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Winter Greetings from the Director



Dear Community Members,

Happy New Year! As we welcome 2026, it's the perfect time to focus on personal growth and well-being. Whether your goals include staying active, exploring new hobbies, or spending more quality time with loved ones, our Community Education offerings are here to support you every step of the way. This catalog is filled with exciting classes and activities designed to inspire and energize you.

For families with young children, we're excited to share our Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) programs! These parent-child classes nurture learning, connection, and growth. This winter, we're offering **Tuesday evening open play sessions**—a perfect way for families to learn and play together. Plus, don't miss our special "Pizza, Parenting, and Practical Tips" nights on **January 27, February 24, March 17, April 28, and May 19**. Each session features a new parent education topic designed to support you in navigating the joys and challenges of parenting. See page 12.

Looking ahead, we're already preparing for the 2026-27 school year! If your child will be eligible for kindergarten next fall, be sure to mark your calendars for two important events to be held at the North Branch Area Education Center:

Kindergarten Parent Information Night: February 3, 6-7:30 p.m.

Taste of Kindergarten: March 3, 6-7:30 p.m.

These events provide valuable insights and resources to ensure a smooth transition into this exciting new chapter. You'll find more details about both events on page 35 and 42.

Families with preschool-age children can also start planning for the next school year. **Preschool registration** for the 2026-27 year opens mid-March for currently enrolled families and early April for new enrollments. This is a great opportunity to secure a spot in our high-quality preschool programs.

As always, we hope to enrich lives and strengthen community connections. We hope you'll explore the many opportunities in this catalog and discover something that sparks joy, curiosity, or a sense of accomplishment in the new year.

Thank you for being part of our community. Here's to a year filled with learning, growth, and connection!

Warm regards,

Erica Bjerketvedt
Director of Early Learning & Community Education

Community Education Citizen Advisory Council

North Branch Area Community Education is committed to fostering community engagement and providing lifelong learning opportunities for residents of all ages. To ensure our programs reflect the interests and needs of our community, we rely on the insight and input of a dedicated group of representative citizens serving on our Community Education Advisory Council (CEAC).

The CEAC meets a minimum of four times during the school year to discuss current programs, identify emerging needs, and help guide future offerings in educational and enrichment activities. Council members represent a cross-section of our district and play a valuable role in shaping the direction of Community Education.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings are held from 6:00–7:30 p.m. at the North Branch Area Education Center on the following dates: February 9, and April 13.

Join Us!

If you're passionate about supporting community learning and want to help influence future programming, we encourage you to get involved!

To learn more or express interest in becoming a council member, contact the Community Education Office at **651-674-1025** or email Erica Bjerketvedt, Director of Community Education, at ebjerketvedt@isd138.org.



WE ARE ALL THE SAME SOCK HOP

MARCH 20, 2026

*Free
Entry*

North Branch Area
Education Center

5 - 7 PM



ACTIVITIES

**All community members
are welcome to attend!**

Dance Party with DJ's
Heggies Pizza for purchase
(**freshly made to order at the event**)
Free Snacks & Treats
Photo Booth
Fun Crafts & Activities

Join us for an
evening of fun
to celebrate
World Down
Syndrome Day.

**Hosted by North Branch Area
Community Education**

Creative Arts



Centerpieces That Pop!

Craft 3D Photo Decor for Any Celebration

Big event coming up? Let's get creative! Planning a graduation party, wedding, birthday, baby shower, or bridal shower? Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop where you'll learn how to create eye-catching 3D photo centerpieces that will wow your guests and make your celebration truly one-of-a-kind! What to bring: 8-15 wallet-sized photos (preferred) or 4x6 prints - we'll help you transform your favorite memories into unforgettable decorations. Whether you're a party planner, DIY enthusiast, or just love adding a personal touch, this is the perfect way to make your next event shine. All supplies are included in the registration fee.

Dana Johnson

4084 Tu Apr 28
6:30-8pm \$38
Education Center - B131



Fun with Resin

Create an ocean scene in a picture frame and large sea shells and cover it with resin. So pretty and easy to do. Families welcome. All materials are included in registration fee.

Pam Anderson

450 Th Jan 22
6:30-9pm \$33
High School - B110



Floral Design of the Month

Ages 10 and older

In this course, students will create a seasonal floral arrangement and learn the skills in creating a strong floral design. Arrangements will be a different design each month with a retail value of \$50.00. All supplies are included in registration fee. Children ages 10 and older may attend with a paid adult.

Amanda Cook

4109 Th Jan 22
6-7:30pm \$50
High School - D129

4109 Th Feb 26
6-7:30pm \$50
High School - D129

4109 Th Mar 26
6-7:30pm \$50
High School - D129

4109 Th Apr 23
6-7:30pm \$50
High School - D129



Frog Painting

Who doesn't smile when they see a frog? Come and paint this cute frog in our step by step painting class. All materials are included in registration fee.

Pam Anderson

41 Th Feb 19
6:30-9pm \$29
High School - B110



Cute Baby Bird in the Water with Flowers

Come join us in this step by step painting class and pick up some techniques on color blending and brush strokes. All supplies are included in registration fee.

Pam Anderson

491 Tu Mar 3
6:30-9pm \$29
High School - B110



Rabbit in the Moonlight

Step by step instructions, acrylic paint and black canvas equals a fun night. Come join us! All materials are included in registration fee.

Pam Anderson

4013 Th Jan 8
6:30-9pm \$29
High School - B110



Goldfish Painting

Learn how to paint water on black canvas and how fun it is. Beginners welcome. All materials included in class fee.

Pam Anderson

4090 Tu Feb 24
6:30-9pm \$29
High School - B110



Mosaic Birdbath

Create a unique birdbath made with mosaic tiles and a terra cotta tray. This birdbath is beautiful when completed! It can be placed on a rod iron stand which can be purchased locally or set right in your garden. A \$25 material fee payable to instructor at class. Please wear old clothes this project is messy. Bring an old towel for grouting.

Peggy Decker

4001 Tu Apr 28
6-9pm \$25
High School - B110

Stamp-a-Stack of Cards

Spend a night learning to rubber stamp. Create 9 handmade stamped cards (3 cards of 3 designs), All materials are cut and ready to stamp and assemble. We will make: female birthday, sympathy and thinking of you cards. Material fee of \$15 payable to instructor at class and includes all supplies. Hope to see you for a fun night of rubber stamping!

Michelle Waletzko

407 M Mar 23
7-9pm \$7
Education Center - B131



Rubber Stamping of Cards

Create 9 handmade stamped cards (3 cards of 3 designs). All materials are cut and ready to stamp and assemble. We will make: female birthday, thank you and anniversary. Material fee of \$15 payable to instructor at class and it includes all supplies. Hope to see you for a fun night of rubber stamping!

Michelle Waletzko

406 M Feb 23
7-9pm \$7
Education Center - B131

Creative Arts



Spring Daisies in a Jar

This one is good especially if you are new at painting. Come join us! All materials are included in registration fee.

Pam Anderson

4075 W Apr 22
6:30-9pm \$29
High School - B110



Spring Iris in the Snow

More fun painting on black canvas! Beginners welcome! All materials are included in registration fee.

Pam Anderson

4016 W Apr 8
6:30-9pm \$29
High School - B110



Painting Handmade Birdhouses

In this fun-filled class, you will paint a birdhouse that will make birds proud of their house! You will start by selecting a 3 x 3 vinyl, weatherproof sticker that is a barn quilt or several other options available. There are 15 beautiful designs. These outdoor, durable stickers will not fade and are made for cars, yachts, mailboxes, and of course birdhouses. Next you will choose coordinating colors to create a personalized birdhouse that will brighten your yard for years to come-your birds will be singing your praises and their bird friends will be envious. These beautiful, handmade birdhouses are crafted in Minnesota and measure 4.5 x 5.5 x10. Don't miss out-come create a colorful home for your feathered friends and make lasting memories, painting birdhouses! Material fee of \$50 to be paid to the instructor at the time of the class. \$45 for each additional bird house.

Cynthia Buchholz

429 Su Feb 8
12-3pm \$15
High School - B110

Interested in becoming a Community Education instructor?

Community Education is always looking for instructors to share their talents and knowledge with others. If interested, please call the Community Education office at 651-674-1025.

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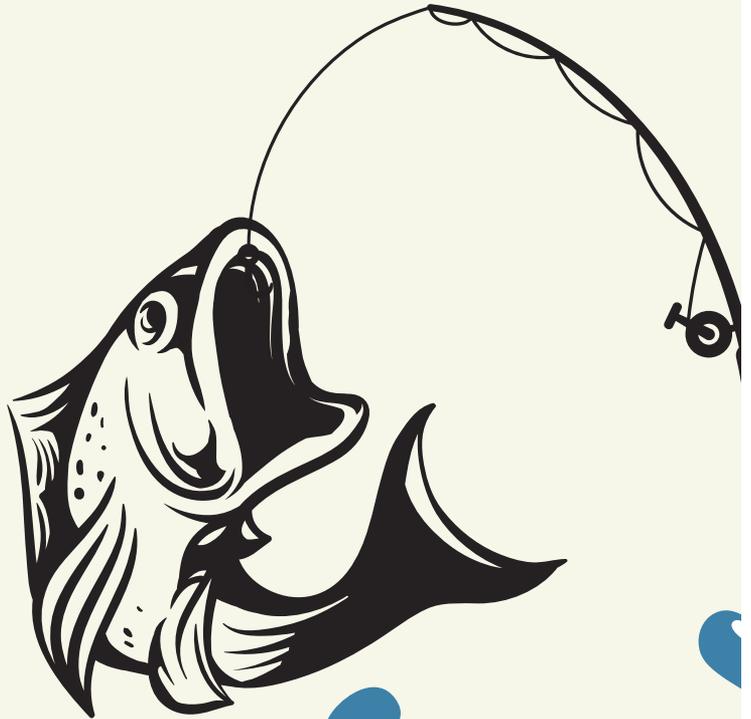
Let's Go Fishing East Central

— “Bringing Nature's Healing and Well-being to
Seniors, Veterans, and People with Disabilities” —

Save the Date!

Annual Pancake Breakfast
Fundraiser
Raffle and Silent Auction
May 2nd
Main St Church North Branch

Thanks to the North Branch Lions
for donating the breakfast!



Let's Go Fishing takes Seniors, Veterans, People living with Disabilities, and Multi-Generational Families on no-cost fishing or boating trips.

We have pontoons on Rush and Chisago Lake.

Our pontoons are handicap accessible. Trips run from June-September.

Booking begins in Mid-May.

If interested in volunteering, contact Rick Olseen: 612-419-8827

Training is provided. Commitment is flexible.

<https://eastcentralmn.lgfws.com/>

Adult Enrichment



Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy People Virtual Class - Ages 13-Adult

In just a few hours you can learn enough about playing the guitar to give you years of musical enjoyment, and you won't have to take private lessons to do it. This crash course will teach you some basic chords and get you playing along with your favorite songs right away. Fee includes the online book, online follow up lessons, a recording of the class and also an optional periodic question and answer session. Class is held online using zoom and is partly hands on instruction and partly lecture/demonstration.

Craig Coffman

497 Tu Mar 31
6-9:30pm \$65
Virtual

Medicare 101

Planning for Medicare is intimidating. If you or a family member is nearing the age of 65 you should attend this course to learn the basics of what Medicare is, how it works, how to avoid penalties, and what you need to know to prepare yourself for this process. The instructor, Charles Taylor, is the owner of Four Points Advisory LLC. Investment and advisory services offered through World Equity Group Inc., member of FINRA and SIPC.

Chuck Taylor

4104 Tu Mar 10
6:30-8pm \$10/person or \$18/couple
Education Center - B130A



Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People Virtual Class - Ages 13-Adult

In just a few hours, you can learn enough secrets of the trade to give you years of musical enjoyment. Learn to play piano the way professionals do-using chords. The chord method is LOTS of fun and dramatically easier to learn than reading notes. Fee includes the online book, online follow up lessons, a recording of the class and also an optional periodic question and answer session. Class is held online using zoom and is a partly hands on instruction and party lecture demonstration.

Craig Coffman

440 M Mar 30
6:30-9:30pm \$65
Virtual

Intro to the Enneagram

The Enneagram is a helpful tool that explains nine different personality types and how they see the world. In this class, you will learn about each type, how they handle stress, and how they connect with others. Through fun discussions, short lessons, and simple reflection activities, explore what makes you unique and how to build stronger, more understanding relationships. This class is perfect for anyone who wants to learn more about themselves and the people around them. No experience needed just curiosity and an open mind! Join LaDonna Olson who is a certified Enneagram coach through FullCircle Enneagram and the CPEnneagramAcademy.

LaDonna Olson

4117 Th Feb 12
6:30-8pm \$26
Education Center - B130A

Register online with your
Visa or MasterCard at
www.nbaceonline.org



ABE/GED Classes

Free adult education classes are available for anyone 17 years or older who is not enrolled in a formal school program. We can help you get your GED, get your adult diploma, improve your basic reading, math, writing or computer skills, prepare for the Accuplacer, and arrange for ESL tutoring (English as a Second Language). For class details or to set up an appointment contact Lynn at abe@scred.k12.mn.us.

40 M Now-May 18
 3:30-6pm Free
 Education Center - B131

Gluten 101: Understanding the Basics

Curious about gluten-free living, or wondering what “gluten” really is? This beginner-friendly class breaks down the science, myths, and everyday realities of gluten. You’ll learn: What gluten is and where it’s found. The difference between celiac disease, gluten sensitivity, wheat allergy. How to read food labels and spot hidden sources of gluten. Tips for cooking, baking, eating out gluten-free without feeling deprived. Resources for living a balanced, healthy gluten-free lifestyle.

Whether you’re newly diagnosed, supporting a family member, or just interested in the trend, this class will give you the practical tools and confidence to navigate the gluten-free world. No prior knowledge required-just bring your questions and your curiosity!

