



July 13, 2015 School Board Report

Steve Brisendine CER Director-Community Education & Recreation has had a great start to the summer of 2015. In May we unveiled the Yellow Bike Share program. And although we have had some glitches along the way we think this program will be a community asset for us to celebrate providing our residents and visitors. We held our first of four Movies in the Park on Thursday June 25 at the Auditorium in conjunction with Willmar Fest. About 100 participants enjoyed “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day”! Our next Movie in the Park will be Friday July 17, dusk at Robbins Island featuring “The Little Rascals”.

Jena Tollefson Cardinal Place SAC Coordinator-Cardinal Place is having a blast this summer! We currently have 200 students registered with an average of 120 attending each day! Our Blockbuster movie theme has been a hit. Kids have enjoyed crafts and activities from movies like Finding Nemo, Spy Kids, and The Lego Movie. Besides crafts, cooking projects, science experiments, and games; we have taken field trips to Dorothy Olson Aquatic Center, many local parks, Rice Care Center, Green and Games Lake, and the Library. We had a group of 55 staff, parents, and students take in a Twins game at Target Field at the end of June and we're off on a Riverboat Cruise adventure this Thursday. The Willmar Stingers have come to CP twice this summer for baseball and capture the cone. We just moved over to Roosevelt for a couple weeks while the Janitorial staff clean and prep our areas for the fast approaching school year. But we are looking forward to a ton more fun this Summer! I will begin the search to start adding new staff as the end of July always starts the period of transitions for many staff. We are hoping to be able to launch an electronic daily sign in and out system in the near future to help reduce our paper use and streamline the process for families.

Casey Hagert Youth Recreation Coordinator-Youth Recreation programs have had great participation. 106 kids participate in our soccer programs, 29 in parent/child kickball, 110 in tball, 75 in kinderball, 24 in grade 1 & 2 softball, 69 in grade 1 & 2 baseball, 82 in tennis, 211 in gymnastics, 75 in 3rd- 12th grade softball and 144 participants in 3rd-9th grade baseball. Along with these programs I have also assisted the city of Willmar with their bike initiative programs including the newly launched yellow bike program and helping make Willmar a bike friendly community. This fall I am working on programs including youth wrestling, basketball and football!

Rob Baumgarn-Facilities/Adult Recreation- Facilities: With the summer months coming to an end, so has the high demand on field space. This year went very smooth scheduling field space for all the teams. It was beneficial that we had the game schedule from each team in by the end of April. We will continue to request the teams to have their schedule in by a certain deadline. In June we were able to re-open the city auditorium gym and gun range. We opened the gym for basketball and volleyball activities. This was vital to have the space back with all the school gyms being resurfaced in June and July. The upcoming month will be busy with getting the schools back into shape for the students. August and September months are extremely busy with open houses, registrations and getting community schedules in for the school year.

Adult Recreation:

We are just getting started with our play-offs for adult softball. This year our numbers are:

Monday night men's league: 19 teams

Wednesday night co-ed league: 15 teams

Thursday night church league: 14 teams

Adult Soccer: 12 teams

We will start fall softball at the conclusion of the summer softball season. Programs that we will offer in the Fall/Winter will be: Men's Softball/ Co-Ed Softball, Women's/Men's/Co-Ed Volleyball, Adult Hockey and Men's Basketball.

Pam Vruwink Aquatics/Wellness Coordinator- WCER summer swim lessons are in full swing with 258 registrations for the first two sessions of group classes; two more sessions remain. We have been fortunate to have excellent weather for the Dorothy Olson Aquatic Center with only two days not opening at all and a couple early closings due to cool or stormy weather since it opened for the season June 8. DOAC adapted swim lessons registrations filled quickly as they have in the past and this year we started a new collaboration with The Resource Center Program of Litchfield to offer the program for more participants.

Tammy Rudningen Youth/Adult Enrichment Coordinator-Youth Enrichment opportunities are offered throughout the year. Just short of 100 individual offerings were made available to youth in the WCER Summer Activity Brochure. Nearly 700 individual sign ups took place. Traditional offerings such as Drivers Education, band, golf and art classes continue to be popular. This year BMX for Beginners and LEGO- We do Robotics were new offerings that turned out being very popular. Several collaborations take place throughout the year- but two popular ones this summer were Dance Team Day Camp with the Willmar Cardettes and Wish I had a Horse Camp with U of M Extension/4-H Horse Program members. The younger kids love having the older kids as their "teachers" and role models.

Adult Enrichment opportunities are also offered throughout the year. Summer is the "off season" for adults. However; CPR, First Aid and computer classes continue to draw a crowd. Fall and Winter are

more popular for adults to participate in programming. Other highlights include frequent visits to the Community and Activity Center. This building continues to have more and more going on all the time. The summer park program called HAWK (Healthy Active Willmar Kids) has had good participation at each of the eight sites. It is a collaborative effort between several local agencies and serves about 300 youth each summer. The WCER Fall Activity Brochure is scheduled to be distributed in mid August. It will cover the months of September –December.

Jodi Wambeke Early Childhood Family Programs Coordinator

Ann Trochlil Community Engagement Specialist

Early Childhood Family Education SY 14-15

- 28 ECFE classes
 - 276 children and 225 parents attended
 - 1040 total hours of programming
- 10 Parent only class
 - 88 parent attended
 - 42 children attended
- 9 WOW events
 - 896 children attended
 - 818 parents attended

School Readiness Preschool

- 10 sections of preschool
 - 162 received some service throughout the year
 - 111 qualified for free or reduced lunch
 - 38 on an IEP
 - 71 identified as English Learners

End of year data attached

Early Childhood Screening

- 325 screened
 - 128 - 3 year olds
 - 145 - 4 year olds
 - 44 - 5 year olds
 - 8 – 30 days or less of kinder enrollment

The next couple of pages will show the data for our 4 year old program participants from the 2015 School Year. The results show significant growth in all areas assessed. Given the demographics of the children served in these programs we are very pleased with the results of the data collected.

Rhyming



Alliteration



Picture Naming



Letter Naming

