

OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS
**Community
Education**

**Classes,
programs
and events**
for all ages
from birth
to adult!



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Why it matters

Osseo Area Schools' Community Education creates opportunities that positively impact our community through innovative and responsive programs and services.

Osseo Area Schools'

Community Education

New! Winter/Spring guidebook

EXPLORE

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EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

Classes for families with children from birth to age five

Welcome to ECFE!

Where learning begins and families thrive.

We are excited for you and your child to join us! Our Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes help you connect with other families and support your child's development.

ECFE classes include:

- **Parent and child time** - You and your child play and learn together through fun activities
- **Children's play time** - Your child plays with other children while you meet with other parents
- **Parent discussion time** - Parents share experiences and learn about child development together



All families are welcome, whether this is your first class or you have joined us before!

Registration opens Nov. 25, 2025; lottery held Dec. 17, 2025.

To view the current classes or register online visit bit.ly/Register_ECFE or scan code. Need help? Call 763-391-8777 or email ecfe@district279.org.



LOCATIONS



Arbor View Early Childhood Center

9401 Fernbrook Ln N
Maple Grove, MN 55369
Phone: 763-391-8777
Email: ecfe@district279.org



Willow Lane Early Childhood Center

7020 Perry Ave N
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429
Phone: 763-585-7330
Email: ecfe@district279.org

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Help your child get a strong start.

Early Childhood Screening is a free check of your child's growth, development and learning.

Available starting at age three, screening can spot concerns early and connect you with support and resources to help your child thrive.



Ready to schedule?

Visit bit.ly/EC_Screening
or scan the code.

Need help? Call 763-391-8777

ECFE VISITS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Personal support for families with children birth to age 8 from a licensed parent educator.

ECFE Visits (scheduled):

- Talk about your child's development
- Get parenting guidance and activity ideas
- Focus on what matters most to your family

Have a quick question?

Ask anytime—no appointment needed! A parent educator will connect with you.

Submit a question online: bit.ly/AskECFE

Same trusted support. Two easy ways to connect.



Ready to get started?

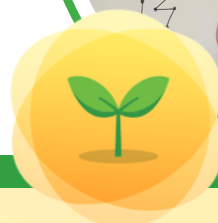
Call 763-391-8777
for more information
or scan the code to visit
bit.ly/LearnMoreECFE

Have a new baby?

One of our licensed ECFE parent educators would love to connect with you, answer your questions and tell you about our programs. Plus, we have a gift for your new baby.



Call 763-391-8777 to
schedule a time or scan
the code to fill out a form
and have a parent
educator contact you.



INFANT CLASSES

Register based on your baby's age when the class starts.

Spend time with your baby in a space made just for infants. Meet other families in your community. Learn fun play ideas, songs and get parenting tips. Talk about bonding, brain development, milestones, daily routines, feeding, sleep and more. Families stay together the whole class.



Need help to register?
Call 763-391-8777
or email
ecfe@district279.org

Infants: The Fourth Trimester (Birth-12 weeks)

The first 12 weeks after your baby is born are very important for you and your baby. This class helps you understand what to expect, gives you helpful resources and lets you know that challenges are normal. You will weigh and measure your baby, watch their growth and learn about sleep, bonding, development and mental health. Join us to connect with other families, share experiences, learn and grow together.

Course	Day/Dates	Sessions	Time	Location
S6-FT1A	Monday 1/26-3/16	6	1-2:15 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
S7-FT2A	Monday 3/30-5/18	7	1-2:15 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center

NEW! Infant Mini Sessions (Birth-9 months)

Two-week classes designed for parents of infants, covering topics like play, communication, sleep, massage, attachment and postpartum wellness. Each class helps you understand your baby, strengthen your bond, and feel more confident in your parenting journey. See our website for full descriptions of each mini session.

Class title	Course	Day/Dates	Sessions	Time	Location
Infant Massage	S2-001MSA	Tuesday 1/27-2/3	2	1:30-2:45 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
Infant Play	S2-002MSA	Tuesday 2/10-2/17	2	1:30-2:45 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
Infant Communication: Sing, Talk, Read	S2-003MSA	Tuesday 2/24-3/3	2	1:30-2:45 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
Sleep Foundations	S2-004MSA	Tuesday 3/10-3/17	2	1:30-2:45 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
Dads and Infants	S2-005MSA	Tuesday 3/31-4/7	2	1:30-2:45 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
Postpartum Wellness	S2-006MSA	Tuesday 4/14-4/21	2	1:30-2:45 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
Building Secure Attachment	S2-007MSA	Tuesday 4/28-5/5	2	1:30-2:45 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center



INFANT CLASSES

Infants

Spend time with your baby in a space made just for infants. Meet other families and enjoy play, songs and support. Learn about bonding, brain growth, baby milestones, feeding, sleep and daily routines. Get ideas for play and tips to support your baby's development.

Birth-6 months

Course	Day/Dates	Sessions	Time	Location
S8-004A	Tuesday 1/27-3/17	8	10:45 a.m.- noon	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
S7-005A	Tuesday 3/31-5/12	7	10:45 a.m.- noon	Arbor View Early Childhood Center

Birth-9 months

Course	Day/Dates	Sessions	Time	Location
S12-009A	Friday 1/30-5/15	12	9-10:15 a.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center

Birth-12 months

Course	Day/Dates	Sessions	Time	Location
S13-001A	Monday 1/26-5/18	13	8:45-10 a.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
S13-002A	Monday 1/26-5/18	13	5:30-6:45 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
S15-003A	Tuesday 1/27-5/12	15	9-10:15 a.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
S15-007A	Wednesday 1/28-5/13	15	1-2:15 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center

9-18 months

Course	Day/Dates	Sessions	Time	Location
S15-006A	Wednesday 1/28-5/13	15	10:30-11:45 a.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
S12-010A	Friday 1/30-5/15	12	10:45 a.m.- noon	Arbor View Early Childhood Center

12-18 months

Course	Day/Dates	Sessions	Time	Location
S15-008A	Thursday 1/29-5/14	15	8:45-10 a.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center



ONES CLASSES

For children one-year-old at the start of the class.

Welcome to a big year of growth and discovery. These classes offer a safe, playful space for you and your child to explore together. Build early friendships, learn through hands-on play and connect with other parents. Parent time includes real-life topics: safety, language, nutrition, separation and more. Separation time will be adjusted based on the comfort and needs of the group.

Separating classes

Course	Day/Dates	Sessions	Time	Location
S13-101A	Monday 1/26-5/18	13	9-10:30 a.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
S15-104A	Tuesday 1/27-5/12	15	8:30-10 a.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
S15-105A	Thursday 1/29-5/14	15	9-10:30 a.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
*S15-106A	Thursday 1/29-5/14	15	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
S12-107A	Friday 1/30-5/15	12	9-10:30 a.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center

*This class is for 12-30 months

Non-separating classes

Course	Day/Dates	Sessions	Time	Location
S13-102A-NS	Monday 1/26-5/18	13	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
*S13-103A-NS	Monday 1/26-5/18	13	5:30-7 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center

*This class is for 12-30 months

TWOS CLASSES

For children two-years-old at the start of the class.

Your toddler is growing fast; more words, more confidence and more curiosity. These classes give you and your child time to explore together in a playful, supportive space that builds connection and early social skills. Parent time focuses on what matters now: toddler behavior, setting limits, language growth, toilet learning and cooperative play. Parent and child separating time will be based on the comfort and readiness of the group.

Course	Day/Dates	Sessions	Time	Location
S13-201A	Monday 1/26-5/18	13	9-10:30 a.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
S13-202A	Monday 1/26-5/18	13	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
S15-203A	Tuesday 1/27-5/12	15	9-10:30 a.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center

TWO TO FIVES CLASSES

For children two- to five-years-old at the start of the class.

Your child is learning new words, skills and how to connect with others. These classes are made for curious children and caregivers to explore, play and grow together. Parents discuss everyday topics like setting limits, potty training, social-emotional growth and more, tailored to your group's needs. Separation is adjusted based on the comfort and needs of the group.

Course	Day/Dates	Sessions	Time	Location
S15-251W	Tuesday 1/27-5/12	15	9-10:30 a.m.	Willow Lane Early Childhood Center
S15-253A	Wednesday 1/28-5/13	15	9-10:30 a.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
S15-254W	Thursday 1/29-5/14	15	10 a.m.-noon	Willow Lane Early Childhood Center
S12-256A	Friday 1/30-5/15	12	8:30-10 a.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center

Nature Play Area

Fresh air. Big adventures.

Explore, play and learn with your child in our outdoor classroom that is built just for young learners. Dig in the mud kitchen, splash in the water table, climb, build and discover in a space full of nature-based fun.

Course	Day/Dates	Sessions	Time	Location
S15-252NPA	Tuesday 1/27-5/12	15	10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
S5-255NPA	Thursday 4/16-5/14	5	5:30-7 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center



“Such a wonderful school with kind and dedicated staff, nice facilities and a variety of programming. Our daughter very much enjoys coming here each week for class! As do we!” - Noah Jeffrey, parent

ON THE WAY TO PRESCHOOL

Preschool Together (ages 3 to 5)

Explore. Play. Grow.

This parent-child class builds confidence, independence and social skills through fun, hands-on play. Together, you will explore activities that spark curiosity and support your child's development, with you by their side.

Course	Day/Dates	Sessions	Time	Location
S12-PT-A	Friday 1/30-5/15	12	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center

BIRTH TO FIVES CLASSES

For children birth to five years old at the start of the class.

Multi-age classes are for families with children from birth to five-years-old. You will explore together through activities that engage every age and stage. Parent discussions cover topics like milestones, positive guidance, sibling relationships, screen time and more, tailored to the group's interests. Infants under five months stay with their parents during discussion time. Separation for older children depends on the group's needs.

Course	Day/Dates	Sessions	Time	Location
S13-501A	Monday 1/26-5/18	13	9-10:30 a.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
S15-504A	Tuesday 1/27-5/12	15	1:30-3 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
S15-506A	Wednesday 1/28-5/13	15	9-10:30 a.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
S15-507A	Wednesday 1/28-5/13	15	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
S15-508W	Wednesday 1/28-5/13	15	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Willow Lane Early Childhood Center
S10-510A	Thursday 1/29-4/9	10	5:30-7 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center

“I’ve met so many wonderful families through ECFE and genuinely look forward to class each week!” -Merrill Norman, parent ”



Look on page 14 for preschool programs for children who turned 3 or 4 by Sept. 1, 2025.

BIRTH TO FIVE CLASSES

Adventures with Dad

Enjoy time with your child in a class full of fun, learning and connection. You will also talk about parenting and what it's like to be a dad or father figure.

Course	Day/Dates	Sessions	Time	Location
S15-509A	Thursday 1/29-5/14	15	5:30-7 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
S12-512A	Friday 1/30-5/15	12	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center

BIPOC Parenting Community

This class is for parents and caregivers who identify as Black, Indigenous or People of Color or are raising children who do. Join a welcoming space to connect, reflect and grow with other families. Through shared experiences, play and conversation, we nurture strong roots, joyful moments and lasting community.

Course	Day/Dates	Sessions	Time	Location
S12-511W	Friday 1/30-5/15	12	9-10:30 a.m.	Willow Lane Early Childhood Center

Circle of Security™

Ever wonder what your child is really asking for when they cry, cling, or push you away? Circle of Security™ helps parents understand their child's needs and respond with confidence. Through videos, reflection, and group discussion, learn tools to build a stronger, more secure relationship. This class is for parents of children ages six months to six years old. Adults only; limited child care available for children ages six months to five years old.

Course	Day/Dates	Sessions	Time	Location
S9-CS1A	Thursday 1/29-4/2	9	9:30-11 a.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center

ECFE Next Steps

This class is for families who have taken ECFE before and are ready for what comes next. Whether you are parenting one or more children, we will explore new strategies, celebrate what is working and support each child's unique journey together.

Course	Day/Dates	Sessions	Time	Location
S13-502A	Monday 1/26-5/18	13	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center



BIRTH TO FIVE CLASSES

LGBTQIA+ Parenting Community

This class is for queer parents and caregivers, or those raising children who are gender expansive or gender creative. Join a welcoming space to connect, reflect and grow with other families. Through shared stories, play and conversation, we nurture understanding, joy and a strong, supportive community.

Course	Day/Dates	Sessions	Time	Location
S15-505W	Tuesday 1/27-5/12	15	5:30-7 p.m.	Willow Lane Early Childhood Center

CLASE DE ESPAÑOL

Un espacio acogedor para que las familias de habla hispana se conecten y crezcan juntas. Padres conversan en español con un educador con licencia, reciben apoyo en el desarrollo de sus hijos y reflexionan sobre sus valores. Los niños aprenden jugando.

Familias Hispanohablantes (niños desde nacimiento hasta la edad de cinco)

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Para los padres, ECFE es un lugar para recibir apoyo de otros padres, hacer preguntas sobre el desarrollo o la educación de su hijo a un maestro autorizado y reflexionar sobre los valores y prácticas de su familia. Esta clase es para familias que hablan español en casa y quieren participar en la conversación entre padres en español.

el curso	el día/ la fecha	la sesión	la hora	la ubicación
S15-503W	martes 27/1-12/5	15	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Willow Lane Early Childhood Center
S12-513W	viernes 30/1-15/5	12	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Willow Lane Early Childhood Center

Saturdays with ECFE!

One-time Saturday classes for families with young children. Each session features a unique theme with fun activities and learning opportunities. View full class descriptions and details on our website.

Saturday, April 11 at Willow Lane Early Childhood Center

- **New!** Babies and Music (Birth-12 mo.) from 9:30-10:45 a.m.
- **New!** Learning and Growing (Birth-5 yrs.) from 9:30-11 a.m.

