



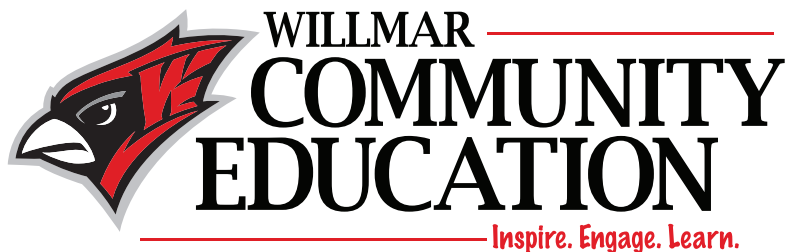
**WINTER
2023**



**WILLMAR
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EDUCATION**

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Dear Community,

With the start of the new year and winter settling in, we are excited to introduce our winter class catalog! We have put together a diverse range of classes and workshops to help you learn new skills, expand your knowledge, and stay active throughout the season.

Whether you are looking to pick up a new hobby, improve your fitness, or advance your career, we have something for everyone. Our catalog features a wide variety of classes covering various topics.

We have virtual classes as well as in-person classes. Whether you prefer to learn from the comfort of your own home or attend our in-person classes, we have various options to meet your needs.

We are committed to providing quality education and fostering a strong sense of community. We look forward to welcoming you to our programming and watching you grow and thrive in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Alex Wotter

Director of Community Education

SCHOOL DISTRICT 347 BUILDING DIRECTORY:

Adult Basic Education

1234 Kandiyohi Ave SW 231-8480

Area Learning Center

512 8th St SW 214-6692

Cardinal Place

Kennedy School 214-6680

Lakeland School 263-5020, ext. 5025

Roosevelt School 231-8471, ext. 7577

Community Education

1234 Kandiyohi Ave SW 231-8490
(Jefferson Learning Center)

Kennedy Elementary

824 7th St SW K • 214-6683
1-5 • 214-6688

Lakeland Elementary

1001 Lakeland Dr SE 263-5020

Middle School

201 Willmar Ave SE 214-6000

Roosevelt Elementary

1800 19th Ave SW 231-8470

Senior High

2701 30th St NE 231-8300

Willmar Education & Arts Center

611 5th St SW 231-8500

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Willmar Community Education is to support and encourage lifelong learning in areas of academics, enrichment, personal growth, and wellness activities. Willmar Community Education strives to meet the needs of area residents and surrounding communities through collaboration, partnerships, and non-duplication of services.



Willmar Community Education welcomes all persons and families to participate in the programs and services listed in this brochure. If you need help translating these offerings into your native language, please contact one of our bilingual Cultural Liaisons listed here. We hope to hear from you soon!

Bulshada waxbarshada Willmar waxay soo dhaweyneysaa qof iyo qoys kasta inuu ka qayb galo barnaamijyada iyo adeegyada kuqoran warqadan. Hadaad u baahan tahay in laguugu turjumo warbixintan luuqadada hooyo fadlan la xidhiidh qofka ku hadla labada luuqadood ee hoos ku qoran. Waxaan rajeyneynaa maqalkaaga si dhakhsa ah!
Shafia Abdullahi
320-231-8492, ext. 6308

Willmar Community Education le da la bienvenida a todas las persona y familias a que participen en todos nuestros programas ofrecidos en el folleto. Si necesita ayuda a traducir lo que nosotros ofreceremos en su lenguaje nativo, por favor comuníquese con nuestras asistentes Culturales. ¡Esperamos saber de ustedes pronto!
Dulce Álvarez
320-231-8492, ext. 6328

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Inclement Weather & School Closings

If Willmar Public Schools classes and activities are cancelled, Community Education classes / activities may be cancelled as well. Tune to local radio stations 95.3 FM, 96.3 FM, Q102/102.5 FM, and 1340 AM or 1590 AM for notification of cancellations or call 320-231-8490 for updated information.

Cancellation Refund Policy

Community Education will not issue refunds for cancellations made after the published registration deadline or less than a week before the course start date. Cancellations made prior to the registration deadline or week prior to course start date will be assessed a 5% service charge.

Scholarships

Call 320-231-8490.

Special Assistance

Willmar Community Education embraces individuals with disabilities in all of our programs and activities. We will provide reasonable accommodations to adults and children with disabilities. Please let us know about any special accommodation which may be necessary within 2 weeks of program start by calling 320-231-8490.

Photos

By registering and participating in Willmar Community Education programs you are giving Willmar Community Education permission to use these photos in the media. Photos may be taken during all Willmar Community Education programs. These photos may be used to promote programs in the media.

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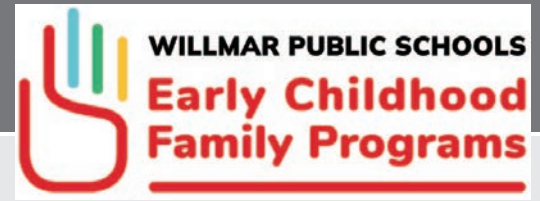
Welcome

To Early Childhood Family Programs

Willmar Public School's Early Childhood department offers programming and services that ensure families are informed and supported in their role as parents and caregivers. We understand the importance of learning in the early years and its impact on a child's future school and life success. Our staff is committed to providing children and families with the best possible programming to support growth and development. We invite you to join us! Please be sure to like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/willmarecfp.

We offer many videos, resources and information to all. Thank you for your continued support of our programs. We look forward to seeing you!

Warmest Regards,
The Jefferson Early Childhood Department



Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

ECFE helps set the foundation for a lifetime of learning. Most classes include time for children and families to grow together as well as time for children to explore independent learning while parents/guardians explore insights and resources from our parent educator.

See page 5 for classes.

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

ECSE provides opportunities for the growth and support of children and their families. Any child between birth and five years with a demonstrated developmental delay and who meets eligibility criteria can receive services.

If you have concerns about a child's development, please contact Help Me Grow at 1-866-693-GROW to make a connection for potential services.



Are you NEW to Willmar? NEW to ECFE? NEW to Parenting?



It takes a village to raise a child, so stop by Jefferson Learning Center and let us introduce ourselves, help you navigate our program, and welcome you to a great place to connect with staff and families!

Preschool Programs

We offer programming for 3 and 4-year-old children. These play-based learning opportunities help prepare children for success in kindergarten and beyond.

See page 4 for more information.

S.O.S. (Support on Site)

We want to share information with families even if you cannot attend an ECFE class. SOS will be out and about at various locations to provide information for families with young children.

Kids Together and Cardinal Kids Preschool

3-YEAR-OLDS

Age: The child must be 3 on or before 9/1/2024

All 3's classes are held at Jefferson Learning Center

Classes are half days, 2, 3 or 4 days per week.

Transportation is the responsibility of the parents.

Kids Together 3's is a nine-month program that gives children opportunities to play and learn in a classroom setting, focusing on developing social and emotional skills while learning in a fun and engaging classroom.



4-YEAR-OLDS

Age: The child must be 4 on or before 9/1/2024

All 4 year old children will be placed in their home school boundary unless there is a waitlist.

Kid's Together 4's and **Cardinal Kids Preschool** are nine-month programs that give children the opportunity to meet and play with other children while learning important pre-kindergarten school skills in a play-based classroom setting.

Kid's Together 4's is offered five days a week AM or four days a week PM sections.

Cardinal Kids is an all-day, everyday program.

REGISTRATION

Registration starts April 17, 2024.

Scan the QR code for more information:



willmar.k12.mn.us/Page/6260

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Minnesota Law requires all children to be screened before school enrollment. Age 3 is the recommended age for this health and developmental screening. If your child is older than 3 and has not been screened, give us a call today!

3 reasons to screen at age 3:

1. Early screening can help set your child up for school success.
2. Any health or learning concerns can be found and help provided sooner.
3. Screening is free and can assist in uncovering any potential issues with your child's development.

Early Childhood Screening helps with:

1. Finding out how your child is doing.
2. Connecting you with early childhood programs.
3. Answering your parenting questions.

At your child's screening appointment, we will check:

- Vision and hearing
- Growth and development
- Immunization and family health history

To start the process for your child, call 320-231-8490 or scan the QR code here!



Kindergarten

**It's Registration Time
for Children Age 5 by
September 1, 2024.**

Tips to ensure you receive enrollment information:

1. Update your address and telephone number with Willmar Public Schools.
2. Complete Early Childhood Screening. Call 320-231-8490 to start the process.
3. Watch your mailbox for kindergarten registration information this spring.