Jennie Teske

4113 M Feb 2
 6-7pm \$20
 Education Center - B130A

An Introduction to Voiceovers...Getting Started in Voice Acting Virtual Class

Ages 18 and older

Wow, you have a great voice! Have you heard that more times than you can count? Or maybe you listen to your favorite audiobooks, commercials or cartoon characters and think, “I could do that!” If so, then you could have what it takes to begin working as a professional Voiceover Artist. Explore the voiceover industry with your instructor, a professional, working voice actor from the voice acting training company, Voice For All, in a one-on-one, personalized, video chat setting. Discover the current trends in the industry and how they make it easy and affordable for just about anyone to get involved. In this one-time, 90-minute introductory class, you’ll also learn about the different types of voiceovers and the tools you’ll need to find success. And then...we’re rolling! Your instructor will record you as you read a real script, then offer you some coaching so you can improve your delivery. Your instructor will take notes on your performance so you can receive a professional voiceover evaluation later. After the class, you will have the knowledge necessary to help you decide if this is something you’d like to pursue. Check out the video at <http://www.voicesforall.com/ooo> to get a better sense of how the class works. You owe it to yourself to finally explore the possibilities of this fun and rewarding field! Upon registration the instructor will contact you to set up the date and time for your one on one Introduction to Voiceovers.

Voices For All

454 \$49

Social Security Facts and Strategies

Maximize your social security benefits. This course explores claiming rules and strategies for couples, divorces and surviving spouses on how to get the most out of your social security benefit. We will discuss the important role social security plays in retirement planning and ways to maximize your benefits, and how to avoid becoming a victim of the “Widow Trap”. You should attend if you’re within 10 years of retirement. The instructor, Charles Taylor, is the owner of Four Points Advisory LLC. Investment and advisory services offered through World Equity Group Inc., member of FINRA and SIPC.

Chuck Taylor

4103 Tu Jan 27
 6:30-8pm \$10/person or \$18/couple
 Education Center - B130A

Pizza, Parenting & Practical Tips

Join us for an evening of connection and learning!

Enjoy a slice of pizza while gathering fresh ideas, practical parenting tips, and encouragement. Each session offers a relaxed space for parents to share, learn, and brainstorm together. Pizza dinner is included with registration, and child care is available for families who need it—parents are welcome to attend with or without their children.

The cost is \$10 per family, and registration is required. Sign up for one session or the entire series—whatever fits your schedule best. All classes are from 5-6:30 pm at the North Branch Area Education Center



Good Enough Parenting:

Letting Go of Perfection and Focusing on What Matters Most

Parenting can feel overwhelming in a world filled with advice, expectations, and comparisons. This class explores the concept of “good enough parenting” the idea that children don’t need perfect parents, they need responsive, caring adults who do their best most of the time. Together, we’ll discuss how to balance love and limits, embrace imperfection, and recognize the powerful impact of everyday moments of connection. Parents will learn how “good enough” parenting supports healthy emotional development, builds resilience, and reduces stress for both children and caregivers.

4109 Tu Jan 27
5-6:30pm \$10 per family
Education Center - B103

Rupture and Repair:

Strengthening Connection After Conflict

No parent - child relationship is perfect - moments of disconnection, frustration, or misunderstanding happen in every family. What matters most is how we repair those moments. This class helps parents understand the natural process of rupture and repair in relationships and how it supports a child's emotional security and resilience. Together, we'll explore why ruptures occur, how children experience them, and practical ways to reconnect after a tough moment. Parents will learn how to model emotional regulation, take responsibility, and rebuild trust showing children that relationships can handle mistakes and bounce back stronger.

4111 Tu Feb 24
5-6:30pm \$10 per family
Education Center - B103

Calm the Storm:

Supporting Your Child's Big Emotions

Big feelings are a big part of early childhood! In this class, parents will explore how children learn to recognize, express, and manage their emotions with the support of caring adults. We'll discuss what emotional regulation looks like at different ages, why meltdowns and tantrums are a normal part of development, and how everyday moments - routines, play, and connection - can help build emotional skills. Parents will learn practical strategies for co-regulation, setting gentle boundaries, and modeling calm responses when emotions run high.

4110 Tu Mar 17
5-6:30pm \$10 per family
Education Center - B103

Flush the Fuss:

Potty Training Made Easy

Ready to tackle potty training? This class provides parents with proven strategies, tips, and tools to make the process smoother and less stressful. Learn when your child is ready, how to create a positive potty training experience, and ways to handle common challenges. Leave feeling confident and prepared for this important milestone!

4101 Tu Apr 28
5-6:30pm \$10 per family
Education Center - B103

Sibling Smarts:

Raising Lifelong Friends and Occasional Rivals

This class helps parents nurture positive sibling relationships and reduce conflict at home. Learn practical strategies to manage disputes, encourage cooperation, address jealousy, and balance attention among siblings. Through real-life examples and actionable advice, you'll gain tools to foster harmony and lifelong sibling bonds.

4108 Tu May 19
5-6:30pm \$10 per family
Education Center - B103

Register online with your
Visa or MasterCard at
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REGISTER NOW

CHILD CARE CHAMPIONS TRAINING DAY

Attention
child care
providers!

Saturday, January 31, 2026

8am - 3:30pm (doors open at 7:30am)

North Branch Area High School

Early bird registration ends 12/31/25 - \$50

Registration after 12/31/25 - \$60

Register at nbaceonline.org or 651-674-1025

Calling all child care providers! Join us for a full-day event dedicated to advancing your skills, connecting with peers, and having fun!

Why Attend?

- Professional Development: Earn six hours of Develop-approved training by attending three engaging sessions, with nine topics to choose from.
- Networking & Resources: Connect with other providers and explore vendor booths and on-site resources designed to support you.
- Perks & Prizes: Enjoy tasty snacks, and a delicious lunch. Have a professional photo taken. Plus, you'll have the chance to win exciting door prizes!



Cooking Classes



Bread Baking:

Sourdough Cinnamon Raisin Bread

Dianne is teaching another hands on bread baking class. You will be making sourdough cinnamon raisin bread. You will bring home your finished loaf. It makes the best french toast. We will be using Dianne's King Arthur sourdough starter, which she has been feeding for 15 year and you will be able to take home some. Please bring a paper grocery bag or small box to put your warm bread in and a 2 cup plastic container for the sourdough starter plus a 9x5" loaf pan. This class is for beginners and experienced bread bakers. A \$4 supply fee will be collected at class. While bread is rising, bring all your questions for discussion with the group. Please enter door #3.

Dianne Patras-Smith

4073	Sa	Mar 28
	10am-2pm	\$25
	High School - B100	

Air Fryer Veggies

Virtual Class

Using an Air Fryer to cook vegetables is quick-and the healthy results are delicious! In this live online class Kirsten will demonstrate a variety of recipes using in-season local and/or commonly available vegetables including Lemon Pepper Broccoli, Miso Sesame Kale Chips, and Roasted Sweet Potato Sticks. Participants will receive an extensive handout along with the link to join prior to class. There will be ample time for questions during the session, and participants will receive a link to the recording afterwards so you can cook along at your convenience.

Kirsten Madaus

4057	Th	Apr 9
	6:30-8pm	\$23
	Virtual	

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 Visa or MasterCard at
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Mother's Day Cookie Decorating Class

Give Mom the Gift of Sweet Creativity! This Mother's Day, go beyond the usual with our charming cookie decorating class. Spend a wonderful 2 hours together, learning delightful techniques to turn plain cookies into works of art. It's an unforgettable experience that's part gift, part activity, and all fun! All supplies are included in registration fee. Enter door #3.

Andrea LaViolette

4099	F	May 8
	5-7pm	\$65
	High School - B100	

Valentine's Day Cookie Decorating Class

Come and learn how to decorate cookies ALMOST too beautiful to eat! Using royal icing, learn techniques to decorate fun sugar cookies. You will decorate 6-7 cookies, take home recipe so you can start making these at home and take home leftover icing. All supplies are included in registration fee. Enter door #3.

Andrea LaViolette

4099	F	Feb 13
	5-7pm	\$65
	High School - B100	

Flavor Forward Spring Bowl Meals

Virtual Class

Spring into fresh flavors with Kirsten in this live online cooking class. We'll start by preparing a grain base and a protein and while those are cooking we'll make a sauce and some fresh sides then assemble everything to enjoy now OR pack separately for meal prep. Participants will receive an extensive handout along with the link to join prior to class. There will be ample time for questions during the session, and participants will receive a link to the recording afterwards so you can cook along at your convenience.

Kirsten Madaus

4086	Th	Feb 26
	6:30-8pm	\$23
	Virtual	

Gardening Classes



Berries 101

Dianne will describe the basics needed to plant, grow, sustain and harvest a good crop of raspberries, strawberries, and blackberries. Everything from soils, site, fertilizing, disease problems to harvesting will be covered, so you will be ready to start your own berry patch once the snow melts.

Dianne Patras-Smith

4070 Th Feb 12
4-5:30pm \$7
Education Center - B130A

General Vegetable Gardening 101

Anyone can grow a garden - right? As many are faced with making our grocery dollars stretch, the natural alternative is to grow your own. For some this is all brand new - for others - second nature. This class is great for either a beginner or an expert. Dianne will cover the basics from soil and amendments, site selection and preparation to seed choices and watering tips and techniques for your soil type. Bring your questions and Dianne will help you get started to a healthy growing season.

Dianne Patras-Smith

500 Th Jan 29
4-5:30pm \$7
Education Center - B130A

Seed Starting with

Chisago County Master Gardener

Learn how to start your own vegetable and flower plants at home. Save money and give yourself a larger selection of plants, as well as developing a sense of self satisfaction. You will be shown what equipment and supplies you will need to succeed.

Dianne Patras-Smith

4063 Th Feb 26
4-5:30pm \$7
Education Center - B130A

5 STEPS TO BEING AN INSTRUCTOR



North Branch Area Community Education

- 1 Identify the skill/talent you want to share!
- 2 Who do you want to teach?
We welcome classes for all ages!
- 3 Consider cost/fee to participants.
- 4 When do you want to offer your class?
- 5 Call the Community Education office at 651-674-1025 to make a plan or learn more!



651-674-1025



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North Branch, MN 55056



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Health and Wellness

Janice Novak workshops are virtual, please include email address as the link will be emailed to you before the class date.



Heart Health for Women

Heart disease is the number one killer of women. Symptoms are different for women than for men so many symptoms are ignored or go unrecognized. You have the power to control, prevent, and in some cases, reverse heart disease. We'll discuss signs, symptoms, and risk factors of a heart attack, hormones and your heart, foods that can help prevent and reverse heart disease, helpful nutrients, exercises, and the four numbers you need to know that could save your life. This workshop is virtual, please include email address as the link will be emailed to you before the class date.

Janice Novak

506 M Feb 2
6-7:30pm \$25
Virtual

Just Breathe! Techniques to Calm, Center & Balance

Breathing in specific ways can have amazing and powerful healing benefits on mind and body. Breath work is the single most powerful thing you can practice to improve energy levels, health, and well-being. In this workshop, you will learn ancient breathing exercises that will: neutralize stress by reprogramming your nervous system; increase energy and vitality; increase brain function; improve immune response and decrease depression and anxiety. Breathing exercises are powerful, free and literally right under your nose. This workshop is virtual, please include email address as the link will be emailed to you before the class date.

Janice Novak

456 M Mar 16
6-7:30pm \$25
Virtual

Seven Steps to Reverse or Prevent Diabetes

Diabetes is a condition in which too much belly fat leads a person to symptoms ranging from mild blood sugar imbalance to full blown diabetes. Whether you have a little extra weight around the middle, insulin resistance or type 2 diabetes, the root cause of ALL these conditions are the same - problems with our diet, lifestyle and exposure to environmental toxins. Most treatments focus on the downstream symptoms (elevated levels of glucose, cholesterol, blood pressure, triglycerides) and never get to WHY your levels are too high and how to change it. The good news is all of this can be reversed. Learn how to work with your doctor to help restore your body to health. This workshop is virtual, please include email address as the link will be emailed to you before the class date.

Janice Novak

503 Tu May 5
6-7:30pm \$25
Virtual

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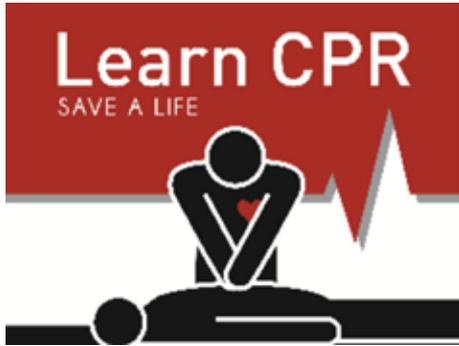
Child and Teen Checkups

Checkups are recommended at:

0-1 months	9 months
2 months	12 months
4 months	15 months
6 months	18 months
30 months	
Every year after age 3	

We can help you find a doctor or a dentist!
Chisago County Public Health
Child & Teen Checkups Program
651-213-5235

CPR and First Aid



Adult/Child/Infant CPR with AED

This is an Adult/Child/Infant CPR/AED Class - The class includes a 2 year certification and unlimited digital access to the student workbook from American Safety and Health Institute. The full Adult/Child/Infant CPR/AED course will include video instruction as well as experienced instructor, dedicated to make the class fun and interesting. No written test required.

Deb Miller

504 Th Jan 8
5:30-8pm \$56
Education Center - B130A

Pediatric First Aid/Adult CPR/AED Blended Learning Course Skill Check

Blended Learning is the same program and certification as the classroom course but with the added benefit of watching the videos on your own and at your own pace. This is a skills portion of the blended learning. You will meet with the instructor in a group setting and perform the "hands on" training portion of the program. **The online portion MUST BE completed before the start of class and students will bring the completion certificate with them to class. A valid email is needed at registration. The videos work best on a laptop or tablet. (If you are unable to complete the online portion, you will be asked to attend the next skills test). This class is similar to the Adult/Child/Infant CPR/AED Class with First Aid the main focus on children. The class includes a 2 year certification and unlimited digital access to the student workbook from American Safety and Health Institute. The full Pediatric CPR/AED and First Aid course will include; an online link to all of the program videos, as well as an experienced instructor, dedicated to make the class fun and interesting. This class meets "Pediatric CPR/AED and First Aid" requirements for the MN Child Care Licensing Agency. No written test required. Wear comfortable clothing. Please enter in door #1.