Saturday, April 18 at Willow Lane Early Childhood Center

- **New!** Babies and Music (Birth-12 mo.) from 9:30-10:45 a.m.
- **New!** Messy Art - Outdoors (Birth-5 yrs.) from 9:30-11 a.m.

Saturday, May 2 at Arbor View Early Childhood Center

- Baby and Me (Birth-12 mo.) from 9:30-10:45 a.m.
- Nature Play Area (Birth-5 yrs.) from 9:30-11 a.m.
- Big Brother, Big Sister (Birth-5 yrs.) from 9:30-11 a.m.
- Music and Movement (Birth-5 yrs.) from 9:30-11 a.m.

Saturday, May 9 at Arbor View Early Childhood Center

- Baby and Me (birth-12 mo.) from 9:30-10:45 a.m.
- Nature Play Area (Birth-5 yrs.) from 9:30-11 a.m.
- Fun with Dad (Birth-5 yrs.) from 9:30-11 a.m.
- **New!** Messy Art - Outdoors (Birth-5 yrs.) from 9:30-11 a.m.

DROP IN PLAYTIMES

Enjoy a safe, fun playtime with rotating activity stations including art, blocks, dramatic play, sensory exploration and education toys. Parents and children explore together, then gather for group time with songs, movement and stories..

Guidelines: No registration required. The 2025-26 school year playtime rate is \$5 per child with a \$10 family maximum. No family will be turned away due to inability to pay. Cash or credit accepted. Adults and children stay together. Play times are popular and space is limited.

Baby Playtime (Birth up to 24 months)



Day	Dates	Time	Location	No playtime
Monday	1/26-5/18	10:30-11:45 a.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center	Feb. 2, Feb. 16, March 23, April 27
Wednesday	1/28-5/13	8:45-10 a.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center	March 25

Family Playtime (Birth up to 5 years-old)



Day	Dates	Time	Location	No playtime
Wednesday	1/28-5/13	9-10:30 a.m.	Willow Lane Early Childhood Center	March 25
Wednesday	1/28-5/13	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Arbor View Early Childhood Center	

Parenting Your Child with Special Needs: Online

Connect with others who truly understand your journey. This virtual class is designed for parents and caregivers of children from **birth through grade three** who are navigating developmental delays, disabilities or medical needs. Guided by a Parent & Family Educator, each session offers a supportive space to share experiences, ask questions and build community. Some sessions will also feature guest speakers from Osseo Area Schools' special education staff or community organizations, providing valuable insights and resources to help your family thrive.

Join us from home and be part of a caring community that celebrates every child's unique path.

Course	Day/Dates	Sessions	Time	Location
S15-PSN1	Wednesday 1/28-5/13	15	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Online

**ONLINE
CLASS**

ECFE SLIDING FEE SCALES

If paying the class fee is difficult for your family, fees can be lowered or waived, no matter your income. No one will be turned away because they can't pay. Call the ECFE office at 763-391-8777 for assistance.

Class Fee Scale						
Annual Household Income	1 week	2 weeks	3-5 weeks	6-10 weeks	11-13 weeks	14-15 weeks
\$0-\$19,999	Free	\$3	\$7	\$9	\$14	\$18
\$20,000-\$34,999	\$1	\$9	\$16	\$33	\$54	\$67
\$35,000-\$49,999	\$3	\$10	\$20	\$44	\$70	\$86
\$50,000-\$74,999	\$4	\$12	\$23	\$49	\$79	\$99
\$75,000-\$89,999	\$7	\$13	\$26	\$63	\$99	\$124
\$90,000-\$114,999	\$9	\$15	\$30	\$75	\$119	\$149
\$115,000-\$149,999	\$10	\$17	\$33	\$87	\$143	\$181
\$150,000-\$199,999	\$12	\$20	\$38	\$98	\$167	\$213
\$200,000 +	\$13	\$23	\$44	\$109	\$191	\$245

Sibling Care Fee Scale: A one-time fee per class.		
After the registration lottery, if you need Sibling Care, call the ECFE office at 763-391-8777. The ECFE office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sibling Care is available for select classes on Thursdays only (8:45-11 a.m.). Space is limited. Sibling Care is for children ages five months to five years while a parent/caregiver is attending an ECFE class with another child. If you are registering a sibling that will turn five months old during the class, this child will need to be registered for Sibling Care at the time of registration.	Household Income	14-15 weeks
	\$0-\$19,999	\$17
	\$20,000-\$49,999	\$67
	\$50,000-\$89,999	\$87
	\$90,000-\$149,999	\$99
	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$124
	\$200,000+	\$149

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS



Some programs still have space available for the 2025–26 school year. Scan the code to learn more at osseoschools.org/preschool



Preschool and prekindergarten

Support your child's first school experience with a curriculum aligned to district kindergarten standards. Licensed teachers create inclusive classrooms and partner with families on learning goals. Choose flexible morning or afternoon classes, two to five days per week, at multiple locations. Tuition is based on family income and scholarships are available.

- **Preschool** is for children who turned 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2025 and is offered at three locations.
- **Prekindergarten** is for children who turned 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2025 and is offered at seven locations in the district with free transportation to eligible students.

Four Star Express

A full-day, school-based child care and early learning program for children who turned 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2025. This tuition-based program is offered Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and follows the school year calendar. Scholarships and child care assistance are available. Daily breakfast, lunch and snacks are included along with free transportation to eligible students.



Blast Wrap Around Care

A school-based child care program that supports student attending prekindergarten programs at Oak View Elementary School.

- Care is available Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on school days and most non-school days.
- Weekly tuition is required. Scholarships or child care assistance are available.
- Registration is first come, first served.

If this program becomes available at more elementary schools, communication will be shared with families in the community.

Free Half-Day, Every Day prekindergarten

A morning or afternoon prekindergarten program for children who turned 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2025 at seven locations in the district with free transportation to eligible students. Apply and then enroll at Osseo Area Schools' Enrollment Center.



YOUTH ENRICHMENT

Osseo Area Schools offers Youth Enrichment programs for students at a variety of grade levels. Classes give students a chance to try new things, build skills and have fun outside of the school day. Programs take place after school, in the evening and during the summer.



Art

Art Studio Reloaded, Holiday Gift Making Reloaded, Ooey Goey Clay Creations, Squishmallow Mystery Art, Holi-Dazzled Snow Globes, Myths & Legends: Medieval Art Adventure, Frosty Fun Art Workshop, Family Paint Night: Pumpkin Patch Gnomes, Family Paint Night: Cozy Owl, Spark Studio and Drawlidayz

Academic Boosters

English and Math, Language Arts and Math Club- Abacus Challenges

Kung Fu

Shaolin Kung Fu and Kid Fu

Music Lessons

Individual guitar and voice lessons

Safety

Home Alone Safety and Child and Babysitting Safety

Saturday Art Workshop

Wings of Fire Workshop

Theater

Lion King KIDS! and Seussical Kids

STEM

Engineering for Kids, Jr. STEM Clubs 1, 2, 3, Medical Mysteries: Major Body Systems, Fingerprints, Spread of Infectious Disease and Experimenting with Our Brains, Video Game Creation and Robotics: Muscle Bots

Youth Sports

Amazing Athletes, DASH Basketball, 3v3 Hoops Skills Academy, Dryland Hockey Training, Skyhawks Basketball, Dash Jr. NBA Basketball, Flag Football, Skyhawks Flag Football, Skyhawks Pickleball, TGA Pickleball, After-school Soccer, TGA Tennis, TGA Golf, Amazing Athletes Sports Discovery and Osseo Area Schools' Racing Series

Plus Spanish and Chess Club!

The Youth Enrichment team is continuously evaluating how to expand programming. For the latest updates on Youth Enrichment offerings, check online!



To view or register for Youth Enrichment programs, go to osseo.ce.eleyo.com or scan code.

Did you know?

Students can register for Youth Enrichment classes offered at any school location.

KIDSTOP

Kidstop is Osseo Area Schools' school age care program that offers a fun, supportive and enriching experience for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

The focus of Kidstop is choice-based activities that help kids grow in independence, confidence and leadership, while feeling safe, welcome and celebrated for who they are.

- Offered before and after school, Monday through Friday, at a variety of elementary schools during the school year. Hours are 6:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Follows the school calendar and is open on most non-school days.
- Registration for the 2026–27 school year opens March 10, 2026 at 6 a.m. and is first come, first served.
- Tuition-based program; sites vary based on district needs.

Why choose Kidstop?

Active learning and engagement

Students build critical thinking and problem-solving skills through hands-on activities that spark a love of learning.

Indoor and outdoor play

Daily time to move, explore and play in safe, age-appropriate spaces.

Youth voice and choice

Students help shape their day by making choices and sharing ideas that guide programming.

Meals and snacks provided

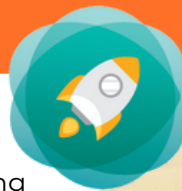
Breakfast and an afternoon snack are included every day.

Exciting field trips and community connections

Meaningful experiences that take learning beyond the classroom.

Flexible contracts

Choose days that work for your family. School year contracts are also available with various options to meet your families needs. Summer requires a 20-day minimum.



To enroll in Kidstop school-age care, view osseo.ce.eleyo.com or scan code.



"I love spending my afternoons with the little ones!"
- Paris Martin, Kidstop ESP





Summer Kidstop

Looking for a fun, flexible summer option for your kindergarten through fifth grade student?

Summer Kidstop is a full-day program that offers more than just child care. Students explore weekly themes, take field trips, enjoy hands-on activities and build friendships through play and choice-based learning.

Students are grouped by age for meaningful peer interaction and structured fun. Families choose the days they need (a 20-day minimum is required).

Summer Kidstop fills fast. Registration opens on March 3, 2026 at 6 a.m. and is first come, first served. This is a tuition-based program and sites vary based on district needs. Child care assistance is available to families who qualify.

Learn more at ce.osseoschools.org/kidstop, call the main office at 763-585-7281 or email cecares@district279.org.



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“Kidstop is a fun and engaging program for the kids. My daughter has enjoyed all the years she has spent in the program.” - The Adkisson Family

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“Kidstop is safe and fun. My family and kids love it so much- very thankful for the program.” - The Smiths

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TARGETED SERVICES

Targeted Services classes in Osseo Area Schools offer engaging, enrichment-based learning opportunities before and after school for qualifying students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Programs are available at many sites across the district. Classes include a wide variety of topics, such as arts and crafts, cooking, gardening, STEM, music, movement and support in literacy and math.

Each site offers programs based on student interests and staff strengths, led by dedicated educators who bring passion and creativity to their work.

These hands-on classes help deepen learning, build confidence, foster curiosity and support academic readiness. With high-quality, site-specific offerings and caring educators, students can discover new skills, grow socially and emotionally and explore their creativity in a supportive environment.

Program highlight

North View Middle School has kicked off its popular after school activities program, which takes place three afternoons a week and offers a variety of fun, engaging activities that students can engage in alongside their school peers. School counselor and Targeted Services Coordinator Shanna Schroeder said this popular program has 303 participating students this year, which represents over half the school's students. Nearly 100 of these students opted to sign up for multiple activities.

Many of the after-school activity options run through the school's Targeted Services program, such as cooking, volleyball, jazz band, public art, dance technique and board games and puzzles.

New this year, Three Rivers Park District is teaming up with the school to offer an Explorers Club, where students go on field trips and do outdoor activities like fishing, fire building and archery.

There are also some more counseling-focused options like Improve your Tomorrow mentoring program and Minnesota African Women's Association girls group, a club for African girls that focuses on college attendance, financial literacy, self-esteem building and more.

"Our Targeted Services Programming is all about helping students feel connected, supported, and inspired to learn," said Schroeder. "Through engaging activities, strong relationships with caring adults, and unique enrichment opportunities, we're creating a space where students can explore their interests beyond the traditional school day."



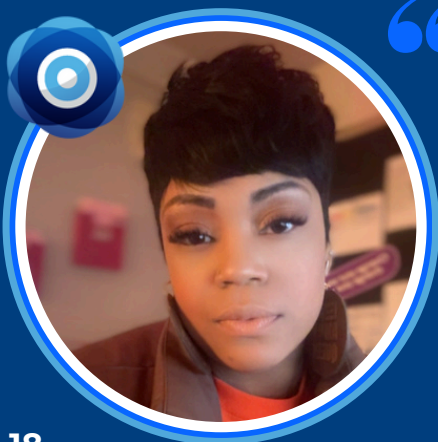
Making an impact



"I choose to support Targeted Services because I've seen firsthand the incredible impact it has on our students and staff. The program allows us to connect in a more personal and meaningful way beyond the regular classroom, I like to call it "sneak teaching." For example, through groups like Creative Cooking, students can practice math skills while preparing their favorite dishes and building new friendships along the way. Through Targeted Services, students who may not always feel seen or included, such as those in the LGBTQ+ community, students receiving special education support, or anyone still finding their place, are given space to belong, build confidence and thrive. As a facilitator, my goal is always to create an environment where every student feels at home and comfortable showing up as their authentic self. Watching them grow, connect and succeed reminds me why this work matters so deeply."



- Katrice Crudup, Targeted Services facilitator, Osseo Middle School



DREAM

In Osseo Area Schools' Community Education, students, staff and community members are encouraged to dream big, envision their future, identify their passions and believe in their potential.



Community Education's Adult Enrichment students have been busy at the potter's wheel at Maple Grove High School this fall in one of the program's most popular evening classes, 'Exploring Pottery.'

Participants are learning to center clay, pull walls and practice hand-building techniques. Their creations take shape as mugs, bowls and other unique pieces before they add personal style through glazing and firing.

The class offers more than instruction. Over six sessions, students not only practice and create art with clay but also connect with others who share an interest in art and pottery.

