

PANTHER NATION NRHEG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School and Community Activities and Information

PROUDLY EMBRACING THE COMMUNITIES OF: NEW RICHLAND, HARTLAND, ELLENDALE, AND GENEVA

2024 Summer & Fall

Activities

SCHOOL STARTS
SEPTEMBER 3RD

Look inside for important back-to-school information!

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Community Education

ADVISORY COUNCIL

WE NEED YOU!

Our Community Education Advisory Council has several seats open. The council meets 4 times per vear, dates TBD based on our volunteer's schedules during the academic year. Each meeting is approximately 1 hour in length.

If you are interested in serving on our council, please email Macy Whiteside at mwhiteside@nrheg.k12.mn.us or call 507-417-2667. Your input is important to us! Thank you for considering joining our team.

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PISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION: Our Mission: Empowering students with knowledge and skills to succeed.

Our Vision: To be the school district of choice, inspiring excellence in academics, arts, and activities.

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How to Become a Community Education Instructor:

Do you have a special talent or skill to share with others? Every year NRHEG Community Education seeks individuals to hire as independent contractors to instruct our classes (youth or adult). While some of our instructors are professionals, we actively recruit people who have hobbies or expertise in an area, which can be developed into a class or workshop! Currently, we are looking for a co-dance instructor for our Youth Dance Program (serves approx. 65 children per season) located in New Richland or Ellendale for our surrounding communities!

Call Macy at (507) 417-2667, email: mwhiteside@nrheg.k12.mn.us or stop in-person (Monday-Thursday 8:00-3:00pm at the New Richland Secondary School) to learn more about our instructor gualifications and responsibilities.

NRHEG District Newsletter July 2024

Important Back to School Information

School Begins Tuesday, September 3, 2024

A Letter from the Superintendent

As we transition into the summer months, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible progress we've made together throughout the school year and discuss our plans for the upcoming summer break.

First and foremost, I want to express my deepest appreciation to our staff members. Your unwavering commitment to our student's success is truly commendable. Your hard work and resilience have not gone unnoticed, and your passion for education is a constant source of inspiration. It is because of you that our students have thrived this year.

Our school community came together like never before to ensure our students received the quality education they deserve. From implementing innovative teaching strategies to providing essential support services, we've demonstrated our commitment to providing the best education possible for our students.

As we look ahead to the summer months, our focus remains on supporting our students' continued growth and development. The break offers a well-deserved opportunity for rest and relaxation, but it's also a crucial time for exploration and enrichment. That's why we're excited to offer a range of summer programs and activities. These are not just opportunities; they are stepping stones towards a brighter future for our students.

From academic enrichment programs to sports camps, a summer food program, and creative arts workshops, there's something for everyone to enjoy. These opportunities not only help prevent the "summer slide" but also foster a love of learning that extends beyond the classroom.

I encourage our students and families to take advantage of these summer opportunities and maximize the break. Together, we will continue to build a brighter

future for our community.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and dedication. I wish you all a safe, enjoyable, and rejuvenating summer break. Warm regards,

Michael Meihak Proud to be a Panther

What can be found on our website, nrheg.kl2.mn.us/pages/NRHEG

Important information for Parents & Students like our: *Back to School Information *Student Handbooks *School Supply Lists *JMC Parent Access *High School Registration Manual *1:1 Mobile Device Orientation, Forms & Fees *Activities Calendar *Staff directory with Phone Numbers & Email Addresses *Meet the Teachers *Lunch Payment *Lunch Menus *Announcements *Forms from the Nurse *Inclement Weather Information *Contact Us *Transpiration Information *Environmental, Health & Safety Notices *Employment

Select District or Select a School, navigate the site or for assistance call Sue Kulseth at 507-465-3205 for help locating just what you are looking for. It's all THERE!

Important Elementary Information

*Elementary Student Conference Days—September 3, 2024 and September 4, 2024. We are continuously looking for ways to improve our efforts to support communication between our families and our school. Our 1st-5th grade students are still planning one conference per student, and parents and guardians are asked to come to school with their child, at the assigned time to meet with their child/s teacher for an individual conference. Kindergarten families will meet in small groups for a 30-minute conference.

During these scheduled conference times, teachers will have an opportunity to share with both parents and students information about the grade level curriculum, daily classroom schedules, grading, classroom rules, and student expectations. The time with the teacher will be scheduled for 30 minutes on either Tuesday, September 3 or Wednesday, September 4. A portion of the conference will be a personal meeting with the teacher. The other portion of the conference will allow time for the teacher to assess and gauge where each student is at academically. This way, the teacher can plan ways to best support your student on the first day of instruction. During the student time with the teacher, parents and/or guardians will have time to fill out the necessary paperwork, and to speak with our Physical Education, STEAM, and Music teachers.

After the 30-minute conference, students will be dismissed for the day and will return on Thursday, September 5th for their first full day of school (Kindergarten will follow a separate schedule). Conference Days information will be mailed to families August 5th and will be available on the school website nrheg.k12.mn.us.

School Hours for both sites will be from 8:30 am to 3:05 pm. All elementary students are dismissed at 3:05 p.m. The only students that remain at the elementary site from 3:05 pm to 3:20 pm will be the Ellendale-Geneva bus route students. All New Richland-Hartland students and Ellendale students who walk, and those who are picked up by families, will be leaving at 3:05 pm. Students living in town are asked to not arrive at school before 8:00 a.m.