If you are wondering about your child's development and if they are on track, go to: www.helpmegrowmn.org/HMG/developmilestone/5years/index.html

Early Childhood



Newborn Coffee Hour

Join our licensed Parent Educator and Public Health Nurse/Lactation Specialist every Tuesday for engaging discussions on essential topics including New Life with Baby, Breastfeeding, Relationship Changes, Body Care for Moms, and more. Sessions include weigh-ins, informal discussions, and a Q & A on the weekly topic. No registration required. Specific class topics can be found on our Facebook page.

Tuesdays: January 2 - April 30
No class February 13 and March 26
11:30AM-12:30 PM
Jefferson Learning Center-107
Free; no registration required

Winter STEAM

Ages 0-5

Instructors: Abby and Kari



Discover the wonders of winter through hands-on STEAM activities! From science to art, explore the season's elements while diving into Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.

W24-STEAM

Monday, January 8

10-11 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-106

\$5 first child; \$2 each additional child

Expectant Parenting

Instructors: Abby and Public Health Nurses



Are you expecting a baby? Join us for Expectant Parenting! This class is co-taught with Willmar Early Childhood Family Education and Public Health.

Topics include:

Session 1: Preparing for Delivery

Session 2: Breastfeeding

Session 3: All About Newborns and Car Seat Safety

Session 4: Bringing Baby Home

This class is offered four times a year.

W24-EP

Tuesdays: January 9, 16, 23 and 30

4-5:30 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-111

\$20 which includes book

Baby Music Exploration

Ages 0-1

Instructors: Abby and Kari



Enhance your baby's learning journey through the magic of music. This interactive class encourages your baby's development through movement, sensory stimulation, joyful singing, and valuable socialization opportunities.

W24-MUSIC

Wednesday, January 17

8:30-9:30 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-106

\$5 first child; \$2 each additional child





Diggers, Dozers, and Dump Trucks

Ages 0-6

Instructors: Abby and Kari



In this engaging class, we'll embark on exciting adventures, play games, and sing songs all centered around diggers, dozers, and dump trucks. It's a perfect opportunity for your child to embrace their fascination with these mighty machines.

W24-DDD

Friday, January 19

10-11 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-106

\$5 first child; \$2 each additional child

Outdoor Winter Fun at PWELC

Families with children up to age 8



Bring your family and explore the outdoors while learning about animals, winter survival and our winter world. Try kicksleds and then warm up with some hot cocoa.

There is a limit of 45 people that can attend. We will provide busing for those who need/want it.

The bus leaves Jefferson Learning Center at 8:30am and will return by 12:30 pm.

The Minnesota DNR 'No Child Left Inside' grant is supporting this event. The event is free, but you must register each person attending.

W24-PWELC

Saturday, January 20

8:30 am-12:30 pm

PWELC

Free; pre-registration required

Marvelous Mondays

Ages 0-8

Instructors: Abby and Kari

Mondays are for learning and playing! Start in the gym with bikes, playground fun, and a climbing wall. Next, we'll gather in the early childhood classroom for circle time with songs and stories, age-appropriate activities, art, and sensory play. While kids play, parents join a parenting discussion in the adjoining room. We conclude with a farewell circle and song.

Session 1

W24-MM1

Mondays: January 22 - May 6

No Class February 19 and March 25

8:30-10 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-106, 107 and Gym

\$80 first child; \$5 each additional child



Session 2

W24-MM2

Mondays: January 22 - May 6

No Class February 19 and March 25

10:30 AM-12 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-106, 107 and Gym

\$80 first child; \$5 each additional child



Early Childhood



Little Cardinals Monday School (Separating Class)

Ages 0-8

Instructors: Abby and Kari



Explore and play with your child this winter at Jefferson. Kids play, parents engage with our educator, and we reunite for circle time, stories, and fun activities.

W24-LCMS

Mondays: January 22 - May 6

No Class February 19 and March 25

4-5:15 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-106, 107 and Gym

\$80 first child; \$5 each additional child

Little Cardinal Tuesday School (Non-Separating Class)

Ages 0-8

Instructors: Abby and Kari



Join us this winter at Jefferson's gym. Playtime in the gym followed by circle time in our early childhood classroom. The rest of the session is spent playing together. This is a non-separating class.

W24-LCTS

Tuesdays: January 23 - May 7

No Class February 20 and March 26

4-5 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-106, 107 and Gym

\$80 first child; \$5 each additional child

Thrilling Thursday (Non-Separating Class)

Ages 0-8

Instructors: Abby and Kari



Join us on Thursdays for learning and playing. Start in the gym with bikes, playground equipment, and a climbing wall. Next, enjoy circle time in our early childhood classroom with songs and stories, engaging play, sensory experiences, art, and more! We'll conclude with a goodbye circle. This is a non-separating class.

W24-TT

Thursdays: January 25 - May 9

No Class February 22, March 28 or April 11

9:30-10:30 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-106, 107 and Gym

\$75 first child; \$5 each additional child

ECFE at the Library

Ages 0-5

Abby, Kari and Alyssa

Join us as we bring ECFE fun to the library. We will read stories, use props, sing songs, and make art!

Friday: January 26, February 23, March 22, and April 26

10-11 AM

Willmar Public Library

410 5th St SW

Free; no registration required





Baby and Me

Ages 0-1

Instructors: Abby and Kari



Join our welcoming community of families and babies in a safe and enriching environment filled with fun and learning. Engage in interactive activities, delightful songs, create cherished take-home keepsakes, and enjoy playful movement games with your baby. Our focus will be on strengthening the parent-baby bond, exploring infant development, and addressing the unique challenges and concerns of new parenthood.

W24-BABY

Tuesdays: February 13 - March 19

8:30-9:30 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-106

\$35

Music & Motion

Ages 0-8

**Instructors: Libbie Erickson,
Abby and Kari**



This class offers an hour of music, featuring songs, storytelling, and a craft session. Movement and exploration are encouraged.

W24-MM

Thursday, February 1

5-6 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-106

\$5 first child; \$2 each additional child

Potty Party!

Ages 0-5

Instructors: Abby and Kari



Celebrate your toddler's potty training milestone at our "Potty Party"! This event features music, games, and themed activities to reinforce the potty training journey. Register each child attending, but be sure to designate the Potty Rock Star for a tailored celebration.

W24-PP

Wednesday, February 21

10-11 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-106

\$5 first child; \$2 each additional child

Heart Art

Ages 0-8

Instructors: Abby and Kari



Craft creative works of art using heart shapes.

W24-HA

Tuesday, February 6

10-11 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-106

\$5 first child; \$2 each additional child



Early Childhood

Family Night: Understanding Trauma



Trauma is like a fingerprint that everyone deals and processes differently. Chances are you or someone you love has experienced trauma. Learning how to care for someone who has experienced trauma can be hard. Come learn as a family with Breanna Gronli, MSW/LGSW, to best support yourself, and/or loved ones. Childcare will be provided by Abby and Kari.

We will provide a light meal to those who register by February 26th.

W24-FNUT

Thursday, March 7

5-7 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-106 and Gym

\$10 per family

Storytime with Ms. Kim

Ages 0-7

Instructors: Abby and Kari



Engage in interactive storytelling with Ms. Kim, Kari, and Abby! Dive into the world of "Dear Zoo" and enjoy a delightful exploration of animal-themed fun.

W24-KIM

Friday, March 8

10-11 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-106

\$5 first child; \$2 each additional child



Farmyard Friends

Ages 0-8

Instructors: Abby and Kari



Spring is a time when farmers are busy planting, taking care of baby animals, and gearing up for a new season. Come learn all about these things through play, music, and art.

W24-FF

Friday, April 5

10-11 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-106

\$5 first child; \$2 each additional child

Spring Tea Party

Ages 0-5

Instructors: Abby and Kari



Immerse yourself in a delightful Spring Tea Party experience. Join us for a captivating story, enchanting music, delectable cookies, and a warm cup of tea. You'll also get to express your creativity with a take-home craft activity. Come dressed up for added fun!

W24-TEA

Friday, April 19

10-11 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-106

\$5 first child; \$2 each additional child

ECFE In a Box

Ages 0-5



“ECFE at Home” brings the joy of learning to your doorstep! Monthly themed boxes include books, art projects, science experiments, and more. All materials for engaging activities are provided. Register and arrange to pick up your box at Jefferson Learning Center for at-home educational fun. Boxes are \$15 each.

W24-SNOW (January/February - Let it Snow!)

W24-GO (March - Things that Go)

W24-BUGS (April - Bugs, Bugs, Bugs)

W24-GARDEN (May - Gardening)



Parent Partner

Have questions on potty training, setting boundaries, sibling dynamics, routines, or healthy eating?

Our licensed parent educator offers:

- Parenting guidance
- Referrals to community resources
- Ideas for your child's holistic development

Confidential, free one-on-one consultations available for families with kids aged birth to 3rd grade. Contact us at 320-979-1055 for home, virtual, or on-site visits at Jefferson Learning Center.