Osseo Area Schools' Community Education offers Adult Enrichment classes year-round, both in person and online. Adults can choose from courses in art, cooking, dance, health, technology and more. These opportunities encourage lifelong learning and provide accessible ways to try new things, get inspired and engage with the community.



In the spring of 2025, Garden City Elementary School fourth grade students and teacher Bridget Lee led a school-wide gardening project, constructing sub-irrigated planters with support from a District 279 Foundation grant.

"They took ownership from day one," said Lee. "They researched materials, costs, and even practiced public speaking to present their plan to the principal. It was entirely student driven."

The fourth graders developed build plans, measured wood, calculated materials and physically constructed the beds. Each grade level selected the fruits and vegetables they wanted to grow, researched spacing and sunlight needs to plan their gardens.

"My favorite thing was I got to try some fruits and vegetables that I never tried before. The experience was nice," said William, a now fifth-grade student who helped build the planters.

District 279 Foundation's Grant Committee Trustees strive to make the grant process as easy as possible for any district employee, school volunteer or community member to submit an application for consideration. To learn more visit district279foundation.org



If you visit the Maple Grove Community Gymnasium attached to Maple Grove Middle School on a weeknight, there's a good chance you'll meet Roy Doron. He has been part of Osseo Area Schools' Community Education facilities scheduling team since 1999. After a brief break during the pandemic he returned to continue supporting the community and school district as a building supervisor.

Roy oversees the full-size gyms and sets up basketball hoops, tables, chairs, and meeting spaces for community sports activities or events. He coordinates with permit holders any special requests and prepares the building for daily use.

He emphasizes inclusivity and importance of customer service in everything he does. "You want people to feel welcome. This is their community. If they want to learn or have fun, they should be able to," Roy said.

For Roy, the most rewarding part is the relationships he builds with others. Families return over the years, greeting him with excitement, "Hi Roy!"

"It's not the work you miss—it's the people," said Roy.

"Roy was a staple in Community Education Facilities Scheduling for many years and we are lucky to have him back on staff," said Dana Nelson, facilities scheduling program manager. "His friendly smile and unwavering commitment to excellent customer service for permit holders and event attendees alike have established him as a highly valued building supervisor."

EXPLORE



For the past two years, Osseo Area Schools' Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) staff have brought programming to families with young children living in temporary housing.

The effort began when staff learned about families staying in a local shelter with limited space for children to play. Partnering with organizations such as the Hennepin County Library and Helping Us Grow, ECFE created opportunities for families to connect with resources and one another.

In collaboration with the Hennepin County Library, weekly playtime activities now include art projects, sensory play and toy lending. Parent educators provide one-on-one support and help families access essential items such as car seats and winter clothing.

"By showing up each week, offering respect and creating a safe space for children to play and parents to feel seen, we gave them something powerful — a sense of belonging," said Timka Remetic, ECFE community liaison.

The program continues to adapt to family needs. Summer activities included park visits and library trips. This fall, bilingual staff are continuing weekly playtime sessions that engage both children and parents.

Many families choose to stay in the community after leaving the shelter, expressing that they finally feel a sense of belonging.



Homework Starts with Home is a grant funded program in partnership with Hennepin County and the YMCA. Families with children enrolled in Osseo Area Schools who live in Hennepin county and have fallen behind in rent and have received an eviction notice may be eligible for assistance through this program.

The program started receiving applications for assistance in the spring of 2022.

From June through August 2025, Homework Starts with Home assisted 34 households with rental assistance and case management services.

"Supporting families through Homework Starts with Home is a vital part of ensuring families feel welcome," said Kendra Kuhlmann, housing stability social worker and foster care liaison at the Enrollment Center. "When housing stability is strengthened, students can engage in learning and thrive in school. The partnership with Hennepin County and the YMCA allows the opportunity to walk alongside families to offer support within their unique situations."

Families can learn more information about this program at the Enrollment Center or can email HSWH@district279.org.



Community Education's Kidstop and Four Star Express students, staff and families gathered on Oct. 22-25 to celebrate the 26th Annual Lights On Afterschool, a nationally recognized annual event that showcases the many ways after school programs support students and families.

To prepare for the celebration, staff at each Kidstop site planned special activities for students and families to come to school and enjoy together.

This year, event highlights and choice-based activities included decorating light switch covers and lightbulbs, a glow dance party, bingo game, water lanterns, photo booth, pumpkin painting and a variety of snacks.

In Osseo Area Schools, school age care programs are dedicated to providing an enriching choice-based education in a safe and welcoming environment where children are inspired, personal growth is nurtured and families are supported. Celebrating Lights On Afterschool is one way Community Education programs create opportunities that positively impact our community.

DISCOVER

In Osseo Area Schools' Community Education, students, staff and community members can discover their talents, values and purpose, feeling empowered to make choices and contribute meaningfully to the community.



More than 150 adults and children, staff and volunteers gathered on Sept. 24 at Arbor View Early Childhood Center for a playground playdate.

Families enjoyed the warm evening weather, played on the playground, explored the updated outdoor Nature Play Area and toured the newly remodeled building led by Osseo Area Schools' Community Education Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) staff. The event gave families a chance to see the spaces where children learn and grow. Supt. Dr. Kim Hiel and Community Education leaders attended, greeting families and staff and touring the updated building and grounds.

Families met volunteers from the Early Childhood Parent Teacher Organization (ECPTO), which sponsored the free event. The ECPTO supports events that bring families together in the program.

"It was wonderful to see families mingling while enjoying the updated nature play area and playground! I feel lucky to be a part of this community, and planning ECPTO events like this where families can enjoy time with their children while socializing with other families," said Merrill Norman, Chair of the ECPTO.

The large turn out and positive energy reminded staff of the strong sense of community in Osseo Area Schools.

Krystle Sherlock, ECFE administrative professional shared, "It was such a joy to welcome families and share all the improvements we've made. Everyone had a great time playing, chatting and enjoying the evening together," Sherlock continued.



Osseo Area Schools' Adult Basic Education (ABE) launched specialty classes this fall in response to a growing community need to help adults gain skills to support their personal, academic and career goals. The ABE program expansion includes beginner and intermediate computer skills for English Language (EL) and academic levels.

"We are always looking to provide programming that is responsive to the needs of our community and students - and are excited to offer some of our most popular summer classes throughout the year now," said Emily Watts, ABE program coordinator.

In the classroom at Willow Lane Early Childhood Center, students are learning how to navigate Google Suite, including Google Docs, Google Classroom and Google Mail. Students ask questions to expand their learning and when the class ends will have increase their basic knowledge of computer skills.

"Our students are committed to building successful lives for themselves and their families in our communities. If we can help them with the resources, training and skills that reduce barriers to achieving their goals, we are honored to be a part of their journey," Watts said.



This fall, Community Education's Youth Enrichment program kicked off a brand new evening Chess Club for middle and high school students at Maple Grove Middle School.

The enrichment class, held weekly on Tuesdays brings together new students and returning elementary Chess Club players for an engaging night of strategy and skill building.

Before matches begin, the instructor introduces chess challenges and shared techniques to help students strengthen their critical thinking—and have fun along the way.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Try something new. Connect with community. Have fun.

Adult Enrichment classes help you learn new skills, explore hobbies and connect with others in the community. Join Osseo Area Schools' Adult Enrichment classes to experience fun, learning and a welcoming space.

Class categories include:

- Arts and Creativity
- Community and Personal Development
- Cooking and Nutrition
- CPR and Safety
- Dance and Travel
- Family and Finance
- Health and Wellness
- Home and Garden
- Languages
- Media and Technology

Classes are led by experienced instructors and community members who enjoy teaching and sharing what they are passionate about.



Chad Manders



Jane Helgestad



Jay Rupp

Teach what inspires you.

Become a Community Education enrichment instructor and discover the joy of sharing your skills while connecting with others in your community.

Do you have a passion for teaching and experience in areas like arts and crafts, chess, cooking, dance, DIY, engineering, finance, fitness, wellness, home repairs, languages, law, music, photography, robotics, sports, technology, theater or another hobby?

Learn how you can become an instructor today!

To get started, email carstensm@district279.org.

ARTS AND CREATIVITY

NEW! Alcohol Ink Landscape

Alcohol ink is colorful, unpredictable and fun to use. Learn how to make a simple but beautiful landscape painting. You'll try out different techniques that help you get bold and exciting results. No experience needed; just come ready to explore and create.

Thur., Feb. 5 6-8 p.m. OMS
\$49/person Vanessa Merry

Barn Quilt Painting

Bring your friends and family and create a beautiful barn quilt design on a 14" x 14" piece of reclaimed wood. You'll get step-by-step help with both written and in-person instructions. Pick your own colors to make it unique. The wood is locally sourced by farmer and craftsman Josh Reinitz from East Henderson Farm. Each piece is real reclaimed barn wood, so it will have its own look with natural marks like nail holes and small dents. The wood is carefully chosen, sanded and ready to paint. Design choices include: the beginner-friendly pinwheel, flag, faded star or friendship star. Painting experience preferred for marigold, hidden cross or blue cross.

Fri., May 8 6-8:30 p.m. OMS
\$69/person Aryn Lill Diemand

NEW! Beachy Wind Chime

Bring the beach to your home or garden. Put together a wind chime using shells, beads, beechwood and bells. You'll follow easy step-by-step instructions, both written and in person, to make your own unique design. Choose your favorite colors to make it personal. All skill levels are welcome.

Mon., May 18 6:30-8 p.m. OMS
\$45/person Jane Helgestad

Beyond the Bobbin - Construction Fundamentals

Do you already know the basics of your sewing machine? Take the next step in this class! You'll learn common sewing terms and practice useful techniques like making buttonholes, attaching zippers, inserting elastic, and gathering and hemming fabric. Bring your sewing machine (and manual if you have it), thread, fabric scissors, seam ripper and pins. A \$10 supply fee is payable to the instructor at the first class.

Mon., Jan. 26-Feb. 9 6-8:30 p.m. OMS
\$69/person Sandra Bengtson

Beyond the Bobbin - Pattern Fundamentals

If you know how to use a sewing machine but get confused by sewing patterns, this class is for you. You'll learn how to understand the information on a pattern envelope, lay out and cut pattern pieces correctly and follow step-by-step instructions with help from your instructor. At the end of class, you'll have a strong start on a sewing project and feel more confident using patterns. Week 1: bring a simple beginner sewing pattern, fabric scissors or rotary cutter, and mat. Weeks 2-3: bring the same pattern, fabric and notions (you'll talk about this week 1), sewing machine (manual if you have it), thread, seam ripper, pins and a measuring tape or ruler.

Mon., May 4, 11, 18 6-8:30 p.m. OMS
\$69/person Sandra Bengtson

NEW! Bob Ross Painting Class with Julie - Mountain Reflections

Join Julie, a certified Bob Ross instructor, and learn how to paint a beautiful mountain reflections scene using the famous "wet-on-wet" technique. Julie will walk you through each step, from getting your canvas ready to using the right brush strokes. She'll be there to answer questions and help you along the way. This class is perfect for anyone aged 12 and up; no painting experience is needed. All supplies are included in the class fee. Just bring your creativity and get ready to paint like Bob Ross.

Sat., Feb. 7 10 a.m.-1 p.m. MGMS
\$79/person Julie Fjetland

NEW! Bob Ross Painting Class with Julie - Palm Breeze

Join Julie, a certified Bob Ross instructor, and learn how to paint a beautiful palm breeze scene using the famous "wet-on-wet" technique. Julie will guide you step-by-step through getting your canvas ready, loading your brush with paint and using special brush strokes to create your painting. Julie will be there to answer questions and help you along the way. This class is perfect for anyone aged 12 and up; no painting experience is needed. All supplies are included in the class fee. Just bring your creativity and get ready to paint like Bob Ross.

Sat., May 9 10 a.m.-1 p.m. MGMS
\$79/person Julie Fjetland

NEW! Bob Ross Painting Class with Julie - Winter Serenity

Join Julie, a certified Bob Ross instructor, and learn how to paint a beautiful winter serenity scene using the famous "wet-on-wet" technique. Julie will guide you step-by-step through getting your canvas ready, loading your brush with paint and using special brush strokes to create your painting. Julie will be there to answer questions and help you along the way. This class is perfect for anyone age 12 and up; no painting experience is needed. All supplies are included in the class fee. Just bring your creativity and get ready to paint like Bob Ross.

Sat., April 18 10 a.m.-1 p.m. MGMS
\$79/person Julie Fjetland

NEW! Boho Bag

Make a stylish and comfortable crossbody bag that's perfect for carrying everyday items and it's reversible. You'll follow step-by-step instructions to sew your own bag using a pattern provided in class. You can bring your own fabric or buy it from the instructor. Basic sewing skills are required. Supplies to bring: two yards of woven cotton fabric (1 yard for the outside, 1 yard for the inside) or purchase from instructor for \$20, sewing machine (with manual, if you have it), thread, fabric scissors, fabric marking pen or chalk, pins or fabric weights and a seam ripper. Optional: purchase the pattern from the instructor for \$5. Check the online supply list for full details.

Thur., Feb. 12 6-8:30 p.m. OMS
\$49/person Sandra Bengtson

LOCATION KEY:

ESC	Educational Service Center 11200 93rd Ave Maple Grove, MN 55369
MGMS	Maple Grove Middle School 7000 Hemlock Ln N Maple Grove, MN 55369
MGSH	Maple Grove Senior High 9800 Fernbrook Ln N Maple Grove, MN 55369
OMS	Osseo Middle School 10223 93rd Ave N Osseo, MN 55369

ARTS AND CREATIVITY

Cascading Plant Holder

Make a fun and eye-catching plant hanger that holds three real or fake plants! You can hang it on a porch, shed, sunroom or even in your home office. Choose from a variety of colorful, soft and playful canvas fabrics to make it your own. Basic sewing skills are recommended. There is a \$20 supply fee, paid to the instructor at the first class. Please bring a sewing machine, all-purpose thread, fabric scissors or rotary cutter and mat, ruler, seam ripper, universal sewing machine needle (size 14 or 16) and pins.