Elementary (Bridges – 5th Grade) Individual Student Pictures will be taken Tuesday, September 10th. Pictures will be taken in the elementary media center. Photo package information and cost will be available on Day One. Picture money envelopes will be sent home with the students in the Thursday Sept 5th. Please complete the information on the envelope and send with your child with money- (exact change or check written out to *Brant Hemingway Photography*). PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD'S PICTURE TAKEN EVEN IF YOU DO NOT PURCHASE A PACKAGE. These pictures are used for our Elementary Memory Book.

Secured Entrance at NRHEG Elementary (East Entrance Door # 3, on School Street) When arriving to NRHEG Elementary School all parents/visitors are expected to enter the building using the EAST ENTRANCE. The office staff will identify you on their camera and unlock the door allowing you to enter the school. <u>ALL VISITORS MUST REGISTER IN THE OFFICE. YOU WILL THEN RECEIVE A VISITOR'S PASS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO AN EVENT OR CLASSROOM.</u> This system will be in place from 8:30 a.m.-2:50 p.m. during each school day.

Bus Pick Up/Drop Off Locations in Ellendale To ensure that our students may safely travel to and from school, the district has identified the railroad tracks as a hazardous crossing. Therefore, there will be two pick up points for students living in Ellendale, one on each side of Highway 30.

North Pick Up in Ellendale Location: Southwest corner of 4th Street and 4th Ave. This is the location of the <u>former</u> United Methodist Church. Students are to wait on the sidewalk until the bus arrives.

<u>South Pick Up in Ellendale</u> Location: On the north side of 7th Avenue between 3rd and 4th Streets. This is the parking area for the Bonnerup Funeral Home.

School Drop-Off/Pick-Up ZONE Enter from 8th Avenue (directly behind Al's Body Shop) and drop off/pick up your child at the south end of the sidewalk by Doors #8 & 9. Please exit using the west entrance of the parking lot. In an effort to maintain student safety we are asking parents to use the south location as their pick up and drop off point.

Students are not to be dropped off or picked up in the north parking lot or on the east side of school during the ours of 7:30-8:30 am and 2:45-3:30 pm. Students dropped off will not have access to entering the building until 7:45 am. Families will have the option to use our paid SAC (School Age Care) service that are available, but there is a fee associated with this service**

Important Phone Numbers

Craig Kopetzki, Elementary Principal: 507-684-3181 Jean Greenwood, Administrative Assistant: 507-416-2101

Attendance Line: 507-416-2160 Nurse Line: 507-416-2105

Important Transportation Information

Each school day:

- * the New Richland morning shuttle buses depart the New Richland Secondary School (east side) at 7:55am to transfer students to the Ellendale Elementary School.
- * the <u>Ellendale morning shuttle buses</u> depart from the Ellendale Elementary School (east side) at 7:55am to transfer students to the New Richland Secondary School.
- * the New Richland afternoon shuttle buses depart the New Richland Secondary School at 3:10pm to transfer students to the Ellendale Elementary School.
- * the <u>Ellendale afternoon shuttle buses</u> depart the Ellendale Elementary School at 3:10pm to transfer students to the New Richland Secondary School.

*Route drivers will be contacting families with necessary information.

If you have questions regarding transportation needs, please call Dan Schmidt, NRHEG Transportation Site Manager at 507-417-2644 or email dschmidt@nrheg.k12.mn.us

Important District Information

Title 1 Help Available K-5. Title I is a Federally Funded Program to provide supplemental help to students who need help in the basic skills of reading and/or math. Title I help is available to students in grades K-5 who need extra help in reading and/or math. Two Title 1 teachers and four paraprofessionals assist students with building reading and math skills. Questions? Please contact Sara Ihrke, Title 1 Teacher/Coordinator.

Minnesota Education Credits: Have you heard about the Minnesota K-12 Education Credits? If not, you may be missing out on money you're entitled to. These credits can lower your tax bill, and even mean a larger refund when you file your Minnesota Income Tax return. Two programs to help you pay for school expenses. Minnesota has two programs to help families pay expenses to their child's education: the K-12 education subtraction and the K-12 education credit. The subtraction and credit are both based on the actual expenses you paid during the year to help your dependent child's K-12 education, so keep your original receipts for educational instruction and materials, showing how much you spent. You'll need them in order to receive these credits and subtraction.

What kind of expenses qualify? Most expenses paid for educational instruction or materials used during the normal school day qualify, including: school supplies (pencils, pens, notebooks, folders, etc.), tutoring fees, fees for after school enrichment programs, summer academic camp tuition, music lessons and musical instrumental rental, home computer hardware and educational software, and non-religious textbooks. Public, private, parochial or qualified home school expenses qualify.

For more information and to find out if you are eligible for the subtraction, the credit, or both, check out our website at www.taxes.state.mn.us or call 651-296-3781 or 1-800-652-9094 and order the Minnesota K-12 Education Subtraction and Credit fact sheet.

Important Secondary Information

Open House for grades 6-12, 4-8pm Wednesday, August 30. Meet the staff, get student schedules, fill out paperwork, and attend general information sessions.

6th Grade Orientation will be held during the Open House at 6:30 p.m. in the upper commons. The Orientation program will last approximately 1.5 hours. Students and parents should enter through the east doors located on the ramp closest to the office-Door #1E.

School Begins September 3, 2024. School Hours are 8:28 a.m. - 3:05 p.m. Students living in town are asked to not come to school before 8:00 a.m. Secondary school pictures for students 6-11th grade will be Thursday, September 12.

