

NYM Community Education Activities/Offerings Schedule Beginning March 9th, 2026

**We would like to extend our highest gratitude to the New York Mills VFW Post #3289
for their tremendous support of our school activities!!**

The times and dates listed here are always subject to change according to the weather, illness and other unforeseen circumstances. For complete information about Community Education offerings and NYM School District activities, check the ISD #553 website @ www.nymills.k12.mn.us, the school Facebook page, the bulletin board by the District Office, or call the school at (218) 385-4203/(218) 385-4201. Unless otherwise noted, call (218) 385-4203 for more information or to register for offerings. NYM Community Education is always looking for individuals to propose and teach/facilitate classes. If you have an expertise or interest in a topic that you could share with others, please contact us!

NYM COMMUNITY EDUCATION ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Please check the school website www.nymills.k12.mn.us or Facebook page for updates regarding activities or meetings that are scheduled.

Monday, March 9th

Storybook Theatre Workshop in Aud./#217 @ 3:15 pm
Wrestling Practice in WR Room @ 3:20 pm
Massed Band Concert in SC Gym @ 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 10th

MTSS/Capti Testing in Aud. @ 9:00 am
Storybook Theatre Workshop in Aud. @ 3:15 pm
Wrestling Practice in WR Room @ 3:20 pm
'Just for Kix' Dance Practice in Aud. Foyer @ 4:30 pm
ECFE-Parent/Preschooler Together in Room #42/43 @ 5:00 pm

Wednesday, March 11th

MTSS/Capti Testing in Aud. @ 9:00 am
Storybook Theatre Workshop in Aud. @ 3:15 pm
Adult VB League in HS/SC Gyms @ 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 12th

Storybook Theatre Workshop in Aud. @ 3:15 pm
Wrestling Practice in WR Room @ 3:20 pm
Kindergarten Registration Night in Commons @ 5:30 pm

Friday, March 13th

Storybook Theatre Workshop in Aud. @ 3:15 pm

Saturday, March 14th

Little Dribblers Basketball in All Gyms @ 9:00 am

Sunday, March 15th

Open Gym in All Gyms @ 6:00-8:00 pm

Monday, March 16th

Reality Fair in AC Gym/Aud @ 8:30 am
Eagle Academy in #211, #212, #28B @ 3:15 pm
Wrestling Practice in WR Room @ 3:20 pm
Ham Bingo in Commons @ 5:00 pm

Tuesday, March 17th ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!

Wrestling Practice in WR Room @ 3:20 pm
'Just for Kix' Dance Practice in Aud. Foyer @ 4:30 pm
ECFE-Parent/Preschooler Together in Room #42/43 @ 5:00 pm
Wrestling Awards Night in Commons @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 19th

Eagle Academy in #211, #212, #28B @ 3:15 pm
Wrestling Practice in WR Room @ 3:20 pm
Girls Basketball Awards Night in Commons @ 6:00 pm

Friday, March 20th

MN School Sealant Program Dental Care in AC Gym @ 8:30 am

Saturday, March 21st

Organize Your Home or Office Class in Room #217 at 10:00 am

Sunday, March 22nd

Open Gym in All Gyms @ 6:00-8:00 pm

Monday, March 23rd

Eagle Academy in #211, #212, #28B @ 3:15 pm
Wrestling Practice in WR Room @ 3:20 pm
School Board Meeting in Room #108 @ 5:30 pm

Tuesday, March 24th

Wrestling Practice in WR Room @ 3:20 pm
'Just for Kix' Dance Practice in Aud. Foyer @ 4:30 pm
JH Sball, (A) at BHV, 4:30 pm
JV/V Sball, (H) with BHV, 4:30 pm
ECFE-Parent/Preschooler Together in Room #42/43 @ 5:00 pm

