

Aitkin Community Education



2023 FALL ACCENT - AITKIN, MN
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ONLINE REGISTRATION:

Go to **www.ISD1.org**
 Click the **“Community Education Tab”**.
 Click on the **“Online Registration”** link.
 Follow the online registration instructions.

REGISTER BY MAIL/DROP-OFF:

You can also register by mailing payment to the address below. Please list the Class, Participants name, Email, and Phone number on an attached note.

Aitkin Community Education

225 2nd Ave SW

Aitkin, MN 56431

Checks payable to: Aitkin Community Education

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:

Contact Lara Parkin at:

LParkin@isd1.org or **(218) 927-7736**

To improve communication, Aitkin Community Education will be utilizing Facebook as a way to get information out quickly to as many people as possible. There will be new information posted there that might not appear in the Accent, or that might be announced before the next Accent can come out. Please consider “liking” Aitkin Community Education on Facebook to get the most up-to-date information.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

As I write this, it is nearly August. We wait all winter for summer and then it flies by in a blink of an eye. Our summer programs have been a blast thus far! From the Passport to the Parks to all of the sports, the kids have sure been busy! Planning for fall and winter is in full swing and we have a number of fun activities planned for both youth and adults! Many of these are a result of YOUR suggestions! Please keep telling us what you want and suggesting who we should contact to make it happen. We thank you for supporting our programs and encourage you to continue to register for programs early.

Enjoy the rest of summer! School starts way too soon!

Lara Parkin

Community Education Director

lparkin@isd1.org



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Dates: The dates of each class are listed on the registration system. Please register at least 5 days prior to the first class meeting or by the stated deadline.

Late Registration: Please contact Community Education to check on the possibility of late registration. Do not simply show up to the class as it may be full or cancelled.

Reservations: Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis with payment. You will receive an email confirmation when your registration is completed.

Minimum Enrollment: Most classes have a minimum enrollment. If we do not reach that minimum and we have to cancel, you will be notified via phone or email.

Attendees: You do not need to be an Aitkin School District resident to attend Community Education classes!

Your Input: Your input is valued! Please let us know how we can improve our program offerings.

Refunds: All fees will be refunded if class is cancelled due to insufficient enrollment. If you need to cancel your registration, please contact Lara Parkin directly. Refunds will not be given within 48 hours of the start of the class, or after the class has begun.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

The community Education Advisory Council represents the citizens of District #0001. The council meets quarterly to help identify, coordinate, and evaluate the educational, recreational, social, and cultural opportunities for district residents of all ages. Council members welcome your ideas and suggestions.

MEMBERS

Lara Parkin	Rev. David Becker
Tracy Becker	Jessica Palm
Ann Espeseth	Justine Nordick
Cheryl Stauter	Jen Burgos
Holly Mindrum	Brian Leitenger

OFFICE PERSONNEL

Lara Parkin - Community Education Director/ Kids Club Coordinator

Renee Larson - Community Education Assistant

Amanda Ashton - Aitkin Children's Center Secretary

Community Education office hours vary during the summertime as we are outside for many of our activities. Please call our office and leave a message. 218-927-7736 or email us at lparkin@isd1.org

COMMUNITY EDUCATION'S MISSION

Aitkin Community Education's mission is to improve/enhance the quality of life for our residents of Independent School District #0001.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION'S GOALS

- To identify the needs of the community with the help of the Advisory Council, feedback from the community, and by conducting surveys.
- To act upon the needs of the community.
- To work alongside other community agencies.
- To provide support services like Early Childhood enrichment, Before and After school programming (Kids Club), and after school study hall.
- To assess programs for their effectiveness by completing yearly evaluations of our ongoing programs.
- To increase physical activity amongst our community with afterschool programs, as well as evening and weekend programs for youth and adults.
- To provide educational opportunities to people of all ages.

PUBLICATION DATES

The next publication is scheduled for November 1st, please send all the information to Lara Parkin by October 1st.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PHOTOS

We are always looking for photos from the community and from our events! Email them to **lparkin@isd1.org** Please include your name and contact information.

AGE to Age/Northland Foundation



AGE to Age is part of the Northland Foundation's Rural Aging Initiative where the goal is to create local intergenerational programming. We hope to create relationships between the youth and older adults in the community. We extend a huge thank you to the Northland Foundation for their continued support and for making these programs possible!

Age to Age Book Club

Read what the high schoolers are reading and then meet to discuss! Adults age 65+ will be grouped with 2-3 high schoolers, will be assigned the books as the students are, and then will meet to talk about the books. Reading schedule will follow the classroom curriculum. Books include - 1st Semester- Great Gatsby, Their Eyes are Watching God, A Raisin in the Sun. 2nd Semester - La Rose, Into the Wild, Scarlet Letter, The Kite Runner. Register online to join the Club!

Grandfriends

A program that has been a partnership between Aitkin County CARE and Rippleside for over 25 years, this initiative brings together older adults and 3rd graders in a pen-pal scenario. Each 3rd grader at Rippleside is given the name and address of a "Grandfriend". We will meet at the beginning of the year, and then write letters all school year. At the end of the year, we will celebrate with a luncheon. To register to be a Grandfriend, please sign up online at www.isd1.ce.eleyo.com or call our office at 218-927-7736.

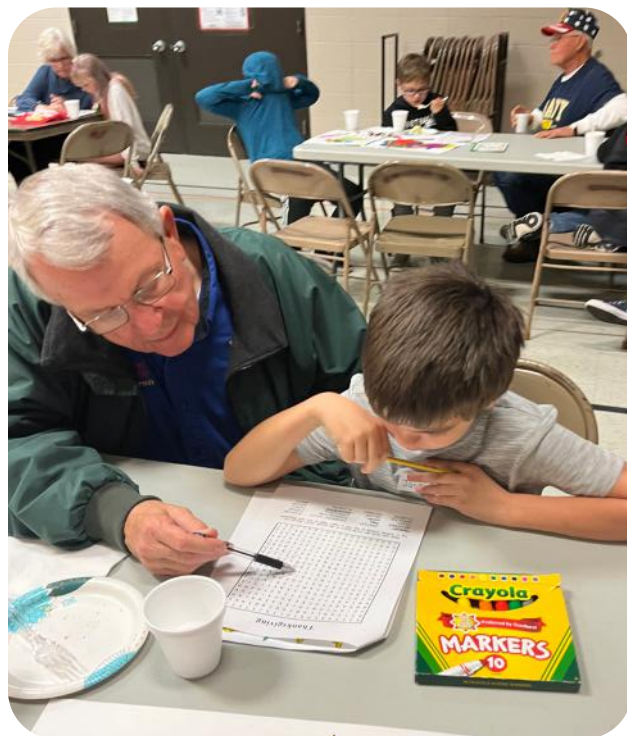


High School Tutor Help

The majority of kids who need a tutor in high school do not need actual help with the school work, but rather a caring adult that is committed to helping them stay on track. The person can help them stay organized with their assignments and hold them accountable for getting things done. To register to be a tutor please sign up online at www.isd1.ce.eleyo.com or call our office at 218-927-7736.

Cribbage Club

Do you love cribbage? Several times a year our 4th grade teachers look for folks to come play cribbage for an hour or so with their classes. It's a great way to learn math skills and socialize! Sign up to be put on the email list! We will email you when we know the dates they plan to play!



