



The Viking Voice

Monthly

February 2024

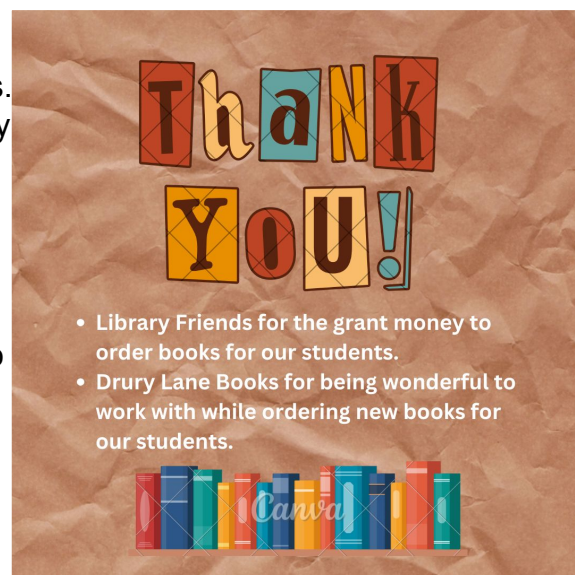


Our students and staff keep moving along with the school year! Our Sawtooth students kicked off the month of February with a Jr Vikings Assembly. We spent time together recognizing students from Sawtooth that have been great examples of JR Vikings. We also focused on reflecting on what we care about and how we can show that to other people. Our Sawtooth theme for the month of February is Caring. This week our 5th graders will be spending three mornings at North House Folk School. They will be participating in a program called Textile Traditions. Over the three mornings at North House they will learn about traditional fabrics and fibers as well as exploring different uses for textiles like clothing and rugs. It's a fun way to get our students out in the community with some authentic hands-on learning experiences. We are very thankful for the resources of North House in our community as well as the partnership on learning opportunities for our students. Senior high students are busy thinking about different testing opportunities that are coming their way. Next week sophomores, juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to take the ASVAB test.

This is a test that is used as a career exploration tool that helps student's match jobs or careers based on interests and experiences. It's a tool we can use to give students an idea of a potential pathway to the world of work or school after graduation. Most people are familiar with its use as a type of entrance exam for the armed forces, but it is also helpful in helping young adults map out their next steps after high school. Interested Juniors are also getting signed up to take the SAT and ACT test in March. We have scholarship opportunities open and waiting for graduating seniors to apply for, and we are already getting things organized for our graduation ceremony on June 1st!

Finally, we have some openings in our softball and baseball programs for assistant coaches. If interested, please check out our website for more information. And we always need more bus drivers!

All the Best,
Josh Belanger



Help is just call or click away



Medical Assistance

Contact your county office or tribal agency.
Find your agency:
mn.gov/dhs/health-care/county-tribal-offices

MinnesotaCare

Call consumer support: 651-297-3862 or 800-657-3672

Renew My Coverage website

Find step-by-step instructions to re-enroll:
mn.gov/dhs/renewmycoverage

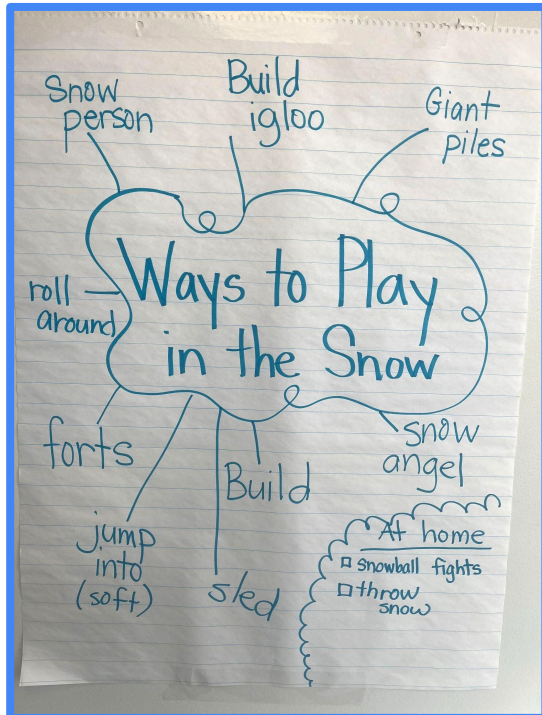
Renewal date look-up tool

Learn when your renewal is due: mnrenewallookup.com



A note from Superintendent Lindholm,
UCare is reaching to school districts across the state to help make sure all eligible Minnesotans keep their health insurance. The goal of outreach spread the word that people on Medicaid now need to renew their health insurance annually.