First day of school **ALL** students & faculty will report to the HS Gym at 8:28 a.m. for a meeting. At 9:05am there will be class meetings, 6th grade report to your 1st hour classroom, 7th grade in Mr. Belcourt's room, 8th grade in Mr. Domeier's room, 9th grade on the east side of gym bleachers, 10th grade in the band room, 11th grade in the lower commons, 12th grade in the choir room. HS locker assignments will be posted in the commons area. MS locker assignments will be posted on the fire doors by the office.

Interquest Detection Canines - School Detection and Deterrence Programs. NRHEG Schools have contracted the services of Interquest Canines. They will be providing random, unannounced visits. Their comprehensive detection and deterrence program has one objective: to reduce the presence of drugs, alcohol, abused medication and weapons on campus and school grounds. They accomplish these objectives through the use of scent trained detection canines. Any vehicle on school property is subject to search. You can get more information at www.interquestk9.com/index.htm

Secured Entrance at NRHEG Secondary. When arriving at NRHEG Secondary Building/District Office after 8:28 a.m. all students, parents and visitors are expected to enter the building using the main entrance on the east side of the building, Door 1E. After stepping through the first set of doors, you will need to turn to the right and ring the buzzer just to the left of the door. The office staff will then identify you on their camera and buzz (unlock) the door which will allow you to enter the office. ALL VISITORS MUST STOP AND REGISTER IN THE OFFICE. YOU WILL RECEIVE A VISITOR'S PASS BEFORE PROCEEDING INTO THE BUILDING. This system will be in place from 8:28 a.m.-3:05 p.m. each school day.

School Hours

High school hours will be from 8:28 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. Students living in town are asked to not come to school before 8:00 a.m.

Handbooks & Supply Lists can be found on our website.

Grant Berg, Secondary Principal: 507-417-2603 Nikki Cromwell, Administrative Assistant: 507-417-2601 Attendance Line: 507-417-2677 Nurse Line: 507-417-2606 Athletic Director: 507-417-2628

Important Fall Sports Information

FALL SPORTS START DATES

JH/Varsity Cross Country	August 12th
9 th , 10 th and Varsity VB	August 12 th
9th, 10th and Varsity FB	August 12th
Junior High Football	August 26th
Junior High Volleyball	August 26th



Online Registration - We have moved to online registration for 7-12 activities.

All athletes must register online. Payments can be made online or in the high school office. An email will be sent to all families once the online registration is open.

All Sports Rules Meeting Thursday, August 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the New Richland High School Gym. This meeting is required for ALL athletes and their parents in grades 9-12 that plan to participate in athletics during the 2024-2025 school year. We will be covering the MSHSL By-laws as well as district policy regarding student eligibility. Reminder that all participants must have a current sports qualifying physical on file at the school before you will be allowed to participate. Physicals are required every three years.

VARSITY HEAD COACHES

Volleyball	Bethany Tennis	Cross Country	Larry Nydegger
Football	Marc Kruger	Cheerleading	Bailie Thom

Senior Citizen Passes

All Senior citizens age 65 and older are allowed free admission. A pass is required for admittance. Your pass may be picked up at the District Office in New Richland or ordered at the Ellendale office. If you are not able to make it to one of the offices to obtain your pass please contact the District Office in New Richland at 465-3205.

NRHEG Athletic Schedules

can be obtained at the school website:

nrheg.k12.mn.us/pages/NRHEG_Under "Links" click on Activities Calendar

You can also find activities schedules on a new site called the NRHEG Turbo Team Site which can be found at http://www.nrheghs.rschoolteams.com/ This site has links to schedules, results and social media related to NRHEG activities.

The Gopher Conference also hosts a site with our activities calendar at: http://gopherconference.org/public/genie/7/school/5/

NOTIFY ME FEATURE

We would also encourage everyone to sign up for the Notify Me feature that can be found on the menu on our Activities Calendar site. Simply click on "Notify Me" and set up a customized account to receive notifications via email or text for any activities you choose. This is especially helpful when events are postponed, cancelled or changed.

Important Health Services Information

Please visit the NRHEG district website and look under "departments" and "health services" to find information regarding mandatory immunizations, medications at school, dietary accommodations, as well as information about common illnesses and guidelines for school attendance when ill. If you have questions about immunizations or want to discuss medical needs of your students, please call 507-417-2606. Have a great year!

Nurse Bergstrom & Nurse Petsinger

Important District Special Education Services Information

Minnesota Public Schools are required by law to provide a free, appropriate education to all children with handicaps birth through 22 years of age. As part of our district's commitment to this law, we encourage parents who have questions regarding special needs of their children to contact the Director of Special Education, Geoffery Wagner at 507-835-5046.

"Special Education" is instruction, specific to the child, at no cost to parents, to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability. It is important to note: Students with disabilities are general education students first. They receive special education support services in conjunction with the general education curriculum. Special education is an instructional service, not a place. Special education services must be reasonably calculated to allow the student to benefit from instruction. If the student is receiving benefit from the special education services, the student will progress at his/her own individual rate. A student who has a disability will always have the disability and would not be expected to progress in all areas at the same rate as his/her regular education peers.

To qualify for special education services a child must have a disability. The child must meet State eligibility criteria in one or more of the following areas:

- *Speech or Language Impairment
- *Visual Impairment
- *Deaf-Blindness
- *Developmental Delay (Birth to Age 7)
- *Developmental Cognitive Disability: Mild Moderate
- *Developmental Cognitive Disability: Severe-Profound
- *Physical Impairment
- *Specific Learning Disability
- *Other Health Disability
- *Traumatic Brain Injury
- *Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- *Emotional or Behavioral Disorder
- *Autism Spectrum Disorders
- *Severe Multiple Impairments

An evaluation is used to document the existence of a disability. Below average academic performance **alone** does not qualify a student for special education.