Deb Miller

58A Th March 19
5:30-7:30pm \$84
Education Center - B130A

Viking Fitness Center Open to our community!

Center Hours

Monday - Friday, 5:30-7:00am

January 5- June 5

Sundays, 1:00-3:00pm

January 25,

February 8 and 22, 2026

Fitness Center Fees: \$60

Must be preregistered.

Call Community Education with questions or to register 651-674-1025.

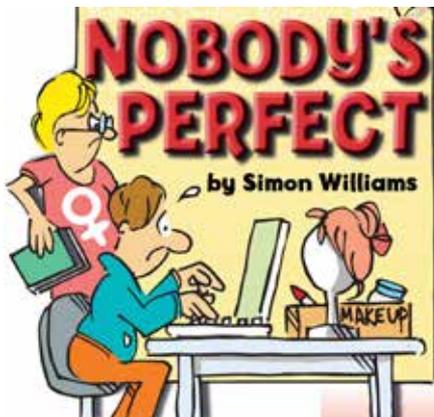
Fitness Center Address:

38175 Grand Avenue, North Branch

Enter in Door #11



Trips



Nobody's Perfect at Masonic Auditorium Minneapolis

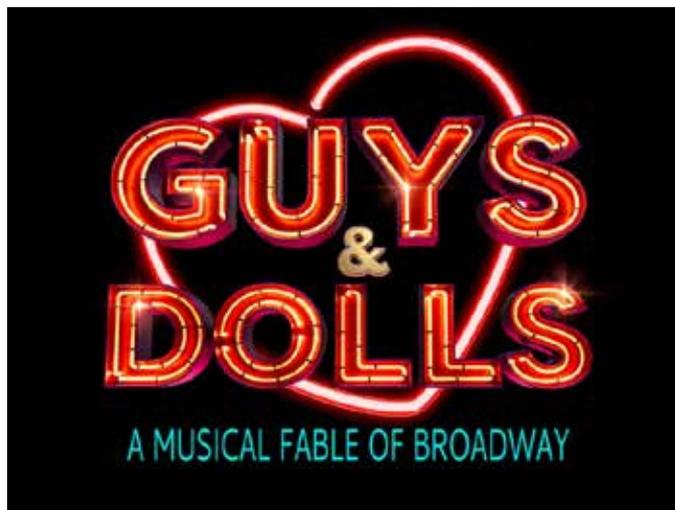
Ride in a comfortable coach bus as we go to Masonic Auditorium Minneapolis. We will enjoy a delicious buffet lunch and then the entertaining Nobody's Perfect performance. The play is about a women's publishing house called love is all around is inviting new writers to submit a manuscript into a competition. Leonard is thrilled when he hears his manuscript has won the top prize, but equally disappointed to hear it can only be awarded in person to a female. To avoid forfeiting the prize, Leonard's alter ego, Lulabelle Latifa is born and the real craziness begins! Think Some Like It Hot, Tootsie and Mrs. Doubtfire - a classic romantic comedy with a twist, that has belly laughs galore. Lunch and play are included in the registration fee. Deadline to register May 28.

638 Th June 11
 10:15am-5pm \$115
 Education Center

Guys and Dolls at Chanhassen Dinner Theatre

Enjoy a comfortable ride on a coach bus as we go to Chanhassen Dinner Theater. We will enjoy a delicious lunch and dessert, then the musical Guys and Dolls. The play is about a charming but broke gambler Nathan Detroit is short on cash for the biggest craps game in town and the authorities are breathing down his neck. Meanwhile, longtime girlfriend and club performer, Miss Adelaide, is tiring of their 14-year engagement with no wedding in sight. Nathan looks to fellow high-roller Sky Masterson for the cash, and the two concoct a bet for Sky to whisk the straight-laced missionary Sarah Brown off to Havana. Sarah is determined to save the souls of the gamblers, setting in motion a series of events where love and redemption intersect. Lunch, dessert and musical are all included in the registration fee.

639 W Sept 16
 9:30am-5pm \$155
 Education Center



We are here for you.

Serving our residents of the Chisago Lakes, North Branch, and Forest Lake communities

OUR SERVICES:

Counseling for all ages: individual, couples, group, and family

Intervention programs to encourage positive decision-making skills

Enrichment opportunities beyond the school day

◀ **COUNSELING** ▶

◀ **INTERVENTION** ▶

◀ **ENRICHMENT** ▶

OUR IMPACT:

Over 243 clients and 3,135 sessions

Over 189 clients and 388 sessions

Over 115 clients and 673 sessions

Supporting **YOU**, imagining possibilities

For more information: Visit lc4yf.org or call 651-464-3685





Pickleball Fun Tournament

Proceeds for Veterans Memorial

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Ages 12 and older

(Adult needs to be present with 12-17 year olds)

North Branch Area High School, North & West Gyms 9 courts

Enter in door #11

38175 Grand Avenue, North Branch

North Branch Area Community Education along with the North Branch Beautification Association is hosting a Pickleball Tournament. **Proceeds will be going towards the Veterans Memorial.**

The North Branch Beautification Association Veterans Memorial Committee is working with the North Branch American Legion, North Branch VFW, and the City of North Branch to construct and maintain a regional Veterans Memorial designated the Circle of Honor, to honor all veterans that served honorably in service to our nation.

Register by Skill Level

3.4 and below - Beginner to Intermediate - **7:30am-12noon** - max 32 players

3.5 and above - Intermediate to Advance - **12:30-6:00pm** - max 32 players

Register as individuals only. Teams determined from round robin play.

Registration fee \$30 per person **Deadline to register February 16. No refunds after deadline February 16.**

Registration is limited. **So register early!**

Tournament Format For Each Session:

First Two Hours: Round robin doubles play for all players. At end split into two groups of 12-16 players based on player pickleball strength. Each group will have a separate tournament.

Second Two Hours: Tournament play for each group. Grouping by same skill levels will make the tournament fun and also competitive. Play 2 of 3 games. Winners advance. 3rd place and consolation play to insure get at least two matches in.

Tournament questions please call Community Education at 651-674-1025.

Pickleball Tournament Registration Form If not registering online.

Name _____ Male Female

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Birth Date _____

Home Phone _____ Ages: 12-18 yrs 19-54 yrs 55 or over

Contact in case of emergency: Phone _____ Name _____

E-Mail Address _____

Skill Level: (Please check one) 3.4 and below 3.5 and above Cost: \$30 per person

Waiver: In consideration of your accepting this registration, I hereby, for myself and all associated with me, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I or my child may have against Independent School District #138 and its representatives for any and all injuries suffered by myself or my child at the above listed activities, sponsored by ISD 138.

Signature (players under 18 yrs old parent must sign) _____ Date _____

Charge to my: Visa MasterCard

Card Number: _____ Expires _____ Last 3 numbers on back of card _____

Make checks payable: ISD #138 Return to: Community Education Office 38705 Grand Avenue, North Branch
Phone 651-674-1025 with credit card or tournament questions.

Online at www.nbaceonline.org

Deadline to register February 16th.

Fitness & Recreation



Essentrics: Restorative Fitness

Essentrics is based on the popular PBS series “Classical Stretch”. It is a 60 minute total body dynamic stretching and strengthening workout. This flowing workout is non impact, equipment free with roots in tai chi, physical therapy and ballet. Suitable for all fitness levels, participants should be able to get up and down off the floor without assistance. Please bring a water bottle, mat to class and dress comfortable. Jackie is a certified Essentrics instructor and Yoga Tune Up Roll Model Method Practitioner. She is a former NBAPS teacher, has taught fitness classes for many years, and lives in North Branch with her family. To learn more about Jackie and her classes visit jackiebadger.com

Jackie Badger

67	M	Jan 5-Jan 26
	6:30-7:30pm	\$24
	Sunrise River Elementary School - Small Gym	
67	W	Jan 7-Jan 28
	6:30-7:30pm	\$32
	Sunrise River Elementary School - Small Gym	
67	M	Feb 2-Feb 23
	6:30-7:30pm	\$16
	Sunrise River Elementary School - Small Gym	
67	W	Feb 4-Feb 25
	6:30-7:30pm	\$32
	Sunrise River Elementary School - Small Gym	
67	M	Mar 2-Mar 30
	6:30-7:30pm	\$32
	Sunrise River Elementary School - Small Gym	
67	W	Mar 4-Mar 25
	6:30-7:30pm	\$24
	Sunrise River Elementary School - Small Gym	
67	M	Apr 13-Apr 27
	6:30-7:30pm	\$24
	Sunrise River Elementary School - Small Gym	
67	W	Apr 1-Apr 29
	6:30-7:30pm	\$40
	Sunrise River Elementary School - Small Gym	



Zumba

Zumba fitness is a dance-based fitness program that combines Latin, International and Pop music challenging muscle to build strength, balance, flexibility and heart health. It feels less like a workout and more like fun as well as checking out from your busy life. This class will have a Hiit component and sprinkle in some upper body toning as well. No experience needed, let's challenge ourselves to learn something new, get our exercise off of the “to do list”, make new friends and giggle along the way. Footwear- choose supportive, low tread as there will be quick movements, side to side, forward to back and pivoting. Drink plenty of water before, during class and bring a towel. No Zumba February 3 and March 10.

Ann Walker

Jan-March

604	T & Th	Jan 13-Apr 2
	7-8pm	\$8/door or \$60 punch card
	Sunrise River Elementary School - Large Gym	

Apr-June

604	M & Th	Apr 6-June 4
	6:30-7:30pm	\$8/door or \$60 punch card
	Sunrise River Elementary School - Large Gym	

Beginner Teen/Adult Clogging

Ages 13-Adult

Don't let the kids have all the fun! Join us on the dance floor as we work on the 8 basic steps to this traditional American dance form called clogging. No experience needed. We will get your heart rate up as we learn a few fun routines to upbeat popular songs. Bring a friend, some of your family, or come on your own. Wear some comfy clothes and shoes that can slide easily. Optional-you can purchase glue-on clogging taps for \$20 from the instructor. Bring a pair of flat-soled shoes for the taps to be attached to (white shoes preferred for possible future performance opportunities).

Pam Heaton

601	Th	Jan 22-Feb 26
	6-6:30pm	\$26
	Education Center - Small Gym	
601	Th	Apr 9-May 14
	6-6:30pm	\$26
	Education Center - Small Gym	



Pickleball

Join us for pickleball on our six indoor courts at North Branch Area High School, North Gym. We will have courts set up for beginners and intermediate/advanced. Cost \$5 per Monday and Wednesday (pay on site) or \$20 for a 5 punches punch card. Punch cards may be purchased at the North Branch Community Education Office 651-674-1025. All equipment is provided. No street shoes in the gym please. Please enter in door #11.

602	M & W	Now-Mar 25
	7-9:30pm	\$5/door or \$20 punch card
	High School - North Gym Enter Door #11	

Pickleball Lessons

Come and learn how to play Pickleball in a fun event. Peiwu has 8 years of Pickleball experience and will coach you on how to play. At the end of each training period we will have a mini round robin tournament where you will be able to showcase your newly acquired skills against players of equivalent skill levels. Bring your own racket or use one of ours.

Peiwu Daniels

654	M & W	Jan 5-21
	5-6:30pm	\$80
	Education Center - Large Gym	
654	M & W	Mar 2-25
	5-6:30pm	\$95
	Education Center - Large Gym	

Irish Family Dance Party

We will learn a couple of easy dances to Irish music, play some games, crafts and a treat. Wear some green, put on your dancing shoes or shoes that slide easily and come on out to celebrate the day with us. All ages welcome!

Pam Heaton

689	Tu	Mar 17
	5-6:15pm	\$10/per family, 4 person per family limit
	Education Center - Large Gym	

*Register online with your
Visa or MasterCard at
www.nbaceonline.org*

Open Co-Ed Volleyball Ages 18 and older

Enjoy a night out playing volleyball! Have fun with friends and make new ones. All talent levels welcome, pick up style volleyball. Check in and warm up 6:45pm, games start at 7:00pm. Must be at least 18 years of age. Punch cards maybe purchased at the Community Ed office or at Open Volleyball. Please enter in door #17. No volleyball December 24 and December 31.

605	W	Now-May 27
	6:45-9:30pm	\$5 or punch card for \$15
	Middle School - South Gym	

Open Walking Club at the High School

Avoid the snow, ice and traffic. Come walk in a safe and controlled climate. We are unable to offer accommodations for personal belongings. For security reasons, you need to wear a security badge when walking. Please stop by the community education office to purchase your walking badge. Walking Club is available Monday - Friday, 4-8pm when school is in session. Please enter in Door #11 at the high school for walking.

60	M-F	Now-May 29
	4-8pm	\$3
	High School - Hallway Enter Door #11	

TABATA

Tabata Exercise

Ages 16 and older

Are you looking for an efficient way to boost your fitness and burn calories in a short amount of time? Then come join our Tabata Class and start your fitness journey with high intensity intervals! Tabata is a high intensity interval training (HITT) method that alternates between 20 seconds of intense exercise and 10 seconds of rest, repeated for 8 rounds. A warm up, cool down and exercise modifications will be implemented during each class. Come the first night, October 7th, to try the class for free!

Laura Hamann

684	Tu	Jan 6-27
	6-6:45pm	\$105
	Education Center - Small Gym	

Men's Open Basketball

Come join us for men's open basketball! All skill levels welcome. Games start at 7:00pm. Must be at least 18 years of age. Punch cards may be purchased at the Community Ed office or at Open Basketball.

687	W	Now-Mar 4
	7-9pm	\$3 or punch card for \$12
	Sunrise River Elementary School - Large Gym	

Fitness for 55+



Strength & Balance 55+

In our Live 2 B Healthy Strength, Balance & Flexibility class, participants work with a nationally certified fitness professional experienced in 55 adult fitness. This engaging program aims to reduce fall risk and promote independence through a variety of exercises using small balls, light weights, loops, and bands. Classes focus on building core and stabilizing muscle strength, helping seniors maintain active, meaningful lives. Beyond physical benefits, our sessions foster socialization, combating the stress of isolation and creating a supportive community. Join us for a fun and effective way to improve your fitness and connect with others!