Thur., May 7 6-9 p.m. OMS
\$35/person Sandra Bengtson

NEW! Chevron Wall Art

Create a fun and stylish piece of wall art with a chevron design, no painting skills needed. You'll choose your own paint colors and can add personal touches to make it unique. Follow easy instructions to create your own design or get inspired by sample ideas. All skill levels are welcome!

Thur., April 30 6:30-8 p.m. OMS
\$45/person Jane Helgestad

NEW! Claude Monet's Water Lilies Acrylic Painting

Claude Monet was famous for starting the Impressionist art movement and for painting how light changes in nature. Learn about Monet's inspiration and how he painted while creating your own water lily painting using acrylics on a 12"x16" stretched canvas. No painting experience needed.

Fri., April 17 6-8:30 p.m. OMS
\$59/person Aryn Lill Diemand



NEW! Crushed Glass Sun Catcher

Add a little sparkle to your space with a one-of-a-kind sun catcher! Design a wooden sun catcher using colorful crushed glass. Then, learn how to seal your design with resin, so it shines beautifully in any window. Choose from four shapes: dragonfly, hummingbird, fish or flower. A box will be provided so you can safely take your finished piece home. No experience needed.

Mon., April 27 6:30-8:30 p.m. OMS
\$79/person Lisa Van Wyk



Easy Bob Ross Oil Painting with Henry Jay Rupp - Split Rock Lighthouse

Think you're not artistic? This class is perfect for you! Your instructor loves working with people who have never painted before or think they "can't even draw a stick figure." You'll be amazed at what you can create, and you might even discover a new hobby you enjoy. We'll use oil paints, which are easier to work with than you might expect. You'll learn step-by-step how to create your own painting, and when you're done, it'll be ready to frame and hang in your home. All supplies are included. If you'd like, you can buy a frame during class for \$30-\$40. Frames come with metal clips so you can hang your artwork right away.

Sat., Jan. 24 10 a.m.-2 p.m. OMS
\$69/person Henry Jay Rupp



NEW! Decorative Wooden Tray

Use basic carpentry skills to make a one-of-a-kind tray that's both useful and stylish. After building your tray, you'll choose from a variety of paints and handles to decorate it your way. You can even personalize it with an initial, last name or a special message. No experience needed.

Mon., March 30 6:30-8 p.m. OMS
\$45/person Jane Helgestad

Easy Bob Ross Oil Painting with Henry Jay Rupp - Majestic Mountain

Think you're not an artist? This class is for you! Your instructor loves working with people who have never painted before or think they can't even draw a stick figure. You'll be surprised by what you can create, and you might even find a new hobby you enjoy. We'll use oil paints, which are easier to work with than you might think. You'll learn step-by-step how to create your own painting, and when you're done, it'll be ready to frame and hang in your home. All supplies are included. If you'd like, you can buy a frame in class for \$30-\$40. Frames come with metal clips so you can hang your artwork right away.

Sat., May 2 10 a.m.-2 p.m. OMS
\$69/person Henry Jay Rupp



ARTS AND CREATIVITY

NEW! Embellish with Embroidery

Want to add fun designs to your clothes or fix something you found at a thrift store? This class is a great way to learn how to use embroidery to decorate or repair fabric. You'll learn how to transfer a pattern and use different stitches to add color and texture to your clothing. It's a fun and creative way to make your clothes one-of-a-kind. Please bring fabric scissors and an item to embroider (like a towel, shirt, jacket or jeans). A \$10 supply fee is payable to the instructor at the first class.

Wed., March 11, 18 6-9 p.m. OMS
\$49/person Sandra Bengtson



NEW! Fabric Collage

Discover the relaxing art of slow stitching! In this class, you'll make a beautiful hanging fabric collage using simple hand embroidery techniques. Slow stitching is all about enjoying the process and not following a strict pattern. Start by layering fabric scraps on a 6"x6" square, then add texture and color using embroidery stitches, trims, beads, and more. Whether you're new to crafting or have experience, this is a great way to explore your creative side. Please bring fabric scissors, an open mind, and something to stitch. A \$20 supply fee is payable to the instructor at the first class.

Mon., April 6, 13 6-8:30 p.m. OMS
\$49/person Sandra Bengtson

Easy Bob Ross Oil Painting with Henry Jay Rupp - The Loon

Think you're not artistic? This class is for you! Whether you've never painted before or think you can't even draw a stick figure, you'll be amazed at what you can create. Your instructor loves helping beginners discover their creative side and experienced artists are welcome too. Learn how to paint using oil paints, which are easier to work with than you might expect. You'll learn step-by-step how to create your own painting, and when you're done, it'll be ready to frame and hang in your home. All supplies are included. If you'd like, you can buy a frame during class for \$30-\$40. Frames come with metal clips so you can hang your artwork right away.

Sat., March 14 10 a.m.-2 p.m. OMS
\$69/person Henry Jay Rupp



NEW! Finger Knit Blanket

Make your own cozy, chunky knit blanket. No knitting needles are required. You'll be surprised how fast and fun this project is. Choose up to three colors to create a blanket that's uniquely yours. This class is great for beginners and experienced crafters alike.

Tue., Jan. 27 6-9 p.m. OMS
\$109/person Jane Helgestad

NEW! Fun, Meaningful Life Memoir Writing for Writers and Non-Writers Alike

Don't let your stories go untold! In this fun and easy class, you'll learn how to write your own colorful life memoir using pen and paper or simple computer programs you probably already have. Using the book "Women, Heroes & A Dawg" as a guide, you'll follow a method designed by an award-winning teacher and author. It's perfect for both new and experienced writers who want to share their story with family, friends or even the world. Please bring a pen, paper and a computer (if you have one). A \$22 fee for a helpful handbook is paid to the instructor at the first class.

Thur., Jan. 22-Feb. 12 6:30-8:30 p.m. ESC
\$69/person Diane Craig

NEW! Keeping it Together: Fashion a Leather Catch-all Basket

In this hands-on class, you'll create a stylish basket using leather and other natural materials. You'll fold leather into shape, add a hardwood rim and finish it off with a hand-sewn sea grass top. No experience is needed; just bring your creativity and a good attitude. This is a great class for anyone who enjoys crafting and wants to try something new.

Tue., Feb. 10 6-9 p.m. OMS
\$69/person Jim Kern

Tue., May 12 6-9 p.m. OMS
\$69/person Jim Kern



ARTS AND CREATIVITY



Glass Mosaic Table or Sign

Glass mosaic might sound fancy, but it's fun and easy to learn. Create your own tabletop or decorative sign using colorful, precut glass pieces. Session 1: Start your project by looking through idea books, patterns and stencils. Choose from dozens of glass colors and begin designing your piece. You'll take home a little homework to finish before the next class. Session 2: Grout your mosaic and learn about glass cutting, mosaic tools and other styles of mosaic art. Sign ideas include "welcome," house numbers, last names or even the shape of Minnesota. The tabletop project is 16"x16" surface, 16" tall and is a \$75 supply fee (payable to instructor via cash or Venmo). The sign project sizes vary and is a \$16-\$45 supply fee depending on what you choose (payable to instructor via cash or Venmo).

Fri., Jan. 23, 30 6-9 p.m. OMS
\$49/person Lindsey Guetter

NEW! Introduction to Acting

Have you ever watched a movie or play and wondered how actors make their characters feel so real? In this fun and hands-on workshop, you'll learn some of the tools actors use to bring their roles to life. You'll also explore how we all "act" in everyday life, like how we talk or behave differently with friends, family or teachers. Come ready to try new things, express yourself and have a great time.

Thur., Jan. 22 7-9 p.m. ESC
\$29/person Michael Ricci

Thur., March 12 7-9 p.m. ESC
\$29/person Michael Ricci

Leathercraft 101: A Beginner's Guide

Discover the art of leatherworking in this hands-on beginner's course. Whether you're looking to craft your own wallet, bag or accessories, Leathercraft 101 will teach you the essential skills to get started. Learn how to select the right leather, master cutting and stitching techniques and finish your projects with a personal touch. Through guided instruction and practical exercises, you'll create your own handcrafted leather items while gaining the confidence to continue your leathercraft journey. No prior experience needed.

Wed., Jan. 14, 21 6-9 p.m. OMS
\$95/person Jim Kern

Tue., April 7, 14 6-9 p.m. OMS
\$95/person Jim Kern



NEW! MN Lake Acrylic Painting

Come learn how to paint a peaceful lake scene with a loon using acrylic paints on a 12"x16" canvas. This beginner-friendly class will guide you step-by-step through the painting process. You'll learn basic skills like how to mix colors, use light and dark shades, plan your picture and build layers of paint. Acrylic painting is fun and easy to learn and it's something you can enjoy for years. You'll paint along with others and see your skills grow quickly. Discover your own style, learn to see things in a new way and take your painting to the next level.

Fri., March 13 6-8:30 p.m. OMS
\$59/person Aryn Lill Dieman

NEW! Minnehaha Falls Acrylic Painting

Come paint a beautiful winter waterfall using acrylic paints on a 12"x16" canvas. This beginner-friendly class is perfect for anyone who wants to learn how to paint, even if you've never tried it before. You'll follow step-by-step instructions and learn basic painting skills like how to mix colors, use light and dark shades, plan your picture and layer paint. You'll also try a fun technique called "impasto," which adds texture to your artwork. Painting with others is a great way to learn and grow. You'll be amazed at how quickly your skills improve! Discover your own style, enjoy the creative process and take your painting to the next level.

Fri., Jan. 16 6-8:30 p.m. OMS
\$59/person Aryn Lill Diemand

Mosaic Birdbath

Bring birds to your yard with a colorful birdbath you make yourself! In this fun, hands-on class, you'll decorate a clay saucer (the kind used under flowerpots) using mosaic tiles. You can design it any way you like. When you're done, you'll have a beautiful birdbath that can sit on a metal stand (sold at local stores). What to bring: clothes you don't mind getting messy and an old towel (used during the grouting process). A \$25 supply fee is payable to the instructor in class. No experience needed.

Thur., April 16 6-9 p.m. OMS
\$39/person Peggy Decker

NEW! Mosaic Tile Jewelry

Get creative and design a colorful necklace using tiny mosaic tiles! These tiles come in bright colors and fun shapes. You can follow a pattern or make your own design. By mixing different styles, you'll create a one-of-a-kind necklace that shows off your personality.

Mon., Feb. 23 6:30-8 p.m. OMS
\$45/person Jane Helgestad

LOCATION KEY:

ESC Educational Service Center
11200 93rd Ave
Maple Grove, MN 55369

OMS Osseo Middle School
10223 93rd Ave N
Osseo, MN 55369

ARTS AND CREATIVITY

NEW! No Fear Oil Painting: Spring Garden

Have you ever wanted to try oil painting but felt unsure about where to start? This class is a great way to learn. You'll create a beautiful oil painting on an 8"x10" canvas while following step-by-step instructions. You'll also learn about the paints, brushes and other tools used in oil painting. All supplies are provided. Please bring a box to carry your painting home as oil paint stays wet for a long time.

Wed., May 20 6-8 p.m. OMS
\$49/person Vanessa Merry



NEW! Northern Lights Acrylic Painting

Create a beautiful Northern Lights landscape using acrylic paint on a 12"x16" stretched canvas. Acrylic painting is a fun and relaxing hobby that you can enjoy for years. In this beginner-friendly class, you'll follow step-by-step instructions to learn basic painting techniques like mixing colors, using light and dark shades, planning your painting layout, building layers and adding texture. You'll paint along with a group and see your skills grow quickly. Discover your own style, learn new ways to look at art and take your painting to the next level.

Fri., Feb. 13 6-8:30 p.m. OMS
\$59/person Aryn Lill Diemand

NEW! Paint Like Renoir

Create a beautiful landscape painting on an 8"x10" canvas using acrylic paints just like the famous artist Renoir. You'll learn a little about Renoir's life and how he painted, then use his style to make your own artwork. No experience needed, just come ready to paint and have fun.

Mon., April 13 6-8 p.m. OMS
\$45/person Vanessa Merry

Pottery for Empty Bowls

Join this free pottery class and help support the CROSS Food Shelf. Create ceramic bowls that will be donated to the Empty Bowls event which raises money to fight hunger in our community. Bring sponges and pottery tools (only if you want to use your own; tools are provided). Wear clothes you don't mind getting messy. Your bowl is your donation, and your time helps make a big impact. The Empty Bowls event will take place on Tuesday, April 7 at Church of the Open Door - 9060 Zanzibar Ln N, Maple Grove 55311.

Sat., Feb. 21, 28 & March 14 MGSB
9:30-11:30 a.m. Jeannette Barriero
Free

NEW! Quilt Blocks

Have you ever wondered how quilts are made? It all starts with quilt blocks. Learn how to make four popular blocks: Ohio star, fence rail, nine patch and pinwheel. You'll also get ideas for turning your blocks into small projects like mug rugs or wall hangings. Basic sewing skills are required. Bring a sewing machine, thread, fabric scissors, fabric marking pen or chalk, pins or fabric weights, acrylic ruler, rotary cutter and mat and seam ripper. \$20 supply fee payable to the instructor at the first class.

Wed., Jan. 21, 28 6-8:30 p.m. OMS
\$49/person Sandra Bengtson



NEW! Watercolor Garden

Learn how to paint a beautiful garden using watercolors! Explore basic techniques like dry brush, wet-on-wet and wet-on-dry, all explained as you paint together. This is a fun and stress-free way to try watercolor painting, even if you've never painted before. All supplies are provided.