Each year, the district attempts to locate all children with handicaps through various methods such as articles in the local newspaper, radio spots, census takers and an annual Early Childhood screening program which screens children ages three (3) to five (5). The district also works very closely with the county social services, nursing agencies, local clinics, hospitals and through the Help Me Grow referral site.

Parents and students 18 years old or older have a right to inspect the student's records and can do so by making either a verbal or written request at the principal's or superintendent's office. A small fee may be charged if the parent desires copies. However, if the parent cannot pay this fee, the fee will not prevent the parent from receiving copies.

Public schools are considered government agencies and, in general, are subject to both State and Federal government record management laws. Record retention policies are decided by individual school boards that must adhere to these laws. Minnesota has a model School District General Retention Schedule, but this does not specify a set length of time for special education records. Destruction of records must be under a uniform policy adopted by the school board and approved by the Minnesota Records Disposition Panel. Parents must be notified prior to the destruction of the child's records. The special education confidential file (hard copy) is retained 5 years after which the student turns 22 years of age, including deceased students. At this time, the file will be destroyed. Parents or students who are age 18 or older will be informed of and receive the Notification of Special Education Records Retention and Destruction Policy upon entrance into special education and again at graduation/aging out of services.

Parents may file a complaint if they feel a disagreement has not been satisfactorily resolved. This complaint must be in writing and should be addressed to the principal of the building the student attends. If unresolved at this level, it should then be sent to the Superintendent. If still unresolved, it should be sent to the chairperson of the school board.

Section 504

Section 504 is a federal anti-discrimination law that protects the rights of individuals with disabilities in programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education (29 USC §794,701 et seq.). Recipients of this federal financial assistance include public school districts, institutions of higher education, and other state and local education agencies. It requires a school district to provide a "free and appropriate education," (FAPE) to each qualified student with a disability who is in the recipient's jurisdiction, regardless of the nature or severity of the student's disability (34 C.F.R. § 104.33(a). Under Section 504, FAPE provides regular or special education and related aids and services that are designed to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities as adequately as the needs of individuals without disabilities are met. 34 C.F.R. § 104.33(b)(1)(i).

NRHEG is committed to fulfilling the obligations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. The district has systems in place to identify, evaluate and provide educational services to students with disabilities in a manner that is as similar to their non-disabled peers as deemed appropriate.

Parents and students have a right to request an evaluation if they suspect the student has a disability which affects their educational progress. Parents and students have a right to be part of the educational team that determines the methods of evaluation, the interpretation of the evaluation results and the development of the Individual Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan should one be required. Parents and students who have questions regarding the process can contact the Special Education Office at 507-835-5046.

Auxiliary aids and services are available for school sponsored events. Please contact the school 72 hours prior to the event to make a request. Examples of auxiliary aids or services may include: sign language interpreter, assistive listening kit, accessible meeting location, large print or Braille materials, etc.

Important 2024-2025 School Year Environmental, Health & Safety Notices

NRHEG Schools continues to address environmental, health & safety (EHS) issues in a proactive manner. NRHEG Schools works with the Institute for Environmental Assessment (IEA) to provide safe and healthy environments for our community's youth and employees.

Asbestos--Each year, the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires NRHEG Schools to provide an update on asbestos activities to building occupants.

Asbestos is a mineral fiber associated with increased levels of disease when inhaled. Properly maintained, asbestos containing materials pose no health hazard to building occupants. Asbestos is only dangerous when it is broken loose from building materials into fine, dust like fibers and inhaled.

Our asbestos management plan has been implemented as of July 9, 1989. Since that time, NRHEG Schools completes various activities to control asbestos hazards within the facilities. Periodic surveillances are conducted every six months to check for damage to the asbestos containing materials. Specially trained contractors repair damages identified. In addition to periodic surveillances, the buildings are re-inspected every three years. The purpose of the re-inspection is to have a federally certified asbestos inspector reassess the condition of the material. The most recent re-inspection was conducted April 2022, the next one is scheduled for Spring 2025.

The asbestos management plan is maintained in the district office and in the administrative offices of each building. It is available for review during school office hours.

Short-term workers (outside contractors, telephone repair workers, electricians, exterminators, etc.) shall be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short-term workers shall contact the lead maintenance before commencing work to be given this information.

Indoor Air Quality--NRHEG Schools has developed a district-wide indoor air quality (IAQ) program designed to help ensure that the school provides a safe environment for students and staff. Each school in the district will be evaluated on an annual basis for potential indoor air quality problems.

The evaluation will include several steps. Ventilation systems will be examined to make sure they are functioning properly and providing adequate fresh air. Visual inspections will be conducted to determine the potential for mold growth. Cleaning practices will be reviewed to ensure that cleanliness is maintained and that the cleaning supplies used are safe yet effective. A portion of staff members will be interviewed annually regarding indoor air quality issues. If problems are found, they will be addressed appropriately.

Additional information about the NRHEG Schools IAQ program can be obtained by contacting Scott Schuller at (507) 417-2653.

Pest Control Materials--NRHEG Schools uses Ecolab, a licensed professional pest control service firm, for the prevention and control of rodents, insects, and other pests in and around the district's buildings. The program consists of:

- 1. Inspection and monitoring to determine whether pests are present and whether any treatment is needed.
- 2. Recommendations for maintenance and sanitation to help eliminate pests without the need for pest control measures.
- 3. Utilization of non-chemical measures such as traps, caulking, and screening.
- 4. Application of EPA-registered pest control materials when needed.