FAB LAB / MAKER'S SPACE

Age-Friendly MN and the NEW Maker's Space Program

Last spring, we were able to secure a grant that will allow us to open up our beautiful "Fab Lab" to the public! The grant is through Age-Friendly MN. Age-Friendly Minnesota is a collaborative statewide effort to make our systems and communities more inclusive of and responsive to older adults. It is part of a global movement to prepare for an aging population and ensure that older people are valued and integrated into communities at a new level. Over the course of the next year, we will be introducing different classes and projects that everyone is invited to participate in! If you are over the age of 65, then the class is FREE! To start things off, we will be doing different woodworking projects and using the high-tech embroidery machine! Eventually we will offer classes in sign-making and engraving. Register for classes online!

Embroidery Classes

Personalize your Gear

Bring your own clothing in and get it personalized! Maybe it's Gobbler Wear, maybe it's an apron from home.

Date: Wednesday September 27th

Time: 4:00-5:30 pm

Where: Aitkin High School Fab Lab

Who: All Ages!

Fee: Under 65 - \$15, 65+ - Free

Max participants: 14

Kitchen Towels

Browse through an online catalog of fun images to decorate your kitchen towels with. There will be towels on hand for purchase if you'd rather not worry about bringing one in.

Date: Wednesday October 25

Time: 4:00-5:30

Where: Aitkin High School Fab Lab

Who: All Ages!

Fee: Under 65 - \$15, 65+ - Free!

Max participants: 14

Wood Crafts

Birdhouse

Come learn about how new technology can pre-cut all the parts of a wood project in just a matter of minutes! You will get all the parts needed and then you can assemble and decorate as you wish!

Date: Monday September 18th, with the 19th as an additional day if needed to finish

Time: 4:00-5:30pm

Where: Aitkin High School wood shop

Who: All Ages!

Fee: Under 65 - \$15, 65+ - Free!

Max participants: 14

Pumpkin Box

Bring your Halloween Decorations to the next level with this cute pumpkin box! You will get all the parts needed and then you can assemble and decorate as you wish!

Date: Monday October 16th, with the 17th as an additional day if needed to finish

Time: 4:00-5:30pm

Where: Aitkin High School wood shop

Who: All Ages!

Fee: Under 65 - \$15, 65+ - Free!

Max participants: 14

Youth programming

5th/6th Grade Tackle Football Camp

Get ready for the season with this week of camp! Gear will be handed out on the first day. Information will be emailed out to participants as the date approaches.

When: August 28 - September 1

Time: 5:00-7:00 pm

Where: Field behind Rippleside

Who: boys and girls entering 5th and 6th grades

Cost: Free

5/6th Tackle Football

Are you ready for some football? The Tackle Football program has after-school practices and games on Saturdays with area schools. Saturday schedules will be given out during the first week of practice. ALL tackle football players must have a sports physical before the start of the season. The physicals are good for 3 years. All players will walk to the fieldhouse after school to change. The practice will start at 4pm.

Date: Mondays and Thursdays September 11 - October 23

Time: 4:00-6:00 pm

Where: Behind Rippleside

Who: Boys and girls in grades 5 and 6

Fee: \$55

2nd-4th Flag Football

This program is designed to introduce boys and girls to the fundamentals of the sport. More time will be spent on skills and techniques, with the opportunity to scrimmage with each other throughout the season.

When: Tuesdays and Wednesdays September 12 - October 18

Time: 3:15 - 4:45

Where: Behind Rippleside

Who: boys and girls in grades 2-4

Fee: \$25

Elementary Girls Volleyball

Girls in grades 3-6 will get an introduction to the sport of volleyball in a fun after-school environment! They will learn basic volleyball skills and techniques. Girls in 5th and 6th grades will have the option to go to Saturday tournaments in nearby cities.

3rd/4th Grade: Mondays and Thursdays; September 11 - October 16th; 5:00-6:30pm

5th Grade: Tuesdays and Wednesdays; September 12 - October 18; 3:15-4:45pm

6th Grade: Mondays and Thursdays; September 11 - October 16th; 3:15-4:45pm

Where: Rippleside Gyms

Fee: \$25



Youth programming

Bowling League

Bowling is a skill and sport that you can do throughout your lifetime! Come join in the fun after school at Aitkin Lanes. Price includes 20 weeks of instruction, snacks, drinks and bowling.

League starts October 2nd and runs for 20 weeks. Each program will end at a different week because of non-school days.

Grade 7-12: Mondays 3:30-4:45
October 2 - March 4

Grade 5-6: Tuesdays 3:15 - 4:30
October 3 - February 27

Grade 3-4: Thursdays 3:15 - 4:30
October 5 - March 21

Grade 1-2: Wednesdays 3:15 - 4:30
October 4 - February 21

Where: Aitkin Lanes

Who: boys and girls in grades 1-12

Fee: \$325/bowler for the season



Arts and Crafts

Join Mrs. Nordick for an afternoon of arts and crafts! Snack will be provided each day.

When: Mondays September 18 - October 23

Time: 3:10 - 4:30pm

Where: Rippleside Art Room

Who: students in grades 4-6th

Cost: \$45

Max # of participants: 24



Gun Safety

It's Official! We are now offering Gun Safety Training classes! All students must be 11 years old by the class date AND have taken the online portion of the training. The class portion is the Field Day for the certification and will be held at Wealthwood Rod and Gun Club. Each session is limited to 14 students.

Session 1: Wednesday August 23

Session 2: Saturday September 16

Session 3: Thursday October 19

Time: All sessions will be held from 9 to 3 pm.

Where: Wealthwood Rod and Gun Club

Who: youth age 11+

Fee: \$20 for the field day portion of the training

Adult programming

Community Baby Shower

Are you expecting a little bundle of joy?! We are throwing a baby shower for any/all soon-to-be moms! Whether you're 1 month or full-term, come let us celebrate you! You will meet other new moms, learn about local resources, get a few gifts, and cake - there must be cake! This party is FREE, but please register online so we can plan accordingly.

When: Saturday October 7

Time: 3:00-4:30pm

Where: Aitkin Public Library

Fee: Free, but please register online



Adult Co-Ed Volleyball League

Sign your team up to play in one of the 2 divisions. Explanation as to each division can be found on Eleyo Registration website. Rules and schedules will be sent out prior to the season starting. Register before October 15th. Games are Wednesday nights and begin November 1st and run through February. Cost is \$170/team.

Adaptive Tai Chi

Adaptive Tai chi is flowing with music implementing Tai Chi Qigong movements and using Tai Chi and Qigong movements and using Tai Chi principles of movement and breath. In this class you learn a variety of moves, relax and breathe. Benefits reported with continued practice of Tai Chi movements are better balance and circulation, reduced stress, regulated blood pressure, improved focus, creativity and flexibility. Tai Chi is easy and fun to do! Comfortable clothing recommended. Intensity level- low to moderate. Instructor Information- Jamie Erickson is an accredited Tai Chi Chih instructor with a Master's degree in Oriental Medicine from Northwestern Health Sciences University, Minnesota. She is also certified in Tai Chi Kung, TaijiFit and Karate, any questions you can call or text Jamie at 218-203-5430.

