



The Breckenridge Broadcast

Back to School Edition

**BRECKENRIDGE
COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD
FAMILY EDUCATION**

Fall 2021





Welcome



Thank you for trusting us with your needs for enrichment, connection and learning.
 We are working diligently to re-develop our programming.
 We are closely monitoring the guidelines and recommendations from
 the Governor and the Minnesota Department of Health and Education.
 Upcoming classes may be held with modified delivery.

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THINGS TO KNOW...

Classes

Register early to ensure a spot in your favorite class.
 All registrations must be made in advance.

Refunds

We will be flexible with our refund policy during
 this period of time. If you are unable to attend a class
 due to being exposed to COVID-19 or showing any
 symptoms of sickness, please contact us in advance to
 discuss your refund options.

Class Modifications

Classes may be cancelled or modified due to the cur-
 rent pandemic. If you are registered, we will notify
 you via email or phone of the changes. Make sure
 your contact information is updated in your online
 Community Education account when you register.

Class Platform

Classes are offered either in-person or using a virtual
 online platform. If you are more comfortable taking a
 class in an online virtual platform, contact us to see if
 a virtual option is available for your class.

Health & Safety is Top Priority

Before attending an in-person class: monitor yourself
 for exposure to COVID-19 or sickness and stay home
 when necessary, we recommend wearing a mask to
 class, practice proper social distancing during class,
 and wash your hands before you enter the class.

Thank you for your commitment to lifelong learning.

We look forward to returning to learning!

Call 218-643-6822 if you have questions.

*It is Breckenridge Public Schools policy to provide equal education oppor-
 tunity for all students. The school district does not unlawfully discrimi-
 nate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital
 status and parental status, status with regard to public assistance, disabili-
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Chanhasen Dinner Theatre Presents... THE MUSIC MAN

The citizens of River City have got trouble... That's a capital T, that rhymes with P and stands for "Professor" Harold Hill. He's a charming, fast-talkin' traveling salesman who goes city to city starting youth marching bands. Hill promises to teach the kids and raises the money to purchase the instruments and uniforms. There's just one person who can't tell the difference between a trombone and a treble clef - Professor Hill. Everyone is simply enamored by Professor Hill, everyone except for the suspicious town librarian, Marian Paroo.

On a campaign to rid River City of the impending demise of their youth, Professor Hill condemns a variety of activities - including Mayor Shinn's new pool table in the town parlor. Shinn, incensed, begins an investigation into Professor Hill's true credentials. Marian sees right through Professor Hill's marching band scheme. She's ready to tell Professor Hill off until she sees her self-conscious little brother, Winthrop, shed his shyness when he picks up a shiny, new cornet. The trouble really begins when Marian's heart beats a little faster for Professor Hill.

Get into a little trouble with Meredith Willson's five-time Tony Award-winning musical featuring the unforgettable songs "Seventy-Six Trombones," "Ya Got Trouble," "Wells Fargo Wagon" and "Till There Was You." Don't miss this classic, all-American musical for every generation.

We'll board a charter bus by the swimming pool parking lot south of the Breckenridge High School at 7:15 a.m. and stop at Charlie's in Freeport for coffee, arriving at the Chanhasen Theatre around 11:00 a.m. for a meal and the 1:00 p.m. matinee performance. Then it's back on the bus for the trip home. We'll stop along the way for a snack and be back between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. Coffee and evening pit stop on your own. No refunds after September 10.

Transportation and admission \$105.00
Wed., Oct. 6
Please register by September 10
Park in swimming pool parking lot

Fall Wreath Making

Mary Jo Schmid, Crooked Lane Farm

Say 'Hello to Fall' and welcome the new season with a colorful wreath. This class is a chance to make a grapevine wreath into a fall decoration for your home. You will be provided with a wreath as well as an abundance of silk and natural dried flowers, plants, and embellishments that will encourage your creativity.

1 class, \$35.00, BHS/501 Art Room
Tues., Oct. 5, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.



Holiday Pine Swags

Mary Jo Schmid, Crooked Lane Farm

Here is a chance to add color to your door this holiday season. This class is a chance to make a basic pine swag that will last through the season or can be designed to keep up through the winter. An abundance of fresh pine and natural dried plants and embellishments will be available to encourage your creativity.



1 class, \$35.00, BHS/501 Art Room
Tues., Nov. 16, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



Junior Wildlife Club

Do you enjoy the outdoors? The Junior Wildlife Club is for youth in the community ages 8 through 16. All activities are free to participants and geared towards introducing kids to wildlife and habitat conservation. Join us for opportunities to explore the great outdoors!

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Fri., Sept. 10 | MN Field Hunt Pre-shoot |
| Sat., Sept. 11 | MN Field Goose Hunt |
| Sun., Sept. 12 | MN Field Goose Hunt |
| Thurs., Sept. 16 | Chahinkapa Zoo Presentation |
| Fri., Sept. 17 | ND Waterfowl Pre-shoot |
| Sat., Sept. 18 | ND Waterfowl Hunt |
| Fri., Oct. 1 | Pheasant Pre-shoot |
| Sat., Oct. 2 | Pheasant Youth Hunt |
| Thurs., Oct. 7 | Maplewood State Park Trip |
| Tues., Nov. 16 | Archery |
| Thurs., Jan. 20 | Ice Fishing 101 |
| Thurs., Feb. 17 | Air Rifle |
| Sat., Feb. 19 | Heitkamp Ice Fishing Derby |
| Thurs., Mar. 17 | Bird House Construction |
| Mon., Apr. 25 | Prairie Wetland Birding Trip |
| Sat., May 7 | Vince Herding Fishing Derby |
| Thurs., May 19 | Outdoor Cooking |

Interested in joining the Junior Wildlife Club? Register and get on the e-mail list by calling: Wahpeton Park & Rec at 701-642-2811 or Cindie VanTassel at 218-643-4374. For more info, visit www.rrasc.net. Find us on Facebook: Red River Area Sportsmen's Club.



Dog Obedience

Mary Morris

This class is for dogs 4 months and older and all skill levels. Dogs must be up-to-date on Rabies/DHLP vaccinations. Kennel Cough vaccination is strongly suggested. For younger dogs the emphasis of this class will be on socialization with people and other dogs, along with obedience work. For older more experienced dogs, the emphasis will be on gaining more control and polishing obedience skills: heel off leash, sit, stand, down, stay and come when called. Information will be offered on continued training, training aids, and problem-solving solutions for difficult behaviors.

Dog obedience training is a continuous process. Plan on spending 15-20 minutes each day working with your pet to gain maximum benefit from this class. Participant must be physically able to walk and control dog during the class. Dog must wear a collar (no harnesses) with a 6 foot leather or web/nylon leash (no chain or flexi leashes). Bring soft training treats and a chair. A parent must attend class with youth trainers under the age of 14.

7 classes, \$60.00, 6:45-8:00 p.m.
Tue., Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26
Breckenridge School Bus Garage
109 North 11th Street, Breckenridge





Community Education



55+ Driver Discount Program Now Available Online For Community Education Programs!

WHAT: To ensure the health and well-being of our students and staff, the Minnesota Highway Safety and Research Center (MHSRC) is partnering with Community Education Programs to provide an on-line option for our 55+Driver Discount Program (55+DDP). We understand these times are stressful for many and people are being stretched financially. MHSRC is currently offering Online Classes for students to either renew their existing discount or start saving 10% off their automobile insurance – even while they are staying home. The cost of the 4 hr. refresher class is \$23.95 and the initial 8 hr. class is \$27.95.