Pests can sting, bite, cause contamination, damage property, and spread disease; therefore, we must prevent and control them. The long-term health effects on children from the application of such pest control materials, or the class of materials to which they belong, may not be fully understood. All pest control materials are chosen and applied by a licensed, professional pest control service.

Along with pest control measures, NRHEG Schools applies herbicides and fertilizers to our grounds to control weeds and improve the quality of our grass.

Parents of students may request to receive prior notification of any application of a pest control material or herbicide. Any expenses associated with prior notification may be charged to the requesting parent.

Drinking Water Testing--NRHEG School District conducts testing in accordance with The Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act and the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.335. This is conducted every five years. Any person interested in discussing the district Lead in Drinking Water program or results, please contact the district office for access to the documentation.

Radon Testing-NRHEG School District conducts radon testing according to Minnesota Department of Health "Radon Testing Plan" (Minnesota Statute 123B.571). This is conducted every five years. Any person interested in discussing the district Radon Testing program or results, please contact the district office for access to the documentation.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Schuller (507) 417-2653.

Important Food Service Information

We're excited to share that for the upcoming 2024-25 school year, NRHEG's Food Service will continue to provide FREE meals to all students. Last year, Minnesota introduced a permanent fully funded program ensuring all students have access to free breakfast and lunch during the school day. Please note second entrees or A la carte items will incur charges.

NRHEG schools will continue to collect Applications for Education Benefits to determine eligibility for free or reduced-price meals. Eligibility for programs like the Free Summer Food Service, currently active this summer, is contingent upon free and reduced-price eligibility. Students and families may also qualify for other program fee reductions based on their eligibility.

Farm to School grant: Once again, our Food Service has been honored with the Farm to School Full Tray Grant, amounting to over \$20,000 for the 2024-25 school year, along with an equipment award of \$1,984. This grant enables us to collaborate with local farms annually, supporting the purchase of locally grown and raised foods in Minnesota.











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EARNING

What is Community Education?

Community Education is an opportunity for local citizens, community schools, agencies and institutions to become active partners in addressing education and community concerns. Community Education embraces these beliefs: education is a lifelong process, everyone in the community shares a responsibility for the mission of educating all members of the community and citizens have a right and responsibility to link the needs of the resources to improve their community.



Services



Classes provide youth and adults with educational and recreational programs to gain new skills and knowledge while building strong connections and empowering the community

Early Childhood Services

- Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)
- Panther Preschool
- Early Childhood Screening

Facilities Rental

Need gathering space? We have it!

Facility Scheduling & Requests

Requests for the use of school facilities are made through the Community Education Office. Please contact the office at 507-417-2667 and ask for a facility use form or go to the NRHEG website and find the form under Community Education. A minimum of three week notice for use of facilities is required.

BECOME AN INSTRUCTOR!!

Share your talents with Community Education.

Community Education classes are flexible and designed to meet the needs of our instructors and the community. Volunteer and salaried positions are available.

For more information call: 507-417-2667

email: mwhiteside@nrheg.k12.mn.us

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS: Through the generous donation from the EF Johnson Foundation, we are able to offer \$50.00 scholarships per child for summer & fall programming – visit our website for guidelines and download the application or get one from your school office or email Macy at mwhiteside@nrheg.k12.mn.us! *Income eligibility based*

off of the free/reduced lunch scale.



BIRTHDAY PARTY GYM RENTAL

Is your child having a large birthday party this year and you don't want to host it at home? Then give us a call about renting our school gym & cafeteria! We help clean up the mess and provide your birthday party crew with basketballs, dodgeballs, footballs, a parachute, hoola-hoops, jump ropes, kick balls, etc. Gym Party Rental fee is \$60 for 2 hours of gym time for free play/games and cafeteria time to eat. Call 507-417-2667 or email mwhiteside@nrheg.k12.mn.us to check on gym availability (Ellendale or New Richland) and to schedule your party!



- *A program of Community Education
- * Full-time, Part-time, or **Prop-in Care available**
- * You can register anytime!
- * Homework help upon Request
- * Fun recreational activities
- * Breakfast & Snacks included
- * Care on non-school days
- * Care available ALL SUMMER!
- * Arts & Crafts
- *Field trips
- *Summer reading program

YOU CHOOSE YOUR SCHEDULE AND PAY **ACCORPINGLY!**



(3-5 years old)

Hours 6:45am to 5:45pm, Monday-Friday YEAR-ROUND

All day care is available for children enrolled in Panther Preschool in Ellendale or New Richland

(minimum enrollment numbers required)

School Age Care

(Bridges/Kind. - 5th grade)

Hours 6:45-8am & 3:00-5:45pm YEAR-ROUND

Before and/or After School care located at the New Richland & Ellendale School buildings

> For more information call Macy at 507-417-2667 or email mwhiteside@nrheq.k12.mn.us

> > Visit our website:

https://www.nrheg.k12.mn.us/domain/680







IS YOUR FAMILY INCLUDED ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CENSUS?

Has there been a birth in your family? Have you recently moved into your neighborhood? Is there a new family in your neighborhood? ISD 2168 wants all families with young children to know about our programs and activities. Being on the school census also ensures that you will receive information regarding Early Childhood Family Education classes, Early Childhood Screening, and the Panther Preschool program information. In addition, funding for our Early Childhood Programs is based on the number of children on our census.

