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It has been a busy month for the Spooner Area School District's Community Education. There has been a lot of activity in both of our Out of School Time (OST) programs and our first Community Education event has been scheduled. We will be attending the Lion King on Sunday, April 28, 2024. Please see the flyer elsewhere in this publication for more information.

Our OST program is funded by the federal government through Nita M Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant. Both Spooner Elementary School and Spooner Middle School receive \$100,000 per year to run this awesome program which provides reading and math enrichment in a safe, nurturing environment. We are in the last year of a 5-year cycle at Spooner Elementary School and have just completed our application so that this program can continue on for the next 5 years. It is a highly competitive process and we will find out in May if we have been awarded this grant for another five years..

One of the very best parts of having to complete an application has been in the reimagining of our OST program at Spooner Elementary School. Through a careful examination of our program, we know that our greatest needs are to secure a third van to transport an additional 18 students to and from the OST program and also to more effectively address our students social emotional well-being. We also will be rebranding our program in the fall of 2024 to leave the name HIGH FIVE and become the MIGHTY ENGINES... a more appropriate homage to our proud past as a railroad town. Our grant targets these areas as part of our goals for the next five years.

The grant was a comprehensive look at our community, our school, our students and their needs. A new component of this submission was a video that explains how the OST program will elevate the assets found in our community. To do this, we created a video called Roadie the Rail and the MIGHTY ENGINES.

One of the other components of our grant application was to address how we interact with the Spooner community, Build Partnerships with other community organizations and seek volunteers to assist us in our work. That's where you come in! We are always looking for people to help us prepare the future of our community to lead productive and fulfilling lives. There are many ways to assist us. If you might like to join our community Advisory Board feel free to reach out to me. The Board meets three times per year. Both of our sites are looking for volunteers to work with students in group settings and one-on-one situations where building powerful relationships with students helps them become successful. Some people volunteer one day a week for an hour between 3pm and 4pm. If you would like more information, do not hesitate to reach out to me.

As I have grown fond of saying, it's a great day to be a RAIL. Thank you for your support of Community Education as we guide young people towards a bright future.

-Pat Barnett
Community Education Director

SES High Five 
Believe, Dream, Create, Achieve, Excel



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SES is Busy, Busy!

It's been an exciting time at Spooner Elementary School as we have revamped our schedule to be more conducive to the needs of our students. We've also added a special day on Thursdays where we work in small learning communities to explore STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). In our first two weeks, we studied the effects of bromothymol blue and carbon dioxide, The Maillard Effect on marshmallows. At the end of that experiment we had s'mores!

We've also been more intentional in our use of STEAM to create activities that focus on engineering, the Arts and Science. We are also looking to increase student leadership by having our third and fourth graders become leaders to our younger participants as Gaga Ball Referees and snack assistants.

We also celebrated with Miss Carmen at the birth of her daughter and made cards for her and wished her well as she began her maternity leave. We hope to see her back next fall!



Welcoming Baby!

A baby girl was born on January 19, at 6.5 pounds and 18.5 inches to parents Mark & Carmen Halvorson and big siblings Sigve, Simona and Sullivan. She is named Synneve Mariya (pronounced Sin-YEV-eh) and is affectionately called Neve. Miss Carmen will be on maternity leave the remainder of the school year and leaves the program in the capable hands of Community Education Director Pat Barnett. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy second semester!

Exploring Engineering



Students proudly show off their Lego creations.

Fun & Games



Jenga isn't just for playing games...the wooden blocks can be used for building, too!

Science Experiments



Bromothymol Blue changes from blue to yellow with the introduction of carbon dioxide.