If you provide SilverSneakers, Silver&Fit, Renew Active or OnePass Health Ins. coverage, the classes are free*.

Limited scholarships are also available to cover fees thanks to a charitable contribution from Allina Health. Contact the Community Ed office for more information.

Jackie Badger



685	M, W, F	Jan 5-30
	No class Jan 19	
	10:15-11am	\$58
	Education Center - Small Gym	
685	M, W, F	Feb 2-27
	No class Feb 13, 16	
	10:15-11am	\$58
	Education Center - Small Gym	
685	M, W, F	Mar 2-30
	No class Mar 9, 11, 13	
	10:15-11am	\$58
	Education Center - Small Gym	
685	M, W, F	Apr 1-29
	No class Apr 3, 6	
	10:15-11am	\$58
	Education Center - Small Gym	

SilverSneakers | Silver&Fit | Renew Active | One Pass

*To find out if you have coverage, call the Customer Service number on the back of your health insurance card and ask them for your FITNESS ID# (for SilverSneakers, this number is your 16 digit SilverSneakers number that looks like a credit card number). The Fitness ID# is different than your group number or policy number.



Senior Programming



55 Driver Improvement Course

This driver improvement refresher course is taught by Minnesota Highway Safety and Research Center trained instructors. The class will explore changes in laws, the latest vehicle technology, and provide you with easy-to-use defensive driving tips. In addition, we will explore traffic safety and accident prevention. Completion of this course allows for a 10% reduction on automobile insurance premium for those age 55 and over. To register please go to www.mnsafetycenter.org or call 1-888-234-1294.

Minnesota Highway Safety Center

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| 422 | Mar 16, 5-9pm | \$24 |
| | Education Center - B130A | |
| 422 | May 20, 5-9pm | \$24 |
| | Education Center - B130A | |

To register please go to www.mnsafetycenter.org or call 1-888-234-1294.

Drafting Your Own Will

Preparing your will is an important step in providing for the ones you love. Class 1 - Learn the various techniques for property distribution of your estate. Explore basic estate planning concepts and assess your need for your estate plan. You will receive sample forms and language to use while you draft your own will. Instructor will also cover circumstances that may require a review/revision of your will and a brief review of the benefits of a trust. Class 2 - You will sign the will you created. The language in your will, will not be reviewed by an attorney. Questions welcome.

Julia N Estrem, Esq.

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| 457 | W | Apr 8 & 22 |
| | 6-7:30pm | \$30 |
| | Education Center - B130A | |

Draft your own POA and HCD

Plan now for the unexpected with these two legal documents! You will learn about the use and benefits of the Financial Power of Attorney and Health Care Directive. The instructor will discuss the agent's responsibilities and factors in selection your agents. You will leave the class with completed forms.

Julia N Estrem, Esq.

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| 459 | Tu | Apr 14 |
| | 6-7:30pm | \$22 |
| | Education Center - B130A | |

Introduction to Estate Planning

Do I need a will? What's a trust? What is Probate and why do people say to avoid it? With extensive estate planning experience, Julia will walk through these questions, some common myths and other elder law and estate planning topics such as probate, powers of attorney and health care directives in an informal discussion setting. Questions welcome.

Julia N Estrem, Esq.

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| 462 | Tu | Apr 7 |
| | 6-7:30pm | \$10 |
| | Education Center - B130A | |

Navigating the Healthcare System

Presentation on how to access county/state medical care, elderly waiver, DD waivers, Medicaid, as well as how VA benefits work with state medical assistance. Define and discuss transitions of care, questions to ask before discharge to a TCU or long term care facility. Discussion on long term care, assisted living vs. care at home and associated costs. Home health agencies, PCA, HHA and ILS explanation. VA care. How to ensure you are asking the right questions. There will be time at the end for individual questions.

Connie Grobove

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| 402 | Tu | Feb 24 |
| | 6-8pm | \$7 |
| | Education Center - B131 | |

General Information

Senior LinkAge Line- Statewide
1-800-333-2433
www.minnesotaHelp.info

Disability LinkAge Line- Statewide
1-866-333-2466

Veterans LinkAge Line-Statewide
1-888-LINKVET (1-888-546-5838)

Chisago County Veterans Service
Office
651-213-5600

Elder Care Locator: Aging information and
referrals outside MN
1-800-677-1116

United Way
2-1-1

Social Security
1-877-405-1446

MN Adult Abuse Reporting Center
1-844-880-1574

Chisago County Aging and Disabilities
Resource Line
651-213-5213

Arrowhead Transit
1-800-862-0175 Option 13

Senior Care Facilities

Ecumen 651-237-3000
Chisago County Senior Center
651-674-8658
Linwood Senior Center 651-462-5565
Maple Commons 651-277-7700
Gracewood 651-317-2000
Shields Plaza 651-674-7497



Make a difference in your community!

Consider these meaningful volunteer opportunities for adults 55+:

Companions - visit older adults to provide friendship, transportation and assistance at their homes and in the community.

Foster Grandparents - support children who are falling behind in the classroom.

Volunteer Benefits

- Earn tax-free dollars
- Mileage is reimbursed
- Training provided
- Find purpose and meet new people

Get Started Today
888.205.3770
www.lssmn.org/volunteernow



Save the Date!



Ways to get involved:

- Be a vendor
- Professional stories in the classroom



Future Forward NBAHS Career Day

May 8th, 2026
7:30 - 11:30 am



Questions?

Kristin Mayne

NBAHS Career Navigator

651-674-1517

kmayne@isd138.org

NORTH BRANCH AREA HIGH SCHOOL CAREER DAY

CAR SHOW 2.0!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO COME AND SHOW OFF THEIR CARS TO STUDENTS! THERE WILL BE DOOR PRIZES AND STUDENT VOTED PRIZES!

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH



1:00 PM - 2:30 PM



NBHSSSHOP@ISD138.ORG



651-674-1562



38175 GRAND AVE, NORTH BRANCH, MN 55056

We Are Able

Programs for Adults with Disabilities

Please pre-register for all classes and send fee to We 'R' Able, 425 S Dana Avenue, Rush City, MN 55069. For questions call 320-358-1210



Tuesday Craft Nights with Sue

Get together with friends to make seasonal crafts with Sue Delaney.

T	Jan 13	6-8pm	Donations welcome North Branch High School, B110
T	Feb 10	6-8pm	Donations welcome North Branch High School, B110
T	Mar 17	6-8pm	Donations welcome North Branch High School, B110
T	Apr 14	6-8pm	Donations welcome North Branch High School, B110

Six-Week Painting Series

Apply paint over a chalk-drawn image. Repeat, repeat, repeat and repeat. Then paint with India ink. Then scrub, scrub, scrub, scrub under warm water. You have a painting that looks like stained glass. No pre-registration needed. Drop in. If you miss the first class of the series, you may begin on class two.

W	Mar 18-Apr 29	6-8pm	Pay what you can \$36-\$48 Chisago Lakes Middle School - Art Room #30
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Katie Presents...

Join Katie as she presents a program with her dad Joe Sausen. The topic is birds and nature travels to Belize. The Sausen family provides arts and crafts from the season. Gluten free and dairy free snacks provided.

Th	May 7th	6-7pm	Pay what you can. \$3-\$10 Chisago Co. Sr. Center-38790 6th Ave, North Branch
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Bowling Series

Gather at JJ's in North Branch and bowl with friends. Drop in.

Th	Jan 8, 22, Feb 5, 19	Mar 5, 19	4-6 pm
	Pay \$6 each time for shoes and bowling game. JJ's Bowl, 6427 Ash Street, North Branch		

Winter/Spring Concerts

January 6th	Jenni Thyng	5-6:30pm
January 15th	Wire and Wood	5-6:30pm
January 29th	Cross Country Band	5-6:30pm
February 12th	Jim Anderson	5-6:30pm
February 26th	The Fiddle Sisters	5-6:30pm
March 12th	Jenni Thyng	5-6:30pm
March 26th	Cross Country Band	5-6:30pm
April 2nd	Neighborz	5-6:30pm
April 9th	Wire and Wood	5-6:30pm
April 23rd	Cross Country Band	5-6:30pm
May 21st	Jenni Thyng	5-6:30pm
June 4th	Wire and Wood	5-6:30pm
Chisago County Sr Center 38790 6th Avenue, North Branch		



Become a Child Care Provider TODAY!

Grants and start-up assistance is available:

1. To help start in-home child care and child care centers.
2. For architectural assistance if renovation is needed.
3. Other help for plans, set-up and training.

Grants are limited, assistance is unlimited - contact us today!

- Contact Nancy Hoffman at the Chisago County HRA-EDA for more information on the grant and starting a business **651.674.5664**
- For licensing requirements, call Lanay Miller at Chisago County Public Health **651.213.5218**
- Visit **EastCentralChildCare.com** for additional resources



Grants made available through Chisago County ARPA funds



Early Childhood Screening

Screenings are held at North Branch Area Education Center 38705 Grand Avenue in North Branch



Screen at Age 3!

The best time for your child to complete Early Childhood Screening is when they are three years old, but a child may be screened anytime between the ages of 3 and the start of kindergarten. Screening **must** be completed before kindergarten entry.

What is Early Childhood Screening?

Early Childhood Screening is a free and simple check of your child's vision, hearing, height, weight and development as well as a brief review of health history and immunizations. During screening, trained professionals will evaluate your child's development in speech, language, fine and large motor skills, problem solving skills and social-emotional development.

Why complete Early Childhood Screening?

Screening has two major purposes. It is used to determine if a child's development is on track, and to provide families with information about community and learning resources for young children.

Where should I have my child screened?

Screening is held at the North Branch Area Education Center. Come visit our bright and beautiful building that our community children frequently call "the rainbow school". To schedule your child's appointment, call 651-674-1220.

Upcoming Screening Dates:

Screening is offered at least one time per month in the late afternoon/early evening 3:15 pm - 6 pm. Listed below are our upcoming screening dates. Additional dates will be scheduled in the near future - just give us a call and we will help make a plan for your child.

January 29

February 26

March 26

April 16

For appointments call 651-674-1220.

Early Childhood Family Education

All Preschool and Early Childhood offerings are held at North Branch Area Education Center

Register online at nbaceonline.org or call 651-674-1220



Terrific Tots on the Move 18-35 months

Come learn how to expand on your child's ever-growing curiosity and burn off some of your child's energy with new friends. This class provides opportunities for parents to connect with other parents who are working through the challenges that are part of this age, like potty training! Each class will include fun in our ECFE classroom and the Move & Learn room, weekly parent education through activities and parent/child separation. Siblings are welcome.

Both the Wednesday section and Friday section will do the same activities and parent education lessons each week.

Wednesdays 9:00-10:30am

January 14-May 13

No class March 11

Cost: \$68 per family - Full Payment due at time of registration.

Scholarships are also available.

Education Center - B103

Fridays 9:00-10:30am

January 16-May 15

No class February 13, March 13, April 3

Cost: \$60 per family - Full Payment due at time of registration.

Scholarships are also available.

Education Center - B103

Drop In and Play for Early Ages

Birth-5 years old

Bring your little ones and enjoy free access to our Move & Learn Room and ECFE Classroom. It's the perfect opportunity for kids to explore, play, and grow in a fun and engaging environment, while caregivers connect with others. No cost, no registration - just come as you are! Siblings are welcome!

Tuesdays 5-6:30pm

Jan 13, Feb 10, 17, Mar 24, 31, Apr 7, 14, 21, May 5, 12

Cost: Free

Education Center - B103

ECFE for All Ages

Birth to 5 years old

ECFE for All Ages offers structured parent-child time, fun in our ECFE classroom, access to the Move & Learn room, weekly parenting education through activities and parent/child separation.

Mondays 9:00-10:30am

January 12-May 11

No class January 19, February 16, March 9 and April 6.

Cost: \$56 per family - Full Payment due at time of registration.

Scholarships are also available.

Education Center - B103

Infant ECFE

Birth-12 months

Meet other parents with babies in a relaxing classroom environment. Parents will have the opportunity to observe, discover and discuss their child's development along with the joys and challenges. Explore why babies do what they do and how parents/caregivers can guide them during their first years of life. Class time includes support from a parent educator and weekly activities for you to do with your child. Siblings are welcome to attend.

Tuesdays 10:30-11:30am

January 13-May 12

No class January 20, March 10

Cost: Free

Education Center - B103



Baby Café

Breastfeeding gathering for moms, babies & moms to be. Join us for mom to mom encouragement and meet other moms in your area. Baby weight checks and Lactation Consultant also available to answer questions. Drop in anytime on Wednesdays between 10-11:30 am. This is a FREE offering provided by Chisago County Public Health at the North Branch Area Education Center.

105 W Now-June 3
10-11:30am Free - Please register
Education Center - B130A

Community Preschool

At The North Branch Area Education Center

Looking for the right preschool experience for your child? North Branch Area Public Schools offers a preschool experience designed to support your child's development. Our curriculum and activities focus on building confidence, independence and social skills so your child enters kindergarten ready to learn!



Information About Preschool at NBAPS

- **If you're wondering why your child should attend this preschool**, it's because North Branch Area Early Childhood has received the highest possible rating of 4 stars from Parent Aware. This rating demonstrates our commitment to using best practices in preparing children for kindergarten.
- **Potty training is an important factor to consider before starting preschool.** Three-year-old children should be mostly independent in using the bathroom, able to do the process independently with very few accidents, while four-year-olds need to be fully toilet trained.
- **It is *not* necessary for your child to be able to sit quietly and listen well to adult directions before attending preschool.** Our program is designed for children to learn and practice school behaviors, and we are ready to accept your child at their current physical, developmental, and emotional level. Feel free to contact us if you have any concerns or questions.
- **If you cannot transport your child to/from preschool**, we have a school based child care option right in our building or we do have limited transportation available.
- **What if I need childcare before and after preschool?** Childcare is offered for 3, 4 and 5 year olds, (must be toilet trained), as well as school age children, through the Youth Connections Program, which is located in the same building as preschool. Registration and enrollment in Youth Connections is separate from preschool registration and is an additional cost. See page 37 for more information or call 651-674-1014.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 5:45 am – 6 pm

Fees: All Day (over 6 hours) - \$38 child/day OR Hourly - \$6/hour (Up to 6 hours per day.)