It is important that everyone be counted! To be added to the census, please call Karla at our school office, 417-2605 or find the form on our Community Education Website at www.nrheg.k12.mn.us under the community education tab.

Early childhood screening is mandated by the State of Minnesota for all children entering Kindergarten. The best time to have your child screened is between the ages of 3 and 4.



A navigator connecting pregnant and parenting families with young children (birth-8 years old) with services in their local communities that empower families to be healthy and safe.

is an interagency collaboration between Minnesota's Departments of Education, Health and Human Services. For more information, visit

https://helpmeconnect.web.health .state.mn.us/HelpMeConnect/



SCREENING



Are you concerned about your child's development? Help Me Grow is a group of service providers working together to help area families. They provide free early intervention referral services to help families find and coordinate resources for their children aged birth to 5 years old.

- Help Me. Grow provides. Resources for families to understand developmental milestones and learn if there are concerns. This helps families take the lead in seeking additional support or referring their child for a comprehensive, confidential screening or evaluation at no cost.
- Help Me Grow is an interagency initiative of the State of Minnesota Department of Education, Department of Health and Department of Human Services. We partner with all local service. agencies.

Early Childhood Screening is FREE and the earlier the BETTER! When your child turns 3, please call 507-417-2667 to schedule a screening appointment.

UPCOMING SCREENING DATES: October 14-15-16, 2024 at the United Methodist Church in Ellendale

NRHEG Panther

PRESCHOOL





NRHEG Community Education and our School Readiness Programs take pride in investing in our youngest learners and in preparing children and families for success in school.

Registration Forms will be accepted starting Monday, March 11th.

NKHEG Panther Preschool provides programming designed to help early childhood learners prepare for Kindergarten. Our program is designed for all families. Three year old students are in the New Richland Secondary School or the Ellendale Elementary School and participate in 2 day-a-week programming in the morning. Four year old students are located in the New Richland Secondary School or the Ellendale Elementary School and have options of 3 or 4 day-a-week programming in the morning or afternoon.

Why do parents choose our preschool program?

Our Students: Children who attend our preschool program enter Kindergarten with foundational skills (social-emotional & academic) and experiences that will help them to be successful in school.

Our Teachers: State licensed & highly qualified in early childhood education, our teachers are dedicated and passionate about our earliest learners.

Our Curriculum & Assessments: Our 123-Learn curriculum is Parent-Aware Approved, research based, developmentally appropriate, and aligned with the MN state learning standards. We utilize TS Gold Assessment (Parent Aware approved) throughout the year along with our KRAT (Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Tool).

Our families: Families are valued partners with the school in supporting their child's learning at home.

Focus on the Transition into school: Our programs are integrated and aligned with Bridges/Kindergarten to make that transition into school smooth and exciting for our youngest of learners.

Wrap-Around Preschool Dayeare







NRHEG CLAY TARGET TEAM

Grades: 6-12. Available in both fall and spring, this league is for students who have a valid gun safety certificate and have an interest in shooting sports. This is the fastest growing high school sport in MN! The State Class Championship represents the largest youth trap shoot in the nation and the MSHSL State Tournament is currently the only one of its kind in the nation.

Fall League: begins in mid-Sept and goes for 6 weeks with no state shoot at the end. It's a great way for students to introduce themselves to the sport before the Spring League. Registration for the Fall League begins in August so being on the mailing list before school starts is very important. Shoots are held at the Owatonna Gun Club. Registration covers 2 rounds of targets per week for the 6-wk season, the cost of league registration, a meal at our fun shoot, and a team shirt.

<u>Spring League:</u> involves weekly shoots one night per week starting the first week of April and going through the MSHSL State Tournament in late June. Shoots are held at the Owatonna Gun Club. Registration covers 2 rounds of targets per week for the 10-wk season, the cost of league registration, state shoot registration, a meal at our fun shoot, & a team shirt.

All students provide their own firearms, ammunition, and safety gear. Students from neighboring school districts without a team or who are home schooled are also welcome to join us!

For more information contact Dan Sorum at 507-417-2627 or email him at dsorum@nrheg.k12.mn.us. If you wish to be placed on the team mailing list email Mr. Sorum your contact information ahead of time.

ALL FEES need to be sent to Mr. Sorum (306 Ash Ave. South, New Richland, MN 56072) with checks made out to NRHEG Community Education with Clay Target in the memo. Registration is set in January so getting on the mailing list is important for up to date information.



Our concerts in the park series will continue for a third season of music for the New Richland area communities! Concerts are held at the New Richland City Park (114 1st St. SE) on Sunday afternoons with free admission (free will offerings are accepted). An additional concert is held prior to each park performance at the New Richland Care Center for its residents.

June 23rd: The Whitesidewalls - The upper Midwest's premier doo-wop, rockabilly and rock and roll band, known for 50's and 60's music will perform the songs we all remember!

<u>July 21st</u>: <u>Just Friends Gospel</u> – The well-known group of singers from the surrounding areas of New Richland, Owatonna, Wells, and Austin.

<u>August 11th: Gold Star</u> – Come and listen to this local band from Mankato who plays a variety of music including classic country, 50's/60's music, and classic rock!

**A food truck will also be available at each concert for your eating pleasure!

**Please bring a chair &/or blankets to sit on.

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, thanks to a Legislation appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage fund.

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Chank You to the State Bank of New Richland, KEEN Bank, and Arcadia bank for their generous donations to the Summer Burst Concert

Series, and a special Thanks to the City of New Richland for the utilization of their park and services for our events!