Frequently Asked Questions for Early Childhood Screening

What is Early Childhood Screening? Early Childhood Screening is a free program in Minnesota that checks how a child is developing and growing. Screening supports children as successful learners and promotes positive developmental outcomes. Screening may also lead to referrals for early learning opportunities.

When Should I Schedule an Early Childhood Screening? The Early Childhood Screening program is available to children when they turn three years old. Students must complete this program before they start kindergarten or within 30 days of starting kindergarten or first grade. Although your child may be screened any time before kindergarten, it is best to do so between three and four years of age so any health or developmental concerns can be addressed as soon as possible. A comparable screening by a non-school provider, such as Head Start, Child & Teen Checkups or a health care provider, will also be accepted by school districts.

How Do I Schedule an Early Childhood Screening? Local school districts provide Early Childhood Screening throughout the year. You may contact your school district for more information when your child turns three. To start the process for your child, call 320-231-8490 or scan the QR code here!



What if My Child Does Not Speak English?

If you or your child does not speak English, your district can provide an interpreter. When a child is learning two languages, it is better to screen in the language they hear most often. The screening may be done in both English and the child's home language with an interpreter.

Concern During the Early Childhood Screening? There are a few options if the professional screener finds an area of concern in your child's development. The screener and the parent may decide to refer your child for an evaluation by your local school district or medical clinic. The screener may also work with you to refer your child to other early childhood opportunities such as Head Start, School Readiness, Early Childhood Family Education, Early Learning Scholarships, Pre-Kindergarten programs, Public Health home visiting programs and other community resources.

Will Screening Result in a Diagnosis for my child? Screening does not result in a diagnosis for your child. If health or developmental concerns are raised during a screening, a parent and the screener may decide that further evaluation by a medical or educational professional is needed. Early access ensures that children and families receive instruction, services and supports so that they are successful in school.

Does a Parent Have a Say in Whether a Child is Referred to Special Education? A parent perspective, on how the child is developing, is always included when discussing referral information. A referral to special education may be made by a parent or by an Early Childhood Screening staff. The Early Childhood Special Education team may then offer an evaluation by appropriate professionals to see if the child is eligible to receive free special education services. These services may be provided in a home, a child care or the child's school.

Can I Decline the Early Childhood Screening? Yes, if a parent declines or refuses to participate in the screening program for their child, the child does not need to complete the screening. Please contact Jefferson Learning Center at 320-231-8490 to request an exemption form.



Frequently Asked Questions for Early Childhood Screening



School Age Childcare

We Offer

- Homework Help
- S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math)
- Community Service Projects
- Proof Readers
- Life Skills

Field Trips

- Minnesota Zoo
- Bowling
- Sledding

Enrichment

- Music
- Dance
- Art
- Community Speakers
- Mystery Days

Drop Off Starts at 6:30 am

Pick Up Ends at 6 pm

Locations:

Kennedy • Roosevelt • Lakeland



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Mel Akerson | Coordinator-320-214-6680

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To learn more
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Youth Enrichment

Mid-MN Total Defense

Mid-MN Total Defense is a family oriented dojo with a well-rounded approach to self defense, drawing from a variety of martial arts in a fun and uplifting environment. We strive to prepare our students in age appropriate ways for the challenges they may encounter in their everyday lives, such as bullying, harassment and physical confrontation. We use games, drills, and other tools to educate and train our minds and bodies to respond to these situations calmly and decisively. Parents are encouraged to train with their children for free; this does not include testing, uniforms, or equipment.

TKD/Karate- Beginners

Ages 6+

Instructor: Mid-MN Total Defense



Learn a martial art that combines karate with Tae Kwon Do and is taught in an American format. Classes are upbeat and positive. Learn to be more powerful!

W24-TKDK-BEG

Tuesdays: January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, and April 2

6:10-7 PM

Kennedy Elementary School-Small Gym

\$50

TKD/Karate- Advanced Beginners

Ages 6+

Instructor: Mid-MN Total Defense



Continue the training you experienced from taking the Beginners class. We will work toward advancing you to Orange belt level.

W24-TKDK-ADVBEG

Tuesdays: January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, and April 2

6:10-7 PM

Kennedy Elementary School-Small Gym

\$50

TKD/Karate- Colored Belts

Ages 6+

Instructor: Mid-MN Total Defense



Colored Belts is for students that have attained rank in TKD/Karate. Training will continue in basic and advanced technique, form, self-defense, and sparring.

W24-TKDK-COLORS

Tuesdays: January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, and April 2

7:10-8 PM

Kennedy Elementary School-Small Gym

\$50

Indoor Rock Climbing Gym

Grades K-12

Instructor: Prairie Woods

Environmental Learning Center



Climbing offers a chance to challenge yourself both physically and mentally at your own pace. Rock climbing is a true adventure sport! Beginners will learn the basics, exercise, and have fun. Experienced climbers can train and refine their skills. The Prairie Woods ELC instructors are here to help every climber reach new heights! Equipment will be provided.

W24-PWELC-CLIMB-JAN9

Tuesday, January 9

4-5:30 PM

PWELC-Main Building

\$10

W24-PWELC-CLIMB-JAN25

Thursday, January 25

4-5:30 PM

PWELC-Main Building

\$10

W24-PWELC-CLIMB-FEB6

Tuesday, February 6

4-5:30 PM

PWELC-Main Building

\$10

W24-PWELC-CLIMB-FEB29

Thursday, February 29

4-5:30 PM

PWELC-Main Building

\$10

W24-PWELC-CLIMB-MAR12

Tuesday, March 12

4-5:30 PM

PWELC-Main Building

\$10

W24-PWELC-CLIMB-MAR28

Thursday, March 28

4-5:30 PM

PWELC-Main Building

\$10

PWELC Extravaganza

Grades 1-12

Instructor: Prairie Woods

Environmental Learning Center



NO SCHOOL TODAY! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? Get outside and explore this winter! Hit the trails and have an adventure on the skinny skis or Scandinavian kicksleds, learn some winter survival skills and then come inside to finish the day at the indoor climbing wall.

Please dress for an outdoor experience at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center. Meet at the main building. Participants must bring their own lunch and snack.

W24-PWELC-EXTRAVAGANZA-J

Monday, January 15

8 AM-4 PM

PWELC-Main Building

\$40

W24-PWELC-EXTRAVAGANZA-F

Monday, February 19

8 AM-4 PM

PWELC-Main Building

\$40

Intro To Cross-Country Skiing

Grades 2+

Instructor: Prairie Woods

Environmental Learning Center



Don't let the snow keep you inside all winter long! Come learn the basics of cross-country skiing then hit the trails to practice your new skills. Instruction and equipment provided.

Please dress for an outdoor experience at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center. Meet at the main building.

W24-PWELC-XCSKI

Tuesday, January 30

4-5:30 PM

PWELC-Main Building

\$10

Winter Fun Day

All ages



Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Celebrate winter at PWELC with fun outdoor activities for everyone in the family including snowshoeing, cross country skiing, Scandinavian kicksleds, and fat tire bikes. While indoors, warm up by the fire, learn about some winter hobbies, and try your hand at the climbing wall.

Please dress for an outdoor experience at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center.

W24-PWELC-WINTERFUN

Sunday, February 11

1-4 PM

PWELC

\$5 per person; \$20 max per family



Tiny Toes Dance Adventure

Ages 2-6

Instructor: Cydney Gudmundson



Introduce your little one to the joy of movement with our class specially designed for beginners. Kids will enjoy a fun yet structured introduction to the world of dance.

Children should wear comfortable clothing; socks are required and dance shoes are preferred.

W24-DANCE

Thursdays: January 11, 18, and 25

6-6:30 PM

Kennedy Elementary School-Small Gym

\$45

Youth Enrichment

Spring Break Field Trip: Minnesota Zoo

Grades K-5 with an Adult



Join us for an animal adventure at the zoo! The school bus will begin boarding at 7:45 AM and leave promptly at 8:00 AM.

Registration and refund deadline: March 1. All children must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult family member or guardian; no more than two children per adult.

W24-ZOO-CHILD

Tuesday, March 26

7:45 AM-5 PM

Kennedy Elementary School-Main Parking Lot
\$20

W24-ZOO-ADULT

Tuesday, March 26

7:45 AM-5 PM

Kennedy Elementary School-Main Parking Lot
\$29

Cotton Candy Making

Grades K-6

Instructor: Charlene Bzdok



Come and learn how cotton candy is made with and without a machine. In this class, we will learn how cotton candy is made by heating and spinning flavored sugar and Jolly Ranchers. We will also be playing carnival games and every child will go home with cotton candy and prizes. Come and have some fun with your friends and enjoy the carnival!

