go - GEAR SWAP

Donate Gear Sept 7 8:30 AM -2 PM
Get Gear Sept 8 9:30 AM -1 PM
Edina Community Center- Door 7 (gyms)
[Learn More](#)

Sept 7 & 8 Edina Fall Into the Arts Festival

Sat 10 AM-6 PM
Sun 10 AM - 5 PM
Centennial Lakes Parks
[Learn More](#)

Sept 12: Edina Shred Event

limit of 2 paper grocery bags
Thursday 11AM-1:30 PM
Braemar
[Learn More](#)

Sept 19 Celebrate to Elevate

Fundraiser for Oasis for Youth serving youth 16-24 in Edina, Bloomington & Richfield
5:30 PM- 8:00 PM
Hyland Hills Chalet
[Learn More](#)

Sept 29 Halloween Costume Swap

Donations may be dropped off Sept 23-27 8:30-4pm
2:00 PM- 4:00 PM
Edina Senior Center, 5280 Grandview Square
[Learn More](#)

Nov 5: Election Day / Non-School Day EPS

[Learn more](#)

Edina Resource Center

*Your Connection to Community Resources, Services and Information
Free, confidential service for anyone who lives, works or goes to school in Edina*

952-848-3936

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