WHERE: Log on with an Internet enabled device where there is a high speed connection. Visit www.mnsafetycenter.org for details. More material can be found under the 55+Driver Discount tab. Contact us at 1-888-234-1294 for further information.

WHEN: Students can take the course anytime that fits their schedule. After signing up for the course they will have 60 days to complete the material. Students can start and stop the course as many times as they require. Upon completion, students can simply download and save their certificate to email to their insurance carrier.

Minnesota Highway Safety & Research Center
www.mnsafetycenter.org 1-888-234-1294.

Defensive Driving Refresher: *Coaching The Experienced Driver*

Mike Belseth

This 4-hour refresher is for drivers who have completed the 8-hour course within the last 3 years. This course will review accident prevention and provide new information on driving rules. Presented in cooperation with the Minnesota Safety Council. Checks are payable to Community Education. Bring a bottle of water.

1 class, \$18.00

Mon., August 30, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Breckenridge High School Auditorium
710 13th Street North, Breckenridge

We have great after school programs! School Age Child Care (SACC)

Laughter, excitement, friends and good times. All these things and more happen at the Breckenridge SACC Fun Club, a place to go to be safe and have fun. Fun Club is a service for families who have children in pre-kindergarten through 6th grade at Breckenridge Public or St. Mary's Schools. Fun Club, located in Room 270 of the Elementary Middle School, is open from 3-6 p.m., Monday-Friday. On days when school lets out early, Fun Club will open at the time of dismissal until 6:00 p.m. Services will be provided on in-service days. Call 218-641-4010 for more information.





Instant Pot (Multi-Cooker)

Pam Dohman

Way more flavor, way less time - no wonder pressure cooking has made a comeback. Nervous to try it? Don't worry, we'll show you how simple - and safe - it can be. Join Pam as she demonstrates how to make two delicious main dishes - Pork Curry and Beef Stroganoff. You will be able to sample these dishes as well as desserts made in the Instant Pot. Register today as class size is limited!



1 class, \$18.00, BHS/505
Thurs., Nov. 4, 6:00-7:30 p.m.



No News is Good News!
 After registering, the only time you will hear from us is . . .
 . . . if there is a change in the time or date.
 . . . if the class is full.
 . . . if the class is cancelled.
 So, if you haven't heard from us - it's good news!



Air Fryer 101

Pam Dohman

Join Pam as she demonstrates how to use an air fryer and shares some helpful tips for the air fryer. She will demonstrate a few techniques in making appetizers and even some tasty veggies. A reminder that the Air Fryer offers many brands and models in today's market. Your selection depends on your needs and lifestyle.

1 class, \$15, BHS/505
Tue., Nov 9, 6:00-7:30 p.m.



Adult Basic Education Classes

Offered online through Moorhead Adult Basic Education
 Want to improve basic academic and life skills?

- Study for the GED in class or online
- Earn remaining high school credits
- Brush up on reading, writing, and math
- Learn English as a second language
- Get ready for college in class or online

Register for online learning classes through Moorhead Adult Basic Education on the Moorhead Area Public Schools website at isd152.org and find ABE on the drop-down menu under Schools. Select Enroll to fill out the Moorhead Adult Education Intake Form. Please call 218-284-3450 with any questions.



Community Education



Leather Earring Making

Leather earrings are the trend, the styles are endless and complete any outfit. Save yourself money and have a blast learning how to make them yourself. Everyone is capable of doing this fun project! Participants will learn how to make a variety of styles. You pick the size, shape, and color so everyone leaves with something they love! They also make great gifts. Everything will be supplied, with a large variety of leather to pick from. Please bring a good craft scissors if you have one. For only \$25 you can make up to three pairs (\$5 for each additional pair).

1 class, \$25, BES/328
(Enter building through south door #1)
Tue., Nov. 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Paint Pour Earrings

Let's get some names crossed off your Christmas lists! This class combines the trend of paint pouring with jewelry making. No two results are the same, creating fun unique jewelry! The base earrings are wood so they are nice and light. All supplies will be provided and you will have a variety of paint colors to choose from. For only \$20 you can make up to three pairs (\$5 for each additional pair).

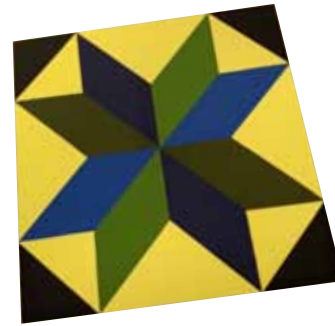


1 class, \$20, BHS/501 Art Room
Thurs., Dec. 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Barn Quilt - 12"x12"

Mary Jo Schmid, Crooked Lane Farm

Travel rural backroads, the streets of small communities, and through farm country of the U.S. and you will find them; Barn Quilts. Barn Quilts are large, flat pieces of wood painted to look like a quilt block. They are comprised of simple geometric shapes and are painted in bright colors, in the same patterns found in handmade quilts.

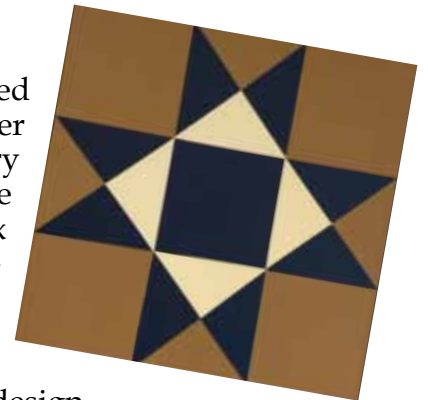


This class offers an opportunity to learn the history of Barn Quilts, the simple techniques of painting them, and create your own barn quilt square. Students enjoy a hands-on learning opportunity that results in each creating their own beautiful personalized Barn Quilt. Materials, patterns, and instruction are provided for painting a 12" x 12" barn quilt. You will choose your quilt design at class.

1 class, \$35.00, BHS/501 Art Room
Thurs., November 4, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Barn Quilt - 2'x2'

Are you interested in painting a larger Barn Quilt? Join Mary Jo at Crooked Lane Farm to paint a 2' x 2' Barn Quilt. Materials, patterns, and instructions will be provided. You will choose your quilt design at class. Bring a sack lunch.



1 class, \$55.00
Sat., November 13, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Crooked Lane Farm
27385 County Road 4, Colfax, ND 58018



Sometimes excellent courses are cancelled because people wait until the last minute to register. Please register early to avoid disappointment for yourself or others.



Pickleball

Pickleball is a fun, easy-to-learn sport that combines tennis, badminton, and table tennis. Come learn how to play the popular, fast-growing sport indoors at the Breckenridge High School. Paddles and balls will be provided. You may join at any time. We welcome novice and experienced Pickleball players of all ages. Stop in to check it out! Weather permitting, we will play pickleball outside on the pickleball courts east of the swimming pool. Class fees go toward new equipment.

17 classes, \$15.00
Wed., Oct. 6-Feb. 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
BHS/Gym Commons Area

Youth Enrichment Program (YEP!)
The Youth Enrichment Program focuses on the development of lifelong hobbies through enriching after-school activities. Third through sixth graders at Breckenridge Elementary and St. Mary's Schools are eligible to participate.

Enjoy activities in the great outdoors this Fall.

- Bike Maintenance Station & Air Pump located at Veterans Memorial Park
- Register your bike at the Breckenridge Police Department
- 9 Hole Fisbee Golf Course at Welles Memorial Park
- Twin Town Skatepark-open daily from 7am-10pm – next to Family Community Center
- Breckenridge Dog Park-next to Family Community Center. Remember to pick up after your dog!