Wed., March 11 6-8 p.m. OMS
\$45/person Vanessa Merry

NEW! Watercolor Poppies

Looking forward to a fun and relaxing evening? Learn basic watercolor techniques while painting bright, colorful poppies. We'll guide you step by step, so no experience is needed. You'll complete your own 11"x15" watercolor painting and learn how to layer colors and add texture to bring your flowers to life. All supplies are provided.

Mon., March 16 6:30-8:30 p.m. OMS
\$49/person Lisa Van Wyk



NEW! Winter Cardinal Acrylic Painting

Add some color to the winter season by painting a bright red cardinal sitting on a snowy branch. Learn easy ways to layer colors, add texture and create a beautiful winter scene. To make things easier, each 11"x14" canvas will have a light sketch already done so you can focus on painting and making it your own. This class is great for beginners and experienced painters. Everyone will leave with a finished canvas to keep or give as a gift. All supplies are provided.

Mon., Jan. 12 6:30-8:30 p.m. OMS
\$49/person Lisa Van Wyk

NEW! Winter Trees in Acrylics

Learn how to create a bold and unique painting using just one brush and a few colors. Discover how working quickly helps colors blend and brush strokes stand out, giving your artwork energy and style. No experience needed; just bring your creativity and enjoy the process!

Tue., Jan. 20 6-8 p.m. OMS
\$45/person Vanessa Merry

CPR AND SAFETY

NEW! Defensive Driving Course: Saving Money - Saving Lives

If you're 55 or older, you can take this easy class to help lower your car insurance costs and become a safer driver. Minnesota law says insurance companies must give you a 10% discount for three years if you complete a state-approved defensive driving course. This class is taught by trained instructors and takes place at the Educational Service Center. You don't need to take a test or do any driving. When you finish, you'll get a certificate to give to your insurance company. This course is offered in partnership with the Minnesota Safety Council.

Sat., Feb. 7 9 a.m.-1 p.m. ESC
\$39/person Minnesota Safety Council

Mon., May 4 5:30-9:30 p.m. ESC
\$39/person Minnesota Safety Council

Heart Saver Adult, Child, and Infant CPR/AED Course

Learn how to recognize and respond to emergencies like heart attacks, cardiac arrest, strokes, and choking in adults, children and infants. This beginner-friendly CPR class also covers how to use barrier devices and verbal AED (Automated External Defibrillator) instructions. After completing the course, you'll receive a certification e-card that's valid for two years. Optional: you may purchase a CPR book for \$11 at class. Please let us know during enrollment if you'd like a copy.

Wed., Jan. 7 5:30-8:30 p.m. ESC
\$119/person Save a Life

Wed., May 6 5:30-8:30 p.m. ESC
\$119/person Save a Life

Pediatric CPR and First Aid

Learn how to save a life in this hands-on safety class! You'll cover first aid basics, how to handle medical and injury emergencies and what to do in environmental situations. You'll also learn CPR and choking help for children. You'll receive a two-year certification e-card and a course book (included in your fee). Bring lunch and beverage. This class is great for anyone who wants to be prepared in case of an emergency.

Sat., April 18 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESC
\$139/person Save a Life

COOKING AND NUTRITION

NEW! Bold Breakfast and Brunch

Whether you're planning a special family brunch or want a fresh idea for evening entertainment, this class will help you make a meal to remember. Learn how to make tasty dishes like cheese soufflé with ham, savory strata (a cheesy casserole with crunchy bread cubes), open-faced frittata, and puffy pancake served with lemon and powdered sugar. You'll also explore unique breads and fun drink ideas to complete your brunch menu. Course fee includes a \$13 food supply fee.

Sat., March 28 9 a.m.-12 p.m. OMS
\$55/person Laurel Severson

Chicken Marsala vs. Chicken Limone (Participation Class)

In this delicious cooking class, you'll learn how to make a full Italian-style meal that's perfect for entertaining or treating your family. You'll start with bruschetta topped with fresh mozzarella, ripe tomatoes, roasted bell peppers and basil, drizzled with olive oil. Next, you'll prepare two flavorful chicken dishes: chicken marsala with mushrooms in a sweet butter sauce and chicken limone with a chardonnay butter sauce and capers. Both are served with spaghetti aglio olio, pasta tossed with garlic, olive oil, garden vegetables and Romano cheese. To finish, you'll make diplomatico, a rich dessert made with rum and espresso-soaked cake, chocolate mousse and whipped cream.

Tue., Jan. 13 6-9 p.m. OMS
\$59/person Jeff Sandino

Chicken and More Chicken

Learn how to make quick, healthy, and delicious chicken recipes that are perfect for family dinners or entertaining guests. Work with a whole chicken, chicken parts, and boneless, skinless breasts using skillet and the oven. Featured recipes include chicken cordon bleu, chicken marsala with sage, Philippine-style adobo, spicy honey-dipped strips, chicken with white wine and mushroom sauce, crab-stuffed chicken breasts, crispy parmesan strips, Italian lemon chicken, lemon chicken kebabs, pineapple-raspberry nibbles, raspberry lime chicken and roasted mushrooms and apples. Three dishes make great appetizers, and the rest are sure to become favorites at your table. Class fee includes a \$17 food supply fee.

Thur., Jan. 22 6-9 p.m. OMS
\$59/person Laurel Severson



NEW! Classic Chocolate Truffles

Learn how fun and easy it is to make chocolate truffles that are perfect for gifts or a sweet treat for yourself. You'll dip them in rich chocolate or roll them in toppings like chopped nuts, cocoa, coconut, or sprinkles. You can customize the centers with flavors like chocolate, espresso or liqueur, and even add a surprise like a pecan, almond or candied cherry. These bite-sized treats look great in decorative candy cups and taste even better. Each person will take home about 25 truffles. Class fee includes a \$13 food supply fee.

Fri., April 17 6-9 p.m. OMS
\$55/person Laurel Severson

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COOKING AND NUTRITION

Classic French Cuisine (Participation Class)

Enjoy the flavors of France in this hands-on cooking class! You'll start with French onion soup, topped with toasted croutons and melted gruyere cheese. Then, make coq au vin, tender chicken cooked with pearl onions, mushrooms and bacon in a rich burgundy wine sauce. It's served with a wild rice blend and green beans amandine. To finish, you'll make a light and rich chocolate soufflé, served with crème anglaise, caramel and raspberry sauce.

Tue., Feb. 17 6-9 p.m. OMS
\$59/person Jeff Sandino

Festive Spring Salads

Celebrate the season with delicious salads that are great for brunch or light meals. Learn how to make wild rice and chicken salad, or a tasty vegetarian version with mushrooms and cashews. You'll also create a colorful quinoa dish with fresh peppers. Enjoy fruit-based salads like cantaloupe and strawberries with orange sauce, and a beautiful raspberry and spinach salad topped with glazed pecans. To finish the evening, you'll make three easy dressings to go with your favorite greens: feta cheese, creamy blue cheese and orange dressing. Course fee includes a \$15 food supply fee.

Wed., May 6 6-9 p.m. OMS
\$55/person Laurel Severson



NEW! French Gourmet Dinner - A Taste of Provence

Take your taste buds on a trip to romantic France. Make a five-course meal inspired by the Provence region which is home to Marseille, Nice and the Riviera. Provençal cooking is known for its fresh ingredients like garlic, olive oil, tomatoes, saffron and herbs. You'll prepare vichyssoise (a creamy potato and leek soup), potato galettes (crispy potato cakes), saffron rice, Coquille St. Jacques à la Provençale (scallops in a flavorful sauce) and crème caramel (a smooth, sweet dessert). Along the way, you'll also learn about the history and culture of Provence. Course fee includes a \$17 food supply fee.

Tue., Feb. 10 6-9 p.m. OMS
\$59/person Laurel Severson

NEW! Le Magnifique Macaron Cake

Try a fun twist on the classic macaron. Make a beautiful macaron cake using large macaron layers, rich fillings, and decorated with traditional macarons. You'll mix, bake and build your own eye-catching cake that's perfect for any special occasion. Whether you've taken Nancy's macaron classes before or this is your first time, everyone is welcome. All supplies are provided. A \$16 supply fee is payable to the instructor in class.

Tue., April 21 6-9 p.m. MGMS
\$39/person Nancy Burgeson

NEW! Let Them Eat Cake!

Join us for an evening mixing, baking, and decorating your own charming 8-inch cake to take home and share with family, friends or co-workers. No prior decorating experience is required, and everything will be provided for you; you'll see that great results don't always need special tools. Nancy has all sorts of clever tricks up her sleeve to show just how easy, and downright fun, baking can be. A \$20 supply fee is payable to the instructor in class.

Tue., May 19 6-9 p.m. MGMS
\$39/person Nancy Burgeson

Marvelous Macarons

This class fills quickly! Perfect for any occasion from baby showers, graduations, weddings, birthdays and more. You will be the talk at the party with these beautiful, delectable treats. Learn how to make, bake, fill and decorate them in different flavors, colors and fillings. Each student leaves with a lovely box of finished macarons. A \$13 supply fee is payable to the instructor in class.

Tue., Feb. 24 6-9 p.m. MGMS
\$39/person Nancy Burgeson

Tue., March 24 6-9 p.m. MGMS
\$39/person Nancy Burgeson

Tantalizing Thai Cuisine (Participation Class)

Enjoy a flavorful evening learning how to make popular dishes from Vietnam and Thailand. Start by making fresh Vietnamese summer rolls with hoisin and peanut dipping sauces. Then, try crispy Vietnamese spring rolls filled with pork, turkey and glass noodles. Next, cook classic Pad Thai with rice noodles, chicken, eggs, garlic, chilies, basil, scallions and bean sprouts. For dessert, you'll make Thai lime custard topped with whipped cream. No experience needed, just come ready to cook and enjoy.

Tue., April 21 6-9 p.m. OMS
\$59/person Jeff Sandino

Traditional Italian Cuisine (Participation Class)

Enjoy a fun evening making delicious Italian favorites. Start with panzanella, a toasted bread salad with fresh summer veggies and bold dressing. Then, make chicken saltimbocca, thin chicken topped with prosciutto, sage, and pan-fried artichokes and finished with a lemon caper butter sauce. Next, learn how to make soft potato gnocchi and toss them in tasty sauces like basil pesto, marinara and brown butter with sage. Finally, you'll make cannoli, a crispy pastry filled with sweet ricotta and mascarpone, topped with pistachios and served with warm chocolate sauce. No experience needed, just come ready to cook and enjoy.

Tue., March 17 6-9 p.m. OMS
\$59/person Jeff Sandino

FAMILY AND FINANCE

NEW! Four Successful Strategies to Protect the House, Farm, Cabin and More – Before and After Your Death

Does your family own a cabin, farm, hunting land, homestead or second home? These special places are part of your family's legacy, but they can be at risk. Learn how to protect your property from common threats like nursing home costs, Medicaid (MA), estate taxes, divorce, debt and disagreements between family members. We'll explore four practical solutions to help keep your property in the family and make sure everyone can enjoy it for years to come without causing conflict.

Wed., April 29 6:30-8 p.m. ESC
\$25/person Steve Ledin & Rolf White

NEW! Fraud Awareness - Be Alert to Financial Fraud

Financial fraud can happen to anyone but knowing what to look for can help keep you and your loved ones safe. Financial Advisor Tarun Bhatia will share easy-to-understand tips to help you spot warning signs, avoid scams and know what to do if fraud happens. You'll also learn how to talk openly with family and trusted professionals to protect your finances.

Thur., Feb. 5 6-7:30 p.m. ESC
\$25/person Tarun Bhatia

NEW! Free Questions and Answers with a Minnesota Will and Trust Planning Attorney

Join this relaxed and friendly seminar with an experienced Will & Trust attorney. You'll get clear answers to common questions like: Should I avoid probate? Is a Will enough, or do I need a Trust? How can I protect my assets from nursing home costs? What's the best way to gift assets between spouses or keep separate property safe? What if I'm single and what tools work best for me? Who should I choose to manage my estate? What is the death tax, and how can I avoid it? How do I keep things simple for my children? Which type of Trust fits my needs? Can I use a Transfer-on-Death deed? What happens to my retirement accounts in my estate plan? All questions are welcome, and you'll leave with practical tips to help protect your assets and avoid family conflict.

Tue., May 19 6:30-8 p.m. ESC
Free Steve Ledin & Rolf White

NEW! How to Pay for the Nursing Home: An Attorney's Perspective

Many baby boomers worry about how to pay for nursing home care and still leave something behind for their family. Discover the answers to important topics like preparing for nursing home costs, long-term care insurance, options for home healthcare, gifting money to family, qualifying for Medicaid, trusts and asset protection, the 60-month "look-back" rule, spousal nursing home care and how to avoid leaving a financial mess for your children. Create a smart plan that protects your assets and keeps your family together.

Tue., March 10 6:30-8 p.m. ESC
\$25/person Steve Ledin & Rolf White

NEW! Ladies Only: Your Strategic Guide to Maximizing Social Security Benefits

Did you know women often face special challenges when it comes to Social Security? This class is designed just for women and will help you learn smart ways to get the most from your benefits. Find out how to qualify for spousal or survivor benefits, increase your payments by waiting to claim, keep your benefits if you keep working, collect benefits from an ex-spouse's record and lower taxes on your Social Security income. Women often earn less over their lifetimes, take time off for caregiving and live longer so it's important to understand how Social Security works for you. Come learn the facts, clear up common myths and leave with helpful tips for a stronger retirement.

Tue. Jan. 20 6:30-8:15 p.m. ESC
\$25/person Rolf White

Medicare Basics: Parts A-D

Turning 65 soon? Learn about how and when to enroll in Medicare, important steps to avoid penalties, and the pros and cons of Part C, Part D and Medicare supplements.