Three Year Olds

Age 3 on or before Sept 1, 2025

Mon, Wed, Fri 8-10:30 am or 12-2:30 pm \$185/mo

Tue, Thur, 8-10:30 am or 12-2:30 pm \$135/mo

What will my child do at preschool as a three-year-old? Three-year-old preschoolers will become familiar with the school setting through learning classroom routines, learn to play alongside their peers, and engage in play-based early academic activities.

Four and Five Year Olds

Age 4 or older on or before Sept 1, 2025

Mon, Wed, Fri, 8-10:30 am or 12-2:30 pm \$185/mo

Tue, Thur, 8-10:30 am or 12-2:30 pm \$135/mo

Mon-Fri, 12-2:30 pm \$320/mo

Mon,Wed, Fri, Full Day Class 8 am-2:30 pm, \$45/day

Tue, Thur, Full Day Class 8 am-2:30 pm, \$45/day

What will my child do at preschool as a four or five-year-old? The focus of the four and five-year-old preschool classroom is on preparing your child for successful entry into kindergarten. Students experience activity-based learning opportunities that focus on early literacy, math and social skills.

Preschool registration for Fall 2026 will begin early April!

Need Help Affording Preschool or ECFE Class?

Families who meet the eligibility criteria can apply for limited full or partial scholarships. To be considered, applicants must complete an application form and submit relevant documents that demonstrate low income or participation in specific programs. To further discuss scholarship information, contact Annette Fairbanks email afairbanks@is138.org or 651-674-1223.

Household Size

Total Gross Income Per Year (before taxes are taken)

2	\$46,022
3	\$56,850
4	\$67,679
5	\$75,508
6	\$89,336
7	\$91,367
8	\$93,397
9	\$95,427
10	\$97,458
11	\$99,488
12	\$101,519
13	\$103,549



Our Preschool is Parent Aware 4-Star Rated

North Branch Area Early Childhood has earned a 4-Star Parent Aware rating. Parent Aware's Star Ratings help parents find programs that go above and beyond to prepare children for school and life.



To Earn a 4-Star Rating

Schools must prove that they are excelling in the use of best practices in preparing kids for kindergarten by exhibiting the following qualities:

- ◆ Volunteering for extra, in-depth training
- ◆ Devoting themselves to strong, caring relationships with each child
- ◆ Adopting the latest approaches to keeping children's learning on track
- ◆ Committing to daily activities and routines that help children learn and grow
- ◆ Placing a focus on children's health and safety

Early Childhood Special Events



Teddy Bear Band Concert

Bring your teddy bear and come dance and sing along with the Teddy Bear Band! Enjoy an evening of outdoor fun on the playground, pack a picnic and celebrate the arrival of summer with friends! Inlement weather we will be inside the Education Center.

4105 W May 27
6:30-7:15pm Free
Education Center - Playground



Vehicle Fair

Join us for a fun-filled evening where kids can explore their favorite vehicles—fire trucks, garbage trucks, police cars, school buses, and more! Enjoy the excitement while grabbing a bite from our delicious food trucks available for purchase

4106 W May 20
5-7pm Free
Education Center - Parking Lot

A Night To Remember

North Branch Area Community Education Presents

Tiny Prom

North Branch Area Education Center

Thursday, Jan 15

5:30-7 PM

Children kindergarten & younger are invited

Both adults and children are welcome to dress their best and join us for dancing and treats!

Free admission



**New to our area?
Do you have a 0 to 5 year old?**

North Branch Area Public Schools
wants to hear from you!



Scan the QR code to complete the
online census form to connect you
to district information.



Learn more about your child with Minnesota's



Follow Along Program

- Every few months, you will get a form asking how your child is playing, talking, growing, moving and acting.
- Fill out the form and send it back to us.
- You will get the results with fun activities for you and your child to do together.
- If there are any concerns, we'll get in touch with you and work together on next steps.

Sign up online today! It's FREE!
www.health.state.mn.us/mnfap



To learn more about the local
program in your community, for
questions about the program or
to have an enrollment form
mailed to you
call : 1-800-725-5420 or
email: cyshn@state.mn.us



Public Health Nurse Visits

Our **Family Home Visiting Nurses** would love to work with and support your family!



Our Services:

- ✓ Prenatal/postpartum education
- ✓ Lactation support
- ✓ Child weight checks / physical assessments
- ✓ Parenting education and support
- ✓ Child developmental screening
- ✓ Connections to resources
- ✓ No cost and flexible schedule



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Chisago County

Call us today or submit a referral online!

 651-213-5233

 www.chisagocountymn.gov





Is your child 5 years old
on or before
September 1st?

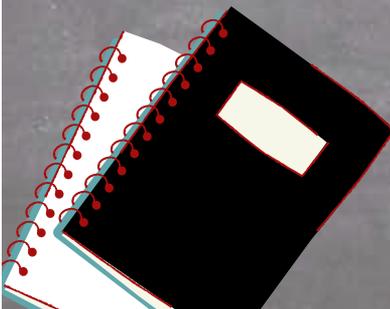


ENROLL IN KINDERGARTEN AT **NORTH BRANCH TODAY**

WAYS TO REGISTER:

- GO ONLINE TO WWW.ISD138.ORG
- CALL 651-674-1220
- SCAN THE QR CODE

**RECEIVE A
FREE T-SHIRT
WITH NEW
ENROLLMENT**





NOW HIRING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Are you looking for a fun and rewarding job?
Youth Connections, the school-age care program at the North Branch Area Education Center, is hiring Junior Assistants!

- ✓ Flexible hours around school/sports/activity schedules!
- ✓ Hands on experience: Gain valuable job skills while making a difference in kids' lives!
- ✓ Fun environment: We believe learning and fun go hand-in-hand!
- ✓ No late nights and no weekends!

 Program Manager: Cynthia Scheele
651-674-1029 or cscheele@isd138.org



Scan the QR code to
apply today!

**Must be 16 years
old to apply!**



Youth Connections



Youth Connections

Affordable, Flexible and Convenient Care
All Day, Before and After School

Youth Connections offers affordable, flexible and convenient all day care for children ages 3-5, and before and after care for school age children through grade 6.

Youth Connections and preschool classes are conveniently located in the same building, so your child can attend before and after his/her preschool session. We provide fun, exciting and enriching learning activities while developing social skills for their future!

Youth Connections provides

- ◆ a fun atmosphere conducive to learning and building friendships
- ◆ a place where all students are valued and respected
- ◆ a safe environment with an experienced & compassionate staff
- ◆ convenient location & hours
- ◆ enrichment for arts, athletics, reading, science and more
- ◆ exciting events & activities
- ◆ flexibility with weekly calendars

Hours

Monday-Friday, 5:45 am to 6 pm
Children must be potty trained.

Fees

Before School: \$11 per child/morning After School; \$14 per child/afternoon
Daily full time: \$38 per child/day Hourly: \$6/hour Maximum of 6 hours per day.

Weekly calendars with payments are due by noon on the Wednesday prior to the requested week of service. Youth Connections tuition can be paid weekly or monthly. Payment is due before care is provided. (651) 674-1014.

Registration and Information available at www.isd138.org

For registration and handbook information go to www.isd138.org click on Schools tab, North Branch Area Community Education and School Age Care or call 651-674-1014



Youth Enrichment



Book BINGO Pizza Party Grades K-5

Hey students in grades K-5 join us for a night of Pizza Party Book BINGO! Every winner will receive a book of their choice! We will have lots of fun with a Pizza Party followed by Book BINGO and snacks. Students will need to attend with a parent, grandparent or special adult friend. Books will be donated by Books For Better MN! Please preregister so we make sure to have enough books and pizza! Please register everyone who will be having pizza. BINGO is for students in grades K-5.

480 F March 27
5-7pm \$5/per person
Education Center - Large Gym



Design a Playground with Kidcreate Studio Ages 5-12

Kids, get ready to dream big! Design and build your ultimate playground in this hands-on class. From wild slides to creative swings, bring your ideas to life using art and crafting techniques. Students will act as both the engineer and architect of their very own playground. A perfect mix of imagination, fun, and creative problem-solving awaits! Please bring a snack and drink for your child/children.

Kidcreate Studio

474 W Mar 11
12:30-3:30pm \$65
Education Center - B130A



Middle School Art Club Grades 7th and 8th

This class is for 7th and 8th graders who LOVE art and want more art making opportunities. We will have some specific art projects to work on and time for "free choice" art as well. No art experience is necessary and all art materials will be supplied for you! We will be going on an Art Club field trip to Franconia Sculpture Park on Saturday, May 9th. The bus will leave the Middle School from door #25 (main front door) at 9:30am and return to the middle school at 2:00pm. We will be having lunch in St Croix Falls at Dairy Queen, McDonald's or Subway. Students will need to bring money for lunch or bring a bag lunch.

Lee Ann Falen

493 M Feb 9, 23, Mar 16, 30, Apr 13, 27,
2:45-4pm May 4, 11
Middle School - 311 \$45



Divine Dips Children's Cooking Class

Dips can take anything from ordinary to extraordinary! Whether you want to mask the taste of those veggies or experiment with some new flavors, this class is for you! All supplies are included in registration fee. Please enter in door #3.

Jackie Mart

4013 Th Apr 23
4-5pm \$35
High School - B100



Child and Babysitting Safety

Grades 4-8

The Child and Babysitting Safety (CABS) program from the American Safety and Health Institute provides everything you need to know for safe and successful babysitting. The students will receive their certification card and instructions to access a digital copy of the CABS student book at the end of class. Topics cover everything from getting started with your business to collaborating with parents and children, safety, safe sleep practices, caregiving, emergencies, and basic first aid. CABS will help set you up for babysitting success. Students must be present for the entire class and complete the core learning objectives to receive certifications, valid for two years. Students attend this class independently and should come prepared with a notebook and pen. If you are registering for Child and Babysitting Safety and Home Alone classes you may bring a bag lunch and drink to eat with the instructor during the break between the two classes.

Ariane Bromberg

52 F Feb 13
9am-12pm \$56
Education Center - B130A

52 W June 10
9am-12pm \$56
Education Center - B130A



Monster Cookie Madness

Children's Cooking Class

In this class you will be able to make and bake a GIANT peanut butter monster cookie of your own! (Paleo, vegan, and gluten-free class) All supplies are included in registration fee. Please enter in door #3.

Jackie Mart

403 Th Apr 23
5:30-6:30pm \$35
High School - B100

Home Alone

Grades 3-6

Is your child ready for the independence of being home alone? Parents need to be sure their children have the skills and maturity to handle the responsibility safely. Whether for an hour after school or several hours a day during the summer, being trusted to be home alone can be a positive experience for a mature and well-prepared child. This class for children will address several topics relating to being "Home Alone," including age guidelines, safe habits, house rules, after-school routines, phone calls and door knocks, dog emergencies, personal safety, handling the unexpected, gun safety, severe weather, fire safety, intruders, and basic first aid tips. Students attend this class independently, and parents are encouraged to review the information and discuss it with their child/children after class. If you are registering for Child and Babysitting Safety and Home Alone classes you may bring a bag lunch and drink to eat with the instructor during the break between the two classes.

Ariane Bromberg

57 F Feb 13
12:30-2:30pm \$33
Education Center - B130A

57 W June 10
12:30-2:30pm \$33
Education Center - B130A



GRASP Summer Math and Reading Program

Grades K-8

GRASP is a 9 week correspondence program in grades K-8 which helps students maintain math skills while they are on summer vacation. It should take you and your child approximately one hour per week to complete each weekly lesson. We suggest parents order the level just completed. If there are extenuating circumstances, order the level that is appropriate for your child. Lessons are completed, mailed to a scoring center where they are analyzed and then returned to you. Instruction sheets found in each packet provide all the necessary information. Enroll your child in math or reading for \$35 each or both math and reading for \$58. Deadline to register April 16.

425 Both \$58
425 Math \$35
425 Reading \$35

Youth Enrichment



Intro to RC Car Racing

Grades K-8

Interested in RC Cars? Want to try racing them on a track? Then come join us as we explore what makes them work and get to try them out. Participants will leave with a better understanding and get some time testing out their driving skills on a few different types of RC Cars. Participants can use RC Cars provided or their own on approval. Grades K-8.

RC Racing Party Crashers

4116 F Apr 24
6-7pm \$26
Education Center - Large Gym

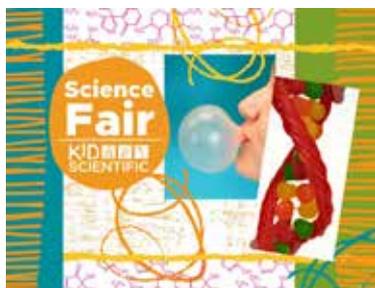
RC Car Racing

Grades K-12

Want to drive RC Cars on a track? Then come join us and you can test your driving skills on a few different types of RC Cars. Participants can use RC Cars provided or use their own on approval.

RC Racing Party Crashers

4116 F Apr 24
7:10-8:10pm \$26
Education Center - Large Gym



Science Fair with Kidcreate Studio

Ages 5-12

Join us at a Science Fair camp for days of fun-filled learning and discovery! Kids will explore big questions like "How big of a bubble can you blow?" and "How do sharks float?", "How do bees pollinate?". It's a mix of hands-on learning, excitement, and endless curiosity. Get ready to spark your child's inner scientist!