Medicare and Open Enrollment

Foundation for Financial Education, Michael Neppel

Medicare is a national health insurance program for Americans age 65 and over and those receiving Social Security disability benefits. Original Medicare had Parts A & B, it has been expanded to include Parts C & D. In what should be an easy concept, it has become somewhat muddled. We'll clear up any confusion or misconceptions that you might have.

1 class, FREE, BES/233
Tues., Oct 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m.



Social Security Planning: What Baby Boomers Need to Know to Maximize Retirement Income

First Financial Education Centers, Michael Neppel

Social Security is far more complicated than most people realize. Questions like: When should I apply? Are benefits taxed? If I continue to work, what is the earnings test if I am receiving Social Security benefits? Can I still maximize my benefits? It is important for anyone born in 1953 or earlier and who has not started drawing their benefits to see what the impact of "file & suspend" has on maximizing their spousal benefits. The decision you make now will have a HUGE impact on the total benefits you will receive. It is important to have all the facts as you plan for the future. Those attending can request a free report of their own personal claiming strategies.

1 class, FREE, BES/233
Tue., Oct. 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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: Register online today at :
: www.breckenridge.k12.mn.us :
: Follow Webstore link or mail :
: registration form and payment. :
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Welcome to Breckenridge ECFE!

Dear Families,

Welcome to a new school year of Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE). For those new to ECFE, we are a multigenerational program where parents and their children, birth to kindergarten entrance, come for weekly classes to learn and grow together. You are your child's first and most important teacher! ECFE classes support you in this essential role. ECFE classes are designed for you and your child and is unique to Minnesota and is a program of the Breck-

enridge Public School's Community Education. Registration for ECFE classes is ongoing. You are welcome to join our classes anytime during the school year, space permitting. Residents from Breckenridge, Wahpeton and other communities are welcome!



Breckenridge ECFE

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a Breckenridge Area School District Community Education program that strengthens families with young children through education and support. ECFE provides parent-child interaction activities and parent education for families with children birth-5.



The components of most ECFE classes are:

Growing Together: For You and Your Child: Half of each class is devoted to activities planned by a licensed early childhood teacher for parents and children to explore together. Together you can enjoy learning through art, music, stories and a variety of developmental activities. It is an opportunity to learn new ideas, games and activities that you can do at home.

Growing Independently: For Your Child: The remaining portion of each class is for children to have fun learning through play using art, movement, games and stories with the licensed early childhood teacher, the classroom assistant and the other children. New friendships are formed and children discover aspects of "me" while they learn apart from you. The goal of the children's program is to develop a healthy self-concept and a joy of learning.

Growing Confidently - For You: While children take part in the children's program, parents join with other parents in an informal group setting for discussion time led by a licensed parent educator. Being a parent is enjoyable, complex, and at times, stressful. Parents have the opportunity to choose and discuss current family topics, share ideas and concerns and feel encouraged by the support of others.

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- **Sliding Fees and Scholarships**
- **Available for Breckenridge School**
- **District Residents**
- If your budget is too tight to allow for an ECFE class,
- call Laura at (218) 643-6822 to learn more about our
- sliding fee scale and scholarship program.
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Location: Classes are held in the ECFE Center of the Breckenridge Elementary School unless otherwise indicated.

Class Fees: Class fees are indicated with each class description and are payable upon registration. When registering two children for the same ECFE class, pay half the fee for the second child aged one year and over for classes meeting more than one time. No family who resides in the district will be denied participation because of inability to pay.



January Classes-Separating

Feeling snowed in now that the holidays are over? Winter days will fly by when you enroll your 0-5 year old in ECFE! Get out of the cold and join us in our warm and inviting ECFE room filled with fun and laughter! This is where friendships are made! During parent discussion, fill your parenting toolbox with essential tools for successful parenting.

9:30-11:00 a.m., 4 classes
 \$16 for the first child, \$8 for the second child, children under 1 are FREE!
 Fridays Starting Jan. 7-Jan. 28

Santa Claus is coming to town!

Please bring a non-perishable item for the food pantry.

Thurs., Dec. 2, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
 Breckenridge Elementary Cafeteria
 Enter Door #9

ECFE Classes

Registration for ECFE classes is ongoing. You are welcome to join our classes anytime during the school year, space permitting. Residents from Breckenridge, Wahpeton and other communities are welcome!



Inviting all 3 year-olds

Has your child had their Early Childhood Screening?

Early Childhood Screening is a free and simple check of how your child is growing, developing and learning. It is best done when your child is around 3 years old. It is also a requirement for any child entering school in Minnesota.

What to expect at a screening appointment

A trained professional will check:

- Vision and hearing
- Growth, immunizations and movement
- Thinking, language and communication skills
- Social and emotional development

Schedule your child's screening by calling 218-643-6822

ECFE/Home Visiting programs are funded in part by a grant from:





Wilkin County ECI Dental Outreach Clinic

Dental care for Wilkin County children ages 1-12 who are served by Minnesota Care and Medical Assistance. Services include: check-up, cleaning, fluoride, and follow-up.

The clinic will be set up in the Elementary Conference Room at the Breckenridge Elementary School on:

Tue., Sept. 21 & Wed., Sept 22

Appointments must be made in advance by calling 218-998-2218, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

••••• : Have We Got Everybody? •••••

• Are you new to the district? Have you
• moved? Do you have an addition to your
• family? If you have children birth to kin-
• dergarten in your household, be sure that
• all your children are included in the school
• census. Call 218-643-6822 to verify that your
• babies, toddlers & preschoolers are included
• on the school district census. This informa-
• tion helps our district plan for the future.
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Friday Mornings - Separating

Wrap up the week by joining us at our Friday Fun class! Together for the first part of the class, you and your 0-5 year old will enjoy awesome art projects, super sensory activities, fun large motor activities and exploring in our ECFE classroom. Following a circle time filled with songs and stories, parents will adjourn to the Parent Ed room. Topics will be presented by local community leaders on a variety of subjects.

**Session I: Fridays, Oct 1-29, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
(no class Oct. 22)**

**4 classes \$16 for first child, \$8 for second child,
children under 1 are FREE!**

**Session II: Fridays, Nov 5-Dec 10, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
(no class Nov.26)**

**5 classes, \$20 for first child, \$10 for second
child, children under 1 are FREE!**

Home Visiting

Do you have questions or concerns about your role as a parent? Wilkin County Public Health is available to discuss your concerns and suggest resource materials that will provide you with some parenting alternatives. Give them a call at 218-643-7122 to discuss your concerns or to set up an appointment.



Registration Information



REGISTER EARLY

Register promptly using the registration forms provided. Class sizes are limited and many fill rapidly. Don't be disappointed - register early.

ARE YOU IN?

Yes-unless you hear from us. No class confirmations are sent.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If Breckenridge schools are cancelled, Community Education classes are cancelled as well. Cancellations will be announced over the KBMW radio station and on the school's Facebook page.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you have to cancel, we can give a full credit voucher or refund only if you notify the Community Education Office at least one day prior to the first class meeting. In the unlikely event your class is cancelled, we will give a full refund.

PAYMENT

Payment must accompany all registrations. Payment required to hold your spot in class. Supply fees to be paid the first night of class to the instructor.

LOCATIONS

BHS - Breckenridge High School, 710 N. 13th St.

Park on west side and enter through main doors.

BES - Elementary School, 810 Beede Ave.

Park on south side and enter through main doors. (#2)

ECFE - Elementary School. 810 Beede Ave.