W24-CANDY

Friday, February 23

3:45-5:15 PM

Kennedy Elementary School-Cafeteria
\$35



Spring Cookie Decorating

Grades K-7

Instructor: Charlene Bzdok



Beautiful pastels! Come and have fun with your friends while you enjoy spring cookie decorating! At the end of this class, you will bring home beautifully decorated spring cookies to share with your family! A fun class activity is also planned while the cookies are drying.

W24-COOKIES

Thursday, April 18

6-7:30 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-110
\$29

Kids DIY: Feather Wall Hanging

Ages 5+

Instructor: Camilla Wenberg



Let's create and paint a fun decoration for your wall ... using feathers!

W24-KIDSDIY-FEATHER

Saturday, April 13

10-11 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-111
\$19

Kids DIY: Mason Jar Vase

Ages 5+

Instructor: Camilla Wenberg



What's better than recycling? Upcycling! We'll start with a glass mason jar, add a little paint and decoration, and presto: you have a pencil holder, or a great spot to stash your favorite rocks, or maybe even a vase to gift a friend!

W24-KIDSDIY-JAR

Saturday, April 27

10-11 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-111

\$19

Child and Babysitting Safety

Ages 10+

Instructor: Ariane Bromberg



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 YouTube "vlogger" style presentation brings a youthful, high-energy spirit to the program content and the colorful magazine format of the student book makes learning fun. From getting started with your business, working with parents and children, key safety caregiving and first aid tips, CABS will set you up for babysitting success. Students must be present for the entire class and successfully complete the core learning objectives to receive certification valid for two years. Students attend class independently and should come prepared with a notebook and pen.

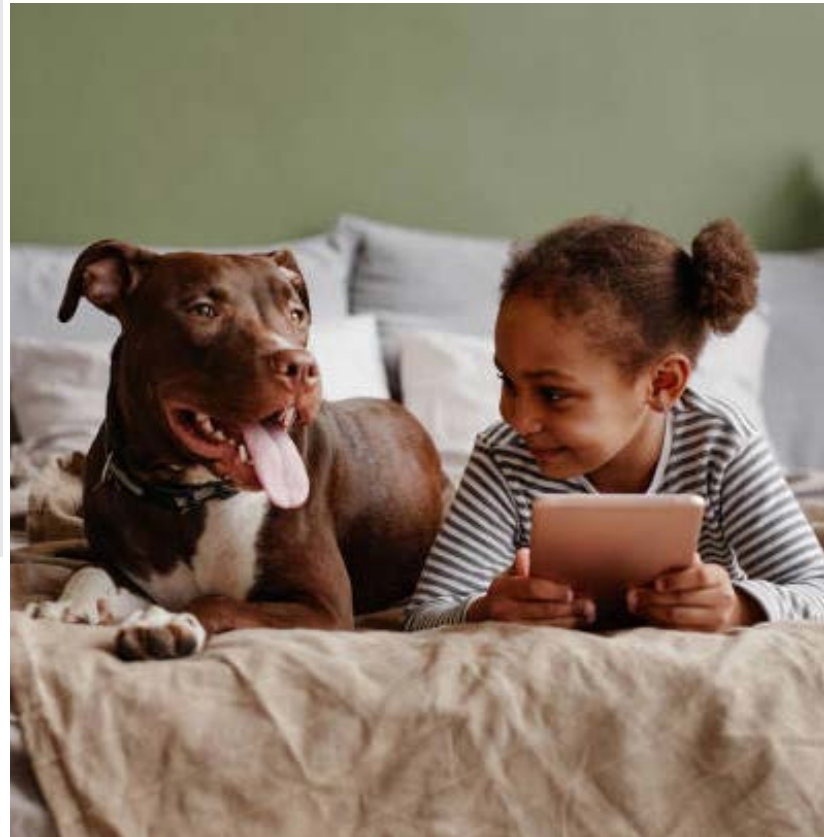
W24-CABS

Wednesday, April 10

9 AM-12 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-111

\$71



Home Alone

Grades 2+

Instructor: Ariane Bromberg



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 it is 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 child who is mature and well prepared. 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, door knocks, dog emergencies, personal safety, handling the unexpected, gun safety, severe weather, fire safety, intruders, and first aid tips. Students attend this class independently and should come prepared with a notebook and pen. Parents are encouraged to review the take home information and discuss it with their child.

W24-HOMEALONE

Wednesday, April 10

12:30-2:30 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-111

\$45

Driver's Education

About Driver's Education

To register for Behind The Wheel (BTW) with Willmar Community Education, students must successfully complete 30 hours of Driver's Education Classroom training. The Certificate of Completion from the classroom course must be provided at the Community Education office along with a \$300 fee in order to register and receive a blue card. A blue card is required for students to take the permit test at the Driver's License Exam Station.

Once you receive a valid permit, please call 320-231-8492, ext. 6335, to schedule your six hours of BTW instruction. We strongly recommend students drive 5-10 hours with a parent/guardian before their first BTW driving session.

- BTW registration fee is non-refundable.
- BTW driving lessons must be completed within six months of receiving your blue card.
- Missed or cancelled driving lesson will incur a \$50 fee and require rescheduling that driving lesson.
- Unused BTW driving lessons are non-transferable.

We offer a driver training program approved by the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Our instructor is a licensed school teacher with special certification in driver education from the state of Minnesota.



How To Get Your Driver License (ages 15-17)

- Classroom Instruction: Students are eligible to register and attend the classroom portion of the training program. You must attend all 30 hours of the training to be eligible for the next step of training.
- The Blue Card: After completing 30 hours of classroom training, you will receive a certificate of completion that you must provide when registering for Behind the Wheel (BTW) instruction. You must be registered for a BTW program in order to receive the blue card.
- Get Your Driving Permit: Arrange for the permit test independently at a Minnesota Drivers and Vehicle Services location. You will need the blue card, appropriate ID, your social security number, corrective lenses (if needed), and payment for the permit test fee.
- Schedule BTW: After receiving your permit, schedule six hours of BTW training by notifying the Community Education office when you are ready to begin the training.
- Complete BTW Instruction: BTW consists of one instructor and one or two students in a school district vehicle. After completion of the required six hours, you will receive a white card necessary for the license test.
- Practice: You will need to practice driving for six months. Minnesota law requires a student to have a permit for six months and maintain a driving log. The driving log must be submitted at the time of the road test.
- Road Test: Schedule the road test at a Minnesota Driver and Vehicle Services location. Students must be 16 years old to take the road test. Bring your white card, proof of insurance, fee, permit, social security number, and corrective lenses (if needed).



Driver's Education: Classroom

Ages 14-18

Instructor: Todd Hagen



Community Education offers classroom instruction that is required to become a licensed driver. The State of Minnesota requires potential drivers under the age of 18 to complete and pass a minimum of 30 hours of classroom instruction. After class is completed, students who are 15 years or older are eligible to take their permit test at any Minnesota exam center. The permit test is not provided during this class. Our classroom course is taught by a licensed educator. Attendance in all classroom sessions is mandatory- makeup classes are not available. Please bring your student iPad to access the driver's manual and fully participate in the course.

Please download the Minnesota Class D Driver's Manual on your device prior to the first classroom session.

Class full? Please add yourself to the waitlist as we are frequently able to open additional seats in the course.

W24-DRIVED-CLASS

Mondays and Thursdays: January 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29, February 1, 5 and 8

5-8 PM

Senior High School-808C

\$100

Teen Driver Safety Parent/Guardian Awareness Class

Ages 18+

Instructor: Todd Hagen



The primary goals of this session are to enhance parental/guardian involvement and emphasize their influence and important role in developing a safer teen driver by increasing awareness of teen driving risks and laws. Pre-registration is required in order to receive the parent class certificate which allows a reduction in the number of required supervised driving hours.

W24-DRIVED-PARENT

Monday, February 12

5-6:30 PM

Senior High School-808C

Free; pre-registration required

ZAPPING the ACT Test Prep Seminar

Grades 10-12

Instructor: Doorway to College Foundation



Students can help reduce their anxiety about preparing for college entrance exams with ZAPS® ACT Test Prep workshop. Test specialists know the ins and outs of the ACT, the kinds of challenges you'll face when taking them, how to make the most of the test-taking time you have, and share the best strategies and secrets to select correct answers and tame test anxiety. Students who take this workshop achieve an average score increase of 2-4 points after just 5 hours of class! Students should bring a calculator and two pencils to the seminar.