For more information about Medicaid Renewals, visit
[Renew my coverage / Minnesota Department of Human Services \(mn.gov\).](https://mn.gov/dhs/renewmycoverage)



**First Grade
shows us ways
to enjoy the
outdoors in the
winter season!**

On January 18th, the Unified Club hosted "Live Unified Day!" Unified Club students spoke to individual classrooms about what inclusion means here at Cook County Schools and gave each student a Speak Kindness Sticker. In art class, the Unified Club hosted a coloring contest to decorate the hallways. A winner was picked from each grade level and a prize handed out on Unified Day.





DNR Snowmobile Safety Certification Opportunity!

If your child missed taking Safety in 6th grade and wants to complete the MN DNR Snowmobile Safety certification process, ISD 166 will be hosting a field day on February 27th. Students must complete an online course independently to participate in the field day. Contact Ms. Spoon (espoon@isd166.org) to find out more and get signed up for the online course and field day!

The 2023-2024 Cook County Alpine Ski Team

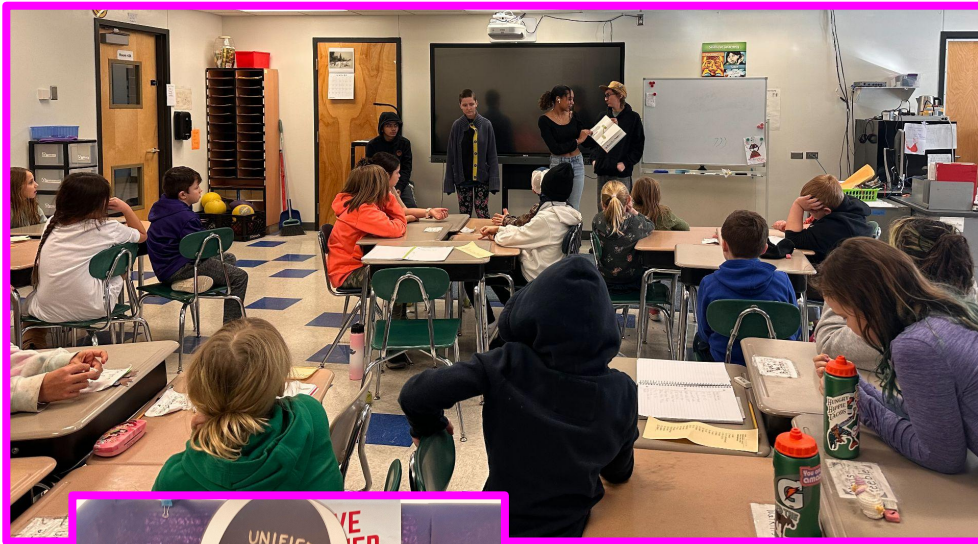
Top Photo L to R: Eloise Silence, Annabelle Silence, Kalina Dimitrova, Ruby Gulstrand, Genevieve Silence

Bottom Photo L to R: Lukas Oberg, Ty Mielke, Ray Dressley, Talon DeBoer, Hans Mehlhaff, Graham Oberholtzer, Rylan Brown, Cy Oberholtzer, Jack Radloff, Finn Taylor, Knut Remmem, August Gulstrand, Goshi Dimitrov





**MRS. MILA'S ART STUDENTS AND
MR. NALEZNY'S CULINARY
STUDENTS HAD FUN RECREATING
A FAMOUS PAINTING USING
CEREAL OR PIZZA TOPPINGS!**



**The Live Unified Club members
speaking to 3rd grade about Kindness
and Inclusion; Teachers Melissa Oberg
and Emma Spoon show their "Live
Unified" Pride!**

Community Events

Don't miss our
Spring Band Concert!
May 20th in the ACA!
6th-12th Grades!