Flag Football

Grades 1-5th grade this fall

Join Community Education coaches for a beginning football experience that will emphasize having fun and learning the basics of football. Participants will play flag football in small groups against players from their own grade or similar ages. Fundamental skills and basic rules will be taught in a fun and energized atmosphere. Make sure to bring athletic shoes, along with shorts and a water bottle! Wear SUNSCREEN!

Date: Tuesdays & Thursdays, July 9-Aug 8 (no Football week of July 22-26 due to H.S. Football Camp in Bemidji)

Time: 1:00-2:00pm. Cost: \$40/player

Coach: CE staff & HS players **Register by:** Monday, July 8th

Location: (8 total days of playing!)

Ellendale Fields (east side of school on July 9, 11, 16, 18) New Richland Practice Fields (south of school on July 30 and Aug 1, 6, 8)



PICKUP BASKETBALL

ALL AGES this summer

Schedules could vary each week dependent

upon Ellendale & New Richland gym availability and participants' schedules. Please join our Facebook group "NRHEG Pickup Basketball" to find the times, dates, and locations each week!

Cost: \$3 at the door. Leader: John McGinnis

Community Education Youth Dance Program

The purpose of our dance program is to teach the fundamentals of dance in a safe manner and to instill in our students an appreciation of the arts in an enjoyable and comfortable atmosphere. Our main goal is to teach the love of dance as a performing art. We want to give each student the best possible dance experience, to help them gain poise and confidence, as well as encouraging participation in a healthy physical activity.



Instructor: Laura Garlow





Ellendale Elementary Cafeteria

Tiny Dancers (prek): 4:30-4:55pm.

Price: \$245 (or \$35 per month (Oct-April). Costume included)

Preschool age students (3 & 4 years old) will explore movement creatively through learning the fundamentals of ballet and jazz dance along with dancing along to fun music. In class students will also work to strengthen fine and gross motor skills needed in the early years! This class will be full of smiles, twirls and tunes!!

Bridges/Kindergarten – 1st Grade: 5:00-5:30pm

Price: \$252 (or \$36 per month (Oct-April). Costume included)

This combo class will be full of cute jazzy dancing and sweet ballet dancing. We will explore the fundamentals of ballet and jazz dance along with moving creatively to the music. Students will be moving and grooving to upbeat music in jazz and then in ballet we will focus on graceful and precise movements as we tell a story through ballet dance. This class will be full of grooves and tunes!

2-3rd Grade: 5:30-6:00pm

Price: \$252 (or \$36 per month (Oct-April). Costume included)

This combo class will contain both jazz & ballet moves to give your child a feel for these two types of dance! We will explore the fundamentals of both ballet dance and jazz while moving and grooving to upbeat music. Be ready for lots of fun movement and great music all while learning the technique of dance and how ballet and jazz compare.

4th Grade and up: 6:00-6:40

Price: \$330 (or \$48 per month (Oct-April). Costume included)

This class will be full of spunky jazz moves and graceful ballet fluttering. We will explore the fundamentals of both ballet and jazz dance. Your child will also be part of our creative process during classes when we are choreographing our dances. Be ready for lots of fun movement & great music all while learning the technique and method of dance.

Parent & Me (12mo to 3 yrs): 6:40-7:05pm.

(Classes held on the 1st Monday of each month. Oct 7, Nov 11, Dec. 3, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 3, April 7). This class is for your little one and you to move and groove together! We will dance to fun music, learn fun finger plays and work on our fine and gross motor skills together. This class will be full of giggles and wiggles! (Parents will participate the whole time. Socks or bare feet are needed for this class)

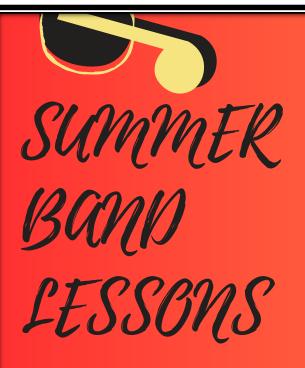


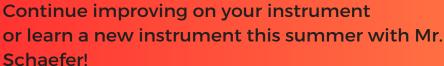
Majority of Classes are held on Mondays.

Rehearsals on Friday

Oct 7, 14, 28. Nov 11, 18, 25. Tues. Dec 3. Fri. Dec 6 January 6, 13, 27. February 3, 10, 24. March 3, 17, 24, 31. April 7, 14, 28. Fri. May 2

Showcase: Saturday Dec. 7th at 10:00am in Ellendale.
Spring Recital: Saturday, May 3 at 10:00am in Ellendale





\$30 FOR A HALF-HOUR LESSON.
WEEKLY LESSONS FROM
JUNE 10TH - AUGUST 30TH

 OTHER RATES AVAILABLE BASED ON NEED, INTEREST, AND FREQUENCY

Open to incoming 5th-12th Grade Students

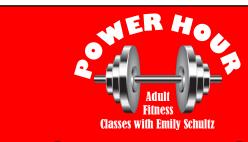
Instruments Offered:

- Band Instruments (available for rent)
- Piano
- Electric/Acoustic Guitar
- Bass Guitar
- Drumset
- Missing One? Just ask!

Interested?

Contact Mr. Schaefer sschaefer@nrheg.k12.mn.us 507-417-2618





MONDAYS - WEDNESDAYS - FRIDAYS 5:00AM TO 6:00AM

LOCATION: NR Secondary School weight room, enter through door #17

ALL FITNESS LEVELS ARE WELCOME!