3rd Quarter Middle Club School Schedule

Morning Clubs 7:00 - 8:00 AM

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
100 Shot Club <i>Mrs. Smith</i>	"Be the Best Me" Fitness Club <i>Mr. Adler</i>	100 Shot Club <i>Mr. Melton</i>	"Be the Best Me" Fitness Club <i>Mr. Adler</i>

After School Clubs 3:37 - 5:30 PM

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Color Guard <i>Mrs. Bryanna</i> FULL	LEAP (Lakeland Enrichment Activities Program) <i>Mrs. Jess & Mrs. Bryanna</i>	Art Club <i>Mrs. Quinton</i>	In Motion <i>Mrs. Grybos</i>
Knex/ Lego Club <i>Mr. Becker</i>	Chess Club <i>Mr. McMullin</i>	Cooking Club <i>Mrs. Baier & Mr. Asleson</i> FULL	Baking Club <i>Ms. Angie</i>
Fat Tire Bike Club <i>Mr. Crum</i> FULL	Climbing Wall Club <i>Mr. Rappel</i>	Fat Tire Bike Club <i>Mr. Crum</i> FULL	Humane Society Club <i>Mrs. Young</i> FULL
Tutor Club <i>Miss Maelie & Miss Ava</i>	Tutor Club <i>Miss Tabby & Miss Maelie</i>	Tutor Club <i>Miss Maelie</i>	Tutor Club <i>Miss Tabby & Miss Ava</i>
	Esports <i>Mr. Crum</i>		Esports <i>Mr. Crum</i>
Cross Country Ski Club <i>Dr. Eichten</i>	Cross Country Ski Club <i>Dr. Eichten</i>		Cross Country Ski Club <i>Dr. Eichten</i>



Upcoming Community Education Events



Disney PRESENTS
THE LION KING

Join us on a bus trip to the Orpheum Theatre in Minneapolis to see The Lion King. We will leave Spooner High School at 10 AM and return around 6 PM. Cost includes ticket price and transportation.

April 28, 2024 - 1:00 PM

\$92 per person - space is limited



Scan the QR code to register or go to <https://spooner.revtrak.net>
To register by phone, call Pat Barnett at (715)635-2171 ext 4343



Join Our Amazing Team!



WE ARE HIRING

OPEN POSITIONS MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUB LEADER

The Spooner Middle School's Out of School program is looking for talented individuals to lead and inspire our students who attend clubs. Interested in sharing your passion for music, theater, sports, baking, art, magic or something else?? Please reach out to us to chat!

Club leaders teach groups of 8-12 children using creative lesson planning to incorporate fun activities and hobbies as well as academics. Group leaders must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent.

Leaders work with our team to create lesson plans that support the academic goals of our Community Learning Center grant. Individuals in these positions develop positive and rewarding relationships while working with children, parents, volunteers, school staff, and community collaborators.

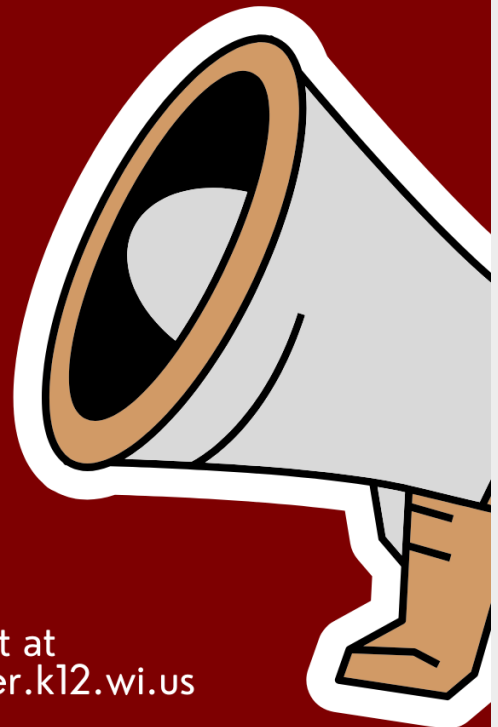
The current rate for Club Leaders is \$20.73/hour for 2 to 8 hours per week. Clubs meet every Monday through Thursday during the school year.



WE NEED
YOU!!

Apply Today!

Contact Pat Barnett at
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Save the Date for Summer School 2024



SUMMER



SCHOOL

SESSION 1
JUNE 17-27
8AM - 3PM

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT
ARTS
STEAM
SWIMMING LESSONS
SPORTS CAMP

GRADES 4K-8

SESSION 2
BOOST UP
AUGUST 5-15

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT
& READINESS
STRENGTH &
CONDITIONING

SESSION 3
AUGUST 19 & 20
5TH GRADE TRANSITION
TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

REGISTRATION
BEGINS MARCH 18TH



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