Thursday, March 26th

Eagle Academy in #211, #212, #28B @ 3:15 pm
Wrestling Practice in WR Room @ 3:20 pm
JV/V Sball (A) at Parkers Prairie @ 4:30 pm
JH Sball (H) with Parkers Prairie @ 4:30 pm

Sunday, March 29th

Open Gym in All Gyms @ 6:00-8:00 pm

Monday, March 30th

Eagle Academy in #211, #212, #28B @ 3:15 pm
Wrestling Practice in WR Room @ 3:20 pm

Tuesday, March 31st

Wrestling Practice in WR Room @ 3:20 pm
JV/V Sball (H) with OTC @ 4:30 pm
JV/V Bball (A) at OTC @ 4:30 pm
JH Bball (H) with OTC @ 4:30 pm
JH Sball (A) at OTC @ 4:30 pm
'Just for Kix' Dance Practice in Aud. Foyer @ 4:30 pm
ECFE-Parent/Preschooler Together in Room #42/43 @ 5:00 pm
7-12 Choir Concert in Aud. @ 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 2nd

Staff Chair Massages in Room #217 @ 10:30 am
JV/V Bball (A) at Menahga @ 4:30 pm
JV/V Sball (H) with Menahga @ 4:30 pm
JH Bball (H) with Menahga @ 4:30 pm
JH Sball (A) at Menahga @ 4:30 pm



NYM COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS SCHEDULE

ORGANIZE YOUR HOME OR OFFICE

Get Organized! Feel Lighter! Love Your Space! Ready to take control of the clutter? Join professional organizer, Janelle Lass, for a fun and energizing workshop packed with simple, practical strategies that work. She will bring and demo her favorite bins and supplies that organizers use with clients! Bring your toughest organizing questions for a live Q&A and leave feeling motivated and confident. From junk drawers to entire rooms—you'll gain the tools to create lasting change.

WHEN: Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
WHERE: New York Mills Elementary Media Center Library #217
COST: \$20 per person
REGISTRATION: Call or come into the District Office to reserve a spot for you and a friend at 218-385-4201.

OPEN GYM

Open Gym is sponsored by Community Education and NYM Booster Club. There will be a \$1 fee for every participant each night including all who come in to walk the hallways on Sunday night during Open Gym. The fee will be used to staff Open Gym and pay for facility and equipment maintenance.

WHO: 7-12th grade students and adults in our school district and if an elementary student wants to participate, he/she must be accompanied by an adult.

WHEN: Runs from November 2 through March 29 on most Sunday nights from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (except Super Bowl Sunday 2-8-26).

CPR/AED/1ST AID/EMR/EMT COURSE SCHEDULE

HEARTSAVER CPR, AED AND 1ST AID (Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.)

3-25-26, 5-27-26, 7-22-26, 9-23-26, 11-25-26, 1-27-27, 3-24-27, 5-26-27, 7-28-27, 9-22-27, 11-24-27

BLS PROVIDER CPR (Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.)

4-22-26, 6-24-26, 8-26-26, 10-28-26, 12-23-26, 2-24-27, 4-28-27, 6-23-27, 8-25-27, 10-27-27, 12-22-27

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN/EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER (EMT/EMR COURSE) (Mondays at 6:00 p.m.)

9-14-26, 9-13-27

COSTS: Heart Saver CPR/AED & 1st Aid \$ 125
BLS Provider CPR..... \$ 100
EMT (base fee plus books/fees)\$ 1300
EMR (base fee plus books/fees)\$ 500

WHERE: Perham Area EMS Training Room
525 West Main, Perham, MN 56573

REGISTRATION: **Classes are post board certified**
Register for a class by call/text 218.298.2482 or email lakescountryedu@gmail.com

CONTACT: Barb Felt at Lakes Country Emergency Education and Consulting

WEBSITE: www.lakescountryedu.com

SCHOOL-AGED CHILD CARE

If you need before and/or after school child care on a regular or drop-in basis, we have before and/or after school child care available at the school.