Join Emily for a unique & customized group workout experience! She understands that every person is unique and every goal is personal, so by working together we can build healthy, happy people! Our unique personalized workout classes offer a wide variety of movements, routines, and challenges based on the strengths of the coach, the equipment available to us and the spaces we are provided. This is a truly customized group fitness class that offers multiple workout options 3 days a week so eventually you will discover multiple options/pathways within each of our workouts to help you achieve your goals!

Session 1	Dates: July 1- August 30	\$85 per person / Y-weeks
Session 2	Dates: Sept 4 — Nov. 1	\$85 per person / 9-weeks
Session 3	Dates: Nov. 4 — Dec. 27	\$75 per person / 8-weeks





Take a look in our next District Brochure (October-December) for our latest offering this fall!

We will typically offer a day trip in Fall (find it in our October-December Brochure) and Spring (look in our April-June Brochure).

So grab some friends and encourage them to sign up too!

Stay Active & Independent for Life

Do you wish you could improve your strength, balance and flexibility?

Do you want to decrease your risk of falling?

This free exercise program is for you



Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL) is an evidence-based exercise program proven to prevent falls and improve health and well-being.

Designed for older adults, SAIL classes include strength, balance, flexibility and moderate aerobic training. Performing exercises that improve strength, balance and fitness are the most important activity that adults can do to stay active and independent. Exercises can be performed seated or standing

ACTIVE AGING PROGRAMS

NEW RICHLAND

EVERY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY 9:00 - 10:00 A.M

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 204 FIRST STREET NW

> Walk-in Registration This is a FREE program



Contact Marlene with question or to pre-register: 507 450 1518

mlevine@ccsomn.org



COMMUNITY EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORM

I registration form per child please

	City:	Zip:
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RETURN FORM TO: NRHEG Community Education. 306 Ash Ave. South, New Richland, MN 56072.

Registration will not be accepted until fee is paid.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION REGISTRATION POLICIES

<u>REGISTRATION INFORMATION</u>. Prompt registration is encouraged as space is limited and classes may fill quickly. Additional class times may be added if needed. Classes without enough participants will be cancelled. Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Waiting lists will be formed once classes are full. Confirmations of class registrations are NOT sent. Please assume you are registered unless otherwise notified. At this time phone and email registrations cannot be accepted. Please register via mail or in person. Include fee payment with registration form, as registrations will not be taken without payment

<u>REGISTRATION</u> FEES. Fees for ALL activities are due at time of registration. Please register by the deadline. Make checks payable to NRHEG Community Education. Please use a separate check for each activity & put the name of the class in the memo line.

TRANSPORTATION. Parents are responsible for their student's transportation unless noted otherwise. When picking up your student from class, please be prompt, as additional supervision is not provided.

CANCELLATIONS. In the event of school cancellation (late start, early out, or all day) classes/activities scheduled during this time will be cancelled. All programs that are cancelled or partially cancelled due to the weather will be attempted to be made up at the convenience of the instructor and facility schedules. No refunds will be given on classes that are cancelled or partially cancelled due to the weather.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION. Families who qualify for the free/reduced price meal program may receive a reduction in class fees. Families may call NRHEG Community Ed to determine if they meet the criteria. South Country Health Alliance (SCHA) members may take up to \$15 discount per class on most classes, limit of 5 discounted classes per year. If a class is less than \$15, the member may take the class free of charge. Members must be on SCHA at the time of registration, and through the duration of the class(es). Members must register in person I the Community Ed office and show SCHA card at the time of registration.

REFUNDS. If a class is cancelled due to low enrollment, fees are refunded or credited to your account. No refunds will be given 72 hours prior to class start date. Refunds will not be made after the first class meeting. Bus trips are non-refundable after the registration deadline and some classes may be non-refundable due to registration requirements. In the event that a class is filled or cancelled, you will receive a cancellation notice by mail, email, or telephone – your registration fee will be refunded.

PHOTOGRAPHY DATA. Candid photos of participants in class or an activity may be used in NRHEG media and publications. You may decline authorization by contacting the Community Education Office at 417-2667



NRHEG Public Schools | 2024-2025 CALENDAR

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19 Student Contact Days

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2 No School—Labor Day 3 First Day of School

20 Student Contact Days

27 End of 3rd Quarter 28 No School—Teacher Planning Day

20 Student Contact Days

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21 Student Contact Days

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1 End of 1st Quarter 4 No School—Teacher Planning Day 5 No School—Staff Development Day 12 Elementary PTC 4-8

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17 Student Contact Days

26 No School—Memorial Day
30 End of 4 th Quarter

21 Student Contact Days

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2	Teacher Planning Day

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20 Student Contact Days

RED - No School for Students/Staff

 No School for Students / Teacher Planning Day /Staff Development Day

YELLOW - End of Quarter

BLUE – PTC (Parent/Teacher Conferences) The first 5 cancelled student instruction days will be identified as Flexible Learning Days and will not be rescheduled. Cancelled days beyond the 5 Flex Days will be rescheduled unless waived by the School Board.

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Summer/Fall 2024 District Brochure



Summer & School 2024-2025 Office Hours:

District Office: Summer: Mon.-Thurs. 7:30-4:00pm, Fri. 7:30-12:00pm

School year: Monday-Friday 7:30-4:00pm.

Elementary School Office: Summer: Office closed June 10 - August 16

School year: Monday-Friday 7:30-4:00pm

Community Education: Summer: Monday-Thursday 7:30-3:30pm

School year: Monday-Friday 7:30-3:30pm.
*contact District Office if CE Office is unavailable/closed