



MESABI EAST NEWSLETTER

HOME OF THE GIANTS

Mesabi East would like to provide an update to the community about any news, programs, events, sports and activities involving our faculty and student body. GIANTS do great things!

Community Education

Dr. Jeff Burgess, Director – jburgess@isd2711.org

Cherie Grams, Admin Asst – cgrams@isd2711.org

Visit our Fitness Center open 4AM–Midnight. *AM Adult Open Swimming at the pool * Golf Simulator Rental * Pickleball in Hoyt Lakes now included through some insurance carriers.

See the website for full details, class offerings/sign-up!

- Open Art Lab begins March 25
- Outdoor Planter April 15 or 24
- Safe Home Alone and Babysitting – April 28-30
- Alice in Wonderland Play – May 3 and 4 @ 3 PM
- AARP Driving Course – March 25
NO Initial 8-Hour course needed!
- Before/After school childcare available by registering through Jen Flom at jflom@isd2711.org

ME Recreation, Youth Activities Coor, Mark Goerd

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Registration for spring soccer is OPEN!

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The Spring Season will be held on Saturdays April 12th - May 17th. Visit the ME

Recreation page of the school website for more details and to register – or use the QR codes to the left.

2nd-3rd



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4th-6th



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Mesabi East Elementary, Katie Bukovic, Principal

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Want to help change a local student's life?

Research shows children with four or more adverse childhood experiences are prone to serious mental and physical health issues into adulthood, but early intervention and healthy relationships with adults are key to decreasing risks. That's where **United Way of Northeastern Minnesota (UWNEMN)'s Lunch Buddies** mentoring program comes in! The program screens and trains volunteer mentors for the community and matches them with students referred by school staff and enrolled with permission from parents/caregivers. Mentors and mentees share one lunch break/week throughout the school year connecting over shared interests. This is the second year Mesabi East has participated in the program, and there is currently one mentor/mentee pair. Mentors are needed from the community! Please contact sarah@unitedwaynemn.org or 218-215-2570 to learn more about how to get involved in next year's program!

Each week the United Way provides "Backpack Buddies" to around 30 students at Mesabi East. The bags are provided to students who may be at risk of having less food in their house over the weekend and is "filled with nutritious, nonperishable, child-friendly food items." The aim of the program is to "provide nourishment for food-insecure children so that they can come back to school on Monday mornings ready to learn, grow and thrive". Also provided to some students at Mesabi East are hygiene bags. These bags are made for early elementary to high school students; teaming up with the nurse and Special Education staff and students to deliver the bags each week!

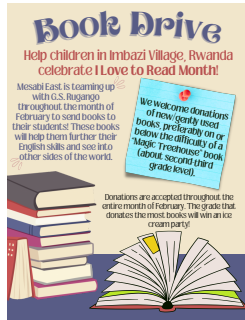
ME Athletics, Athletic Director, Jim James

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Spring sports begin soon. To view complete schedules for the season visit the IRC website:

<https://ironrangeconference.org/public/genie/37/school/406/>

The National Honor Society in partnership with Evan Mattson (Class of 2020) is doing a book drive over the month of February. Evan is currently working as a TA at a school in Imbazi Village Rwanda.



The NHS group will be providing an ice cream party for the grade level that collects the most books.

ME Guidance Counselor, Lauren Prophet
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Scholarship Opportunities for Seniors

The scholarship applications are now open for the 2025 graduates. There are 54 donors through the ME program which offers students approximately \$24,000, and many other outside opportunities. The awards program will be held May 21 at 6 PM in the Auditorium. Contact Counselor Lauren Prophet for more details.

ME STEAM Dept., Kayla Owens
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February has been an exciting month in STEAM with the start of three different after school clubs. Nature Rangers explores natural resources and how to be a steward of the environment with hands-on experiments. Engineering, Cool! is a 5th & 6th grade club that investigates different types of science/engineering careers through hands-on investigations led by area volunteers. This club is possible thanks to the Range Engineering Council and our local professionals who lend their time! Lego League Robotics, where student teams solve real world problems through themed missions, lego building/programming Lego robots.

ME Art Department, Sarah Douglas
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Art Club members have been hard at work painting a window mural in the high school office.



Members: Brayden Riess, Allie Olmstead, Liam LaMar, and Elaina Martinez

Next up, a lg-format mural as students and staff make their way to the cafeteria. Art Club is for anyone in grades 7-12 and meets every Tuesday & Thursday from 3:30-5:00. New members are welcome to join!

Mesabi East School District 2711, 601 N 1st St W, Aurora, MN 55705 - 218.229.3321. Visit our website for current information on contacts, current happenings, sports, and events. www.isd2711.org

Spring Band Concert and Art Exhibit, Josh Peterson 218.229.3321, jpeterson@isd2711.org
 Mesabi East Auditorium - Sunday, April 27th
 Jr. High Bands 6-8 @ 2:30pm
 Art Exhibit 2pm to 5:30pm - Silent auction for art pieces.
 Sr. High Bands 9-12 @ 4:15pm

ME Speech/Drama Department, Pete Klabecheck 218.229.3321, pklabecheck@isd2711.org
 Congratulations Mesabi East One Act Play, 110th Street Station on earning MSHSL Sub Section 7A-1 Champions and Section 7A Second Place in January 2025.

ME Food/Hygiene Pantry, YIA, Stacy Jaspersen 218.229.3321, sjaspersen@isd2711.org

Thanks to donation from local businesses and volunteers, we offer a food and hygiene pantry to our students and families. Located in the HS office. Please visit if you are in need! Donations always accepted.

ME Environmental Education Center

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ME3C had a busy new year with Floral Design students creating flowers for Laskiainen, Snowball, Valentine's, area community care facilities, VFW and American Legion. As well as being busy filling the monthly subscriptions!

Horticulture, Landscape Design, and Service Learning students are digging in for the 8th Annual Plant Market! New this year will be pollinator friendly, perennials, and select assorted bushes for zone 3!

ME was awarded an additional \$5,000 grant for Farm to School in December for excelling at bringing local foods to the cafeteria. We recently were awarded the 2025 Full Tray grant for \$11,650 to be used for local food purchases in the upcoming school year. A GIANT thank you to G-Men for a \$2500 donation towards the new ME3C storage conex box.

Our volunteers are amazing and we appreciate the many hours and the strength you have all given to the program. If you would like to become a volunteer at ME3C please contact Tammy Royseth, B.E.E. Coordinator at 218-229-5318 or sign up through FB on VolunteerSignUp.org site.



Please see the calendar for details on times we will be open. May 28th is the last day for sales.