Park on south side and enter through main doors. (#2)

4 Easy Ways to Register!

ONLINE: Go to www.breckenridge.k12.mn.us to select classes for Mastercard, Visa or Discover payment

PHONE: 218-643-6822. Phone in your registration using Mastercard, Visa or Discover. Have credit card number and expiration date ready when you call.

MAIL: Send registration form & payment to:
Community Education
810 Beede Avenue, Breckenridge, MN 56520

IN PERSON: Bring registration to the District Office, Room 245 in east wing of the Elementary Middle School. Hours 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

TENNESSEAN WARNING

The information requested in this catalog is for registration purposes. It's intended use is to assist the instructor in knowing who is in the class. You are not legally obligated to supply data. However, failure to do so could result in a course cancellation. Only the CE staff and the course instructor are authorized to access this information.

★ Registration Form ★ *It's Easy To Register!*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone (day): _____

Phone (evening): _____

Cell: _____

Course Title

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Fill in for ECFE Classes

Child's name _____ Date of birth _____

Child's name _____ Date of birth _____

*Supply fee is payable to the instructor the first night of class.
Submit a check payable to Breckenridge Community Education for class fees.*



**On-line registration at:
www.breckenridge.k12.mn.us**





**BRECKENRIDGE
PUBLIC LIBRARY**
a branch of Lake Agassiz Regional Library
218-643-2113 • 205 7th St N • breckenridge@larl.org

Upcoming special events at the Breckenridge Library:

Getting the Most Out of Your Library Card

Join us for a series of workshops highlighting the many ways a library card can improve your life. Each session will be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Breckenridge Public Library.

Intro to eBooks and Digital Materials Tuesday, September 21 from 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Did you know your library card provides you access to more items than just those on our shelves? Learn more about eBooks, audiobooks, movies, and all the other items you can download from Lake Agassiz Regional Library's digital collection.

Genealogy Resources Tuesday, October 19 from 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Have you been meaning to delve into your family history? Maybe you're ready to take on a historical research project. Get to know the genealogy resources available to you from Lake Agassiz Regional Library.

Navigating the Online Catalog and Interlibrary Loan Tuesday, November 16 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

In addition to the items in the Breckenridge Library, your LARL card unlocks access to materials from 22 other LARL locations and libraries all across the state of Minnesota. Attend this session to learn how to navigate the LARL catalog and request items through Minnesota's Interlibrary Loan System.



Headwater's Day Used Book Sale Friday, September 10 from 9:00-5:00 p.m. Saturday September 11 from 9:00-1:00 p.m.

Join the Friends of the Library in celebrating our community and Headwater's Day weekend with a used book sale at the Breckenridge Library during library open hours on Friday and Saturday.

Fill a bag for \$1 September 13-18



Weekly Events:

Storytime

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Join us on Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for an early literacy experience. Each week we have exciting new adventures with books, songs, flannel stories, crafts, and more!

Whittlin' Woodcarvers

1st & 3rd Thursdays from 1:00-4:00 PM

Bring your whittling or carving projects and tools; share your skills and learn new ones during this casual get together. The Whittlin' Woodcarvers meet on the first and third Thursday of the month and coffee is provided.



GREENQUIST ACADEMY OF MARTIAL ARTS

Fall Sessions

*Respect • Self Confidence • Physical Fitness
Self Defense • Discipline • Fun*



Greenquist Academy teaches respect, self confidence, physical fitness, self defense, discipline, all while having fun.

- **Tae Kwon Do: Ages 5 & up**
- **Hapkido-Adults: Street & Battlefield Self Defense**
- **Kumdo: The Traditional Korean Art of the Sword. Wooden, Bamboo, Sharp Sword**
- **Women's Street Self Defense**
- **Single or group classes are offered to fit your needs.**

Greenquist Academy is Changmookwan and Kikkiwon registered and a certified Taekwondo school under the direction of 8th degree Grand Master Eric Greenquist.

For more information call, 218-643-8018 or e-mail gainstructors@gmail.com



Class Location Schedule

**Breckenridge: Tuesday/Thursday • Abercrombie: Sunday
Lidgerwood: Sunday • Lisbon: Monday/Thursday
Wyndmere: Monday**



OSPTI Classes



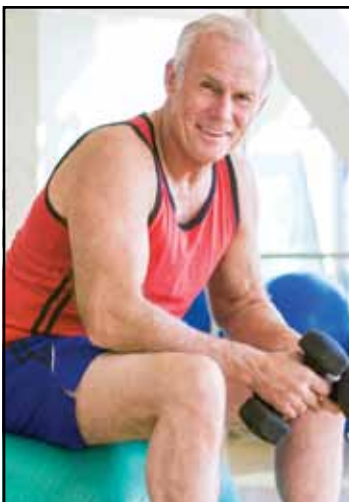
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PHYSICAL THERAPY INC.

For more information check out our website for wellness activities at:
www.ospti.net
Find us on Facebook: OSPTI



Exercise Training Program

Join the OSPTI specialists in the fields of physical therapy, personal training, athletic training, and group exercise specialists for a training program to help accommodate you in achieving your exercise goals. Training sessions are tailored to youth, adults, athletes, and non-athletes.



**Various training times and days are available. Before school/work, after school/work, and evening times are available.*

**Pre-screen is performed on the first day of training for range of motion and strength.*

Location: OSPTI, 430 5th St N, Breckenridge
Call OSPTI to register or if you have questions at 218-641-7725

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: Register by calling OSPTI directly :
: at 218-641-7725. Please call to reserve your :
: spot as classes fill up quickly! :
: OSPTI, 430 5th St. N., Breckenridge :
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Running Gait Analysis

Hey runners! Let OSPTI help you figure out how to improve your running form with a Running Gait Analysis to help you continue running without injury. We can spend 30-40 minutes evaluating your run with videotaping and discussing proper footwear, strengthening or flexibility to help improve your running technique.

Cost: \$30.00
Call OSPTI at 218-641-7725 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

OSPTI Water Aerobics

Water aerobics offers increased resistance in direction of movement for your muscles and is easy on your joints. The class is a combination of cardiovascular exercise and strengthening. Pool temperature is a balmy 92 degrees. Classes run continuously each month.

Monday & Thursday, 10:15-11:00 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday, 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday, 5:15-6:00 p.m.

Location: OSPTI, 430 5th St. N., Breckenridge
Call OSPTI at 218-641-7725 to learn how you can join!





From the desk of Superintendent Strand...

By Brad Strand, Breckenridge Schools Superintendent

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year!!

On behalf of the Breckenridge Public School District, I extend to each of you a warm welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. We are honored that you have entrusted us with the care and education of your child(ren). Our school board, administration, and staff members have been working through the summer preparing for the school year and we can't wait to get our kids back in the buildings! This publication is filled with information to get your family off to a great start. Thank you in advance for taking the time to read through the pages.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve the school district and community. I have been very appreciative of the friendly and warm welcome that I have received. As I am brand new to the district, I feel it is important to communicate some of my beliefs about education, kids and life. I believe strong/meaningful relationships with students, staff, parents and the community stakeholders are vital for our school to thrive. Every student is important and we want to help each one succeed and know that each student feels valued. We will work hard to create a positive culture & climate in our buildings where students understand the importance of hard work to be solution seekers while they work collaboratively on problems. We want to guide our students to understand that mistakes/errors will occur and we want our students to be future-driven and to fail forward by learning from our mistakes to guide the next step in finding solution. The process of how we can be 1% better today than we were yesterday in some way will help our students be college and career ready when they graduate. You will hear me talk about the concept of Kaizen, constant and continuous improvement in all areas of our life. The culture of Breckenridge School District will always be striving for how our organization can improve and be the best. We will work collaboratively with staff, students, administration, parents and community members while on the path of improvement.