2024

E.A.T.S.

Enriching Academics Through Sustenance

March 7, 2024 at ISD 166 from 5-7pm

Plans are underway for the Cook County School District 166 Education Foundation's annual event!

- ▶ Partake in a delectable array of tasty samples from Cook County restaurants and food vendors.
- ▶ Bid on quality silent auction items donated by our local businesses and individuals.
- ▶ Enjoy fine musical entertainment featuring the North Shore Swing Band while socializing with fellow supporters of the ISD 166 Cook County Schools.



The Cook County Education Foundation is the February Round-Up Program recipient at the Cook County Co-op. If you shop at the Co-op in February, please consider rounding up to support your local Education Foundation's mission is to offer unique experiences for students through innovative instruction and co-curricular programs.

EATS tickets available for purchase in the CCS Main Office! \$30/each

Grand Marais Playhouse Events

Grand Marais Playhouse Auditions!

Feb 5 at 6:30 PM

@ the Arrowhead Center for the Arts

Queens

by Kristin Doherty

Roles for actors, stage manager, light/sound board operator(s), props person. If you have experience in stage light design and want to participate in this production, please contact the Playhouse!

OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOL + ADULT ACTORS

Rehearsals are Monday - Thursday 6-8pm with specific attendance requirements determined by role

Performances scheduled for March 8-10 and 15-17

Synopsis: King Henry VIII is trapped in purgatory, bound to his throne by a sinister Fool and the ghostly Women in White. Here in his gilded cage, he is forced to relive the sins he committed against his queens, mistresses and people of the court, over and over again, for an eternity.

DIRECTED BY SUE HENNESSY



playhouse GRAND MARAIS

AFTER-SCHOOL THEATER CLUB!

Mondays 3:30- 5pm,
Performance Acting Class
Grades 6-8,
Feb. 5- April 15, \$100

Tuesdays 3:30- 5pm,
Performance Acting Class for
Grades 3-5
Feb. 6- April 16, \$100.

Wednesdays 3:30- 5pm,
Theater club,
No performance
Grades 3-8,
Feb. 7- April 17, \$100

Thursdays 3:30- 5pm,
Performance Acting Class
Grades 9-12
Feb. 8- April 18 - \$100
No classes on school breaks

\$100*
PER CLASS
*Scholarships Available

JOIN US!

REGISTER HERE
grandmaraisplayhouse.com/afterschool

playhouse GRAND MARAIS

Disney • PIXAR
FINDING NEMO
KIDS

AGES 8-18

SUMMER THEATER CAMP

JUNE 10- 21
M- TH, 9-5

\$400*

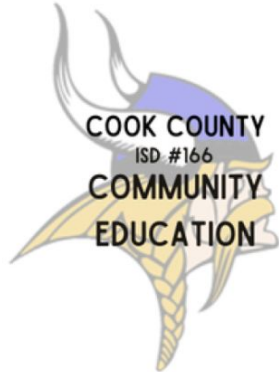
***SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

GRANDMARAISPLAYHOUSE.COM/SUMMER-CAMP



ISD 166 COMMUNITY EDUCATION

DRIVER'S EDUCATION



2024 30-HOUR CLASS OPTIONS

SPRING SESSION

To be eligible to take this class students must be 15 years old by May 17th, 2024

Dates:

- 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- Tuesdays & Thursdays

2/22 (TH), 2/27, 2/29, 3/5, 3/7, 3/19, 3/21, 3/26, 3/28, 4/9

Make Up Date: 4/11/24

Knowledge Test Dates:

4/23, 5/7 & 5/21

Behind-the-Wheel:

June & July

SUMMER SESSION

To be eligible to take this class students must be 15 years old by July 11th, 2024

Dates:

- 9 am - 12 pm

6/10, 6/11 6/12, 6/13, 6/14, 6/15 (S), 6/17, 6/18, 6/20, 6/21

Make Up Date: 6/24/24

Knowledge Test Dates:

6/22, 7/2 & 7/12

Behind-the-Wheel:

July & August

****Dates are subject to change****

Registration for the Spring Class Opens:

December 1st, 2023

<https://cookcountyschools-ar.schooltoday.com/viewmyaccount>

QUESTIONS?