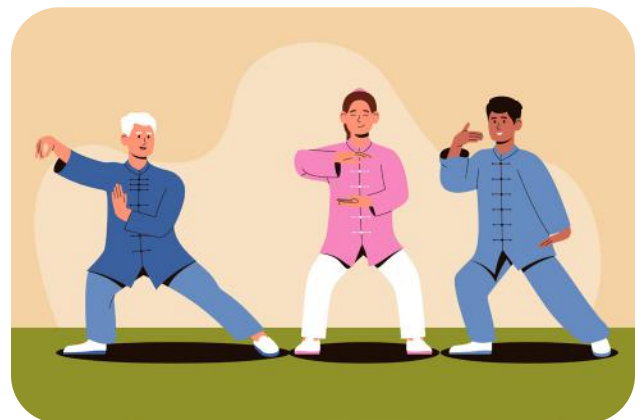
Date: Tuesdays Sept 19, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, Nov 7, 14, 28, Dec 5

Time: 5:45 - 6:30 pm

Where: Rippleside Music Room

Class Size: Min 2 - Max 14

Fee: \$20 for 9 sessions



Adult Programming

Adult Basketball Open Gym

This adult league is played “pick-up” style. Teams will be determined by who is there each night. There will be Mondays when the gym is not available. Please register online as this is our way to contact you if we need to cancel.

When: Mondays starting September 18th

Time: 7:30-9:00pm

Time: Where: Aitkin High School New Gym

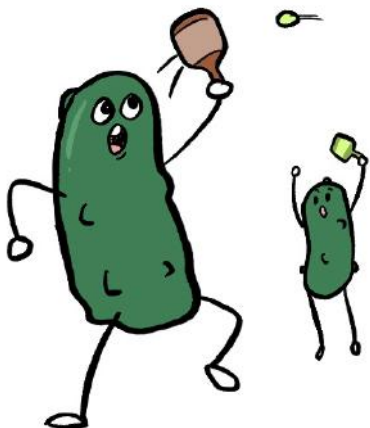
Who: 18+

Fee: \$10



Open Pickleball

Once the weather gets too cold to play outside join the Aitkin Area Pickleball Association at Rippleside Elementary in the evenings! Register just 1 time for the year and have access to the daily registration site. Gym times vary depending on the season and gym availability, so it is important to get the link to the scheduler. Register at www.isd1.ce.eleyo.com



Medicare 101

Understand the basics of Medicare and navigate the Medicare maze. This class will give you helpful information on Medicare issues and will provide you with resources.

Date: Thursday September 28

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Rippleside Elementary Room 140

Fee: \$5



Walking Opportunity

Get out of the cold and get your steps in! Rippleside is open to walkers Monday-Friday 4pm - 7pm. Just sign in at the front office and walk away!



Bus Trips

Twins

It's Aitkin Day at Target Field! Community Ed, in conjunction with The Office Shop, have a whole section reserved! Purchase your ticket through community ed. Each ticket includes a \$10 food voucher

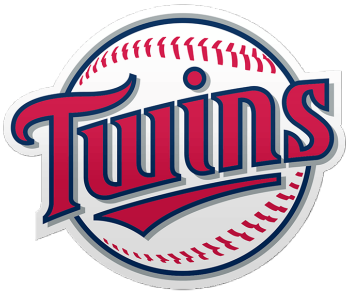
When: Sunday August 27th

Time: 1:10 Game, bus leaves Rippleside at 10:00am

Where: Target Field

Who: All Ages!

Fee: \$53 for ticket to the game OR \$85 for ticket and coach bus ride



Vikings vs. Saints

Get your purple on and let's go to the Dome to watch the Vikings take on the New Orleans Saints! Kickoff is currently scheduled for noon, so the bus will leave by 8:30am.

When: Sunday November 12

Time: Bus leaves Rippleside at 8:30am, returns about 6pm

Cost: \$110, includes coach bus and ticket to the game



State Fair

When: Thursday August 24th

Time: Bus will leave Rippleside at 8am and will leave the fair at 5pm

Who: All ages

Fee: \$30 for the bus. You purchase your own tickets upon arrival at the fair.



Jersey Boys

Go behind the scenes - and behind the music - of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons! The Jersey Boys are coming to the Chanhassen Dinner Theater and so are we! Bus will leave Rippleside at 8:15am

When: Saturday September 23

Time: 11:00am meal, 1:00 show

Where: Chanhassen Dinner Theater

Who: All ages!

Fee: \$115/ticket - includes coach bus, meal, and show!



Better Together and Special Olympics

Better Together

Better Together is programming designed for all ages and abilities in an effort to make a more inclusive community. All programs are FREE to the public and no registration is required. Better Together is made possible through generous local donations.

Fall Activities

These activities are sponsored by the
Aitkin County DAC, Oakridge Homes of Aitkin, and Community Education
Monday, September 25th- Fall kickoff party .
Monday, October 16rd- Pumpkin Fun!
Monday, November 20th- Gobbler Fun!
Monday, December 18th- An Old-fashioned Christmas !

Aitkin County Special Olympics Bowling

Starts Friday, September 15th and goes every Friday until November 3rd.
Practices start at 4pm sharp.

Only Individuals registered with the Special Olympic can be on the team.
You can get a registration form online at specialolympicsminnesota.org or contacting Mary Vinje 218-928-8135 or Pam Johnson 218-232-8589.



WE ARE HIRING



Aitkin High School has an opening for an individual to serve as AmeriCorps Promise Fellows. Promise Fellows are caring, supportive adults that help students engage in school and community. These service positions pair community members directly with students in need of support during the 2023/24 school year. Promise Fellows receive a living allowance, health and dental insurance, an education award upon successful completion of service, and ongoing professional development training and can have a flexible schedule working 20-40 hours per week.

AmeriCorps service is a great opportunity to support students that are struggling with attendance and school work, or are having a hard time connecting with school and may lack connections to caring adults, academic support, or opportunities to feel like part of their community. The community of Aitkin High School is bringing an AmeriCorps member into the school to increase the capacity and resources available to help students succeed.

 www.mnyouth.net/ameriCorps

 Kyle Kline
kkline@mnyouth.net
651-272-7959

 Kathleen Christy
kchristy@isd1.org
218-927-2115 ext 3413



For the 2023/2024 school year, Kids Club is open to all kids enrolled in our preschool or elementary school. Kids Club is open at 6:45 before school and until 5:30 after school. It is open on select non-school days when there are teacher inservice or parent conferences. Last year we started a Preschool Wrap Around program, which allowed kids in ½ day programs to attend Kids Club when they were not in preschool. Based on this year's ACC schedule, Kids Club will be open to 3 and 4 year olds during the days on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for preschool children enrolled in the Aitkin Children's Center. Different this year, families will commit to a consistent schedule for the year. There will not be the drop-in option or flexible schedule. This is due to the high demand and limited availability.

2023/2024 School Year Kids Club:

Before School: 6:45 - 8am \$4/day

After School: 3:00 - 5:30pm \$6/day

Preschool Wrap Around Program

½ day wrap-around kids club (either before or after preschool) - \$12/day

Full-day preschool kids club - \$30/day





FAMILY, FRIENDS, & NEIGHBORS PLAY & LEARNS 3:30 - 5:00PM

**This Program is for Family, Friends, and
Neighbors who provide childcare for the children
of family members, friends, or neighbors on a
regular basis.**

**September: All About me
Thursday Sept. 28th**

**October: Fire Safety
Tuesday Oct. 24th**

**November: Community Helpers
Thursday Nov. 16th**

**December: Winter Animals
Tuesday Dec. 19th**



**Location: Aitkin Children's Center
225 2nd Ave SW, Aitkin MN 56431**

Aitkin Childrens Center

2023-2024 School Year Preschool Class Offerings:

Jakes (4's)

Children need to be 4 on or before Sept. 1st

In Jakes Preschool, highly educated and nurturing staff plan large and small group experiences that combine learning with play. Children build confidence, independence, and other valuable social & emotional skills while working on math and reading readiness that will help prepare them for kindergarten. Parents can choose from half days as well as all day options.