WHO: PreKindergarten through sixth grade

WHEN: During school days, childcare hours in the morning are 6:00-8:10 am, and after school is 3:00-5:30 pm.

REGISTER: To register, email childcare@nymills.k12.mn.us or call (218) 385-4209 or (218) 385-4203 (Comm. Ed. Office).

ON-GOING WALKING

For those who would like to get exercise by walking through the 2329 feet of hallways in NYM School. (This is FREE except during Sunday night at Open Gym times when it will be a \$1 fee.)

WHO: Open to all

WHEN: School days from 6:30-8:00 a.m. and 4:00-8:00 p.m.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENINGS ~ 'ECS'

As of January 2014, the Early Childhood Screenings will be conducted by the Lakes Country Service Coop. The Community Education office will be doing the scheduling and the screenings will be completed at the New York Mills School. This screening is required by the school for entrance into PreKindergarten and required by Minnesota Statute 121A.17 for entrance into Kindergarten unless an Exemption form is filled out. It is an opportunity for you to review your child's growth and development and to follow up on any health or learning concerns. The Early Childhood Screening is a FREE screening and includes a developmental assessment, vision and hearing test, height and weight measurements, immunization and health history review and a parent visit. It is NOT an examination to determine readiness for school. Its purpose is to identify conditions that might interfere with your child's ability to learn and to assist parents in developing strategies to help their child succeed. Please call Deb in the Community Education office to schedule an appointment at (218) 385-4203. Please leave a message if there is no answer and she will get back to you as soon as an appointment is available.

NEW YORK MILLS COMMUNITY PLANNING SURVEY AND STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK MEETING

Join us on Thursday, March 12th at the New York Mills City Hall to discuss Community Planning and envisioning our future! We need your feedback. Help us build a vision for the future. A light meal will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please fill out our survey by

March 20th at <https://form.jotform.com/260204125454143>.

NEW YORK MILLS FOOD SHELF 2025-2026

The New York Mills Food Shelf is available to anyone in need in the New York Mills School District. Food Shelf is located at 400 S. Walker Avenue, New York Mills. Donations of food and money are always welcome. For more information, contact Connie at (218) 385-3669. Open from 9-12 and 4:30-6:30 on Mondays -- March 30, April 27, May 18, June 29, July 27 and August 31.

55+ DRIVER DISCOUNT PROGRAM (2025-2026)

This Driver Discount Program is put on by the Precision Driving Center of Minnesota through St. Cloud State University. You can check out their website at www.driverdiscountprogram.com.

Complete this course to get a 10% discount on your auto insurance premiums! Taught as a presentation from a certified instructor, you'll discuss challenges we face as drivers, new road designs, vehicle technology, and updates on current laws. Best of all, there are no written or behind the wheel tests! Certificate will be provided at the end of class. The 8-hour initial course requirement has been removed as of July 1st, 2024. Participants must take the 4-hour course to initially earn the discount and then repeat the 4-hour course every three years to maintain the discount. Pre-registration required.

The following 55+ Driver Discount Program courses are currently set up for you at the New York Mills School. Also for your convenience, we always have waiting lists if you missed a course and want to be notified of the next course.

WHO: Anyone, especially 55 and over
WHEN: Saturday, April 11th
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
WHERE: Room #108 HS Media Center @ NYM Public School (Enter the door by the eagle and look for the sign that will tell you where to go.)

COST: \$24 per participant payable at class with check made out to: PDCM

SIGN UP: In District Office or call (218) 385-4201

CLASS LIMIT: 15 - 30 people

INSTRUCTOR: Bob Swenson

ADULT BASIC ED/ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Adult Basic Education is for anyone 17 years old and older who does not have a high school credential, is preparing for college, or is learning English. Individualized instruction is available for GED, Adult Diploma, Accuplacer Prep, computer literacy, and reading, writing, speaking and understanding English.