Thur., Feb. 12 6-7:30 p.m. ESC
\$25/person Dan Pfeifer

Thur., April 23 6-7:30 p.m. ESC
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Tarun Bhatia



Prepare Your Own Will

If you don't have a will, Minnesota law decides who gets your property and who will care for your children. Learn what a will is, how probate works and why it's important to plan. You'll leave with a complete, legally binding will that is ready to go. We'll provide everything you need including a professional will form, witnesses and a notary. This class is best for people who have less than \$1 million in assets and don't own a business. An experienced attorney will lead the class and answer your questions.

Mon., March 9 7-9 p.m. MGSB
\$49/person Adam Altman

Wed., May 27 7-9 p.m. MGSB
\$49/person Adam Altman

NEW! Principles of Sound Investing

Want to feel better about how you handle money? Discover 10 easy rules for smart investing, how to avoid common money mistakes and simple ways to save and grow your money. Whether you're just starting out or want to improve your money skills, this class will help you make good choices for your financial future.

Thur., April 2 6-7:30 p.m. ESC
\$25/person Tarun Bhatia

NEW! Social Security for Couples: Maximizing Your Benefits Together

Are you and your spouse nearing retirement age? Learn how to get the most out of your Social Security benefits as a couple. Learn the spousal and survivor benefits you may be eligible for based on your work records, strategies for timing when each spouse claims benefits to maximize your household income over your lifetimes, factoring Social Security into your overall retirement income plan alongside 401(k)s, IRAs, pensions, etc. We'll also address how benefits are taxed and ways to minimize taxes on your benefits in retirement, the earnings limits that may affect your benefits and techniques higher-earning couples can utilize. This class is essential for married couples wanting to ensure they receive their full share of the Social Security benefits they've earned. Attend with your spouse or partner.

Wed., Feb. 18 6:30-8 p.m. ESC
\$25/couple Rolf White

Taxes in Retirement

You must pay taxes, but don't pay more than you need to! Uncover how smart tax planning can help you save money now and in retirement. We'll talk about how to choose the best places to save for retirement, how to create a tax-friendly retirement paycheck, how taxes affect Social Security and Medicare and how to pass money to your family without extra taxes. With careful planning, you can lower your lifetime tax bill and keep more of your hard-earned money. This class will help you understand your options and make smarter financial choices.

Tue., Jan. 20 6:30-7:30 p.m. ESC
\$15/person Tom Scheck

Tue., April 7 6:30-7:30 p.m. ESC
\$15/person Tom Scheck

NEW! Your Taxes in Retirement

Did you know your taxes in retirement can change a lot depending on how and when you use your money? Learn how to make a smart plan so you don't pay more taxes than you need to. We'll talk about the types of taxes you'll face in retirement, how taxes affect Social Security and Medicare. You'll learn when to use different accounts to avoid extra taxes, how to avoid the Social Security "tax trap". You'll learn why taking money out in the wrong order can raise your Medicare costs, what to do in each stage of retirement to stay on track, and common mistakes with investments, health care and estate planning. This class will help you understand the tax rules and make better choices before and during retirement.

Mon., May 4 6:30-8 p.m. ESC
\$25/person Rolf White



Rolf White



DANCE & TRAVEL

Romantic Dance

Start your weekend with a little romance and a lot of fun. This class is all about dancing together, not perfect footwork. Learn easy, romantic moves like spins, turns and twirls that will help you feel confident and connected on the dance floor. Whether you are brand new, or have taken the class before, you'll enjoy fresh moves and a relaxed evening. Couples only.

Fri., Jan. 30 7-9 p.m. OSH
\$45/couple Monica Mohn

Swing Dance: A Night of Fun

One night. One dance. Lots of laughs. This class isn't about perfect footwork; it's about having fun together. Whether you are brand new or just want to learn a few fresh moves, you'll enjoy easy steps like the "arch" and the "loop" that will take you from shy sidesteppers to confident dancers. No pressure, no spotlight, just music, movement and a great time with your partner. Couples only.

Mon., March 16 7-9 p.m. OSH
\$45/couple Monica Mohn

Wedding Dance Workshop

Dance instructor, Monica Mohn, who was nominated by Minnesota Bride for "Best Wedding Dance Instruction", will teach you simple moves and easy tips to help you feel confident and look great on the dance floor. Bring your special song if you'd like and enjoy learning together. Couples only.

Fri., April 10 7-9 p.m. OSH
\$45/couple Monica Mohn



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Makeup Boot Camp for Women

Update your beauty regimen with fresh techniques for timeless, ageless style. Learn about new products, application tips and current trends in makeup and skincare led by Julie Sherman, a makeup artist with 35+ years of experience. No products or services will be sold, just practical advice for busy women ready for a beauty refresh.

Wed., March 4 6:30-8:30 p.m. ESC
\$45/person Julie Sherman

NEW! Foot Foundations

Your feet are the base of your body so give them the care they deserve. Learn how to stand and move in ways that reduce pressure and pain. We'll talk about how shoes affect your body and show you simple exercises to help strengthen and stretch your feet. This session helps you build a strong foundation for better movement and lasting results. It's highly recommended before taking other foot workshops.

Tue., March 31 6-7:30 p.m. ESC
\$35/person Kristina Walker

NEW! Flat Feet

Do you have flat feet or fallen arches? You're not alone, and there are ways to help! Discover the difference between flexible and rigid flat feet, what causes arches to collapse and how to strengthen your feet with simple exercises. You'll also get tips to improve your balance, movement and posture. Take confident steps toward stronger, healthier feet.

Tue., April 7 6-7:30 p.m. ESC
\$35/person Kristina Walker

NEW! High Arches and Hammertoes

High arches can lead to pain, balance problems and even hammertoes, but there are ways to feel better. Learn what causes high arches and how they connect to ball-of-foot pain. You'll practice simple exercises to relax your arches, improve movement and lower your risk of injury. The goal is to help you build stronger, more comfortable feet that support your whole body.

Tue., April 14 6-7:30 p.m. ESC
\$35/person Kristina Walker

NEW! A Functional Approach to Plantar Fasciitis

This class will help you understand what's really causing your foot pain and how to fix it for good. Learn why the pain keeps coming back, how your body's strength and movement affect your feet and try simple exercises that can help you heal. This whole-body approach can help you move with confidence and feel better every day.

Tue., April 28 6-7:45 p.m. ESC
\$35/person Kristina Walker

COMMUNITY AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Ramadan: Fasting, Feasting, and Feeding

Ramadan is coming soon! In this class, you'll learn why Muslims fast, how long fasting lasts in Minnesota, and what it means for daily life. We'll also talk about how Ramadan brings people together and how Muslims celebrate Eid, the holiday that marks the end of the month. There will be time for questions and open discussion, plus a snack to enjoy. This is a great chance to learn, connect, and build understanding in our community.

Wed., Feb. 11 6-9 p.m. ESC
\$25/person Jennifer Zagozda
Building Blocks of Islam

Know Your Muslim Neighbor

Join us for a friendly and open conversation about Islam and the lives of Muslims. You'll learn about key beliefs, daily practices, and how faith shapes everyday life. This class is a safe space to ask questions, clear up misunderstandings, and learn more about your Muslim neighbors. Together, we'll work to break down stereotypes and build a stronger, more respectful community.

Thur., May 14 6-9 p.m. ESC
\$25/person Jennifer Zagozda
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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Tai Chi and Qigong Mix It Up!

Explore gentle forms of movement to help improve balance, flexibility and body awareness. You'll practice different tai chi and qigong forms, learn about acupressure points, and try tools like the tai chi ruler, bang stick, baoding balls and an unweighted ball. This class is great for most physical conditions. You should be able to turn, bend slightly and stand for part of the time. Wear loose clothes and flat shoes (no sandals) and come ready to relax and feel better.

Tue., Jan. 13-Feb. 24 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Skip Feb. 3 OMS
\$85/person Christine Morgan

Tue., April 7-May 19 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Skip April 21 OMS
\$85/person Christine Morgan

NEW! Stressed to Thriving: A Guided Path to Balance & Clarity

Feeling overwhelmed by health, eating habits or money worries? This class gives you simple tools and real-life support to help you feel more in control. You'll get easy-to-use strategies that fit your life such as tools to organize your health and finances, sample workouts, meal ideas, budget templates, goal-setting tips to help you stay on track, support and accountability to keep you motivated and yoga and meditation exercises to reduce stress and improve focus. Come ready to feel more balanced and confident in your everyday life.

Wed., April 8 5:30-7:30 p.m. ESC
\$39/person Jonnie Goodmanson

NEW! Will I Have Joint Pain Forever?

If medications and surgeries haven't helped your chronic pain or fibromyalgia, this class could be a turning point. Learn why traditional treatments don't always work and explore safe, non-invasive options that can help you feel better. Discover simple, proven strategies that include gentle movement, relaxation techniques, massage and other natural therapies. These approaches can improve your mood, sleep and overall well-being. You'll leave with practical steps you can start using right away to take back control of your life. This class is a supportive space to learn, ask questions and feel empowered.

Wed., Feb. 4 6-7:30 p.m. ESC
\$19/person Christie Amundson

Gentle and Restorative Yoga - Pause. Breathe. Reconnect.

Whether you are brand new to yoga or have years of experience, this welcoming class offers a space to unwind, recharge and reconnect with your body. Through a blend of deep stretches and calming, gentle poses, you'll release tension, support your connective tissues and leave feeling refreshed and renewed. Bring a comfortable yoga mat to ground yourself. To enhance your experience, feel free to bring blocks, straps, bolsters or towels and whatever helps you feel supported. No pressure, no expectations, just your time to move, breathe and be. Past participants have shared that after class, it's the best they've ever slept. See why this practice is a favorite for relaxation and restoration.

Wed., Jan. 7-March 4 7-8 p.m. OMS
\$125/person Lisa Newkirk

Wed., April 1-May 27 7-8 p.m. OMS
Skip April 8 Lisa Newkirk
\$115/person

NEW! Understanding Bunions: Causes, Care and Control

Bunions are a common foot problem, but many people don't fully understand what causes them or how to treat them. Learn what bunions are, why they form and how your shoes and the way you walk (biomechanics) can make a difference. Explore simple lifestyle changes, gentle exercises and ways to improve foot alignment that can help reduce pain and slow bunion growth. You'll also learn when it might be time to consider orthotics or surgery and how to know what's right for you. This class is a great chance to ask questions in a safe, supportive space and walk away with practical tips to feel more comfortable and confident.

Tue., April 21 6-7:30 p.m. ESC
\$35/person Kristina Walker

HOME AND GARDEN

Basic Home Electrical Repair I

Learn the basics of your home's electrical system. You'll discover different types of wires, wire sizes (called "gauges") and how to use them safely. The instructor will show you how to strip wire correctly, attach wires to outlets, switches, and light fixtures, and use basic testing tools. Please bring straight and Phillips screwdrivers, long-nose pliers and wire strippers if you have them. This class meets in two separate sessions. The instructor recommends signing up for both Part I and Part II at the same time. You must take Basic Home Electrical Repair I before attending Advanced Home Electrical Repair II.

Mon., Feb. 23 6-8 p.m. MGMS
\$59/person Tod Novinska

Advanced Home Electrical Repair II

Keep building your skills in this hands-on class! Learn how to safely install light switches (single-pole and 3-way), outlets and light fixtures. You'll even wire a light bulb and test the circuit to see how it works. We'll talk about different types of light bulbs and how to choose the right LED bulb. You'll also learn about installing ceiling fans and other fixtures. Please bring your own wire stripper, straight and Phillips screwdrivers and long-nose pliers if you have them. You must take Basic Home Electrical Repair I before joining this class. The instructor recommends signing up for both Part I and Part II at the same time.

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HOME AND GARDEN

Basic Home Plumbing Repair

Want to feel more confident handling small plumbing repairs at home? Learn how your home's plumbing system works and get hands-on practice with basic repairs. Discover different types of plastic and metal pipes, take apart and fix different kinds of faucets, replace a pop-up drain assembly and talk about how toilets work inside. This class is great for beginners who want to save money and feel more comfortable doing simple plumbing jobs.

Mon., March 9 6-8:30 p.m. MGMS
\$59/person Tod Novinska

DIY for Females: Kitchen Cabinet Painting & Trim Enameling

Have you recently bought a home that needs a little updating? Or maybe you're ready to refresh your current space? Painting wood cabinets and trim is a popular way to make your home feel brighter and more modern without spending a lot of money. Learn how to paint your kitchen cabinets and trim like a pro. We'll walk you through each step, from cleaning and prepping the wood to priming and applying enamel paint. No experience needed. This class is taught by an experienced instructor who has painted hundreds of kitchens and homes. You'll get expert tips to help you avoid common mistakes and feel confident doing the work yourself. A \$50 supply fee is included in the total class cost.

Wed., Feb. 11 6-9 p.m. OMS
\$125/person Jamie Nicole

Wed., April 8 6-9 p.m. MGMS
\$125/person Jamie Nicole

DIY for Females: Painting & Drywall

Are you a single woman, newly divorced, widowed or just new to owning a home? Maybe you're someone who enjoys rolling up your sleeves and getting things done yourself. If hiring a professional feels too expensive, this beginner-friendly class is a great place to start! Learn how to fix common drywall problems like holes and cracks, and how to prep and paint your walls for a clean, professional look. We'll talk about different types of paint, what they're used for and how to choose the right colors for your space. No experience needed; just come ready to learn and build your confidence. A \$25 supply fee is included in the total class cost.

Wed., March 18 6-9 p.m. OMS
\$105/person Jamie Nicole

Wed., May 13 6-9 p.m. OMS
\$105/person Jamie Nicole

Power Tools for Women I

Location: Fran's Woodworking Shop
7155 160th Lane NW
Ramsey, MN

Discover the basics of woodworking in this fun, hands-on class. Learn how to safely use power tools like drills, sanders, routers and saws. Week 1: learn how to use each tool and stay safe while working. Week 2: build a small bench to take home. Bring safety goggles, a tape measure and pencil. Tie back long hair and don't wear loose clothing (for safety). Class takes place in a large, heated workshop with lots of space, tools and parking. Francis Kaas is a Master Carpenter with over 30 years of experience. A supply fee of \$35, is payable to the instructor at class.