Class Options:

Tues/Thurs All Day - Sept 12 - May 23 8:05 – 2:55 \$860-\$1260

Mon/Wed/Fri AM - Sept 11 - May 24 8:05 – 10:55 \$620-\$920

Mon/Wed PM - Sept 11 - May 22 12:05 – 2:55 \$430-\$630

All Day spots fill quickly, the center will be holding a lottery for these spots.

Junior Jakes (3's)

Children need to be 3 on or before Sept. 1st

At the Aitkin Children's Center, children will discover a welcoming, safe and fun environment designed to create excitement for school and learning. Large and small group activities emphasize social emotional development as well as pre-academics. Parents can choose from one half- day or two half-day per week options, mornings or afternoons.

Class Options:

Monday AM - Sept 13 - May 20 8:05 – 10:55 \$240-\$340

Wed/Fri AM - Sept 13 - May 22 8:05 – 10:55 \$430-\$630

Mon/Wed PM - Sept 13 - May 22 12:05 – 2:55 \$430-\$630

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(Designed for parents & children 12 months - pre kindergarten age, siblings welcome)

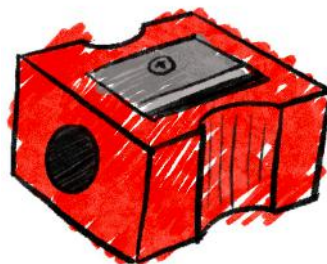
A time for parents & children to come to school together and explore activities designed by a licensed early childhood teacher. Activities will foster children's social emotional, cognitive, physical, & language skills. A typical class includes together time, snack, circle, and a parent discussion time for parents who are wanting to separate. Don't miss this opportunity to spend some uninterrupted time participating in games, and other activities with your child while getting to know other parents with young children.

Mid-Day Movers: Tuesdays 9:30-11:15am from October 3rd - December 19th

Night Owls: Tuesdays 5:00-6:30pm from October 3rd - December 19th

Aitkin Childrens Center

2023-2024 School Supply List



Junior Jakes (3's) Preschool

Disinfecting Wipes

2 Glue bottles

Backpack large enough to hold a folder

Crayola Crayons (16 count)

Baby wipes

Jakes (4's) Preschool

Disinfecting Wipes

2 Large Elmer's Glue Sticks

1 white 1/2", hardcover, 3-ring binder

A sturdy large Backpack for carrying papers, books, snow pants, shoes, etc.

Watercolors

1 box kleenex



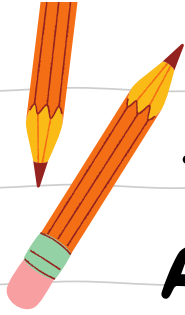
Optional items for Junior Jakes and Jakes

Playdoh

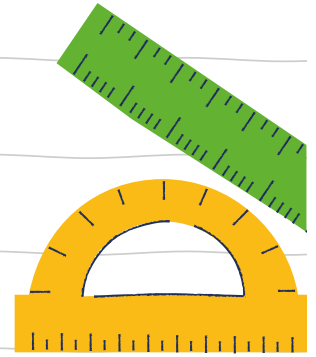
Construction paper

Plain white paper





Top Reasons to Choose Aitkin Children's Center:



- Children become familiar with the school building (gym, lunch room, hallway) prior to entering kindergarten
- Children will make friends that they will move onto kindergarten with
- All teachers possess a Bachelor's Degree in Education & a Minnesota Teaching License
- Children have an entire class of peers that are their same age
- Children can access Free and Reduced Breakfast and Lunch Programs, busing for Jakes Preschoolers, and other support services such as speech and other therapies
- Preschool staff collaborate with Kindergarten teachers to ensure skills taught are aligned with Kindergarten entrance skills



**Aitkin Children's Center
Rippleside Elementary
225 2nd Ave SW
218-927-7735**

ENROLL NOW



Save Receipts For Your Child's Education Expenses

If you're buying school supplies for your children in kindergarten through 12th grade, you may qualify for one or both of these tax relief programs:

- K-12 Education Subtraction
- K-12 Education Credit

Save your receipts, because both programs can help lower your taxes and may provide a larger refund when filing your Minnesota income tax return.

Last year, more than 17,500 families received the K-12 Education Credit and saved an average of \$282. Over 138,000 families received the K-12 Education Subtraction with an average subtraction of \$1,285.

Common Expenses That Qualify:

- School supplies (pencils, paper, calculators)
- Educational computer hardware and software
- Tutoring K-12 curriculum by a qualified instructor
- Rental or purchase of musical instruments used during school

Expenses That Do Not Qualify:

- School supplies not used in education (backpacks, tissues, organizers)
- Clothing, including school uniforms (except required gym clothes)
- School lunches
- Family trip to museum or zoo

Do I qualify?

To qualify for either the credit or subtraction, both of these must be true:

- You purchased educational services or materials to assist with your child's education
- Your child is attending kindergarten through 12th grade at a public, private, or home school

Income limits for Each Program

K-12 Education Credit: Your adjusted gross income must be below the levels shown here. If you qualify for the credit, you must file a Minnesota return to claim a refund.

Number of qualifying children in K-12:	Adjusted gross income must be less than:
1 or 2	\$76,000
3	\$79,000
More than 3	\$79,000 plus \$3,000 for each additional child

K-12 Education Subtraction: There are no income limits for the education subtraction.

For more information on these programs and other valuable tax information, visit www.revenue.state.mn.us and enter **K12** in the Search box or call us at 651-296-3781 or 800-652-9094.



Aitkin Public Schools- Transportation Request (2023-2024)



Aitkin Public Schools

306 2nd St NW
Aitkin, MN 56431

To help ensure the safety of our students we require all families to complete a transportation request form for each student. This is to inform the office and bus garage of the regular plan for student transportation. We recommend a consistent plan as this is especially important for our young students. If any permanent changes need to be made during the school year, please contact the office or bus garage to complete a new form. The form needs to be on file for any permanent changes to take place.

Please complete this form in its entirety:

- At the beginning of each new school year
- If your child is a new student
- For changes regarding Primary/Secondary location

*Each student who qualifies will be allowed transportation to a primary and, on occasion, a secondary location. Parents/Guardians are responsible for their own temporary arrangements.

- Please allow up to (3-5) school days for any changes to go into effect.