DATES/TIMES: Tuesdays from 1:00-6:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

WHERE: New York Mills City Building at 118 North Main Avenue

COST: Class time is free. There is a fee for GED tests.

CLASS LIMIT: None at this time

WHO CAN TAKE: Anyone who is 17 or older and who does not have a high school credential, needs to prep for college, lacks computer skills, and/or is learning English as a second language.

INSTRUCTOR INFO: Leah Hamann, Adult Basic Education Instructor, lhamann@detlakes.k12.mn.us is my email address and (218) 844-5760 is the number for Detroit Lakes ABE. Contact either one for any questions.

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION - ECFE

Happy New Year! A new year means new activities, new classes and new connections. If you haven't attended one of our ECFE classes or events, now is the time!

Parent & Preschooler

This class is designed for parents and their 2-5 year old child. Class will consist of some parent-child activities & circle time, and then parents will separate from the children for discussion.

Dates: Tuesdays - February 17, 24 and March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7

Time: 5:00-6:30 pm

Mom Night

Bring your mom or other important lady in your life to our Mom Night. Prepare to spend some quality one on one time together. More details to come!

Date: Tuesday, April 14

Time: 5:30-6:30 pm

All classes will be in Room 42 in the elementary unless otherwise noted. **Sign up for classes on Facebook or by calling 218-385-1172.

Please contact me with any questions. I'd be happy to visit with you!

Kendra Geiser

Early Childhood Coordinator/Teacher

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NEW YORK MILLS REGIONAL CULTURAL CENTER

NYMRCC TEEN ART CLUB - All New - 2025 Kick-Off, Open to ALL Teens ages 13-18, Free to Attend, YOU Belong Here! Hey Teen Artists & Makers! Looking for a creative crew? Join the Teen Art Club at the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center! We're launching a fun, welcoming, and safe space for teens to share ideas, learn new skills, and explore open-studio artmaking together. Whether you paint, draw, sculpt, sew, film, or just love to make cool stuff — you belong here. Following our intro meeting held in November 2025, the group decided on the following schedule for 2026. Adjustments may be made as we move forward.

Thursday, March 19, 2026 | 4:30–6:00 PM | Guided Workshop/Group Meeting
Tuesday, April 7, 2026 | 4:00 – 6:30 PM | Come + Go Open Studio Hours
Thursday, April 23, 2026 | 4:30–6:00 PM | Guided Workshop/Group Meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 2026 | 4:00 – 6:30 PM | Come + Go Open Studio Hours
Thursday, May 21, 2026 | 4:30–6:00 PM | Guided Workshop/Group Meeting
All teens in the region, ages 13-18, are invited to come and make art, make friends, and help shape a new creative community for teens at the Cultural Center! As we work together to establish this group, participants will: Review the Community Contract; Learn about volunteer opportunities; Brainstorm activities and projects they'd like to explore; Enjoy FREE snacks.

2026 WINTER/SPRING CONCERT SERIES – PAY WHAT YOU CAN!

Original Live Music in Rural MN Unique Listening Room Space, Concerts Open to ALL! The Cultural Center is pleased to present our 2026 Winter/Spring Concert Series, supported by a grant from the Lake Region Arts Council, enabling a return to "PAY WHAT YOU CAN" pricing! No tickets required, and ALL are welcome! Join us this Winter & Spring for a variety of music styles in our unique listening-room-style space. Not only will you enjoy the talented musicians and excellent acoustics, but you'll also love being surrounded by unique visual art in our historic Gallery space. We look forward to bringing original live music to the residents and visitors to rural West-Central Minnesota. All are welcome to join us for these one-of-a-kind performing arts experiences!