Kidcreate Studio

4060 W Feb 4 - 25
3-4pm \$98
40 Education Center - B130A



School of Fish

Grades 1 and Older

School of Fish is a 2 1/2 hour kids fishing class open to kids (and adults!) from grades 1 and up taught by pro angler and fishing TV show host Mike Frisch. Students learn about lakes, finding fish in those lakes, and some great ways to catch them. They also learn to tie a fishing knot and rig and use a slip-bobber setup. Registration fee includes: rod and reel, Hannay's Marien School of Fish T-shirt, tackle box and tackle, School of Fish full color workbook, and snack pack. Most importantly, however, graduates leave class with the knowledge, skills, and equipment to go fishing! All youth grades 1-4 need to have an adult present for the class, and there is no charge for that adult.

Mike Frisch

4080 Th Apr 23
3-5:30pm \$40
Education Center - B130A



Slime-Tastic Art with Kidcreate Studio

Ages 5-12

It's a slime takeover! In this class, slime is the main event. We'll explore different slime recipes as we create tons of gooey, sparkly, stretchy, messy goo. From an out-of-this-world glitter solar system slime, underwater sea slime and bubblegum scented slime. We'll even throw a little painting and sculpting on the side. Roll up your sleeves and get ready for the Slime-Tastic time you've been waiting for! Please pack a snack and drink for your child/children.

Kidcreate Studio

4085 W Mar 11
9am-12pm \$65
Education Center - B130A



Valentine's Love Bug with Kidcreate Studio
Ages 18 months-6 years

Get artsy this Valentine's Day with your little lovebug! In this class, artists will sculpt, paint, and more as they create a cute ladybug sculpture with adorable heart-shaped wings perfect for Valentine's Day. Come create right along with your child; children must be accompanied by a caregiver. All materials are included in registration fee.

Kidcreate Studio

412 Tu Feb 10
 4-5:00pm \$27
 Education Center - B130A



Multiplayer Minecraft: City Builder
Virtual Class
Grades 1-6

Online virtual class: Collaborate with fellow students to construct a city! Students will be sent their completed world files after class. Beginners and experienced Minecrafters alike will love this action-packed camp. We will be using Minecraft Java Edition. Minecraft is a trademark of Mojang Studios. This class is not affiliated with them. Home Technical Requirements: -Computer: PC (Windows 10 or later) or Mac (OSX) with at least a 2GHz processor and 4GB of RAM -Chromebooks, tablets, and phones typically DO NOT work. -Internet: Broadband internet -Webcam, microphone, and speakers -Zoom installed on computer, zoom link will be sent before class -Students should be comfortable using a PC, mouse, and keyboard Additional Technical Requirements: -Minecraft Java Edition (\$30; more information will be provided before class)

Tech Academy

4019 Sa Jan 17
 9am-12pm \$58
 Virtual



Video Game Design Virtual Class
Grades 4-8

Online virtual class: Learn how to develop your own game! Students will create their maze using Construct 2, a visual coding platform that teaches students the basics and structure of programming. Basic computer skills are required. Home Technical Requirements: -Computer: PC (Windows 10 or later) or Mac (OSX) with at least 2 GHz processor and 4GB of RAM -Chromebooks, tablets, and phones DO NOT work -Internet: broadband internet -Webcam, microphone, and speakers -Zoom installed on computer, zoom link will be sent before class -Students should be comfortable using a PC, mouse, and keyboard Additional Technical Requirements: -Constructs website -Constructs account (sign up information will be provided before class)

Tech Academy

427 Sa Feb 7
 9am-12pm \$58
 Virtual

Interested in becoming a Community Education instructor?

Community Education is always looking for instructors to share their talents and knowledge with others. If interested, please call the Community Education office at 651-674-1025.

Register online with your Visa or MasterCard at www.nbaceonline.org

Welcome Kindergarten Class of 2039

If you have a child who will turn 5 on or before Sept 1 2026, check out these great events to prepare your family for Kindergarten at North Branch Area Public Schools!



Save the Date

February 3
6-7:30 PM

Parent
Information
Night

This event is for
adults to learn
more about
Kindergarten at
NBAPS

Child care is
available

February 11

Kindergarten
Enrollment
Opens

Free Class of
2039 T-shirt
with every
enrollment

651-674-1220

www.isd138.org

March 3
6:00-7:30 PM

Taste of K
Open House

Lets get excited
about
kindergarten! All
kindergarten
eligible students
are invited to
attend.

Free gift upon
arrival

North Branch Area Education Center
38705 Grand Ave North Branch, MN 55056



Youth Recreation



Junior Golf Program for Boys and Girls Grades 6-9

Learn the Game. Build Confidence. Get Ready for High School Golf! Ready to hit the links? Our Junior Golf Program is the perfect introduction to one of the world's greatest lifetime sports! Designed especially for beginner golfers in grades 6-9, this program focuses on learning the fundamentals of golf in a fun, supportive, and encouraging environment.

Participants will receive hands-on instruction from experienced golf coach, covering key skills such as: grip, stance, and swing basics; putting, chipping, and driving techniques; golf etiquette and rules of the game; course awareness, strategy, and safety.

Through a mix of drills, games, and friendly challenges, students will build confidence, coordination, and respect for the sport-all while making new friends and enjoying time outdoors. Clubs are provided for those who don't have their own.

We will also be playing a round of golf at the North Branch Golf Course. All registered participants will receive a Junior Membership at the North Branch Golf course, included in registration fee.

This program also serves as a great stepping stone for students interested in joining the high school golf program in upcoming years. Participants will gain the skills, knowledge, and course experience needed to feel confident and prepared for competitive play at the next level.

No experience necessary - just bring a positive attitude and a willingness to learn! Please bring clubs, water bottle and wear comfortable athletic clothing.

667	Tu, W, Th	Apr 7-May 7
	3-4:30pm	\$125
	Middle School - Middle School Field	



Beginner Kids Clogging Ages 8-12

Clogging is a traditional American dance form, with similarities to tap & Irish dancing. This is a beginner dance class for kids ages 8-12, taught by a National Certified Clogging Instructor. Grab your friends and come try this fun percussive dance style. We will learn the basic steps along with a few fun routines to upbeat popular music. No experience needed. Students can wear comfortable clothes & shoes that slide easily. Optional glue-on clogging taps can be purchased from the instructor for \$20. Bring a pair of flat-soled shoes for the taps to be attached to (white shoes preferred for possible future performance opportunities).

Pam Heaton

661	Th	Jan 22-Feb 26
	5:15-5:45pm	\$26
	Education Center - Small Gym	
661	Th	Apr 9-May 14
	5:15-5:45pm	\$26
	Education Center - Small Gym	

Little Stomper Beginner Clogging Class Ages 3-7

Clogging is a traditional American dance form, with similarities to tap and Irish dancing. This is a beginner dance class for ages 3-7 taught by a National Certified Clogging instructor. Along with many fun clogging steps and routines, your dancer will work on basic rhythm, flexibility, balance and how to be a great dance student. Students can wear comfortable clothes and shoes that slide easy. Optional glue-on clogging taps can be purchased from the instructor for \$20. Bring a pair of flat soled shoes for the taps to be attached to. (White shoes preferred for possible future performance opportunities). No experience needed.

Pam Heaton

668	Th	Jan 22-Feb 26
	4:30-5pm	\$26
	Education Center - Small Gym	
668	Th	Apr 9-May 14
	4:30-5pm	\$26
	Education Center - Small Gym	

Youth Recreation



Learn the Sport of BMX Bike Racing

Rum River BMX was named the #1 track in the United States for BMX racing. At BMX, everyone gets to participate. It's a great way for riders of all ages to stay active, build confidence, develop life skills, connect with others, and most importantly, have fun! During your time at the track you'll learn the fundamentals, including but not limited to; answers to the question "What is BMX racing?"; types of race bikes, BMX terminology and safety. The best part? You get to hit the track! Students will receive hands-on riding instructions and will practice their new skills on the BMX track. This course is designed for new riders, (novices, non USA BMX membership holders) interested in the sport. If you can pedal a bike without training wheels, you can participate! No special bike required. No worries about bringing a bike with you, we have a fleet of HARO race bikes available in a number of sizes. Bikes and full face helmets are available on a first come first served basis. A full face helmet is recommended, some form of helmet is required. Riders must wear long pants, long sleeves and tennis shoes. Riders ready? Check in from 5:30 to 6:00pm. Class from 6:00-7:45pm

Rum River BMX

65	Th	Jan 8
	5:30-7:45pm	\$15
	Rum River BMX 101 Isanti Parkway NW, MN 55040	
65	Th	Feb 12
	5:30-7:45pm	\$15
	Rum River BMX 101 Isanti Parkway NW, MN 55040	
65	Th	Mar 5
	5:30-7:45pm	\$15
	Rum River BMX 101 Isanti Parkway NW, MN 55040	
65	Th	Apr 2
	5:30 -7:45pm	\$15
	Rum River BMX 101 Isanti Parkway NW, MN 55040	

Register online with your
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www.nbaceonline.org



North Branch Youth Baseball Camp Grades 1-8

This baseball camp will be instructed by the high school coaching staff. Open to all players from beginners to advanced. We will focus on developing skill sets including hitting, pitching, catching and fielding. Bring your glove to camp. Please enter in door #11.

North Branch Coaches Association

662	Sa	Mar 21
	9am-12pm	\$40
	High School - West Gym	

Open Gym for NBAPS Students

North Branch Area Public School students come and enjoy an afternoon at our open gym. Students in grades K-5 must have a parent accompany them during open gym. Parents play dodgeball and enjoy open gym with your child(ren). Students in grades 6-12 enjoy open gym and dodgeball. Dodgeballs will be provided. Please bring your basketball we will have some on hand. Please enter in door #11.

649	Su	Jan 11, 25, Feb 8, 22
	1-3pm	\$2
	High School - West Gym	

REGISTER EARLY!

Community Education staff often need to make decisions about canceling classes a week or more before the start of the class. To avoid disappointment for yourself and others, don't wait until the last minute to register.



Winter Tennis Camp

Use the Winter season to learn a new sport or improve on the skills you already have! The High School Tennis Coaches invite you to a 4 session camp that will run through the month of February. We will work on introducing new skills to beginners, and for those that have played before, they will get the chance to work with coaches and High School players to improve on the skills they have. What a great opportunity to be a part of a lifetime sport and get some exercise during these cold winter weeks! We have a small number of rackets available if participants don't have one.

North Branch Coaches Association

Grades 2-5

652	Th	Feb 5-Feb 26
	3-4:30pm	\$40
	Middle School - East Gym	

Grades 6

652	Tu	Feb 3-Feb 24
	2:45-4:15pm	\$40
	Sunrise River Elementary School - Large Gym	

Youth Pickleball Lessons

Grades 3-9

Join Peiwu and Luke for twice weekly youth pickleball training for kids ages 8-14. Learn to dink, serve, backhand stroke, volley and basic rules of the game. At the end of each group training session, a round robin tournament will be held. Paddles and balls are provided for training. The sport of pickleball is easy to learn and fun to play and enjoy while making new friends.

Peiwu Daniels

683	M & W	Jan 5-Jan 21
	3-4:30pm	\$60
	Education Center - Large Gym	
683	M & W	Mar 2-Mar 25
	3-4:30pm	\$75
	Education Center - Large Gym	

Snowboard & Ski Club

Grades 6-9

Fees & Equipment

Fees include lift ticket, busing and chaperone. There is an additional fee for ski or snowboard rentals.

- * \$183 price includes: 5 ski package. Deadline to register for package is January 5.
- * Students with Wild Mountain Ski Pass pay only \$90.
- * Single day option \$47. Rental is additional fee of \$27 payable to community ed before day of trip.
- * Parents may drop off equipment. If you own your own snowboard/skis use the Wild Mountain "Ski Corral" to prevent theft. North Branch Area Community Education and Wild Mountain are not responsible for stolen items.

M Jan 12, 26, Feb 2, 9, 23
 No Snowboard & Ski Club Jan 19 and Feb 16.
 Bus leaves and returns to the Middle School door #25.

Junior Track and Field

Grades K-6

Students will receive basic instruction in both running and field events. They will also work on starts and relays. Technique difficulty will vary by age group with basic instruction at the younger grades and more advanced in the older grades. Students will meet with their coaches once a week for five weeks. Practice will be held in the high school if the weather is bad. The season will end with a track meet on May 13 at 6:00pm and the location is to be announced. Registered participants will receive a North Branch Track t-shirt at the meet to wear as their uniform and to keep. Please provide t-shirt size when registering.

North Branch Coaches Association

80	M	Apr 13-May 11
	5-6pm	\$45
	High School - Stadium	
	Track Meet	May 13
	6-8pm	Location to be announced

No child in our community should go hungry.

Viking Vittles is a free weekend food backpack program serving North Branch Area Public Schools students and their families.

Any family can receive this free benefit simply by contacting a school staff member. There are no applications or income qualifications, and all food is distributed anonymously.

Middle School, High School and Norse Area Learning Center students can access free Care Closets on campus, which contain meals, snacks, clothing and personal care products.



Support this vital work!

Just \$15 a month feeds a child.
Scan the QR codes
@VikingVittles
Venmo or PayPal



Open to All!
We offer **FREE** clothing
(newborn to 6/6x & maternity)
plus diapers & wipes.
Also, learn how parents can
earn a new crib and/or car seat.

Located inside St. Bridget of Sweden
Catholic Church, Lindstrom, MN
651-304-0432
info@thebabyblanket.org
www.thebabyblanket.org



SAVE THE DATE!

2026 SUMMER REC SOCCER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



Open to All Pre-K to 6th Grade Players
Thursday Evenings | May 2026 - June 2026
@ North Branch Area Education Center



Cost: \$99 | Early Bird Registration Cost: \$89
Reversible Game Jersey Included!



REGISTER TODAY AT LAKESUNITEDFC.ORG

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Gymnastics



Team Gymnastics **Pre-team, Bronze, Silver, Gold,** **Platinum and Diamond**

All new team level gymnasts need coaches approval before registering.

Please call North Branch Area
Community Education at

651-674-1025 or
email nbaceonline.org

Rec Gymnastics

When can I register?

The next session of rec
will be available February 13.

Where do I register?