W24-ACTPREP

9 AM-3 PM

Middle School-Multipurpose Room

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Aquatics

Lifeguard Training

Ages 15+

Instructor: Kara Elwood

W24-LGT

Become certified in American Red Cross Lifeguarding, First Aid, and CPR/AED- valid 2 years.

Attendance at all class sessions is mandatory. This is a blended learning class with approximately 7 hours of online course work required before the first day of in-person class.

Age Prerequisite: Must be at least 15 years old on or before the last day of class.

Skill Prerequisites:

Swim 300 yards continuously using front crawl and breaststroke. Must demonstrate rhythmic breathing. Goggles may be used.

- Complete a timed skill sequence including a 20 yard swim, retrieve a 10-pound object from a depth of 7-10 feet, swim 20 yards on back holding the object, and exit the water within 1 minute and 40 seconds. Goggles are not allowed.
- Tread water for 2 minutes using only the legs.



Water Safety Instructor Training

Ages 16+

Instructor: Kara Elwood

W24-WSI

Become certified in American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor- valid 2 years.

Attendance at all class sessions is mandatory. This is a blended learning class with online course work required before the first day of class.

Age Prerequisite: Must be at least 16 years old by the last day of class.

Skill Prerequisites: Demonstration of swimming skills equivalent to Red Cross Level 4 swim lesson requirements.

Swim the following strokes consistent with Level 4:

- Front Crawl, Back Crawl, Breaststroke, Elementary Backstroke & Sidestroke- 25 yards; Butterfly- 15 yards
- Back float for 1 minute (floating or sculling)
- Tread water for 1 minute

Ready to dive into a new opportunity? Willmar Community Education is hiring!

Share your love of learning. In the land of 10,000 lakes, there is a need for knowledgeable aquatics staff members!

The American Red Cross is updating aquatic certification programs this winter. In an effort to ensure students are receiving the most up-to-date information possible, these classes will be scheduled as soon as our instructors have access to the updated training materials. We anticipate that WSI will be offered in April and Lifeguard Training will be offered in May. Please contact Pam Vruwink at 320-231-8492 ext. 6335 or vruwinkp@willmar.k12.mn.us to be notified when the schedule for these courses has been confirmed!



Virtual classes will be held via Zoom. All participants must have audio and visual technology capabilities, such as a laptop or tablet with a camera and microphone, or a smartphone.

Code Championship Tournament Series: Virtual Computer Coding Competition

Grades 3-9

Instructor: Code Championship



Build a computer bot to play head-to-head against other coders! Whether this is your first Code Championship event or if you've been competing for years, this is the perfect way to explore the competitive coding world of Code Championship. No previous coding experience necessary. This Code Championship Series is a series of four tournaments in four weeks (it's ok to miss one or two). These tournaments are hosted online using Google Meet and the Code Championship website. If you have a browser like Chrome or Firefox, no additional download is required. Please come knowing how to navigate the internet with basic typing and mouse control skills. The link to the Google Meet event will be emailed two days before the tournament.

W24-CODECHAMP

Saturdays: April 27, May 4, 11 and 18

9-11 AM

Online

\$69



Plant Pests and Non-Toxic Alternatives: Bugs that Help You!



Instructor: Katherine Beacham-Smith

Spider mites, mealybugs, scale, oh my! As more plant pests become resistant to pesticides, learn about helpful bugs that can combat those pesky plant pests. We will go over why beneficial insects are a healthier alternative to use instead of pesticides, pest identification, which predator insects are best for our houseplant pests, how they are applied, and specific treatment plans for active pest issues or for use as pest prevention.

W24-BUGS-ZOOM

Monday, January 8

11 AM-1 PM

Online

\$15

W24-BUGS-JLC

Monday, January 8

11 AM-1 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-111

\$15

Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People

Ages 13+

Instructor: Craig Coffman



In just a few hours, you can learn enough secrets of the trade for 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 an online book, follow up video lessons, a class recording, and an optional periodic online question and answer session. The course is partly lecture/demonstration and partly hands-on instruction.

W24-PIANO

Monday: April 22

6:30-9:30 PM

Online

\$59

Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy People

Ages 13+

Instructor: Craig Coffman



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 basic chords to get you to play along with your favorite songs right away. Fee includes an online book, follow-up video lessons, a class recording, and an optional periodic online question and answer session. The course is partly lecture/demonstration and partly hands-on instruction.

W24-GUITAR

Tuesday: April 23

6:30-9:30 PM

Online

\$59



Intro to the Power of Story

Ages 18+

Instructor: Arthur Crowell



You are invited to join us for a three-session Celtic storytelling class! During these classes, we will explore how the stories we tell ourselves and allow others to tell us about ourselves can have a powerful influence over our lives. We will learn how to use intentionality to recraft our own personal stories. Come join us and explore the power of storytelling!

W24-STORYTELLING

Fridays: January 5, 12 and 26

6-7:30 PM

Online

\$69

Podcasts for Beginners

Instructor: Nickie Welsh



Have you heard about Podcasts? In this class, you will learn how to listen to these digital audio shows online, select your favorite topics and find shows about any subject. You'll see how Podcasts are now one of the most popular tools for learning and personal growth as well as a fun form of entertainment! No prior experience required. Learn how to download a Podcast app, understand the different categories to choose from, subscribe to a Podcast and how to listen to them while in your home, car, or out for a walk.

W24-SCS-PODCASTS

Tuesday, January 9

12-1 PM

Online

\$19

Social Media for Business

Instructor: Nickie Welsh



Driving new customer traffic to your website and promoting your business is imperative in today's technological world. Don't let your skillset or company get left behind by missing key social media rules! In this class, you'll learn how to craft a simple but effective social media marketing strategy, listen directly to customers, and implement tips to grow your business. And all the while staying organized without technology overwhelm!

W24-SCS-BUSINESS

Thursday, January 11

12-1 PM

Online \$19

Cell Phones & Parenting- Oh My!

Instructor: Nickie Welsh



When your child has a smartphone, there are key things you should know to keep them safe and secure. In this class, you'll learn recommended safety settings on popular social media apps, parental apps for your child's smartphone, and more! We simplify this complicated technology so that you and your child can use a phone safely without worry.

W24-SCS-PARENTING

Tuesday, January 30

12-1 PM

Online

\$19



My Kid Wants To Be a YouTuber- Help!

Instructor: Nickie Welsh



Does your child dream of having their own YouTube channel? Eliminate the worry with this helpful class as we walk you through the steps on how to set up a YouTube channel, safety settings, and consideration for kids having their own channel. Parents will learn the basic guidelines of being able to help manage and monitor their activity, all while incorporating practical business skills when it comes to managing your own channel. You'll learn how this hobby can become a practical career, safety practices, and even create fun videos! Parents will leave the class with helpful guidelines to get their kid's channel started safely and a solid foundation for their child's new creative outlet in 2024.

W24-SCS-YT

Thursday, February 8

12-1 PM

Online

\$19

Google Sheets for Awesome Beginners

Instructor: Nickie Welsh



Expand your Google Sheets skills! Whether it's for work or play, this class will teach you comprehensive skills which will turn you from a Sheets novice into a Sheets expert. You will learn to enter, organize, refine, analyze, and visualize your data using Google Sheets!

W24-SCS-SHEETS

Tuesday, February 13

12-1 PM

Online

\$19

How to Use Venmo Safety

Instructor: Nickie Welsh



Stay up to date by expanding your technology knowledge and learn what you need to know about the mobile payment service called Venmo. Learn how to pay friends, businesses or receive money without using cash or checks. You'll leave this class with a confident understanding of how to set up Venmo safely, fees to avoid, and real world scenarios you or your family and friends may use with this mobile payment option.

W24-SCS-VENMO

Thursday, February 15

12-1 PM

Online

\$19

Beginner's Guide to Using Free ChatGPT (AI)

Instructor: Nickie Welsh



ChatGPT (AI) is here to stay and is the future for writers and content creators. Don't be left behind! No prior AI experience required. Do you want to learn how to incorporate the power of cutting-edge technology to gain ideas and inspiration, write web content, articles, and even novels or scripts? In this beginner-friendly course, you'll learn how to:

- register for a free ChatGPT account
- input effective writing prompts to avoid nonsense responses
- build creative content, from stories to marketing copy determine its capabilities and limitations
- understand ethical/legal considerations using ChatGPT

There's no doubt ChatGPT and similar AI systems will force the job market to evolve. It's crucial for everyone to adapt, learn new skills, and be open to working in collaboration with AI, so start building your expertise in the world of ChatGPT now!