Tue., Feb. 10, 17 6:30-8:30 p.m.
\$59/person Fran Kaas

Tue., April 7, 14 6:30-8:30 p.m.
\$59/person Fran Kaas

Power Tools for Women II

Location: Fran's Woodworking Shop
7155 160th Lane NW
Ramsey, MN

Keep the fun going in this follow-up to Power Tools I! Build a small end table with a bookshelf underneath. You must have taken Power Tools I or get permission from the instructor to join. You'll need to take your project home after the first night and bring it back for the second. For safety you must tie back long hair and cannot wear loose clothing. Bring safety goggles, a tape measure and a pencil. Francis Kaas is a Master Carpenter with over 30 years of experience in home building and remodeling. A supply fee of \$70-\$85 (based on lumber prices), is payable to the instructor at class.

Tue., March 10, 17 6:30-8:30 p.m.
\$59/person Fran Kaas

Tue., April 28 & May 5 6:30-8:30 p.m.
\$59/person Fran Kaas

Simple Steps to Downsizing

Planning to move or downsize in the next few years? This class will help you get started with simple steps and smart tips. You'll learn what to do first, how to avoid common mistakes, and how to make the process easier and less stressful. Whether you're downsizing soon or just starting to think about it, this class will leave you feeling more confident and ready to take the next step.

Mon., Jan. 12 6:30-8 p.m. ESC
\$15/person Steve Hoem

Mon., March 30 6:30-8 p.m. ESC
\$15/person Steve Hoem

Zestfully Declutter!

Feeling stressed by too much stuff? Not sure where to start or what to do with things you don't need? Let a professional home organizer teach you easy ways to clear out clutter and feel better in your space. You'll learn how to let go of items you no longer use, where to donate or sell them, and how living with less can help you feel happier and more in control. Bring a notebook and an open mind. You'll leave ready to make positive changes at home.

Wed., April 29 6-7:30 p.m. ESC
\$39/person Kira Vanderlan

MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY

NEW! Apple Accounts Made Simple: iCloud, Family Sharing and Security

Do Apple Accounts feel confusing or frustrating? Understand how your Apple Account works with iCloud, the App Store, subscriptions and more. You'll learn how to manage your account on your iPhone, iPad or Mac, set up Family Sharing and keep your information safe with two-factor authentication. We'll also talk about common problems, like having more than one account in your household or getting locked out, and how to fix them. Bring your iPhone, iPad or Mac if you'd like to follow along, and bring a notebook to take notes. After this class, you'll feel more confident using your Apple Account.

Wed., Feb. 11 6-8 p.m. ESC
\$59/person Joel Feld

NEW! Apple Contacts, Calendar, and Notes: Stay Organized Across Your Devices

Want a simpler way to manage your digital life? Learn how to use Apple's built-in apps to stay organized. We'll show you how to add and manage events in the calendar app, keep your contacts updated across all your devices, and create notes that are easy to search and share. You'll also learn how iCloud keeps everything in sync and explore tips to save time and work better with others. Bring your fully charged iPhone, iPad or Mac if you'd like to follow along, and bring a notebook to take notes.

Tue., Feb. 24 6-8 p.m. ESC
\$59/person Joel Feld

NEW! Apple Photos on the Mac: Advanced Editing with Extensions and 3rd-Party Apps

Ready to go beyond basic photo edits? Learn how to use advanced tools in Apple Photos, like Curves, Levels and Selective Color, to make your pictures look even better. You'll also explore editing apps like Pixelmator, Luminar and Affinity Photo that work with Apple Photos to give you more creative options. This class is great for anyone who enjoys photography and wants more control over how their photos look. Bring your Mac computer (optional) and a notebook to take notes.

Thur., June 4 6-8 p.m. ESC
\$59/person Joel Feld

NEW! Apple Photos on the Mac: Editing Made Easy

Want to make your pictures look better without buying extra software? Learn how to use Apple Photos on your Mac to improve your photos. We'll show you how to adjust color and lighting, crop and straighten images, use filters to change the look, edit portrait and live photos, use batch edits and markup tools and export photos for printing or sharing. Bring your favorite photos, a fully charged Mac (optional) and a notebook to take notes. You'll get hands-on practice and learn easy ways to make your photos shine.

Thur., Feb. 26 6-8 p.m. ESC
\$59/person Joel Feld

NEW! Apple Photos on the Mac: Getting Started

Is your photo collection hard to manage? This class will help you get started with Apple Photos on your Mac so you can feel more in control of your pictures and videos. Learn how to import photos from different places, understand how the Photos Library is set up and use iCloud Photos to keep everything safe and synced across your devices. Bring your fully charged Mac (optional) and a notebook to take notes. You'll follow along and learn simple ways to organize and enjoy your memories.

Tue., Jan. 27 6-8 p.m. ESC
\$59/person Joel Feld

NEW! Apple Photos on the Mac: Organize and Share

Is your photo library overflowing and hard to manage? This class will help you organize your growing collection using Apple Photos on your Mac. Learn how to create albums and folders, add keywords and captions to your pictures, use Smart Albums to organize, automatically search, and filter your photos easily and share photos with iCloud Adjust privacy settings to keep your memories safe. Bring your fully charged Mac (optional) and a notebook to take notes. You'll follow along and practice organizing and sharing your photos with confidence.

Wed., June 3 6-8 p.m. ESC
\$59/person Joel Feld

NEW! Getting Started with Apple iMovie: Bringing Your Stories to Life

Want to make your home videos and photos look more polished? Learn how to use Apple iMovie to turn everyday moments into movies worth sharing. Discover how to import and organize your photos and videos, edit clips on a timeline, add titles, transitions, and effects, use music and voiceovers to enhance your project and export your finished video to share with family, friends or online. Whether you're making a slideshow or telling a bigger story, bring your ideas to life. Bring a notebook for notes. A Mac computer is optional but helpful if you have one.

Thur., April 23 6-8 p.m. ESC
\$59/person Joel Feld

NEW! Getting Started with Apple iWork (Pages, Numbers, Keynote)

Did you know your Apple devices come with free apps for writing, organizing, and presenting? Learn how to: write documents in pages, manage data and lists in numbers and create slideshows in keynote. You'll explore easy-to-use templates, add images and charts and learn how to share your work using Apple's built-in tools. Whether you're writing a letter, tracking expenses, or making a presentation, this class will help you get more done with the apps you already have. Please bring a fully charged iPhone, iPad or Mac with Pages, Numbers and Keynote installed and a notebook for notes.

Thur., April 9 6-8 p.m. ESC
\$59/person Joel Feld

NEW! Getting Started with ChatGPT, Apple Intelligence, and AI Tools

Curious about AI but not sure where to start? This beginner-friendly class will help you understand popular AI tools like ChatGPT, Apple Intelligence, Microsoft Copilot and Adobe Firefly. You'll learn the difference between free and paid versions of ChatGPT, how Apple is adding AI to iPhone, iPad and Mac, what other tools can do to help with writing, creativity, and everyday tasks and how to use AI safely and effectively at home or work. Live demos will show how AI works in plain language. You'll get tips you can use right away! Bring a Mac, iPad or iPhone (optional) and a notebook for notes.

Wed., April 22 6-8 p.m. ESC
\$59/person Joel Feld

LOCATION KEY:

ESC Educational Service Center
11200 93rd Ave
Maple Grove, MN 55369

OMS Osseo Middle School
10223 93rd Ave N
Osseo, MN 55369

MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY

NEW! Goodbye iMovie: Hello Final Cut Pro!

Ready to go beyond iMovie? Explore Final Cut Pro, Apple's advanced video editing tool, and see how it compares to iMovie. Learn key differences in editing tools, effects and workflow, how Final Cut Pro gives you more creative control, tips for working with audio, color and transitions, and how to export and share your finished videos. This class is perfect for anyone who wants to take their video editing skills to the next level. Bring a Mac with iMovie and/or Final Cut Pro (if you have one), and a notebook for notes.

Thur., May 7 6-8 p.m. ESC
\$59/person Joel Feld

NEW! It's Easier Than You Think: How to Build Your Own Website!

Do you want to make your own website but feel unsure about the tech stuff? Learn how to use simple tools like Squarespace, Wix and WordPress to design and launch your site, no coding required. We'll show you how to set up pages, pick a design and add features like photo galleries, contact forms and online shopping. You'll also learn how to name your site, create a basic brand and help people find it online. Bring a Mac laptop (optional) and a notebook to take notes. This class is great for anyone wanting a website for a business, blog, photography or personal project.

Fri., May 8 6-8 p.m. ESC
\$59/person Joel Feld

NEW! It's Never Too Late to Start a YouTube Channel!

Have you ever wanted to make your own YouTube videos but didn't know where to start? Learn how to turn your ideas into videos and share them online. Uncover how to choose a topic, set up your channel and use tools you already have, like your phone or computer, to create content. We'll also talk about writing good titles, making eye-catching thumbnails, promoting your videos and how YouTube channels can make money. Bring a notebook to take notes. This class will give you the skills to start your own YouTube channel and share what you love with others.

Wed., March 11 6-8 p.m. ESC
\$59/person Joel Feld

NEW! Organize Your Digital Life: Files, Folders, and Cloud Storage

Is your Mac desktop full of files and hard to manage? Learn easy ways to organize your digital life using Finder, your Mac's built-in file manager. You'll learn how to make folders and name files clearly, use tags and search tools to find things fast and understand where your files are stored on your computer or in the cloud (like iCloud Drive, Google Drive or OneDrive). Bring a Mac laptop (optional, but helpful) and a notebook for notes. This class will help you feel more confident using your Mac and keeping your files in order.

Wed., May 6 6-8 p.m. ESC
\$59/person Joel Feld

NEW! Stay Secure with Apple: Passwords, Passkeys, and Privacy

Worried about your data on your iPhone, iPad or Mac? Learn simple ways to protect your personal information and accounts. We'll show you how to use tools like the Passwords app, Face ID, Touch ID and two-factor authentication. You'll also try out Apple's new passkeys feature. Plus, we'll walk through privacy settings for apps, location services, and Safari so you stay in control of what's shared. Bring your fully charged iPhone, iPad or Mac and a notebook to take notes. No experience needed; just come ready to learn and feel more confident using your device.

Thur., May 21 6-8 p.m. ESC
\$59/person Joel Feld

NEW! Work With Joel: Apple Help Workshop

Need help finishing a project or figuring out your Apple device? Work with an expert who can guide you step-by-step. Whether you're organizing photos, editing a slideshow, cleaning up files or setting up iCloud, you'll get personal help and learn new skills. With a small group, there's more time for one-on-one support. Leave with real progress on your project and more confidence using your device. Bring your fully charged Apple device (Mac, iPhone, or iPad) and any materials you need like photos, files, external drives or notes.

Mon., June 1 6-8 p.m. ESC
\$59/person Joel Feld

NEW! iCloud Made Simple: Sync, Backup and Storage

iCloud can help make your digital life easier and more secure. Learn how to keep your photos, files and contacts synced across your iPhone, iPad and Mac, manage your iCloud storage, back up your devices, and use helpful features like iCloud Drive, iCloud Photos, Find My and iCloud Keychain for passwords. You'll follow along with live demos and gain confidence using iCloud every day. Please bring a fully charged iPhone, iPad or Mac (optional) and a notebook for notes.

Wed., May 20 6-8 p.m. ESC
\$59/person Joel Feld

NEW! iPhone Photography for Beginners: Master the Lens in Your Pocket

Did you know your iPhone can take amazing pictures and videos just like a regular camera? Learn how to use your iPhone's camera to get great results. We'll go over different camera modes, how to adjust settings and how to use easy editing tools to improve your photos. You'll also learn simple ways to share your favorite pictures with family and friends. Whether you're new to photography or just want to get better at using your phone, this class will help you turn everyday moments into lasting memories. Please bring a fully charged Apple iPhone and a notebook.

Tue., April 7 6-8 p.m. ESC
\$59/person Joel Feld



ONLINE CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Learn from expert instructors from anywhere. Whether you are at home, on the go or juggling a busy schedule, our online classes offer the flexibility you need. Scan the code below to explore online classes by category that match your interests. When you are ready, register online at osseo.ce.eleyo.com or call us at 763-391-7242.