The mission of the school district is to provide personalized learning through challenging, relevant, and dynamic experiences in a safe environment where mutual respect is fostered and innovative builders of the future are developed. We believe all of our students should leave the school system ready for whatever their futures hold. We will prepare them with the skills and attributes they will need to succeed. The World's Best Workforce goals for our district are to expect our students entering kindergarten to meet school readiness goals, achieve grade-level literacy with all third grade students, close the achievement gap among all ethnic



and socioeconomic groups of students, attain college and career readiness by graduation from high school for all students, and achieve a graduate rate of 100%.

The Breckenridge school district has been working diligently with New Tech Network to dive deep into teaching & learning in the 21st century. Breckenridge has been recognized for its innovation in implementing 21st century active classrooms and project based learning. Our students will be working on the New Tech Network rubrics such as knowledge and thinking, agency, collaboration, written & oral communication.

The qualities desired when looking at our profile of a graduate for Breckenridge falls into 4 categories: inspired, impassioned, empowered and engaged. To be inspired, we want our students to think innovatively and to use technological skills and contemporary digital tools to explore and exchange ideas. We expect our students to be impassioned to contribute to our community in various ways and to contribute globally. Our students will be empowered to practice resilience with a growth mindset and to pursue life balance when there are struggles. And finally, our students will be engaged to build relationships by working on communication, collaboration, reflective practice, and listening skills.

We truly have exceptional students and teachers with great programs for our preschool students, elementary students, middle school students and our high school students that allow some very unique opportunities at each level to help our students be prepared for any and all future challenges. The Breckenridge School District's intent is to use every resource available to provide the best education possible for your child. We truly consider it a privilege and honor to have your child(ren) in our classrooms. A strong partnership is needed to build an exceptional support system for your child to achieve at the highest level possible.

On behalf of our school board, administration, staff and students, thank you for being a community that supports our school. Together, we will continue our vision of "Breckenridge Pride ... Inspiring to Excel!"

Student Activity Passes

Fill out a food service Application for Educational Benefits to help our school receive additional funding just by filling out the information. Breckenridge Public School families that fill out the application will receive a free K-12 student activity pass. Find more information on page 22 of this brochure. K-4 students that attend activities must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.



Back to School News



From the desk of Elementary Principal Erickson...

By Mrs. Corinna Erickson, K-6 Principal, Breckenridge Elementary

Welcome back to the 2021-22 school year! Custodial staff, administration and classroom teachers are all busy preparing for a great school year. I hope everyone had a fantastic summer filled with sunshine and lots of fun all mixed in with some rest and relaxation. We will continue to monitor and review guidance on keeping our school and students COVID free but are looking forward to a few less restrictions compared to the previous school year. Read on for more information and other important announcements as we begin the school year:



Open House:

- **September 7th and 8th - 8:00 a.m.-3:45 p.m.** - Individual family conferences scheduled through Synergy with your child's classroom teacher starting on August 18th. Please contact your child's teacher if alternative arrangements need to be made.
- Individual student fall assessments in reading and math, hearing/ vision screenings, fall pictures and other items will also be taken care of on this day. If all goes as planned, please plan for 1 1/2 hours of time needed to complete all the stops in the building.
- Students can leave their school supplies.
- Keep in mind that **elementary students will not start their regular school/classroom schedule until September 9th!** This will be the first day we have all elementary students on campus.

COVID Safety:

- At this time - **Face masks** are optional during the

school day. Face masks are still **REQUIRED** on public school buses.

- We will be taking temps at lunch as students go through the lunch line. Please continue to monitor your child's health at home prior to sending them to school. It is better to err on the side of safety for all.

New Staff:

- New faces in the elementary school include **Mrs. Sarah Roberts** and **Ms. Madison Lura** as Special Education teachers and **Mr. Ean Goos** as part of the 1-2 Crew!

Returning this year:

- The school day will begin at **8:30 a.m** and end at **3:15 p.m.** Breakfast is served from 8:00-8:30 a.m.
 - Music classes will be held in the music classroom for K-4th graders.
 - Lunch will be held in the cafeteria for all grade levels.
- I am looking forward to a great school year filled with lots of new and exciting learning opportunities for all our students! Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at (218)643-6681, ext. 4020 or ericksonc@isd846.org

BACK TO SCHOOL SCHEDULE

High School	Start Time	8:30 a.m.
	Dismissal	3:23 p.m.
Elementary	Start Time	8:30 a.m.
	Dismissal	3:15 p.m.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Superintendent – Brad Strand

School Board Members

Chair..... Brett Johnson
 Vice Chair..... Steve Arnhalt
 Treasurer..... Justin Neppl
 Clerk..... Marc Hasbargen
 Directors..... Clayton Ernst, Ty Mikkelson, Shawn Roberts

Agendas/Minutes – www.breckenridge.k12.mn.us
Located under: District Office > School Board

Staff

7-12 Principal..... Craig Peterson
 K-6 Principal..... Corinna Erickson
 Business/Facilities Manager..... Neil Kusler
 Activities Director/Dean of Students..... Chad Fredericksen
 Technology..... Miriam Tobola, Jack Nathe
 Food Service Director..... Steph Beyer
 Transportation Supervisor..... Henry Peck
 Early Childhood Coordinator..... Laura Holzworth
 Community Education Coordinator..... Cathy Affield

Fall Activities Practices Start

High School Monday, August 16
 Junior High Monday, August 30

Coaches

Varsity Football Chad Fredericksen
 Jordan Christensen
 Carson Yaggie
 B Squad Football Tony Bogenreif
 Joel Herder
 Junior High Football Eric Erlandson
 Tim Mohs
 Varsity Volleyball Margaret Wilson
 Junior Varsity Volleyball Alicia Finkral
 B Squad Volleyball Missy Johnson
 9th Grade Volleyball Briana Dauer
 Junior High Volleyball Kayla Mohs
 Cross Country Larry Lasch
 Christy Haire



From the desk of High School Principal Peterson...

By Craig J. Peterson,
7-12 Principal, Breckenridge High School

The start of the 2021-2022 school year is quickly approaching. We are excited to get back to school and back to building relationships with you and your student.

We are still dealing with COVID-19. Our community, nation and school experiences are changing due to this pandemic. Breckenridge needs to adapt and pivot with the many new ideas and education practices learned last year. Our plan is to be on campus for the 2021-2022 school year.

Our focus for the 2021-22 school year is to continue PBL. We are in year five of our project based-learning educational change. We are now asking our public to be active participants. It takes a village to create culture. It takes adults in the community to "buy into" the vision and mission of the school. We as adults need to set the culture and expectations. Be intentional about your relationships and how you treat people.

2021/2022 Modified-Block Schedule:

We are going to a modified-block schedule. A modified-block schedule is a 5-6 period day of some classes being 50 minutes and some classes being 90 minute class periods with students and staff having 5-6 classes



per semester. We made this change as we felt our course schedule from the last two years could "mold" together.

We are excited about the opportunity and how we can impact learning with a different way to schedule classes at Breckenridge High School.

Staying for the 2021-2022 School year

1. Continued partnership with New Tech Network: As a school district, we are in the third official year of our partnership. The New Tech Network (<https://newtech-network.org/>) is a group of schools across the nation that partner with each other to provide project based learning curriculum, active classroom strategies, inquiry-based strategies and 21st century learning models/rubrics for students, staff and commu-

nity. We are very excited to be the first school in the state of Minnesota to be a part of the New Tech Network!