W24-CHATGPT

Saturday, March 9

1-3 PM

Online

\$29

Alzheimer's: Understanding & Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior

Instructor: Alzheimer's Association



Behavior is a powerful form of communication and is one of the primary ways for people with dementia to communicate their needs and feelings as the ability to use language is lost. However, some behaviors can present real challenges for caregivers to manage. Join us to learn to decode behavioral messages, identify common behavior triggers, and learn strategies to help intervene with some of the most common behavioral challenges of Alzheimer's disease.

W24-ALZ-BEHAVIOR

Thursday, February 15

6:30-7:30 PM

Online

Free; pre-registration required

Philosophy of Death and Dying

Ages 14+

Instructor: John Houston



How should we think about the nature of death? How should our mortality affect the way we live our lives? This course draws on classical and contemporary philosophical texts related to undying questions about death. Topics include the value of life; the nature of death; the prospect of life after death; ethics and the right to die (including suicide); living and aging in the face of death, and more.

W24-PHILOSOPHY-D

Tuesdays: January 2, 9, 16 and 23

7-8 PM

Online

\$49





The Philosophy Express Rolls On...

Ages 14+

Instructor: John Houston



A guided book club-style discussion of great thinkers with university professor John Houston. Focused on practical wisdom for living well. Come learn how to have no regrets like Nietzsche; cope like Epictetus; grow old like Beauvoir; and die like Montaigne.

W24-PHILOSOPHY-EXP

Tuesdays: February 6, 13, 20 and 27

7-8 PM

Online

\$59

The Philosophy of Human Nature

Ages 14+

Instructor: John Houston



What sorts of creatures are human beings? Are we good creatures that sometimes do bad things? Or are we bad creatures that occasionally do good things? The philosophical literature on human nature is broad and diverse. In this course, we will discuss common threads and differences among philosophers who have left us enduring claims about the nature of human nature.

W24-PHILOSOPHY-HN

Tuesdays: February 6, 13, 20 and 27

8:15-9:15 PM

Online

\$59

Artificial Intelligence and Our Future

Ages 14+

Instructor: John Houston



This course examines how the development and deployment of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly and irreversibly changing the world in which we live. Topics addressed will include the nature of AI; AI and the future of employment; AI and the future of democracy; and AI and the future of the human race.

W24-FUTURE-AI

Tuesdays: March 5, 12, 19 and 26

7-8 PM

Online

\$59



The Philosophy of Religion

Ages 14+

Instructor: John Houston



This course examines the core claims of major monotheistic religions through the lens of analytic philosophy. Among the questions we will consider: What is meant by the term "God"? Are there strong rational grounds for belief in the existence of God? If God exists, why is there so much suffering in the world? Is eternal life possible or even desirable? What are we to make of the varieties of religious experience? If religion is a force for good in the world, why has it engendered so much pain, death, and destruction? What might religion teach us about human nature?

W24-PHILOSOPHY-REL

Tuesdays: April 2, 9, 16 and 23

8-9 PM

Online

\$59

Winter Wellness Bowl Meal Prep

Instructor: Kirsten Madaus



You can create the building blocks for a variety of healthy meals using your Instant Pot and/or air fryer! In this live online class, Kirsten will demonstrate a vegetarian Southwestern Breakfast Bowl, a Korean Chicken Bowl, and a flexitarian Mediterranean Bowl while discussing ways to change up your daily meals with different sauces and toppings.

W24-BOWL

Wednesday, January 31

6:30-8 PM

Online

\$25



Chili Night With Your Instant Pot

Instructor: Kirsten Madaus



The electric pressure cooker makes a faster and more flavorful pot of chili compared to stove top or slow cooker—and you can make your sides in the Instant Pot, too! In this live online class, Kirsten will demonstrate Easy Weeknight Chili, Turkey Verde Chili, and Vegan Quinoa Chili, along with Instant Pot “Baked” Potatoes and Loaded Cornbread. We’ll also discuss how you can adapt your favorite recipe for pressure cooker use.

W24-CHILI

Wednesday, March 6

6:30-8 PM

Online

\$25

Air Fryer Veggies

Instructor: Kirsten Madaus



Using an Air Fryer to cook vegetables is quick—and the healthy results are delicious! In this 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 Potatoes.

W24-VEGGIES

Wednesday, April 17

6:30-8 PM

Online

\$25



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Adult Enrichment

Words on Paper

Instructor: Forrest Peterson



Despite the pervasive popularity of digital information and social media, words printed on paper remain a primary platform for communication. Words on Paper gives an overview of literature reflecting and influencing society, its role in the 'great conversation' about the human condition, and an author's view of the writing craft. Also for discussion are the impact of digital communication technology, writing memoirs and publishing resources.

W24-WORDS

Wednesdays: January 10 and 17

6:30-7:30 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-111

\$12

Bounce Back Project Book Club



The Bounce Back Project is focused on promoting health and resiliency. Our book reads allow us to share laughter and perspectives with one another as we learn to better understand ourselves, allow ourselves grace, and develop the courage to be who we are.

January 29 - *While You Were Out: An Intimate Family Portrait of Mental Illness in an Era of Silence*
by Meg Kissinger

April 29 - *A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity*
by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn

W24-BOOK-JAN

Monday, January 29

6:15-7:30 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-111

Free; pre-registration required

W24-BOOK-APR

Monday, April 29

6:15-7:30 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-111

Free; pre-registration required



Hypnotism for Self Discovery

Ages 15+

Instructor: William Kraemer, PhD



Understanding how hypnotic trance works in daily life can lead you to self discovery and open many doors. Do you know the many ways you can improve yourself by knowing self hypnosis? You can learn to manage stress, improve sleep, improve work or sport performance, and many other things through self hypnosis.

Participants under 18 years old must be accompanied by a registered adult.

W24-HYPNOSIS

Tuesday, March 5 and 12

6-7:30 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-111

\$20

Paranormal Investigating 101

Ages 14+

Instructor: Heidi Steffens



You've seen it on TV, now you can learn the basics of ghost hunting and paranormal investigations. You'll see evidence from actual investigations, discover what equipment works best, and learn ethics and proper investigation techniques. What does it take to run an investigation? We'll cover what you need to know from start to finish.

W24-PARANORMAL

Thursday, April 18

7-9:30 PM

WEAC-Rehearsal Hall

\$59



Planty Game Night

Ages 18+

Instructor: Pam Vruwink



Are you a fountain of flora knowledge? Do you love everything related to plants? It doesn't matter if you are a certified member of the plant killer club or if you have two green thumbs that seem to grow magic- join us for a few rounds of plant trivia and botanical bingo! Snacks and prizes included.

W24-GAMES

Tuesday, January 30

6-7:30 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-111

\$15

Let's Propagate Plants!

Ages 16+

Pamela Vruwink



Looking to expand your indoor plant collection? Create new plants from existing plants! In this hands-on class, we will propagate plants by taking fresh cuttings from established houseplants. Course fee includes plant cuttings and a container. Please bring along a thermal tote bag to protect your cuttings while leaving the building and traveling home in cool temperatures.

March: Tiny terrarium

April: Hoya

W24-PLANTS-MAR

Friday, March 1

5:30-6:45 PM

\$19

W24-PLANTS-APR

Friday, April 26

5:30-6:45 PM

\$15

Adult Enrichment

Vanventure!

Ages 18+



Join us for a small group adventure!

February: Goats! Learn about farm life, milking goats, and how goat milk is used to make cheese and soap at C-R Farm in rural Murdock. Featured activity: help bottle feed the baby goats! *Please wear farm and weather appropriate clothing and footwear.

March: Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall), Natural History Museum and Greenhouse.

W24-VAN-GOATS

Saturday, February 24

11:20 AM-3 PM

Jefferson Learning Center

\$19

W24-VAN-SMSU

Friday, March 15

8:30 AM-2 PM

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\$15



Clowning Workshop: Makeup and Balloons

Ages 10+

Instructors: David Peterson and
Teresa Frank



Spend the afternoon learning fun and friendly make-up techniques and making a wide variety of balloon creations! Professionally trained clowns, Cupcake and Flapjack, are excited to share their tips and tricks with you.

Balloons and pumps will be provided for use during class. Please bring your own makeup kit. Recommended: Mehron Makeup Premium Character Kit from Amazon or Basic Clown Make-up Kit from Mooseburger.

Fun for ages 10 through adult; 10-15 year olds must be accompanied by a registered adult.

W24-CLOWN

Saturday, April 20

1-4 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-111

\$15 per person; \$25 per family living in the same home

Beginning Crocheting

Ages 12+

Instructor: Lisa Christianson



Have you ever wished you could crochet? Well, here's your chance! In this introductory session, you will make a dish or wash cloth using basic crochet stitches: starting chain, single crochet, half double crochet, and double crochet.

Required supplies: scissors, size H crochet hook, and a skein of cotton yarn.