ARTS AND CREATIVITY

- Online: Be a Better Writer - 10 Easy Tips to Improve Your Writing Now
- Online: Beginner's Guide to Getting Published
- Online: Beginner's Guide to Starting a FREE Blog
- NEW! Online: Book Marketing Bootcamp - Promote Like a Pro Without a Publicist
- Online: Comedy Writing: How to Be Funny on Paper and Stage
- NEW! Online: Content Creation for Cash - Social Media Writing That Works
- NEW! Online: Creative Writing 101: A Beginner's Guide
- Online: Explore 50 Different Self-Publishing Options (prerequisite)
- Online: Explore the World as a Travel Writer
- NEW! Online: Ghostwriting 101 - Get Paid to Write Other People's Stories
- Online: How to Outline and Write an Irresistible Romance
- Online: How to Write Your Life Story (for fun or profit)
- Online: Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy People
- Online: Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People
- NEW! Online: Introduction to Journaling: A Beginner's Guide
- Online: Introduction to Screenwriting for Television or Movies
- NEW! Online: Make Money as a Freelance Writer: A Beginner's Guide
- Online: Meet the Publisher/Agent - Get Your Manuscript Critiqued
- NEW! Online: Nonfiction Writing Essentials - Tell True Stories with Purpose
- NEW! Online: Overcome Writer's Block - Tools to Get Unstuck and Inspired
- NEW! Online: Pitch Perfect - Crafting Query Letters and Proposals That Sell
- NEW! Online: Show, Don't Tell - Make Your Writing Come Alive
- NEW! Online: Speak Up, Stand Out - Public Speaking for Beginners
- Online: Using Amazon's Kindle Direct to Self-Publish Your Book for Free
- Online: Write Your First Novel (in 90 Days!)
- NEW! Online: Write a Riveting Mystery, Suspense, or Crime Story
- NEW! Online: Writing (and Selling) Flash Fiction - Say More with Fewer Words
- NEW! Online: Writing Personal Essays That Matter
- NEW! Online: Writing Short Stories: A Beginner's Guide
- NEW! Online: Writing for Children - A Beginner's Guide
- NEW! Online: Writing for Online Blogs, Magazines & Websites



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ONLINE CLASSES FOR ADULTS

COOKING AND NUTRITION

- NEW! Online: A Taste of Tuscany: Handcrafted Ricotta Gnocchi Meal
- NEW! Online: Banh Mi from Baguette to Bite
- NEW! Online: Bulgogi Kimbap - Korean Signature Rice Rolls
- Online: California Sushi Roll Extravaganza
- NEW! Online: Classic European Sweetheart Delights: Tiramisu and Stroopwafels
- Online: Classic Homemade Pierogi and Sweet Berry Pierogi
- NEW! Online: Dim Sum Dumpling Dynasty: Pot Stickers with Homemade Wrappers, Filling and Dipping Sauce
- NEW! Online: Dim Sum Wonton Workshop
- NEW! Online: Dim Sum for Beginners
- NEW! Online: Flaky Jamaican Meat Patties or Hand Pies
- NEW! Online: Focaccia, Stromboli and Calzones
- NEW! Online: Hand-Pulled Noodles from Scratch
- NEW! Online: Kickoff Kitchen! Home-Baked Soft Subs and Hawaiian Roll Sliders
- NEW! Online: Mediterranean Chicken Gyro Meal
- NEW! Online: Moroccan Cuisine
- NEW! Online: North Indian Cooking
- NEW! Online: Pate a Choux - Eclairs and Cream Puffs
- NEW! Online: Pizza Perfection! Mama's Focaccia Pan-Style & Pretzel Crust Pizzas
- NEW! Online: Soups and Bread Bowls - Creamy Chicken and Wild Rice, Loaded Potato, and Italian Bread Bowls (Instant Pot® or Stove Top)
- NEW! Online: Spanish Tapas

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Online: Abdominal Strengtheners That Won't Stress Your Back or Neck
- Online: Acupressure Face Lift & Skin Savvy
- Online: Acupressure for Sinus Relief
- Online: Acupressure to Assist Weight Loss
- Online: Acupressure to Relieve Migraines, Headaches, Nausea & Vertigo
- Online: Acupressure to Relieve Stress, Anxiety and Insomnia
- Online: Avoid the Pitfalls of Perimenopause/Menopause
- Online: De-Age Your Brain
- Online: Empowered Aging: Take Control of Your Health & Peel Years Off Your Bio Age
- Online: Face Yoga
- Online: Feet, Knees & Ankles
- Online: Heart Health for Women
- Online: Hips, Thighs & Otherwise
- Online: Is Your Waistband Too Tight Today? How to Beat Belly Bloat
- Online: Just Breathe! Techniques to Calm, Center & Balance
- Online: Overcome Your Carbohydrate Cravings
- Online: Posture & Osteoporosis Workshop - Building Better Bones
- Online: Posture, Get it Straight! Look 10 Years Younger and Feel Better
- NEW! Online: School Year Reset for Parents of Neurodivergent Kids
- Online: Seven Steps to Reverse or Prevent Diabetes
- Online: Soothe Those Achy Joints
- Online: Strong Is the New Skinny! Total Body Strengtheners You Can Do at Home
- Online: Thyroid Things You Need to Know
- Online: Vitamins & Herbs - Facts & Fallacies
- Online: Women, Weight & Hormones

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- Connect with expert instructors and classmates across the community
- Access materials and recordings easily on your devices



ONLINE CLASSES FOR ADULTS

FAMILY AND FINANCE

- Online: \$Monetize\$ Websites, Blogs and Social Media with Affiliate Marketing
- NEW! Online: Four Strategies for a Smarter College Search
- NEW! Online: 50 \$Money\$ Making Side Hustles for Teens
- Online: Earn Extra Money Mystery Shopping (post-requisite)
- Online: How To Start Any Home Business + 250 Home Business Ideas
- Online: Make Money with a Virtual Assistant/Word Processing Business (prerequisite)
- NEW! Online: Passive Income 101 - Create Products That Sell While You Sleep
- Online: Save Money with Extreme Couponing
- NEW! Online: Start Your Own Online Business: A Beginner's Guide

CPR AND SAFETY

- Online: Intro to Medical Terminology

DANCE AND TRAVEL

- Online: Armchair Travel - Ancient Armenia
- Online: Armchair Travel - Unique Uzbekistan

HOME AND GARDEN

- NEW! Online: Grow Your Own Vegetables
- Online: Growing Apples
- Online: Growing Backyard Fruits
- Online: Growing Blueberries in Your Backyard
- NEW! Online: Pruning Trees and Shrubs
- NEW! Online: Vegetable Gardening for Beginners

LANGUAGES

- Online: Adult Conversational Spanish - Beginner Part 1 (Live Virtual)
- Online: Adult Conversational Spanish - Beginner Part 2 (Live Virtual)
- Online: Adult Conversational Spanish - Intermediate Part 1 (Live Virtual)
- Online: Adult Conversational Spanish - Intermediate Part 2 (Live Virtual)
- Online: Adult Spanish for Travelers

HOME AND GARDEN

- Online: Navigate with Uber: Achieve Transportation Freedom
- NEW! Online: Post Like a Pro: Navigating Facebook & Instagram with Meta Business Suite
- NEW! Online: Beginner's Guide to Using Free ChatGPT (AI) for Writers
- NEW! Online: Canva Power Hour: Advanced Tricks That Save You Time!
- Online: Canva for Awesome Beginners
- NEW! Online: Fast-Track to Social Media Marketing for Business
- NEW! Online: Google Sheets for Awesome Beginners
- Online: How To Use Venmo Safely
- Online: One-Hour Instagram Mastery: Grow Your Business Today
- NEW! Online: Phone Photo Rescue Workshop for Beginners
- NEW! Online: Practical ChatGPT Training for Everyone
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Need a place for your next event?

Osseo Area Schools has a wide range of spaces available to rent after school, on weekends and during the summer. Our facilities are open to individuals, groups, non-profits and businesses.

Available spaces include:

- **Classrooms and meeting rooms** for small groups
- **Large cafeterias** for banquets or community events
- **State-of-the-art auditoriums** with professional sound and lighting technology for performances, presentations or religious services
- **Gymnasiums** for athletics, recreation classes and events.
- **Outdoor turf and grass fields** for athletic practices and tournaments

Osseo Area Schools' Community Education Facilities Scheduling team manages all rentals and can help you find the right space.



Ready to reserve?

Visit ce.osseoschools.org/facilities-rental or scan code to request a facility permit or learn more.



Questions about facility rentals? Email facilities@district279.org

We're hiring events staff

Join our team and help support community events in Osseo Area Schools. We're looking for Building Supervisors and Auditorium Technicians to help host events in our schools. These flexible, part-time roles are great for people who enjoy working with others and making a difference.

Explore job postings!

View osseoschools.org/careers or scan code to apply.



MEET OUR TEAM



Facilities Scheduler, DeAnn Hill
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Program Manager, Dana Nelson
nelsond2@district279.org

Supporting district athletic and recreation facilities (gyms, stadiums, turf and grass fields).



Facilities Scheduler, Susie Cox
coxs@district279.org



Program Manager, Jamie Cassidy
cassidyjamie@district279.org

Supporting district auditoriums, cafeterias, classrooms and cultural events.



Facilities Scheduler, Mailee Thao
thaom2@district279.org
Educational Service Center and
invoicing support.



Coordinator, Carrie Larson
larsoncarrie@district279.org
For overall Facilities Scheduling
questions or needs.

“The auditorium lighting really set the feel of the space for our Investment in Youth event. The AV team did a wonderful job! -Sadie Gelle, District 279 Foundation administrative assistant and events coordinator”

PERMIT PROCESSING TIMELINE

Priority Group	Fall use Sept. 6 - Nov. 15		Winter use Nov. 16 - Feb. 28		Spring use March 1 - June 10		Summer use June 11 - Sept. 5	
	Request deadline	Notification by	Request deadline	Notification by	Request deadline	Notification by	Request deadline	Notification by
Priority 2 Governmental, municipally affiliated athletic associations and youth groups	July 15	Aug. 30	Oct. 15	Oct. 30	Dec. 1	Jan. 30	March 15	March 30
Priority 3 Non-profit, neighborhood and faith based groups	June 15	Aug. 30	Aug. 15	Oct. 30	Dec. 1	Jan. 30	March 1	March 30
Priority 4 Commerical groups	June 15	Aug. 30	Aug. 15	Oct. 30	Dec. 1	Jan. 30	March 1	March 30

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

Osseo Area Schools Adult Basic Education (ABE) offers free classes for adults.

We can help you:

- Learn English
- Improve your reading, writing or math skills
- Prepare for the GED exam
- Connect you to career pathways training

Our school year begins in September and continues through early June. Students can start anytime during the school year.

Location:

Northwest Family Service Center
Second floor, Suite 200S
7051 Brooklyn Boulevard
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

Office hours

Mon. - Thurs.: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fri.: 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Limited office hours during school breaks and during the summer.

Phone: 763-566-5452

Email: abe@district279.org

Website: ce.osseoschools.org/abe



“Adult learners make a choice to come to school. They make the choice to make sacrifices to continue their learning,” said retired ABE teacher and 2025 graduation speaker Paula Freiermuth. “Adult learners are the bravest people I know... Graduates, know that we believe in you, and we are inspired by your courage. Congratulations and thank you.”



Did you know?

Osseo Area Schools ABE partners with a number of community partners to provide career pathways training in a variety of fields including property maintenance, warehouse training, small business development and more. The training programs are short-term, free to eligible participants and include job placement assistance. Call the ABE office for more information on these classes.

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DISTRICT 279 FOUNDATION

For over 30 years District 279 Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization has been dedicated to supporting scholars in Osseo Area Schools.



District 279 Foundation supports and enhances the district's dedication to all scholars by funding innovative and creative projects that enhance curriculum, experiential learning opportunities or contribute to the community. All proceeds from the Reading Is Fun 5K are disbursed to the Osseo Area Schools' media centers while proceeds from the A Night Out Gala are disbursed through various grant applications.

Our mission: To support and enhance the district's dedication to all scholars.

Our vision: To provide learning opportunities for scholars in Osseo Area Schools by funding programs, projects and other opportunities that are not currently funded through the district's budget.

Our core values: We believe that there is a moral, social and economic imperative to support scholar success and equitable achievement.

SAVE THE DATE!

A Night Out

Date: Friday, Feb. 6, 2026

Location: Leopold's Mississippi Gardens

Tickets: Available for purchase Dec. 1.

For more details visit the website
district279foundation.org/events.



Investment In Youth Celebration

Date: Sunday, May 3, 2026

Location: Park Center Senior High

School: An IB World School

For more details visit the website
district279foundation.org/events.



ENROLLMENT CENTER

We are your one-stop shop for enrollment services.

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- Change of address

Northwest Family Service Center (First floor)

7051 Brooklyn Boulevard
Brooklyn Center, MN 55329

Phone: 763-585-7350

Email: EnrollmentCenter@district279.org

Open year-round*

Monday - Friday

Hours: 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

***Enrollment Center will be closed:**

- Nov. 18*
*tentative
- Dec. 17
- Jan. 20
- Feb. 18
- April 1
- April 29
- May 12
- June 2
- July 24



“I enjoy meeting and working with families who come to the Enrollment Center. It’s a privilege to help them get connected to resources in our community and to offer a warm welcome as they join our school district.”

-Amy K.,
Family Advocate
Enrollment Center



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1. **Online:** osseoschools.org/enroll
2. **Email:** enrollmentcenter@district279.org
3. **Fax:** 763-585-7368
4. **Mail:** Enrollment Center:
7051 Brooklyn Boulevard,
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429
5. **In-person:** 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)

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-Jeanne Barr
EL Intake Facilitator/Teacher



Explore your school options

1 Consider your needs

Check if schools offer the services you need and if bus transportation is available. Explore how schools and magnet programs transition from elementary to high school. Keep in mind, some schools are closed to open enrollment and in-district transfers.

2 Review your options

Visit osseoschools.org/find-my-school and enter your home address in the search bar to confirm your school zone and review your school options.

Note: Please look at the Future School Finder for fall 2026 assigned schools as attendance boundaries are changing.

3 Visit your school choices

Learn more about the schools that interest you by setting up a school tour or visiting an open house. Visit your choice school's website or contact the school directly to schedule a school tour.

4 Start the enrollment process

Who should apply?

An enrollment packet is required if:

- Your child is new to Osseo Area Schools

An application (transfer or magnet) is required if:

- Your child is currently enrolled in Osseo Area Schools and requests a different school
- You want to enroll your child into a magnet school/program

Applications are typically not required for students who are:

- Continuing at their current school or magnet program to next grade level
- Currently enrolled residents in the Osseo Area Schools district boundaries who are entering sixth grade or ninth grade and are following their school's enrollment pathway

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- Promote citizen involvement in the planned activities of Community Education.
- Foster positive communications between school and community.
- Work with civic, faith-based, service and government organizations when necessary to provide for the needs of the community.

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