STUDENT INFORMATION (1 student per form)

Student's name (Please Print): _____

Primary address: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher's name (if known): _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____ Parent/Guardian phone number: _____

Will your student require busing? ☐ YES ☐ NO

REASON FOR REQUEST (please check at least one option):

New student: ☐

New school year: ☐

Change to primary location: ☐

Change to secondary location: ☐

Change to both locations: ☐

Date for change to be effective: _____

***Please note: if you are changing your primary address you must provide that to the school office as well in order for change to go into effect-you will not be allowed to change busing plans if we have conflicting addresses on file.**

Does a bus currently go by your house? ☐ YES ☐ NO If so what bus? _____

Will you be requesting transportation to a secondary location? ☐ YES ☐ NO (if YES, please complete remainder of form)

Secondary Location Address: _____

Secondary phone number: _____ Bus number (if known): _____

Reason for the secondary location request (e.g. daycare, dual household, etc.): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



Aitkin Public Schools

INDEPENDENT DISTRICT NO. 1
AITKIN, MINNESOTA 56431

Michelle Alcox-Larson
Transportation
Supervisor

Krystal Larson
Transportation
Technician

Dear ISD #1 families,

Hello to you all. We are starting to prepare for the 2023-2024 school year. We will **not** be mailing **Transportation Request forms** or **busing information** home to families again this year. You will be able to access the form on the school website or at your child/children's school and you will be receiving your busing information via the Stopfinder app middle to end of August. The Stopfinder app has been a very useful tool. It has allowed parents/guardians to check busing information whenever they like. It has allowed parents to message the garage directly. It has also allowed the bus garage to send messages to individual families, to all families on a specific route, or to everyone in the district. If you have not received, an invite to sign up for the app please reach out to Michelle @ the bus garage. Parents/Guardians will receive a notification in August when your busing information is ready and available for you to view.

We will once again be using our transportation request forms for the 2023-2024 school year. There is a fillable version of this form at www.isd1.org. on both our home page and the transportation page. We need a new form filled out at the beginning of each school year, each time your address changes, and if you need to make changes to your current bus plans throughout the school year. Please fill out the attached form (**1 form per student**) and send it back to the bus garage in one of three ways:

1. Email to malcox@isd1.org. You can do this by saving the fillable form or by scanning or taking a picture of the physical form.
2. Drop off at Aitkin High School, Rippleside Elementary School, Aitkin Children's Center or the Bus Garage
3. Mail to 306 2nd St NW Aitkin, MN 56431 Attention: Bus Garage

We will begin accepting bus forms for the 23-24 school year on May 15th, 2023. Please have them returned to us **no later than July 1st, 2023**. If you have any questions feel free to call Michelle at 218-429-0242 or 218-831-0824. You can also email Michelle at malcox@isd1.org.

Thank you so much for your time,

Michelle Alcox-Larson
Transportation Supervisor

Krystal Larson
Trans. Technician

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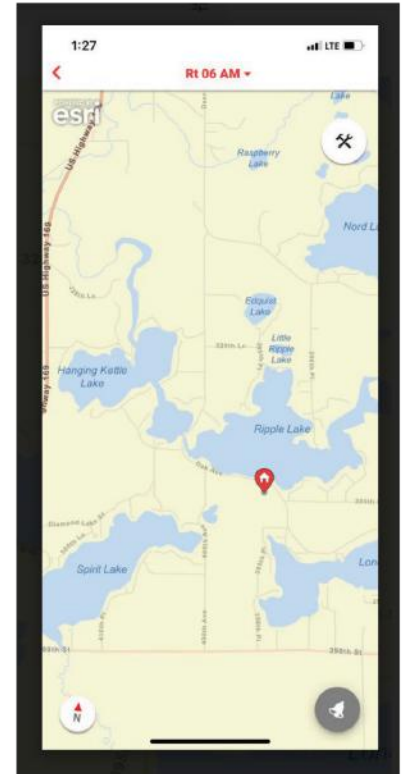
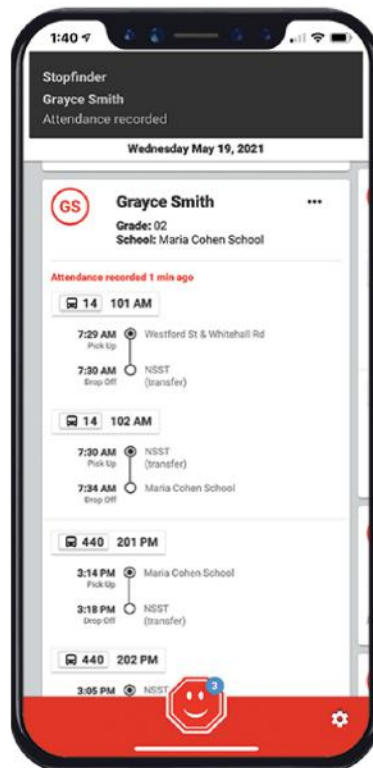
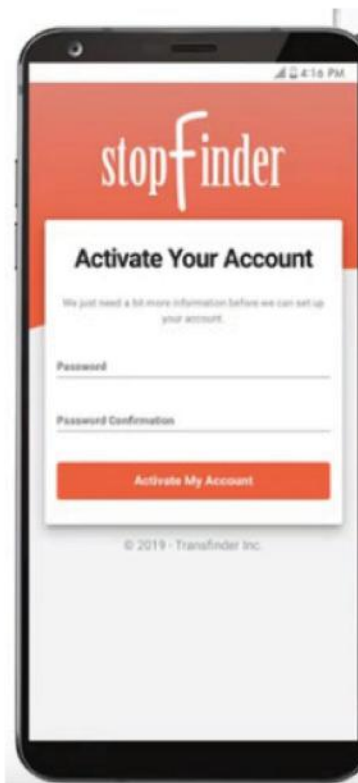
Dear Parent or Guardian,

The **Aitkin Public Schools Transportation Department** will be using a Bus Stop app called Stopfinder, for the 2023-2024 School Year. Stopfinder is the easy to use, all-in-one app that allows you to have the most accurate information about your child's bus schedule at anytime from anywhere. In addition to displaying your child's transportation information, Stopfinder features push notifications and a private messaging feature that will allow you to communicate directly with the **Aitkin Schools** Transportation Department. Please make sure the school has up to date information including a valid email address. If you have not received an invitation to join Stopfinder or have questions, feel free to call Michelle Alcox-Larson @ 218-429-0241 (Bus Garage) or 218-831-0824 (Cell Phone). If you are unsure if your information is up to date please feel free to reach out to the office staff and they can verify for you. We look forward to using this program, to communicate bus information more efficiently.

Stopfinder, can be downloaded free from the App Store or Google Play. Stopfinder will require an invite and registration through the district prior to accessing your child's transportation schedule.

Thank you,

Aitkin Schools Transportation Department





We are looking for School Bus Drivers!

**ARE YOU A STAY AT HOME PARENT
LOOKING FOR SOME EXTRA INCOME,
BUT DON'T HAVE CHILD CARE?**

Any parent willing to obtain a School Bus license and drive for our district will have access to free child care while on route for children that have been potty trained or seating accommodations for non-school age children.