W24-CROCHET

Thursday, January 25

6-8 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-111

\$45

Beginning Knitting

Ages 12+

Instructor: Lisa Christianson



Have you ever seen a knitting project that someone else made and thought to yourself, "I wish I could do that"? Well, here is your chance to learn how to knit! In this introductory session, you will learn the basic stitches: casting on, knit stitch, purl stitch, and casting off. Using these skills, we will be making the ever popular first project - a scarf!

Required supplies: scissors, a set of size 6 or larger needles, and a skein of worsted weight (4) yarn.

W24-KNIT

Thursday, February 15

6-8 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-111

\$45



Ceramic Egg Painting

Ages 13+

Instructor: Rachel Jeppesen



Create three eggs painted with glaze using a variety of techniques. The eggs will then be fired and available for pick-up a short time after the class.

W24-CERAMIC-EGGS

Tuesday, February 27

5-6 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-111

\$15

Rock Painting: Potted Plant Faces

Ages 5+

Instructor: Sarah Miller



Join us in painting flowerpot rocks! The designs feature potted plants with expressive faces. The class will begin with a brief demonstration followed by time for painting. All supplies are provided.

Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a registered, participating adult.

W24-ROCKS

Saturday, April 20

10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-111

\$7.50

Adult Enrichment

Spring Bunny Craft

Ages 5+

Instructors: Diane McClain
and Meghan McClain



Create a pair of wooden bunnies ready to hop into your home for Spring! Bunnies measure approximately 10" and 12" tall.

Youth under 14 years old must be accompanied by a registered adult.

W24-BUNNIES

Saturday, March 16

2-3:30 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-111

\$29



Let's Paint a Pot!

Ages 13+

Instructor: Bonnie Eller



Paint a 4" ceramic pot with glaze to create a personalized planter. Your pot will be fired in the kiln shortly after class then available for pick-up.

W24-PLANTER

Tuesday, March 26

6-8 PM

The Hive-Artsy Fartsy Fun

\$23

Ceramic Flower Painting

Ages 13+

Instructor: Rachel Jeppesen



Decorate for Spring! Choose from a violet, pansy, or sunflower to paint with glaze. Try a fun Jungle Gems glaze that creates multi-hues with ease. Projects will go into the kiln and be ready for pick-up soon after the class.

W24-CERAMIC-FLOWER

Tuesday, April 9

5-6:30 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-111

\$15

Paper Quilling: Flower Pots

Ages 16+

Instructor: Sarah Miller



At this class you'll learn, step by step, how to make adorable, 3D miniature paper quilled flower pots! Standing about 3 inches tall and add a pop of color anywhere they are placed. Quilling paper will be provided; participants will need to bring their own quilling tool and glue.

W24-QUILLING

Saturday, March 16

10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-111

\$15





Glass Mosaic Flower Stepping Stone

Ages 10+

Instructor: Laura Ruprecht



Join mosaic artist, Laura Ruprecht, in creating a unique Mosaic Flower Stepping Stone for your garden. We will all be creating the same design, but you pick the colored glass to cut and adhere to your cement paver. All materials will be provided, including a “takeout bag” of grout to finish your project at home. All skill levels & abilities are welcome; this is a beginner-level class. Grab your friends and get your glass together!

Participants under 13 years of age must register with a responsible adult.

W24-MOSIAC

Tuesday: April 23

5:30-8 PM

Senior High School-306/308-Art

\$89

Chocolate Covered Strawberries

Ages 18+

Instructor: Kimberly Roman Ortiz

**This class is taught by a bilingual instructor. English and Spanish speakers are welcome!*



Learn to make mouthwatering chocolate covered strawberries to share with your sweetheart, family, or friends on Valentine's Day! All supplies will be provided for use during the class. Please bring a container to carry your goodies home.

W24-BERRIES

Sunday, January 14

1-2:20 PM

Senior High School-206-FACS

\$36

Cookie Bouquet

Ages 18+

Instructor: Kimberly Roman Ortiz

**This class is taught by a bilingual instructor. English and Spanish speakers are welcome!*



Discover the joy of decorating and arranging your own edible cookie bouquet! All supplies will be provided for use during the class. Please bring a container to carry your goodies home.

W24-BOUQUET

Sunday, February 4

1-3 PM

Senior High School-206-FACS

\$57



Adult Enrichment



Yoga & Sound Session

Ages 13+

Instructors: John Salgado and Nicole Konz, Purpose Artisans



You are invited to join in an immersion of yoga, relaxation, sound, and meditation. This is an innovative experience and different from a typical yoga class. Both John and Nicole are occupational therapists that use their knowledge to provide experiences that are adaptable to all people. Nicole, also a registered yoga teacher, will guide you through some simple movements and meditation while John provides sounds through the didgeridoo and drum to facilitate your relaxation journey. All poses can be done in a chair; you do not need to be able to get to the floor to participate. Also, poses can have added challenges for those that do have previous yoga practice. All abilities are welcome, no prior experience is needed. Poses and positions are highly adjustable to allow all bodies to engage. Please bring along any supplies you may want for comfort such as a mat, blanket, and pillows.

W24-YOGA

Saturday, February 3

9-10:15 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-111

\$19

Women's Self Defense

Ages 13+

Instructors: Mid-MN Total Defense



Self-defense skills exclusively for women, taught by women. Learn simple and effective techniques!

W24-DEFENSE

Tuesdays: February 6, 13 and 20

7:10-8:20 PM

Kennedy Elementary School-Big Gym West

\$21

Understanding Trauma: An Entry-Level Course to Identifying Trauma and Supporting Others

Ages 18+

Instructors: Marti Paulson and Erica Moritz, Project Turnabout



Join us for an evening of practical training on trauma-informed care that will equip participants with the skills and knowledge necessary to recognize and address the impact of trauma on individuals. This training covers a range of topics, including understanding the impact of trauma, identifying signs of trauma, creating a trauma-sensitive environment, and practicing self-care. By increasing awareness and understanding of trauma, we can create a more supportive and resilient community!

This program was funded thanks to a grant from the Willmar Area Women's Fund.

W24-SUPPORT

Thursday, April 4

5-8:30 PM

Project Turnabout- Willmar Campus

Free; pre-registration required





CPR

Instructor: Deb Brandt



If you are looking to learn or recertify in CPR, use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and help someone who is choking, then this hands-on class is for you. Upon successful course completion, students will be certified through the American Heart Association in adult/child and infant CPR. Don't wait! Learning CPR today could save a life tomorrow!

W24-CPR-JAN

Wednesday, January 10

6:15-9:15 PM

Middle School-141

\$65

W24-CPR-FEB

Wednesday, February 7

6:15-9:15 PM

Middle School-141

\$65

W24-CPR-MAR

Thursday, March 7

6:15-9:15 PM

Middle School-141

\$65

W24-CPR-APR

Thursday, April 4

6:15-9:15 PM

Middle School-141

\$65

First Aid

Instructor: Deb Brandt



With the basic first aid you learn in this course, you could make a difference in the lives of others! This First Aid course uses Chain of Survival to teach the basics of first aid, including injury prevention and when to get help. Upon successful course completion, participants will receive First Aid certification through the American Heart Association.

W24-FA-JAN

Wednesday, January 17

6:15-9:15 PM

Middle School-141

\$65

W24-FA-FEB

Wednesday, February 21

6:15-9:15 PM

Middle School-141

\$65

W24-FA-MAR

Thursday, March 14

6:15-9:15 PM

Middle School-141

\$65

W24-FA-APR

Thursday, April 11

6:15-9:15 PM

Middle School-141

\$65





Word: Getting Started

Ages 15+

Instructor: Cheri Baron



Microsoft Word is a word processing software used to create letters, reports, and other documents. We will create a document and then learn the basics of using the software such as cut and paste, changing the font and font size, changing margins, changing the paragraph alignment, and how to save and print. This is a slower paced class for those with little or no experience using a word processing program. Basic typing skills are helpful. Make sure to bring a jump drive if you wish to save your work.

W24-WORD-START

Tuesday, March 26

6-8:30 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-117 Computer Lab

\$22

Excel Level 1

Ages 15+

Instructor: Cheri Baron



If you work with numbers and want to learn how to use formulas or create a chart, you may want to consider using Microsoft Excel. Excel is an electronic spreadsheet program. With this software, you can keep track of a budget or organize financial information. We will create a spreadsheet, enter data, do simple calculations and create charts. You will learn tricks and shortcuts to make using Excel much easier and save you time. Make sure you bring a jump drive if you wish to save your work. Basic computer knowledge is needed.