2. Continued agreement with NDSCS: Our students have the opportunity to take college classes at NDSCS in welding, agriculture, diesel mechanics, HVAC, culinary arts and many more courses. We at Breckenridge are excited to partner with NDSCS and continue a long-lasting relationship with our neighboring higher education institution.

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BRECKENRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL ISD #846 ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Asbestos Notification

Our school buildings have been inspected for asbestos under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA). Some asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM) have been submitted to the Minnesota Department of Families, Children and Learning (MDFCL), and the report is available for your inspection in the Superintendent's Office at the Breckenridge Elementary School. The District Office is designated as Asbestos Program Manager for our district and can be reached at 218-643-6822. Problem areas in these buildings are outlined in the Management Plan, available at the Breckenridge High School. Anyone interested in reviewing the information should contact the District Office. Re-inspection takes place every July and December. Red warning labels have been attached to ACBM only in routine maintenance areas such as the furnace room. Please heed these labels, and do not allow them to be removed or replaced. Asbestos-containing areas will be kept under surveillance for change or damage. If you notice any change or damage to areas identified as asbestos-containing, please notify the Asbestos Program Manager above at once. In addition to periodic surveillance (at least every 6 months), the school will be re-inspected by a certified asbestos inspector every three years.

If you have questions or concerns about potentially asbestos-containing materials in the District, contact the District Office, Asbestos Program Manager.

Notice Concerning Use of Pest Control Materials

A Minnesota state law went into effect in year 2000 that requires schools to inform parents and guardians if they apply certain pesticides on school property. Specifically, this law requires schools that apply these pesticides to maintain an estimated schedule of pesticide applications and to make the schedule available to parents and guardians for review or copying. State law also requires that you be told that the long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood. An estimated schedule of pesticide applications is available at the Breckenridge High School, Elementary School. Parents of students may request to receive, at their expense, prior notification of pesticide application made on days other than those specified in the estimated schedule. (excluding emergency applications) Contact Brian Stevenson at 218-643-6681 or Steve Bakken at 218-643-2694 with any questions.

Policy 404 Employment & Services Criminal History Background Checks - Notice to Parents/Guardians

The school district has adopted a policy, the purpose of which is to promote the physical, social, and psychological well-being of its students. Pursuant to this policy, the school district shall seek criminal history background checks for all applicants who receive an offer of employment with the school district. The school district also shall seek criminal history background checks for all individuals, except enrolled student volunteers, who are offered the opportunity

to provide athletic coaching services or other extracurricular academic coaching services to the school district, regardless of whether compensation is paid. These positions include, but are not limited to, all athletic coaches, extracurricular academic coaches, assistants, advisors and overnight chaperones. The school district may elect to seek criminal history background checks for other volunteers, independent contractors, and student employees.

Policy 413 Harassment and Violence

The purpose of this policy is to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from harassment and violence on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, familial status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or disability.

Policy 514 Bullying Prohibition Policy

A safe and civil environment is needed for students to learn and attain high academic standards and to promote healthy human relationships. Bullying, like other violent or disruptive behavior, is conduct that interferes with a student's ability to learn and/or a teacher's ability to educate students in a safe environment. The school district cannot monitor the activities of students at all times and eliminate all incidents of bullying between students, particularly when students are not under the direct supervision of school personnel. However, to the extent such conduct affects the educational environment of the school district and the rights and welfare of its students and is within the control of the school district in its normal operations, the school district intends to prevent bullying and to take action to investigate, respond to, and to remediate and discipline for those acts of bullying which have not been successfully prevented. The purpose of this policy is to assist the school district in its goal of preventing and responding to acts of bullying, intimidation, violence, reprisal, retaliation, and other similar disruptive and detrimental behavior. This policy meets the requirements of the 2014 bullying and safe schools act.

Policy 534 Unpaid Meal Charges

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that students receive healthy and nutritious meals through the school district's nutrition program. When a student's meal account reaches zero, a student may not charge further meals or a la carte items until the account has sufficient funds. The school district will make reasonable efforts to communicate with families to resolve the matter of meal account balances that are low or fall below zero. The school district may provide an alternate meal that meets federal and state requirements to a student who does not have sufficient funds in the student's account or cannot pay cash for a meal. Families will be notified of a low balance once the balance reaches \$20.00. Negative balances of -\$20.00 may be turned over for collection. Policies are available for review at the District Office.



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Academics and Activity Information

First day of school: The first day of school will be on Tuesday, September 7. School will start at 8:30 a.m. and dismiss at 3:23 p.m.

Check your email on a daily basis: We will be sending out reminders, information and other communication about our school via email to you and your student.

Weekly homework reminders: Each teacher will be updating their grades on a weekly basis (by Monday). Parents/Guardians are encouraged to use our Synergy student information system to check their student's grades and academic progress. Please use your username and password to check online grades. If you do not have a username or password, please contact the high school office.

Google Classroom: All of our high school staff members use Google Classroom for assignments, communication and for submitting student work. Our high school will use many features in Google including google calendar, gmail, google drive and breakout rooms. We will have training for your student(s) and for parents/guardians on Google throughout the school year.

General Information

Student Agency: Student and Adult Agency will be even more important during the 2021-2022 school year. Twenty first century skills include: seeking challenges, building confidence, growing from setbacks, seeking feedback and building relationships. We want to make sure students are held accountable and work on their agency goals to be a better person. Your help in encour-

aging your student to have higher agency skills will help to create the culture we want to achieve at Breckenridge.

Student Attendance: Research states that regular attendance at school is imperative towards student success and student participation. Please make sure your child is at school on a regular basis. If for some reason he/she is absent from school, please make sure to call the high school office.

Student Handbook: The student handbook reflects our school culture and school expectations. The 2021-2022 handbook will be discussed with students during the first week of school. A copy of the student handbook will be available online at www.breckenridge.k12.mn.us or one can be picked up in the office. We will put a separate sheet on COVID-19 protocols and procedures in our student hand book. All student handbook information and COVID 19 protocols will be emailed to families.

I am excited to see all of our students on the first day of school on September 7. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (218-641-4005), email me at (peteronc@breckenridge.k12.mn.us) or stop into the high school office for a visit. Your child and their educational experience are a priority to us.

Watch for Breckenridge School Referendum Information

The Board of Education for Breckenridge Public School voted to hold a referendum on November 2. The ballot will include three questions, one to increase the operating levy, and two bond questions to address aging school facilities.

For the last several years, the school district has led a process that included a facilities analysis, a community task force, community meetings, a public opinion survey, and a great many meetings by the school board to discern the right approach to address aging school facilities.

The school board is considering a facilities option most strongly supported by community members in a public opinion survey. In the survey, community members favored a new pre-kindergarten through grade 12 campus on a new site with a community center over three other options.

Please visit our website at breckenridge.k12.mn.us or contact Superintendent Brad Strand for more information at 218-643-6822 or strandb@isd846.org

Review, update info on ParentVUE

Please review student and family information on the ParentVUE on the school website at www.breckenridge.k12.mn.us and update information as needed. Please contact the Elementary School office or High School office if you have questions or need help logging on.

Breckenridge Schools Offers Online Payment through SchoolPay

SchoolPay is a payment service that is integrated with Synergy ParentVUE that allows families to pay for items such as registration fees, food service, athletic fees, and donations online at your convenience. With SchoolPay, there is no need for cash, or sending money with students. Pay online from anywhere, at anytime, on any device via Visa, MasterCard, Discover or electronic check.