Online at www.nbaceonline.org
or call 651-674-1025.

Questions?

Call North Branch Area
Community Education at
651-674-1025



Secondary Youth Athletics

North Branch Activities Department offers the following Athletics throughout the school year registrations must be completed online through Affinity - <https://1929a.cf.wordwareinc.com>

Athletic Offerings	High School Fee	Middle School Fee
Athletic Offerings	\$250.00	\$160.00
Clay Target	\$170 + Supplies Fee	N/A
Football	\$300.00	N/A
Hockey	\$575.00	N/A
Families qualifying for Free Lunches do not pay activities fees. Families qualifying for Reduced Lunches pay a reduced fee. F/R applications must be submitted annually.		

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Winter Athletic Offerings 2025-26 Dates	Spring Athletic Offerings 2026 Dates	Fall Athletic Offerings 2026 Dates
Boys Basketball (grades 9-12) 11/17/25-3/28/26	Baseball (grades 9-12) 3/9/26-6/13/26	Boys Soccer (grades 7-12) 8/17/26-11/7/26
Boys Hockey (9-12) 11/10/25-3/7/26	Boys Golf (7-12) 3/16/26-6/13/26	Cross Country (7-12) 8/17/26-11/7/26
Dance Team (7-12) 10/20/25-2/14/26	Boys Tennis (7-12) 3/23/26-6/6/26	Football (9-12) 8/17/25-11/28/26
Girls Basketball (9-12) 11/10/25-3/14/26	Track & Field (9-12) 3/9/26-6/6/26	Girls Soccer (7-12) 8/17/26-11/7/26
Girls Hockey (9-12) 10/27/25-2/21/26	Girls Golf (7-12) 3/16/26-6/13/26	Girls Tennis (7-12) 8/17/26-10/30/26
Gymnastics (9-12) 11/10/25-2/21/26	Softball (9-12) 3/9/26-6/6/26	Volleyball (9-12) 8/17/25-11/14/26
Wrestling (7-12) 11/17/25-2/28/26	Clay Target (8-12) 3/30/26-6/19/26	Clay Target (8-12) 9/14/26-10/23/26

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS (Grades 7-8)

Winter Athletic Offerings 2025-26 Dates	Spring Athletic Offerings 2026 Dates April/May	Fall Athletic Offerings 2026 Dates Sept/Oct
Boys Basketball 1/5-2/27/26	Baseball 4/7/26-5/22/26	Volleyball 9/8/26-10/23/26
Girls Basketball Nov/Dec	Softball 4/7/26-5/22/26	

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR - Kindra Helin khelin@isd138.org

ACTIVITIES ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - Tanya Giese tgiese@isd138.org

Drivers Education

North Branch Area Community Education is pleased to partner with Right Away Driving School to offer a convenient teen driver education program in our school.



Classroom Instruction

The first part of our Driver Education process is a 30 hour class. We will focus on road rage, cell phone laws, road signs, impaired driving with drunk goggles and antilock braking system just to name a few. You have to be at least 14 1/2 to take the classroom portion and 15 years old to take the permit test. NOTE: Make up lessons can be completed in any North Branch Area Community Education class or go to the Forest Lake location.

Behind-the-Wheel

After passing the permit test, students will need to start the behind the wheel phase. Students are required to complete six hours of behind the wheel. The lessons are provided in three two hour sessions with a licensed instructor from the Department of Public Safety. The student will be picked up and dropped off at their home. Detailed information about behind the wheel will be provided at class.

Fees and Registration

\$400 includes classroom instruction, materials and behind the wheel training. Permit and road exam fees are not included in registration fee. For payment options please contact the North Branch Area Community Education office at 651-674-1025.

Classroom Schedule \$450

Zoom

Jan 12-23, Monday-Friday, 3-6pm

Feb 9-20, Monday-Friday, 3-6pm

March 16-27, Monday-Friday, 3-6pm

Apr 13-24, Monday-Friday, 3-6pm

In Person

Feb 2-13 Monday-Friday, 4-7pm, Room D153

Feb 3, 6 & 13 will be virtual

Apr 13-24, Monday-Friday, 4-7pm, Room D153

Apr 17 & 24 will be virtual



Questions? Call Community Education at 651-674-1025.

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Keeping Data Secure, Buildings Safe, and Our Network Strong



North Branch is a growing community, and our schools are growing with it. As we prepare for the coming years, it's important to reflect on how our community's support has set us up for success.

In 2017, voters approved three ballot questions that created a major investment in North Branch Area Public Schools. Questions 1 and 2 provided significant funding for building updates, essential repairs, and upgraded learning spaces. Question 3, a smaller separate ask, established the Capital Projects Levy that supports data security, technology for safe buildings, and the network infrastructure our classrooms depend on.

After completing last year's district wide facilities study, we can proudly share that the investments from Questions 1 and 2 have positioned NBAPS well. Our buildings are in good condition, we can accommodate a growing student population, and we are maintaining our desired class-size ranges. Most importantly, NBAPS does not need to ask voters for funding to build new schools, one of the largest and most expensive requests a community can face. The only item requiring voter action now is continuing the purpose of Question 3, which protects data, supports safe buildings, and keeps our network strong. On February 10, 2026, NBAPS will hold a special election asking voters to renew this existing Capital Projects Levy.

Since 2017, the Capital Projects Levy has allowed NBAPS to protect against costly data-security threats by strengthening cybersecurity and network protections that safeguard student and staff information. It has also supported safer buildings with camera systems that improve visibility and response across our sites. Building automation upgrades and infrastructure improvements have reduced long-term maintenance costs and increased energy efficiency. Funding from the Capital Projects Levy has also ensured that both staff and students have reliable devices that are regularly maintained and updated, helping classrooms run

smoothly and minimizing disruptions to teaching and learning.

Renewing the existing Capital Projects Levy maintains funding for classroom technology and software, network security and reliability, student and staff devices, building safety and automation systems, and essential technology staffing. Renewal allows NBAPS to stay current with safety and technology needs and ensures the systems that support teaching and learning remain secure and dependable.

Renewal also matters for homeowners because it keeps the tax rate the same. Homeowners would continue paying the same amount under the renewal. For example, a homeowner with a \$350,000 property currently pays \$107 per year for the levy and would continue paying \$107 per year- a \$0 increase.

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School Board

Business Meetings and Work Sessions

The public is welcome to attend school board meetings on the 2nd (business) and 4th Thursday (work session) of each month at the North Branch Area Education Center (38705 Grand Ave., North Branch), 5:30 p.m.

School Board:

Tim MacMillan, Adam Trampe, Sarah Grovender, Heather Naegele, Shelly Johnson, and Jesse LaValla

NBAPS Strategic Direction 2025-26

Vision Statement:

Inspire dreams, build integrity and instill hope in our students, our staff, our families and our communities.

Mission Statement:

Partner with families and communities to challenge all students to achieve their greatest potential and become informed citizens.

Strategic Directions:

1A: Prepare all learners for success in school and in life by ensuring students meet the educational milestones of the World's Best Workforce statute.

1B: Prepare all learners for success in school and in life by committing to the success of every student.

2. Ensure mutual accountability for measurable progress toward shared goals.

3. Mobilize community engagement

4. Commit resources to district priorities

2025 Family Survey shows families have high satisfaction rate

Thank you to all the families that took a few moments to provide NBAPS your feedback in the 2025 Family Satisfaction Survey!

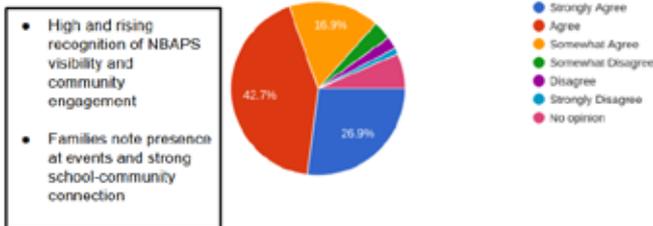
The 2025 survey received approximately 260 responses, and participation was consistent across grades. The participation rate provides a reliable snapshot of family perspectives across the district.

Of those surveyed, families across grade levels reported strong satisfaction and appreciation for caring staff, communication and welcoming environments remain district strengths, and clear progress in engagement and school-community connection.

Here are some of the highlights:

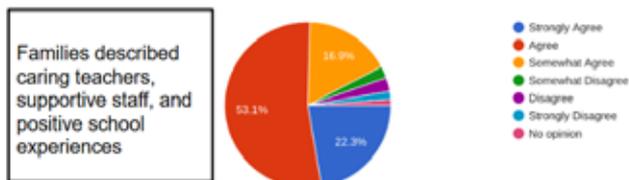
Viking pride visible across the community

I see and hear North Branch Viking Pride throughout our communities.
260 responses



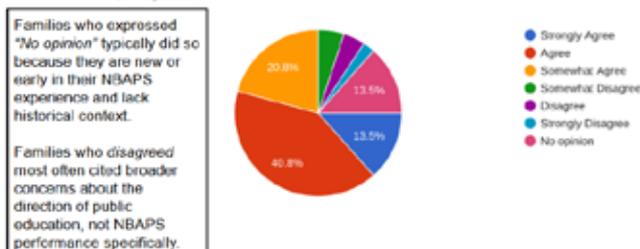
Families express high satisfaction across grade levels

I am satisfied with the education my child(ren) is receiving.
260 responses



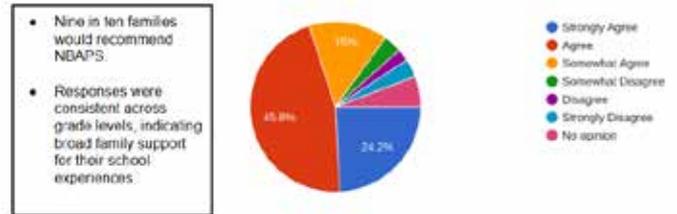
Perceptions of educational quality improving over time

I believe the quality of education has been improving over time.
260 responses



9 of 10 families would recommend NBAPS

I would recommend North Branch Area Public Schools to other families.
260 responses



For more complete survey results, scan the QR code at right or go to: www.isd138.org/page/family-survey-results



Keeping Data Secure, Buildings Safe, and Our Network Strong (cont.)

The only factor that could change that annual amount is a change in the value of the home itself. Over time, if a \$350,000 home increases in value to \$400,000, the levy cost adjusts by about \$18 annually as a result of the increased value of the home.

NBAPS has worked hard to be a good steward of taxpayer dollars. In the last five years, NBAPS has earned four credit rating upgrades, reflecting improved financial health and responsible budgeting. This strengthened financial footing has also removed the need for cash-flow borrowing, ensuring more resources go directly to teaching and learning. These improvements demonstrate NBAPS's commitment to long-term stability and responsible use of taxpayer dollars.

Renewing the Capital Projects Levy in the February 10, 2026 special election allows NBAPS to continue protecting student data, keeping buildings safe, and maintaining the technology backbone that supports learning across the district. This renewal preserves the progress our community has already invested in and keeps our schools well positioned into the future.

If you would like more information about this renewal of the 2017 Capital Projects Levy, please reach out to me at spaul@isd138.org. I am always happy to answer questions and connect with our families and community members.

SKOL, Vikings!

Sara Paul, Superintendent
North Branch Area Public Schools

Fall 2025 Highlights



For School Board Appreciation month in September, the high school football team led the Pledge of Allegiance, created a “tunnel of appreciation,” and sang the school song. What a great way to let the school board know what their service means to all of us. Thank you school board!



Fifth graders at Sunrise hosted their annual Veterans Day program on Nov. 11. The kids performed numerous songs, including God Bless the U.S.A, Land of Liberty, On Veterans Day, Grand Old Flag, and, of course, The Star Spangled Banner.



In September, Hannah Wirtz (10th grade) and Logen Schedlbauer (11th) were recognized as the 5th and 6th NBAHS students to complete the Ford ACE program.



Homecoming royalty found some new fans when they visited the NBAEC to spend time with the district’s youngest learners. When asked, royalty said their favorite stops were visiting with the elderly and these young students!



It was with great pride that the district honored local author and historian Max Malmquist - naming him Grand Marshal of the Homecoming parade in late September.



For Fire Prevention Week members of the NBFD visited schools giving students important safety tips like “stay low and go,” and “once out, stay out.” Students were able to inspect firefighter gear and the truck too.



Members of the North Branch FFA volunteered at the Almelund Apple Festival, helping kids learn the traditions of shelling and milling corn, washing clothing, woodcarving, stamping leather, and grinding and making play sausage.



Congratulations to Allen Everett and Jade Knoespel, your Homecoming King and Queen for 2025!



In mid-October, the North Branch Area Education Foundation (NBAEF) hosted a pumpkin patch for early learning students at the NBAEC. They brought 250 pumpkins and set up a “patch” for the kids to select a pumpkin; there was games and snacks too. Thanks NBAEF!

For Unity Day at NBAMS students wore orange to promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Students were provided an orange heart and asked to write examples of how they can support others who have been hurt or harmed, treat others with kindness, be more accepting of people’s differences, or help include those who are left out.



Walk and Roll to School continues to grow, attracting over 100 students and family members this fall. Thanks to the NBPD and NBFD for being a part of this great event!

More Fall Highlights



Sharleen Garcia-Velazquez and Sharis Garcia-Velazquez were named to the Minnesota Soccer Coaches Association All-State Teams this fall! Sharleen earned First Team honors, and Sharis was selected to the Second Team.



NBAMS 6th grade art students had the opportunity to create Peace Posters for a contest with the North Branch Lions Club. The final results were:
 1st place -- Tannar Wolff
 2nd place -- Grace Wenzel
 3rd place -- Zia Anderson



At NBAMS, Miss Ehalt's Advisory is working with an organization called Open Arms of Minnesota. Students are making birthday cards and blankets to go along with the meals provided by Open Arms of Minnesota to those suffering from cancer. Thank you students!



Senior Jacob Edmonds and Junior Jackson Puelston were the first NBAHS boys soccer players selected to the MSCA All-State Second Team; in the top 3% of Class AA players in the state.