W24-EXCEL1

Tuesday, April 16

6-8:30 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-117 Computer Lab

\$22



55+ Driver Discount Program

Ages 55+

**Instructor: MN Highway Safety
& Research Center**

The Driver Discount Program is a state approved accident prevention/insurance discount course that is open to the public; pre-registration is required. Participants will be provided the latest information in regards to driver and traffic safety, new vehicle technology and updates with traffic laws. People ages 55 and older who complete the course qualify for an appropriate 10% discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years. First time participants must complete the initial 8 hours of training and a 4 hour refresher class every three years to maintain the 10% discount.

Registration must be completed with MN Highway Safety & Research Center online or by phone. Visit www.driverdiscountprogram.com to register online or call weekdays from 9 AM-3 PM at 320-308-1400 or toll free 888-234-1294. Willmar Community Education is not taking registrations for this course.



Full Course \$28

Monday and Thursday: March 18 and 21, 5-9 PM

Refresher Course \$24

- Thursday: January 11, 12:30-4:30 PM
- Thursday: February 8, 12:30-4:30 PM
- Thursday: February 8, 5-9 PM
- Thursday: March 7, 12:30-4:30 PM
- Thursday: March 7, 5-9 PM
- Monday: April 15, 12:30-4:30 PM
- Monday: April 15, 5-9 PM

Adult Enrichment

Something's Phishy- Spotting Fraud Victimization

**Instructor: Michelle Marotzke, MBA
and Mid-Minnesota Development Commission**



In a world where scams and frauds target senior citizens, it's crucial for those working with this population to be equipped with the knowledge and skills to identify and assist potential victims. Gain the tools to recognize "red flag" warning signs, ask pertinent questions, express concern tactfully, and refer customers/clients/consumers for the help they need. This training is specially designed for individuals who interact with seniors in any capacity.

W24-FRAUD-M

Thursday, March 21

12:15-1:45 PM

WEAC-Rehearsal Hall

Free; pre-registration required

Don't Be A Victim! Screen and Fraud Protection

**Instructor: Michelle Marotzke, MBA
and Mid-Minnesota Development Commission**

Help protect yourself and your loved ones from scammers, swindlers, cheats, crooks, and other no-good, dirty, rotten people who are after your hard-earned money!

This class is made possible by funding from Southwest Initiative Foundation.

W24-FRAUD-A

Wednesday, April 3

9:15-10:45 AM

WEAC-Rehearsal Hall

Free; pre-registration required



Earth Day Celebration

All ages



Come celebrate Earth Day at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center with a fun and educational experience for the whole family! Booths, exhibits, and activities offer information about water quality, energy efficiency, land management, and much more. Enjoy entertainment, kid activities, and information about "greening" your life.

Visit Prairie Woods ELC's website and Facebook page for additional information.

Saturday, April 20

1-4 PM

PWELC

No registration required





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COURSE REGISTRATION

Mail or
Bring to:

Community Education
1234 Kandiyohi Ave SW
Willmar, MN 56201

Participant Name: _____ Gender: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Work Phone: _____

Complete the following for YOUTH only. Home Phone: _____

2023 Grade: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian Name & Phone: _____

Other Contact Name & Phone: _____

YOUTH: be sure to use your 2023-24 grade when enrolling (except where noted).

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	T-Shirt Size (if applicable)	Course Fee

Cash: _____ Check #: _____ Visa, MasterCard, and Discover accepted

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp: _____ CVV Code _____

*** The waiver below must be signed to participate in any Willmar Community Education sponsored activity.**

***Waiver and Release of Liability:** In order to participate in this program or activity, I agree to hold Willmar Community Education and ISD #347 harmless and I waive any right to make claims or lawsuits against Willmar Community Education and ISD #347 or anyone working on their behalf for any injuries or damages related to their alleged negligence. This waiver does not apply to any injuries or damages that are the result of any willful, wanton, or intentional misconduct. My participation in this activity is voluntary and I understand the effect of this waiver on my legal rights.

Date: _____ Signature _____

NOTICE: If participant is under 18, a parent or guardian must also agree to the above conditions by signing below:

Date: _____ Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

• **Inclement Weather and School Closings:** If Willmar Public Schools classes and activities are cancelled, Community Education classes / activities may be cancelled as well. Tune to local radio stations 95.3 FM, 96.3 FM, Q102/102.5 FM, and 1340 AM or 1590 AM for notification of cancellations or call 320-231-8490 for updated information.

• **Cancellation Refund Policy:** Community Education will not issue refunds for cancellations made after the published registration deadline or less than a week before the course start date. Cancellations made prior to the registration deadline or week prior to course start date will be assessed a 5% service charge.

• **Scholarships:** Call 320-231-8492.

• **Special Assistance:** Willmar Community Education embraces individuals with disabilities in all of our programs and activities. We will provide reasonable accommodations to adults and children with disabilities. Please let us know about any special accommodation which may be necessary within 2 weeks of program start by calling 320-231-8492.

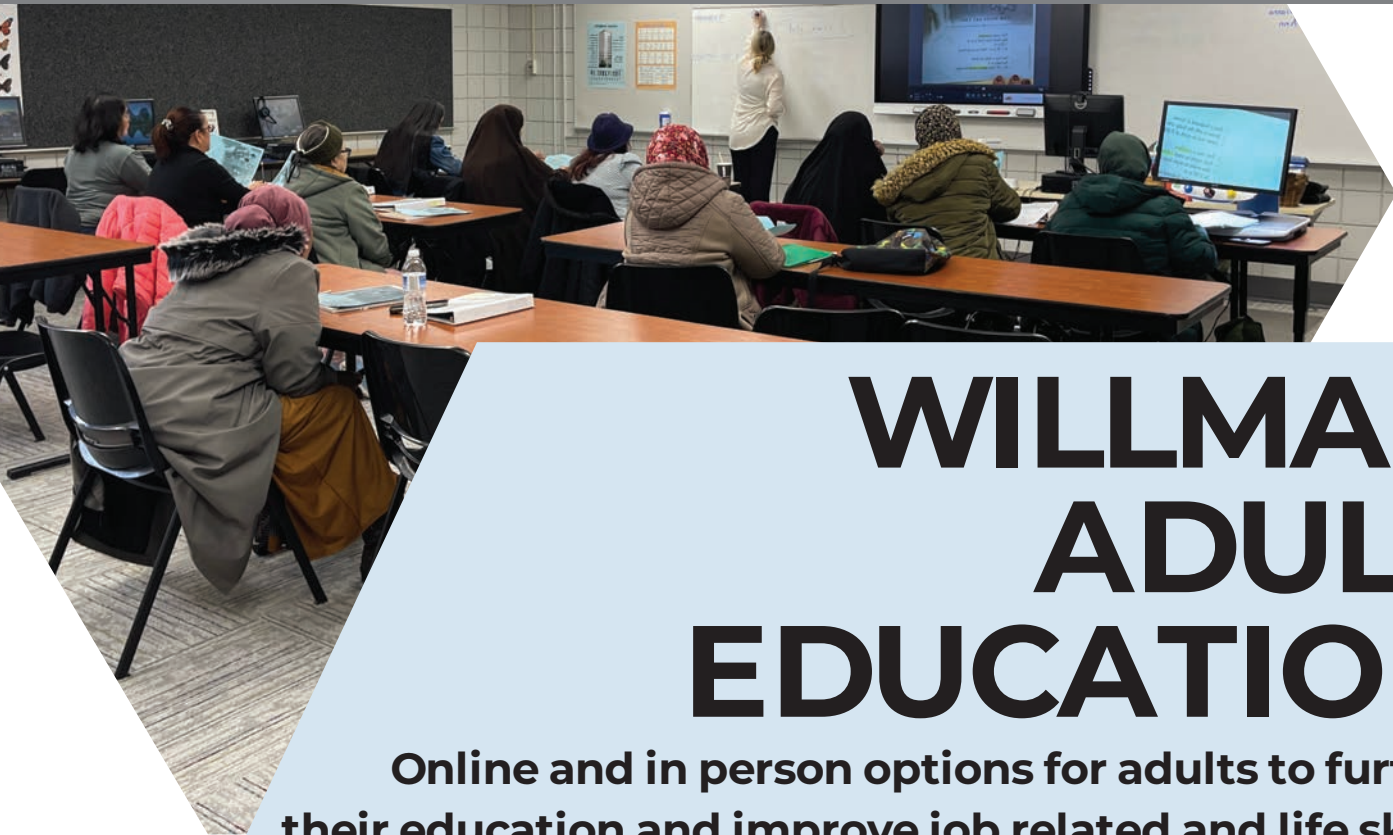
• **Photos:** By registering and participating in Willmar Community Education programs you are giving Willmar Community Education permission to use these photos in the media. Photos may be taken during all Willmar Community Education programs. These photos may be used to promote programs in the media.

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