Flexible Learning Day Plan

The Flexible Learning Day Plan can be found on the school website.

Check out our Website

A wealth of information can be found on the school website from the latest happenings at school, student handbooks, individual teacher communications, calendar, webstore, and lunch menus. Forms necessary for your child for back-to-school can also be found on the website: www.breckenridge.k12.mn.us

School Census Information

It is important for the district to have accurate numbers, especially for all children birth to age 5. We are currently registering all children for the school census. To register, call the District Office at 218-643-6822

Like us on Facebook!

Check out the school's Facebook page for the latest happenings.



2021-22 Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan Summary

Breckenridge School Board - Adopted August 18, 2021

Working together, we can prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Please do YOUR part to help us stay in-person for learning this school year.

Category	Important Notes
Learning Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breckenridge Public School District believes that optimal learning happens when students are in person with our teachers. Our in-person learning model will be the model of choice when the school year starts.
Schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2021-22 school calendar will be followed.
Specialist Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music, art, etc... will be held in the specialist's classroom.
Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will eat lunch and breakfast in the cafeteria. Students can eat breakfast and lunch for free during the 2021-22 school year. The only fee will be for a la carte items.
Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks are recommended but <u>will not be required</u> in school and are optional Masks are required on our school buses and all other school vehicles due to federal guidelines, including all school related extracurricular activities. Mask usage may be subject to change pending further clarification from MDE, MDH, or the state or federal government.
Strategies for Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate social distancing will be encouraged to keep students and staff safely spaced -- 3 feet, whenever possible. Practicing good hygiene. Frequent handwashing with soap and water is encouraged. Hand sanitizer will be available, as needed. Ventilation systems ensure air flow and air quality.
Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaning protocols will continue to support mitigation of Covid. Drinking fountains and water refill stations will be open for students. Classrooms will be sanitized each day.



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Category	Important Notes
Health Screening Quarantine Contact Tracing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self-screen daily for symptoms of illness to keep yourself and others safe.• Temperatures will be taken daily at school.• If you are sick, please stay home and report your symptoms to the office.• When waiting for test results or when a positive test is discovered - isolate from school. Contact tracing and quarantining may become necessary in determining and preventing additional positive cases.• Questions related to quarantining and contact tracing can be answered by contacting: Peggy Kram, Elementary Office @ 218-643-6681 or Adelle Heggem, High School Office @ 218-643-2694.
Distance Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breckenridge Public Schools will not be providing distance learning via Edmentum.
Quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If individual students are quarantined, they will be expected to access Google Classroom to stay up-to-date on their assignments.• If an entire classroom needs to quarantine, our teachers will provide instruction through Google Classroom in conjunction with Google Meet.
Mental Health Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students struggling with social/emotional or mental health concerns should seek out Kelly Larson, Rikki Fischer or Kim Quast, our K-12 school counselors.• Bullying/harassment of vaccination status/mask wearing WILL NOT be tolerated.
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will continue to limit the number of non-essential visitors before school and during the school day.• School Administration reserves the right to limit capacity at events or visitors if needed, based on local and state agency recommendations.
Vaccinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact Ashley Wiertzema, Wilkin County Public Health @ 218-643-7122 for more information on vaccinations.
Partnerships with Health Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breckenridge Public Schools will continue to collaborate on issues related to Covid with Wilkin County Public Health, MDE and MDH. Local Covid infection rates will be monitored closely in collaboration with these agencies.
Subject to Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If necessary, Breckenridge Public Schools will make changes to ensure health and safety of students, staff and community members, based on factors such as local conditions, guidance from MDH and MDE, state and federal mandates.



Breckenridge Public Schools
 "Home of the Cowboys & Cowgirls"
 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #846 - DISTRICT OFFICE
 810 Beede Avenue - Breckenridge, MN 56520
 Phone: 218-643-6822 - Fax: 218-641-4035
 www.breckenridge.k12.mn.us

August, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school provides healthy meals each day. Breakfast costs: Pre-K-8 Free, 9-12 is \$2.05; lunch costs: Pre-K-8 is \$2.90, 9-12 is \$3.15.

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price school meals. To apply, complete the enclosed Application for Educational Benefits following the instructions. A new application must be submitted each year. At public schools, your application also helps the school qualify for education funds and discounts.

State funds help to pay for reduced-price school meals, so all students who are approved for either free or reduced-price school meals will receive school meals at no charge. State funds also help to pay for breakfasts for kindergarten students, so all participating kindergarten students receive breakfasts at no charge.

Return your completed Application for Educational Benefits to:
 Breckenridge Public Schools, Attn: Lindsey Jagol, 810 Beede Avenue, Breckenridge, MN 56520

Who can get free school meals? Children in households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and foster, homeless, migrant and runaway children can get free school meals without reporting household income. Alternatively, children can get free school meals if their household income is within the maximum income shown for their household size on the instructions.

To apply for free school meals, please complete the Application for Educational Benefits form.

COMMON QUESTIONS:

I get WIC or Medical Assistance. Can my children get free school meals? Children in households participating in WIC or Medical Assistance do not automatically qualify for free meals. Children may be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals depending on other household financial information. Please fill out an application.

Who should I include as household members? Include yourself and all other people living in the household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends).

May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens for your children to qualify for free or reduced-price school meals.

What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get overtime only sometimes. For seasonal work, write in the total annual income.

Will the income information or case number I give be checked? It may be. We may also ask you to send written proof.

How will the information be kept? Information you provide on the form, and your child's approval for meal benefits, will be protected as private data. For more information see the back page of the Application for Educational Benefits.

If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. Please complete an application at any time if your income goes down, your household size goes up, or you start getting SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR benefits.

Please provide the information requested about children's racial identity and ethnicity, which helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. This information is not required for approval of school meal benefits.

If you have other questions or need help, call 218-643-6681.

Sincerely,
Brad Strand
 Brad Strand, Superintendent

"SERVING THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF STUDENTS FROM BRECKENRIDGE,
 BRUSHVALE, DORAN, EVERDELL, FOXHOME, McCAULEYVILLE, KENT AND WOLVERTON"
 Breckenridge Public School #846 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or disability.

Does your family qualify for free or reduced lunch?

Check out a way to help your family with free lunch and our school with additional funding ... by filling out an application to see if you qualify for free lunch. The online application is an easy, secure and convenient way to apply for healthy school meals and can be found at: www.LunchApplication.com Apply today! If you prefer to fill out a paper copy of the Application for Educational Benefits, it can be picked up at the Elementary School Office or High School Office or printed from the school website.

**BRECKENRIDGE SCHOOLS
 CONTACT INFORMATION**

810 Beede Avenue
 Breckenridge, MN 56520
 Elementary 218-643-6681
 High School 218-643-2694
 District Office 218-643-6822

Does your child have health insurance?

If not, help may be available

Minnesota Health Care Programs have free and low-cost health insurance for children and families who qualify.