Call Michelle at the Bus Garage for more information
218-429-0241



RIPPLESIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & AITKIN CHILDREN'S CENTER

2023-2024 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST



WE ARE A LATEX FREE AND PEANUT/TREE NUT AWARE SCHOOL

THIRD GRADE		FIFTH GRADE	
		<i>All supplies will need to be replenished throughout the year.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 box Kleenex		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 box Kleenex	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 containers of Clorox Wipes		<input type="checkbox"/> Clorox Wipes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gym shoes for PE days		<input type="checkbox"/> Gym shoes for PE days	
<input type="checkbox"/> Backpack (no wheels)		<input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle (labeled)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety glasses		<input type="checkbox"/> Safety glasses	
<input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle (labeled)		<input type="checkbox"/> Backpack (no wheels)	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 field trip/party fund		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 standard sized pencil box (8"x5")	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 standard sized pencil box (8"x5")		<input type="checkbox"/> Pencils	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 packages of pencils (traditional gold)		<input type="checkbox"/> Headphones or earbuds in a Gallon bag (please label bag and headphones)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Headphones or earbuds in a Gallon bag (please label bag and headphones)		<input type="checkbox"/> **Please note that they cannot have volume control on them or be wireless due to being needed for MCA testing	
<input type="checkbox"/> **Please note that they cannot have volume control on them or be wireless due to being needed for MCA testing		<input type="checkbox"/> Expo Markers (3 packs)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Crayola Colored Pencil Set, 24-Colors		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Crayola broad markers-classic color-10ct	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Crayola broad markers-classic color-10ct		<input type="checkbox"/> 2 black Sharpie markers	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3- single subject, wide-ruled notebooks		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Crayola Colored Pencil Set-24 Ct. -or- 1 Crayola Classic Crayons-24 Ct.	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1- 3 subject, wide ruled notebook		<input type="checkbox"/> 4 two pocket folders	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 black Sharpie markers		<input type="checkbox"/> 3 notebooks (1 notebook for STEM)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Highlighter		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 pack of loose leaf paper	
<input type="checkbox"/> 8 glue sticks		<input type="checkbox"/> Elmer's glue sticks	
<input type="checkbox"/> 7" Scissors		<input type="checkbox"/> Scissors	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 binder-1" with 2 pockets		<input type="checkbox"/> Ruler with centimeters and inches	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 plastic folders		<input type="checkbox"/> Roll of masking tape (for Artist in Residence)	
FOURTH GRADE		SIXTH GRADE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 large box of Kleenex		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 box Kleenex	
<input type="checkbox"/> Backpack (no wheels)		<input type="checkbox"/> Safety glasses-for STEM	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gym shoes for PE days		<input type="checkbox"/> Backpack	
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety glasses-for STEM		<input type="checkbox"/> Gym shoes for PE days	
<input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle (labeled)		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 standard sized pencil box (8"x5")-for STEM	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 party fund		<input type="checkbox"/> 4 notebooks	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 standard sized pencil box (8"x5")		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 pack of 3x5 index cards (ruled or unruled)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 packs of pencils		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 highlighter	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scissors		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 pack of EXPO markers	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 folders (green, blue, yellow, student's choice)		<input type="checkbox"/> Markers, crayons or colored pencils (pick 2)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 sturdy solid orange colored folders		<input type="checkbox"/> Headphones or earbuds (please label) **Please note that they cannot have volume control on them or be wireless due to being needed for MCA testing	
<input type="checkbox"/> Headphones or earbuds **Please note that they cannot have volume control on them or be wireless due to being needed for MCA testing		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 package of pencils	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 composition notebooks (no spiral or tear out)		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 glue stick	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 spiral notebooks (1 notebook for STEM)		<input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Folders (4-5)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Loose leaf paper		<input type="checkbox"/> Scissors	
<input type="checkbox"/> Elmer's glue sticks			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 fine point Sharpie			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 very fine point Sharpie			
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 highlighters			
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 dry erase markers			
<input type="checkbox"/> Crayola broad markers, crayons or colored pencils			
Aitkin High School 7th Grade Supply List			
<input type="checkbox"/> Notebooks		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 empty plastic jar with lid (peanut butter or similar)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pencils		<input type="checkbox"/> A small amount of nail polish remover (for bug collection)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pens		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 shoe box (for bug collection)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of colored pencils		<input type="checkbox"/> Piece of styrofoam that fits inside shoe box	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 combination locks (regular locker and gym locker)		<input type="checkbox"/> Gym shoes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Headphones or earbuds (please label) **Please note that they cannot have volume control on them or be wireless due to being needed for MCA testing		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 two line scientific calculator (TI-30XS is preferred. FX-300, TI-30X, TI-36XPro are also good options)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of Kleenex (for community use)			



RIPPLESIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & AITKIN CHILDREN'S CENTER 2023-2024 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST



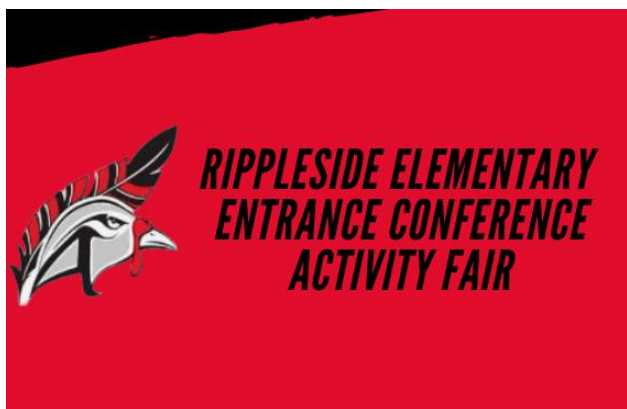
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AITKIN CHILDREN'S CENTER

Junior Jakes-3's Preschool	Jake's-4's Preschool
<input type="checkbox"/> Disinfecting Wipes	<input type="checkbox"/> Disinfecting Wipes
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 glue bottles	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Large Elmer's Glue Sticks
<input type="checkbox"/> Backpack large enough to hold a folder	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 white 1/2", hardcover, 3-ring binder
<input type="checkbox"/> Crayola Markers 16ct	<input type="checkbox"/> Backpack-sturdy and large enough for carrying papers, books, snow pants, shoes, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pack Baby Wipes	<input type="checkbox"/> Watercolors
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 box Kleenex	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 box Kleenex
<input type="checkbox"/> Play-doh (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> Play-doh (optional)
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction paper (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction paper (optional)
<input type="checkbox"/> Plain white paper (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> Plain white paper (optional)

RIPPLESIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN	SECOND GRADE (please label all items individually)
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 large box Kleenex	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 boxes of Kleenex-Community use-no need to label
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 containers of disinfecting wipes	<input type="checkbox"/> Box of 20 ct. or more snacks for class rewards/parties-Community use-no need to label
<input type="checkbox"/> A sturdy and EXTRA LARGE backpack	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 container of disinfecting wipes-Community use-no need to label
<input type="checkbox"/> Plastic rest mat (able to be wiped down)	<input type="checkbox"/> Snack size baggies or Dixie Cups-Community use-no need to label
<input type="checkbox"/> Headphones in a gallon bag (please label bag and headphones)	<input type="checkbox"/> Backpack (no wheels)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 boxes of Ziploc bags from the following options: snack, sandwich, quart, gallon, two gallon	<input type="checkbox"/> Gym shoes for PE days
<input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle (labeled)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water bottles
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 for class party fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy snacks daily
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 standard sized pencil box (8"x5")-labeled (Hard plastic box)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 set of headphones in a gallon bag (please label bag and headphones)
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 pack of pencils-12 pack (either Dixon or Ticonderoga)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5-\$10 donation for party/activities
<input type="checkbox"/> Crayola Twistables colored pencils	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 metal 9x6x3 or standard hard plastic 8x5 pencil box
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 packs Crayola broad markers-classic color-10ct	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 pencil pouch (optional)
<input type="checkbox"/> Twistable Crayola crayons (short size)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 packs pre-sharpened pencils-Ticonderoga brand recommended
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 folders	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 covered pencil sharpener (optional)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 notebooks	<input type="checkbox"/> Pencil top or large erasers
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 large Elmer's glue sticks	<input type="checkbox"/> Crayola crayons-regular or twistables
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair of scissors	<input type="checkbox"/> Crayola colored pencils or markers
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 pack of 8.5" x 11" colored computer paper	<input type="checkbox"/> Scissors
	<input type="checkbox"/> Glue sticks (2 large, 1-2 small)
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Glue bottle
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 ruler (not flexible)
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 highlighter
	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 folders (plastic preferred)
	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 notebooks (1 for STEM)
	CIP ROOM (MRS. SIEGFORD'S CLASS)
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 box Kleenex	<input type="checkbox"/> Kleenex
<input type="checkbox"/> Clorox Wipes	<input type="checkbox"/> Lysol/Clorox Wipes
<input type="checkbox"/> Backpack (no wheels)	<input type="checkbox"/> Plastic spoons/forks
<input type="checkbox"/> Gym shoes for PE days	<input type="checkbox"/> Paper plates/bowls
<input type="checkbox"/> Headphones in a Gallon bag (please label bag and headphones)	<input type="checkbox"/> Plastic cups
<input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle (labeled)	<input type="checkbox"/> Backpack (no wheels)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$7 for party fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Crayola pip-squeak markers
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 packs of pre-sharpened traditional gold pencils	<input type="checkbox"/> Gallon and sandwich bags
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 standard sized pencil box (8"x5")-labeled (HARD plastic box)	Donations of the following welcome:
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 pack of Crayola Twistable crayons (NOT Twistable colored pencils)	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 1/2 x 11 laminating sheets
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 pack broad Crayola markers	<input type="checkbox"/> Velcro dots-1/4 inch
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 small package of Expo markers (black, blue, or green-NO red please)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 highlighters	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scissors-labeled	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 large pink erasers	
<input type="checkbox"/> 12 Elmers Disappearing Purple glue sticks	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 plastic folder-labeled	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 single subject wide-ruled notebooks-labeled	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 box resealable slider gallon, quart sized bags or snack bags	



THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN YOUR ORGANIZATION UP FOR THE ACTIVITY FAIR!

Go to the Rippleside website or Facebook page and click the link to sign up. Please call the Rippleside office with any questions at 218-927-4838.

DO YOU HAVE A KINDERGARTNER STARTING THIS YEAR? ARE THEY ENROLLED FOR KINDERCAMP?

Kindercamp is an awesome "practice" day of Kindergarten where our littlest learners can get acclimated with Rippleside before all of our students are in the building. If you are interested, please fill out the Kindercamp registration form and turn it in to the Rippleside office ASAP!



IT'S TIME TO START PLANNING FOR BACK TO SCHOOL!

All families should have received their teacher information and a link to sign up for Entrance Conferences on Sign Up Genius. If you have not received that link, please contact the Rippleside office at 218-927-4838 or CConn@isd1.org.

PUT YOUR BEST SMILE ON AND STOP BY FOR SCHOOL PICTURES!

Rippleside's pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 6th from 12-7. Your entrance conference does not have to be scheduled during this time. You can just swing in and get your student's picture taken! If you aren't able to make it, no worries. We will also have picture retake day to get their pictures then.



Macbook/iPad Distribution

MacBook/iPad Computer Distribution Dates

Grades 8-12

August 23rd. 9:00 am -4:00pm

August 24th. 1:00pm-5:00pm

Grade 7 & New Students

August 30th During orientation at breakout session

7th Grade Orientation

7th Grade orientation will start at 6pm (doors open at 5:40pm) in the auditorium. Breakout sessions will include a time to pick up your iPad

New Student Orientation

Orientation for new students in grades 8-12 will begin at 6:30pm in the auditorium. You can pick up your computer beginning at 6:00 pm.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

Help ISD #1 develop it's new and improved strategic plan. The first step is to gather information using an online survey. Use the direct link or scan the QR code on your mobile device to complete. We appreciate your valuable input!

Listening sessions will be held this fall. Stay tuned for more information as we move forward.



Direct link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AitkinExternal>

New Staff



Rosemarie Bestudio

My name is Rosemarie Bestudio, from the Philippines, and I am the eldest of six (6) siblings. I finished my bachelor's in 2013, with Special Education as my area of concentration, and I have been teaching for about ten (10) years now. Traveling, baking, and designing are just a few things I am interested in. As I embark on this new teaching journey far from home, I look forward to a remarkable year with the Aitkin Gobblers family!



Parker Nudell

My name is Parker Nudell, I am a high school graduate from Frazee High School, I am currently enrolled in the Business Education Program through Valley City State University. I recently moved to Aitkin, which is my wife's hometown. My wife and I just had our first child. In my free time, I enjoy Camping, Traveling, Kayaking, Hunting, and watching Football, and Basketball. I come from a family of Educators, My father is the Superintendent in Battle Lake, and Twin Valley, my

Mother is the Director of Special Education in Detroit Lakes, and my Sister is a 1st grade teacher in the Twin Cities. I look forward to working with the Staff and Students at ISD I, and can't wait to start Go Gobblers!



Marie Waschek

My name is Marie Waschek, and I am thrilled to be joining the team at Aitkin Children's Center as a preschool teacher in the upcoming school year! I earned my Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education with a Pre-Primary Specialty through Southwest Minnesota State University in 2006 and my Master of Arts in Reading degree through Grand Canyon University in 2022. I have enjoyed teaching elementary students for the past fifteen years, but I am eager to help the

youngest learners succeed at the Children's Center this fall.

I grew up in the Brainerd Lakes Area and have lived in Breezy Point for the past ten years. I have one grown daughter who was my inspiration to become a teacher and who lives out of state, and I have a miniature dachshund, who is usually found right by my side when I am not at school. In my free time, I enjoy reading, cooking, gardening, spending time with my family, and working out at the gym.

I also absolutely love teaching and watching students grow and get excited about learning new things and meeting new friends. I am looking forward to meeting my students as well and getting to know them and their families throughout the coming year.

From The Principals

Greetings!

I am excited to welcome new and returning students to Aitkin High School! I hope your summer has gone well and you are looking forward to another great school year! The staff and I are looking forward to seeing you and having a great year!

The first day of school at the high school will be on Tuesday, September 5th. School begins at 8:20 and ends at 3:20 each day. Student schedules will be available in Infinite Campus in mid-August. A message will be sent to parents and students through Infinite Campus and we will also be sending a letter to households the first week in August with information about computer pick up dates, new student and 7th grade orientation, and any other information you will need.

New families are welcome to stop by the high school office anytime between 7:00-3:00 each day to enroll your child. Enrollment packets are available on our website at <https://home.isd1.org/> under the New Families tab, or you can stop by and pick one up in the office. If you have any questions, feel free to call or email us. ldemars@isd1.org or 218-927-2115.

This will be my second year in the Aitkin community as the high school principal and I look forward to getting to know more about each of our students. Thank you for partnering with us this year in your child's education. We are so excited to have your child in school and look forward to a wonderful year!

Yours in Education,
Lisa DeMars
High School Principal

Hello from Rippleside!

I hope that everyone has been enjoying the summer and taking advantage of all the things our wonderful Minnesota summers have to offer. It feels like yesterday that we were bidding farewell to the graduating 6th graders, and here we are preparing for another school year! We miss your kids and are excited to get back into the swing of things for the upcoming school year.

While a few things might look different around our building and for this school year, the main mission remains the same. We strive to empower students to be lifelong learners and citizens by maximizing community, parental and staff involvement. We do this by developing high expectations for our staff, and by creating a safe learning environment that values the whole student.

As in prior years, we are always excited to have visitors and volunteers in our building. If you have interest in volunteering at Rippleside, please call the school to be placed on our volunteer list. You can also reach out to your child's classroom teacher to see how you can support.