Contact:

Kaye Raden (District Office)

(218) 387-2271 ext 606

Calendar February 2024

Thursday, February 1st

Alpine Ski @ Lutsen

Boys Basketball @ Marshall

Nordic Ski @ Duluth East

Friday, February 2nd

Boys Basketball @ Cromwell

Girls Basketball JV @ Cromwell

Tuesday, February 6th

Alpine Ski @ Giants Ridge Sections

Boys Basketball Home vs. McGregor

5th Grade to North House Folk School

Wednesday, February 7th

Nordic Ski @ Giants Ridge Sections

5th Grade to North House Folk School

Thursday, February 8th

Girls Basketball JV Home Vs. Silver Bay

5th Grade to North House Folk School

Monday, February 12th

Boys Basketball @ Hill City

Tuesday, February 13th

Alpine Ski @ Giants Ridge State

Girls Basketball JV Home vs. McGregor

Wednesday, February 14th

Nordic Ski @ Giants Ridge State

ASVAB

Thursday, February 15th

NO SCHOOL –Teacher PDD

Friday, February 16th

NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 19th

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 20th

NO SCHOOL

Girls Basketball JV @ Duluth Denfeld

Thursday, February 22nd

Knowledge Bowl

Friday, February 23rd

Boys Basketball @ Barnum

Girls Basketball JV @ Barnum

Saturday, February 24th

Boys Basketball Home vs. Blackduck

Monday, February 26th

Boys Basketball Home vs. Bigfork

PTA Meeting, Sawtooth Library 4:30pm

Tuesday, February 27th

Mid-Term

Yearbooks on Sale Now!



www.memorybook.com

Elementary Yearbook
pre-purchases available
through March 15th

\$17 per yearbook
Cash, check or online
Look for more information
in your student's yellow
take-home folder!

Join the PTA!



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Why join the PTA?

- Stay Informed
- Support your student's teachers
- Connect with other parents
- Make a difference!

Email pta@isd166.org and
join anytime!

Next meeting: Feb 26th @
4:30pm in Sawtooth Library

February 2024 Menus

ISD 166 2024 FEBRUARY MENU

Breakfast is a choice of: Breakfast Sandwich, Muffin, Cereal, PBJ, Yogurt, Cheese Stick, Fruit or Juice, Milk
Daily choice of Soup and Sandwich or Salad bar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Cheeseburger Fries Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	6 Burrito Bowl Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	7 Mac & Cheese Popcorn Chicken Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	1 Mashed Potatoes & Chicken Gravy Dinner Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	2 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk
12 Sloppy Joes Fries Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	13 Pancakes, Sausage, Hash browns Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	14 Chicken Alfredo on Penne Pasta Roasted Broccoli Breadsticks Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	8 Cheese Bread With Marinara Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	9 Pizza Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk
19 NO SCHOOL	20 NO SCHOOL	21 Orange Chicken on Rice Roasted Broccoli Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	15 NO SCHOOL	16 NO SCHOOL
26 Chicken Burger Fries Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	27 Nachos Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	28 Penne Pasta in Meat Sauce Bread Stick Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	22 Corn Dogs Baked Beans Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	23 Pizza Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk
			29 Chicken Potpie Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	

Menu Subject to Change

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February 2024 Menus

ISD 166 2024 February Alternate Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Pizza Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	2 Cheese Bread Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk
5 Chicken Tender Wraps Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	6 Quesadillas Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	7 Cheese Bread Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	8 Pizza Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	9 Chicken Nuggets Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk
12 Chicken Tender Wraps Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	13 Quesadillas Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	14 Corn Dogs Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	15 NO SCHOOL	16 NO SCHOOL
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26 Corn Dogs Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	27 Quesadillas Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	28 Chicken Burger Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	29 Pizza Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	

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