Your child may qualify if your household income is below:

Family Size	Monthly income	Yearly income
2	\$3,992	\$47,905
3	\$5,032	\$60,390
4	\$6,072	\$72,875
5	\$7,113	\$85,360

Income is one factor for qualifying. Other rules and limits apply. For more information, call your county office or visit <http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/adults/health-care/>. The income limits above are valid until June 30, 2022. To get a MNsure application for health coverage and help paying the costs (DHS-6696):

- Print one from <http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/adults/health-care/>
- Call 877-KIDS-NOW toll free
- Call Wilkin County Family Service Agency (218) 643-7161



How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits

- Complete the Application for Educational Benefits form for school year 2021-22 if any of the following applies to your household:
 - Any household member currently participates in the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or
 - The household includes one or more foster children (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child) or
 - The total income of household members is within the guidelines shown below (gross earnings before deductions, not take-home pay). Do not include as income: foster care payments, federal education benefits, MFIP payments, or value of assistance received from SNAP, WIC, or FDPIR. Military: Do not include combat pay or assistance from the Military Privatized Housing Initiative. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Household size	Maximum Total Income				
	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	\$ Twice Per Month	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	23,828	1,986	993	917	459
2	32,227	2,686	1,343	1,240	620
3	40,626	3,386	1,693	1,563	782
4	49,025	4,086	2,043	1,885	943
5	57,424	4,786	2,393	2,209	1,105
6	65,823	5,486	2,743	2,532	1,266
7	74,222	6,186	3,093	2,855	1,428
8	82,621	6,886	3,443	3,178	1,589
Add for each additional person	8,399	700	350	324	162

- Step 1: Children**
 List all infants and children in the household, their school and grade if applicable, and birthdate. Attach an additional page if needed to list all children. Check the box if a child is in foster care (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child).
- Step 2: Case Number**
 If any household member currently participates in SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR, write in the case number and then go to Step 4. If you do not participate in any of these programs, leave Step 2 blank and continue on to Step 3.
- Step 3: Adult and Child Incomes / Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number**
- **Social Security Number/Total Household Members.** An adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security number or check the box if they do not have a Social Security number. Report the total number of household members and ensure all household members are listed individually on the application in the child or adult section as applicable.
 - **Child Income.** If any children in the household have regular income, such as SSI or part-time jobs, list the total amount of regular incomes received by all children, and check the box for the frequency: weekly, bi-weekly, twice per month, or monthly. Do not include occasional earnings like babysitting or lawn mowing.
 - **Adult Income.** Report the names of adult household members and income earned in this section.
 - List all adults living in the household not listed in Step 1, whether related or not, such as grandparents, relatives, or friends.
 - **Gross Earnings from Work.** This is usually the money received from working at jobs where a paycheck is received. For each income, check the box to show how often the income is received: weekly, bi-weekly, twice per month, or monthly.
 - List gross incomes before deductions, not take-home pay. Do not list an hourly wage rate. For adults with no income to report, enter a "0" or leave the section blank. For seasonal work, write in the total annual income.
 - **Are you Self-Employed or a Farmer?** List the net income per month or year after business expenses. Do not list the same income twice on the application. A loss from farm or self-employment must be listed as 0 income and does not reduce other income.
 - **Any Other Gross Income.** List gross incomes before deductions from all other sources, such as SSI, unemployment, child support, public assistance, social security, rental income or annuities.
- Step 4: Signature and Contact Information** An adult household member must sign the form. If you do not want your information to be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs, check the "Don't share" box in Step 4.
- Optional:** Please provide the information on ethnicity and race that is requested on the second page of the form. This information is not required and does not affect approval for school meal benefits. The information helps to ensure we are meeting civil rights requirements and fully serving our community.



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BRECKENRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ---- 2021/2022 CALENDAR

School Board Approved 03/17/2021

Jul-21							STU	Dates	Event	TCH	Jan-22							
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		Aug	31	Teacher Flex Day	1	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3	18	Sep	1	Teacher Workshop Days (Sep 1-2)	20							1
4	5	6	7	8	9	10			6	Labor Day		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15	16	17			7	First Day of School		9	10	11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22	23	24			29	PLCs / Early Dismissal		16	17	18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	19	Oct	20	PLCs / Early Dismissal	19	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Aug-21									21	Ed MN Break (Oct 21-22)		Feb-22						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		Nov	1	PT Conf / EMS K-6 1:45-7:15/Early Dismiss	20	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	18	Nov	1	PT Conf / EMS K-6 3:45-7:15	20	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12	13	14			1	PT Conf / HS Gr 7-12 5:00-8:30		6	7	8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19	20	21			5	End of Quarter 1 (42)		13	14	15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26	27	28			8	1/2 Prof Dev/1/2 Work Day-No Students		20	21	22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31							17	PLCs / Early Dismissal		27	28					
									24	Teacher Comp Day-No Students/No Staff								
									25	Thanksgiving Break (Nov 24-26)								
Sep-21									16	Dec	22	Mar-22						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		Dec	22	PLCs / Early Dismissal	16	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4	16	Dec	22	PLCs / Early Dismissal	16			1	2	3	4	5
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	20	Jan	1	New Year's Holiday	21	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
12	13	14	15	16	17	18			3	School Resumes		13	14	15	16	17	18	19
19	20	21	22	23	24	25			10	Student Showcase Night @ HS Gr 5-12		20	21	22	23	24	25	26
26	27	28	29	30					12	PLCs / Early Dismissal		27	28	29	30	31		
									21	End of Quarter 2 (44)/Semester 1 (86)								
Oct-21									24	Feb	10	Apr-22						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		Feb	10	PT Conf/EMS K-4 1:45-7:15/Early Dismiss	19	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2	18	Feb	10	PT Conf/EMS K-4 1:45-7:15/Early Dismiss	19						1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9			14	PT Conf / EMS K-4 3:45-7:15		3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16			17	PLCs / Early Dismissal		10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23			18	Staff Development - No Students		17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30			21	President's Day		24	25	26	27	28	29	30
									28	PT Conf / HS Gr 7-12 5:00-8:30								
Nov-21									22	Mar	23	May-22						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		Mar	23	PLCs / Early Dismissal	23	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
31	1	2	3	4	5	6			25	End of Quarter 3 (42)		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7	8	9	10	11	12	13			28	Teacher Work Day - No Students		8	9	10	11	12	13	14
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	19	Apr	13	PLCs / Early Dismissal	20	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
21	22	23	24	25	26	27			14	Easter Break (Apr 14-15)		22	23	24	25	26	27	28
28	29	30							14	Sixth Weather Makeup Day		29	30	31				
									15	Teacher Comp Day-No Students/ No Staff								
Dec-21									21	May	16	Jun-22						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		May	16	Student Showcase Night @ HS Gr 5-12	21	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4			30	Memorial Day Holiday					1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	1	Jun	1	End Quarter 4 (44)/Semester 2 (86)	2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18			2	Teacher Last Day		12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25			5	Graduation		19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31		172			<<<Total Student Days - - - - Total Teacher Days>>>	182	26	27	28	29	30		

KEY:

- No School/No Staff
- No School/Staff Dev/Work Day
- PLCs / Early Dismissal
- P/T Conference-Event Notes
- P/T Conference-Early Dismiss
- PBL Parent Night @ BHS
- End Quarter

Days	Quarters	Early Dismissal Times
42	1 Sep 7 - Nov 5	EMS@1:20pm /HS@1:30pm
44	2 Nov 9 - Jan 21	
42	3 Jan 25 - Mar 25	
44	4 Mar 29 - Jun 1	

Designated Weather Makeup Days
5 Flexible Learning Days / 6th day-Apr 14

Fall Open House Schedule	
7th grade	M, Aug 30/5:30-6:45pm
8th grade	M, Aug 30/7-8:15pm
9th grade	Tu, Aug 24/5:30-6:45pm
10th grade	Tu, Aug 24/7-8:15pm
11th grade	M, Aug 23/5:30-6:45pm
12th grade	M, Aug 23/7-8:15pm
Gr K-6 Back to School Conferences	
Tu, Sep 7 & W, Sep 8, 8am-3:15pm	



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