Please mark your calendars for Entrance Conferences which will be taking place September 5-7. Entrance Conferences allow teachers to get to know each child and their families. We also begin our Reading assessments at this time. It is an opportunity for the school to collect emergency contact information and discuss learning goals for your student or students. Entrance Conferences also help reduce first day anxiety for many of our children.

We are excited for the 2023-2024 school year! Please do not hesitate to call or email me with student concerns as the year gets underway. I look forward to the opportunity to serve you and your families during the school year.

Sincerely,
Andrew Dokken
Rippleside Elementary School Principal

Letter From Superintendent

As we prepare for the next school year throughout the summer, you can feel the excitement building as we look to what our future holds. The buildings are being cleaned, programs are being reviewed and updated and all the summer programs are already beginning to wrap up.. There is never really a slow time in a public school, learning is a continuous process. And that is all right!

The district has been involved in two different planning processes. Last fall Aitkin Schools participated in a facilities review and we have been prioritizing both long and short term needs. This work identified some facilities issues that need to be addressed within our district

This spring the school board moved to replace our tennis courts. The Don Hagenstuen Tennis facility will have a new look as a new 7 tennis court facility which will be available to our student athletes this fall.

We are also in the process of getting a new look in the Old Gym at the high school. Jason Cline and Rob Williams have received funds from different civic organizations in Aitkin to provide for a new paint job and they are replacing all the wood board seats with new boards that do not have many coats of paint on them. This not only has been a community event to raise funds, but also most of the labor has been volunteers. Once again showing that Gobbler Spirit and Pride.

The second part of our plan is to review and create a new Strategic Plan. Last spring our school board contracted with the Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA) to work with us and help us create a current Strategic Plan. There are three opportunities to provide input into the process. First we have just launched the community survey. You can find the link to the survey on our school website. We hope that people who live in the Aitkin Public School district fill out one survey to help us gather information to help us create a Strategic Plan.

The first listening session is tentatively scheduled for September 12, 2023. There will be 5 different stakeholder meetings scheduled throughout the day.

Finally, we will be looking for community members to be a part of the Strategic Planning Committee. The Committee will include representatives from all school community stakeholder groups including students, staff (licensed and non-licensed), community representatives (parents, business, alumni, residents), administrators, and all school board members. If you would like to be considered as a committee member please submit your name to Jeanne Ince in the District office by August 28, 2023. The school district will consider all names submitted to ensure that a cross-section of stakeholders is represented on the Strategic Planning Committee. The committee will meet a minimum of 3 times for about 2 hours at a time. The meetings will be in the evening this fall starting at 6:30.

As we look to the future of the school district we need to plan for years to come. We have completed updates to the High School that we believe will provide for the needs of our district for the next 20 plus years. What are our next steps when it comes to the facilities and programming?

This is what the facilities and strategic planning processes will help us address. Our elementary building has not had the same renovations over the past 5 or 6 years as the high school. It is a facility that has and continues to serve our district well, but it is in need of major renovations in the near future. Is it time we as a school district and community look to build our new footprint on the land the district purchased 8 - 10 years ago?.

With a solid planning process that creates workable plans, we will be able to keep ISD #1 on the right track and moving forward.

It is a great time to be an Aitkin Gobbler! I hope everyone is having a great summer!

Daniel J. Stifter
Aitkin Public Schools Superintendent

We Are ISD #1



AITKIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

I.s.d.#1, Aitkin MN 56431

Aitkin School Board Members

Position	Name	Term Expires
School Board Chair	Dawn Houser	12/2024
School Board Vice Chair	Roland Hill	12/2026
School Board Clerk	Jen Burgos	12/2026
School Board Treasurer	Holly Mindrum	12/2026
School Board Member	Kassie Peterson	12/2026
School Board Member	Brian Leitinger	12/2024
School Board Member	Cindi Hills	12/2024

2023 Board of Education Meetings

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ROOM
January 9, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Aitkin High School	Media Center
February 13, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Aitkin High School	Media Center
March 20, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Aitkin High School	Media Center
April 17, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Mille Lacs Trails Clubhouse	31844 235 th Lane Aitkin, MN 56431
May 15, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Aitkin High School	Media Center
June 26, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Aitkin High School	Media Center
July 17, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Aitkin High School	Media Center
August 21, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Aitkin High School	Media Center
September 18, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Aitkin High School	Media Center
October 16, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Palisade Community Center	Palisade, MN
November 20, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Aitkin High School	Media Center
December 18, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Aitkin High School	Media Center

07/23/23 Updated

2023-24 Aitkin Public School Calendar (REV 4/4/23)

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August 2023						
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Aug 15-16 Operations						
Aug 21 New Teacher Inservice						
Aug 22-25 PBEC New SpEd Staf Inservice						
Aug 28-30 Back to School Inservice (3.0)						
Aug 31 Kindercamp						

September 2023						
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1st Qtr Begin Sep 5						
Sep 5 AHS First Day of Class						
Sep 8 RES First Day of Class						
Sep 5, 6, 7 RES Entrance Conference						
TU-TH 7:30-3:30, WE 11:30-7:30						

October 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	NS	NS	21
22	23	24	25	26	NS	28
29	30	31				

OCT 19-20 NO SCHOOL						
Oct 27 NO SCHOOL						
OCT 26 AHS ONLY-PM Conf 3:45-7:45						
Oct 27 AHS AM Conference/PM Data Day-RES Data Day						

November 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	NS	NS	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	NS	NS	25
26	27	28	29	30		

1st Qtr Ends Nov 3 (41 Days)						
Nov 6 2nd Qtr Begins						
NOV 9-10 NO SCHOOL						
Nov 9-RES Conferences 7:30 to 7:30 (1.5)						
Nov 9 HS Grading/Data Day (1.0)						
Nov 10 Data Day/Staff Workshop (.5)						
NOV 23-24 NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving						

December 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	NS	23
24	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	30
31						

DEC 22 - JAN 2 NO SCHOOL						
WINTER BREAK						

January 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
NS	NS	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	NS	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

2nd Qtr Ends Jan 18 (42 Days)						
Jan 22 3rd Qtr Begins						
JAN 3 - SCHOOL RESUMES						
JAN 19 - NO SCHOOL						
Jan 19 - Teacher Inservice (1.0)						

February 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	NS	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

FEB 19 - NO SCHOOL						
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March 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	NS	NS	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	NS	NS	30
31	3rd Qtr Ends Mar 22 (42 Days)					

Mar 25 4th Qtr Begins						
MAR 7-8 NO SCHOOL						
Mar 7- Conference 7:30 to 7:30 (1.5)						
Mar 8 Teacher Inservice/Data Day (1.0)						

April 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	NS	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	NS	27
28	29	30				

APR 1 NO SCHOOL						
APR 26 NO SCHOOL						
APR 26 Teacher Inservice (1.0)						

May 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	NS	28	29	30	NS	

4th Qtr Ends May 30 (44 Days)						
MAY 27 NO SCHOOL						
MAY 31 GRADUATION						
MAY 31 Teacher Day (.5)						

June 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

STUDENT DAYS - 169						
TEACHER DAYS 11/180						

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School Board Meetings:

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month, except in January and February when the board meets on the second Monday because of holidays. Meetings begin at 7pm and are held in the high school Media Center. After the pandemic, all meetings have been live streamed on the schools youtube channel.

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