NBFD provided Life Work Center students training in how to properly operate a fire extinguisher. Not only did the students learn about it, but we're able to use it and put out a contained fire! Thanks NBFD!



The Chisago County Child Care Coalition was presented with an Outstanding Community Project Award from the Minnesota Community Education Association at a recent school board meeting. The award was given for the CCCC's Child Care Champions Training Day offered in February.



Both soccer coaches were named Coach of the Year by the MSCA! Their dedication, leadership, and commitment to student-athletes led to great seasons and lasting impact.



Congratulations to NBAPS's Leaders in Educational Excellence award winners, who were honored at a recent banquet hosted by Resource Training and Solutions. They are (l to r): Matt Lattimore, Taylor Neil, Amanda Cook, and Maggie Hubbling.



Interested high school students were treated to a tour of the mechanical, diesel, and collision shops at Anderson Koch Ford in November. They also had the opportunity to job shadow in the shop of their choice; a great opportunity to explore a career in the automotive industry!

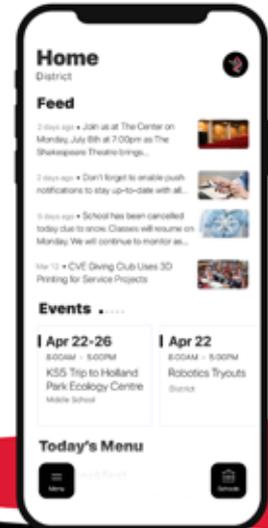


They are (l to r): Michelle Van Eerden, Julie Anderson, and (not pictured) Nichol Smith, and Kathleen Wessel.

It's everything Vikings, in your pocket.



Download the **North Branch Area Schools, MN** app from the iOS App Store or Android Play Store and enable Notifications.



Join us for a Patron Tour!

Your chance to come and see all the great things happening at NBAPS in the 2025-26 school year is coming up! Friday, Dec. 12 is the next tour of the year, and will be followed by tours on Feb. 20 and April 17.

The tours begin at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m. Attendees have the opportunity to meet with Supt. Paul and enjoy morning refreshments, tour all of the district facilities, meet principals, observe classrooms, and have the opportunity to lunch with students eager to answer questions about their experience at NBAPS!

Space is limited! If you are interested in attending a Patron Tour, please contact Community Relations Coordinator Patrick Tepoorten at 651-674-1018 or tepoorten@isd138.org.

Check out these informational videos!

NBAEC builds a solid foundation!



Experience Sunrise!



Create, Transform, Explore, and Connect at NBAMS!



Choice Not Chance at North Branch Area High School



Need guidance using the new NBAPS website or app? Go to:
www.isd138.org/page/communications and scroll down to see tips!

Continuing to Prioritize Safe Schools

A safe learning environment is essential for all ages and activities in our school district. When students feel secure, they can fully focus on and enjoy their learning experiences. Continuous practice and improvement are critical for responding effectively and efficiently to crisis events. The NBAPS Crisis Management Committee is committed to ensuring that staff, students, and community partners are well-acquainted with the I Love You Guys Foundation's crisis management response structure. For your reference, we have included additional information below.



STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Our school has adopted The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol.

COMMON LANGUAGE

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on an all-hazards approach as opposed to individual scenarios. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP utilizes clear common language while allowing for flexibility in protocol.

The premise is simple - there are five specific actions that can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art" and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants, including students, staff, teachers and first responders. The SRP is based on the following actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter.

HOLD

"In Your Classroom or Area"

Students are trained to:

- Clear the hallways and remain in their area or room until the "All Clear" is announced
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Close and lock the door
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



SECURE

"Get Inside. Lock outside doors"

Students are trained to:

- Return to inside of building
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring everyone indoors
- Lock the outside doors
- Increase situational awareness
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

Students are trained to:

- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Recover students from hallway if possible
- Lock the classroom door
- Turn out the lights
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door
- Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE

"To a Location"

Students are trained to:

- Leave stuff behind if required to
- If possible, bring their phone
- Follow instructions

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring roll sheet and Go Bag (unless instructed not to bring anything with them, dependent on reason for evacuation.)
- Lead students to Evacuation location
- Account for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.



SHELTER

"State Hazard and Safety Strategy"

Hazards might include:

- Tornado
- Hazmat
- Earthquake
- Tsunami

Safety Strategies might include:

- Evacuate to shelter area
- Seal the room
- Drop, cover and hold
- Get to high ground

Students are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies

Adults and staff are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
- Accounting for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.



Facility Use

District 138 encourages the use of school facilities by district residents.

Scheduling priority:

To provide maximum use of school facilities with minimum conflicts, it is necessary to schedule groups on a priority basis as follows:

- Class 1: District #138 sponsored activities.
- Class 2: Nonprofit youth organizations.
Nonprofit youth with 501(c) form.
Nonprofit public agencies, civic and service groups.
- Class 3: Class 2 when charging admission.
Nonprofit youth group when majority are not residents of the school district or if activity is not open to the public.
- Class 4: Out of district groups and businesses. Private parties.

Frequently asked questions:

1. Why do community groups pay to use school facilities?
Access to facilities involves added costs such as utilities, cleaning, consumable supplies and additional wear and tear. These costs are absorbed by the regular classroom if they are not charged back to the user.
2. Where does the revenue from facility rental go?
The revenue from rentals goes back to the School District's General Fund to replace consumable supplies, offset utilities and maintain the facility.

To use District 138 facilities:

1. Complete an application for use of school facilities. Forms are available on our Website at www.isd138.org Or call the community ed office at 651-674-1025.
2. Return form along with certificate of liability insurance to the Community Education office by:
Fax: 651-674-1 or by
Mail: North Branch Community Ed
38705 Grand Avenue
North Branch, MN 55056
3. Community Education will process the request on a first-come space available basis. Upon approval you will receive a Facilities Contract with rental fees which is due prior to your event.



District Information

School Facility Use

ISD #138 North Branch Area Public Schools facilities & fields are available for use by groups/organizations. If you wish to use a facility, you must register your request 10 days in advance of the use, with the Community Education office. A facility use fee, rental and/or custodial fees will be charged. For security reasons only the main doors of each school are unlocked. Security badges must be worn.

Distribution of Materials and Advertising Opportunities

Organizations interested in distributing flyers for a fee about youth activities through the school must bring a copy of the information to the Community Ed office at least one week prior to printing to get approval. The school district disclaimer must also be printed on any flyers that are sent home with students. Advertising guidelines and fees are available online at www.isd138.org

Background Checks

Volunteers assigned to work with classrooms, volunteer coaches, Community Education instructors and independent contractors who are not directly supervised and who work with school-age children must have a criminal background checks in North Branch Area Public Schools.

Home Baked/Cooked Foods at North Branch Schools

For the safety of our citizens, it is a district procedure to NOT PERMIT home baked/cooked foods to be eaten at events held in district buildings. Prepackaged items and licensed caterers/restaurants may be used.

North Branch Area Public Schools Chemical Application to Fields

Chemicals, both fertilizers and pesticides, will be applied to district grounds twice a year in mid April and again in early June. In addition, fertilizers may again be applied in October for a third application. All users are advised to stay off of treated fields for twenty-four hours.

Smoking on School Grounds

All school district buildings and grounds are smoke free. Citizens who are observed smoking or using tobacco products in school district buildings, on school grounds, or in/on vehicles shall be asked to refrain from smoking. Violation of the Clean Indoor Air Act is a petty misdemeanor and an injunction can be instituted against a repeat violator.

Inclement Weather

During Inclement Weather, North Branch Area Schools may announce

Two hour late start - means morning Community Preschool and Early Childhood Family Education classes will be canceled. School Age Care Program open. Afternoon & evening classes will continue. Community use of facilities allowed.

School Closed - If it's closed due to inclement weather for the entire day, all activities and community use of facilities will be canceled.

Early Dismissal - means ALL Community Education classes, ECFE programs, and Youth Connections for the balance of the day are canceled. No community use of facilities.

Class cancellations - will be announced through school web site at www.isd138.org, School Information Line 651-674-1411 and local media outlets.

District Phone Numbers

Activities Department	651-674-1512	38175 Grand Ave	Life Works Center	651-674-1413	38431 Lincoln Trl
Office of Teaching & Learning	651-674-1051	38705 Grand Ave	High School	651-674-1500	38175 Grand Ave
Community Education	651-674-1025	38705 Grand Ave	Sunrise School	651-674-1100	37775 Grand Ave
District Office	651-674-1000	38705 Grand Ave	Middle School	651-674-1300	38431 Lincoln Trl
Education Center	651-674-1025	38705 Grand Ave	Brooker Bldg/Norse ALC	651-674-1031	38423 Lincoln Trl
Early Childhood/Family Ed	651-674-1220	38705 Grand Ave	School Information Line	651-674-1411	
Food Service - Taher Dining	651-674-1520	38175 Grand Ave	Transportation Department	651-674-1030	38150 Grand Ave

Community Ed Registration

I.S.D. #138 Community Education, 38705 Grand Avenue,
North Branch, MN 55056

Make Checks Payable to: I.S.D. #138 and mail to the address above

Fax #(651) 674-1027 with Visa or MasterCard Number

Register online at www.nbaceonline.org with Visa or MasterCard

Participant _____

Class # _____ Class Title _____ Fee _____

Class # _____ Class Title _____ Fee _____

Class # _____ Class Title _____ Fee _____

Home Phone _____ Day Phone _____

Emergency Phone (for youth programs) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Birth Date _____

_____ Male _____ Female Grade (2025-26) _____

Age: _____ 0-5 yrs _____ 6-18 yrs _____ 19-54 yrs _____ 55 or over

Parent or guardian (for youth) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Shirt: Adult Size _____S _____M _____L Youth Size _____S _____M _____L

UCare Members ID Number _____

What accommodations (if any) need to be addressed to ensure this participant will be successful at class? _____

Photographs or videos of classes in action may be taken and used for district publications and/or local news media.

If you object to having your child(ren)'s picture used, please check here _____

Waiver: In consideration of your accepting this registration, I hereby, for myself and all associated with me, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I or my child may have against Independent School District #138 and its representatives for any and all injuries suffered by myself or my child at the above listed activities, sponsored by ISD 138. I've read page 59 regarding refund policy and class procedures.

Signature Date _____

Payment

_____ Visa _____ MasterCard Card

Number: _____

3 Numbers on back of card _____ Expires _____

Signature Date _____

Registration



Ways to Register

It is best to register for a class at least one week before the starting date or deadline date.

Online: www.nbaceonline.org

Phone: 651-674-1025

Fax: 651-674-1210 using a Visa, MasterCard or Discover credit card.

Mail or in person

Community Education
North Branch Area Education Center
38705 Grand Avenue
North Branch, MN 55056

Office Hours Monday-Friday
7:00 am to 5:30 pm

We Love Feedback

Your questions and comments about the Community Education catalog are always welcome. Please contact the Community Education office at (651) 674-1025.

Accessible to All

If you have a disability and need accommodations to participate, please call the Community Education office at (651) 674-1025 at least 10 business days before your class.

Cancellations

Classes will run as scheduled unless you are notified by email or phone. Please keep your contact information up to date.

If school is canceled due to weather, most afternoon and evening Community Ed activities are also canceled. For updates, call the info line at (651) 674-1411 or visit the district web page www.isd138.org

If you need to cancel a registration:

- Cancel **at least 2 business days before** the class starts to receive a refund (minus a \$5 processing fee).
- Cancel **1 business day before** the start date for a **75% refund.**
- No refunds after the class has started or registration deadline has passed.

If an emergency requires withdrawal before the second session, a voucher for 75% of the class fee may be issued.

Scholarships

Scholarships are available for families who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch:

- Free lunch eligibility: Pay one-third of the class cost
- Reduced lunch eligibility: Pay half of the class cost
- Annual maximum: Up to \$75 per person

To receive a scholarship, a completed Application for Educational Benefits must be on file with the district.

Scholarships are also available for senior fitness classes provided through **Live 2 B Healthy**. Please contact us to learn more!



UCare

Eligible UCare members may get up to a \$15 discount on many community education classes in Minnesota. Members must have UCare insurance at the time of registration and throughout the duration of the class. Members need to provide their UCare member ID number when registering for class. Limits and restrictions may apply.

Gift Certificates

Get that special someone a gift they can really use! Gift certificates are available in the Community Education office or call 651-674-1025. Recipients can choose to redeem the gift certificate for any Community Education class.

It's the perfect gift!

North Branch Area Public Schools
ISD #138
38705 Grand Avenue
North Branch, MN 55056



North Branch Area Public Schools

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

High School Band Concert
Monday, December 8th, 2025 @7:30 PM (HS Auditorium)

Middle School Band Concert
Thursday, December 11th, 2025 @7:00 PM (HS Auditorium)

Middle School Choir Concert
Thursday, December 18th, 2025 @7:00 PM (HS Auditorium)

High School Choir Concert
Monday, December 22nd, 2025 @7:00 PM (HS Auditorium)

Middle & High School Choir Concert
Monday, February 9th, 2026 @7:00 PM (HS Auditorium)

4th Grade Concert
Thursday, February 19th, 2026 @6:15 & 7:15 PM (HS Auditorium)

3rd Grade Concert
Thursday, February 26th, 2026 @6:15 & 7:15 PM (HS Auditorium)

High School Band Concert
Monday, March 2nd, 2026 @7:30 PM (HS Auditorium)

2nd Grade Concert
Thursday, April 23rd, 2026 @6:00 & 7:00 PM (Sunrise Gym)

1st Grade Concert
Thursday, April 30th, 2026 @6:00 & 7:00 PM (Sunrise Gym)

High School Band Concert
Monday, May 11th, 2026 @8:00 PM (HS Auditorium)

Middle School Band Concert
Thursday, May 14th, 2026 @7:00 PM (HS Auditorium)

Middle School Choir Concert
Thursday, May 28th, 2026 @7:00 PM (HS Auditorium)

High School Choir Concert
Monday, June 1st, 2026 @7:00 PM (HS Auditorium)

North Branch Area Public Schools
Opening doors to a bright future for our students and community