2026 Winter/Spring Concert Series Schedule:

Saturday, March 14, 2026 – Jordan Messerole Concert
Friday, March 27 – Aaron Simmons Concert
Saturday, April 18 – Zach Thomas Concert
Thursday, April 30 – Clayton Ryan Duo Concert
Wednesday, May 20, 2026 – Celebrating Cultures–Nijiji Radio Collaboration @ NYM Sculpture Park
We would like to thank Lake Region Arts Council for supporting this Concert Series. We are grateful for all they do to ensure access to the arts in our rural region!
All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the Cultural Center's gallery space (unless noted otherwise). Doors open at 7:00 p.m. General admission seating is first come, first served. Light refreshments and a cash bar are available at most concerts.

ART FOR LUNCH WINTER/SPRING 2026

Hungry for Creativity? Grab Art for Lunch! Second Thursdays @ NOON Join us for a monthly creative break designed to introduce participants to new art materials and processes. Held on the second Thursday of the month from noon – 1:00 p.m., the cost is just \$10. Bring your own lunch and enjoy a beverage on us! Classes are led by Artist / Cultural Center Artistic Director Megan Shirley-Ross. **PLEASE NOTE:** Art for Lunch is generally held in our 2nd-floor education space, which is accessible only by stairs. If you have accessibility needs, please contact us to discuss accommodations at 218-385-3339 or info@kulcher.org. Art for Lunch is a series of short workshops designed to introduce participants to new materials and processes. All material provided. Call 218-385-3339 to sign up. Join us this Winter/Spring 2026! *The activity is made possible in part by the voters of Minnesota through a Minnesota State Arts Board Operating Support grant, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.*
March 12: Abstract Standing Sculptures (Form)
April 9: Notan Paper Design (Space)
May 14: Texture Painting (Texture)

MORNING WITH MEGAN SPRING SERIES 2026

Join us this spring at the Cultural Center as our new "Morning with Megan" workshop series continues! **Morning with Megan** is a monthly creative series held on the **second Saturday of each month**, offering new projects and creative inspiration throughout the year. Workshops take place at the Cultural Center, in the upstairs studio (accessible only by stairs; call 218-385-3339 if accommodations are needed). We kindly request that you pre-register so we can plan adequately. Call 218-385-3339 with any questions. *Please note: Arts Learning Workshops (and all Cultural Center events!) are always open to ALL — you do NOT need to be a member to attend. However, members DO help support us financially and as our way of saying thanks, members receive a discount on many workshops and performing arts events! Learn more and become a member online here: <https://kulcher.networkforgood.com/projects/149135-become-a-member>*

2026 Morning with Megan Spring Series:

Saturday, March 14 – Mixed Media Celtic Rabbits
Saturday, April 11 – Painted Wood Folks Eggs
Saturday, May 9 – Needle Felted Landscapes

YOGA @ NYMRCC | WINTER-SPRING 2026

The New York Mills Regional Cultural Center is pleased to welcome yoga back for the Winter/Spring 2026 season with instructor Bobbi Jo Hamilton of Northwoods Velvære Studio. This season offers multiple ways to participate — including a regular weekly Friday class, a 7-week low-cost Wednesday series, and a monthly chair-supported option — all rooted in body awareness, choice, and nervous system support. Bobbi Jo brings a somatic, body-centered approach that blends gentle movement, mindful breath, and self-compassion. With a background as a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) and experienced yoga teacher, she creates a calm, welcoming space where students are encouraged to listen to their bodies and move at their own pace.

Wednesday Body-Led Yoga Flow - Wednesdays | 6:00–7:00 PM
February 11 – March 25, 2026 (7-week session) Community Rate: \$5 per class (**TRY-IT-OUT SPECIAL PRICE**) This midweek class offers a gentle, grounding yoga practice guided by your body rather than rigid poses or expectations. Body-Led Yoga Flow blends slow, intuitive movement with mindful breath and simple somatic practices to support mobility, nervous system regulation, and overall well-being. Classes emphasize listening inward, honoring your energy, and moving at a pace that feels supportive. Options are offered throughout, including remaining close to the floor or exploring supported standing. This 7-week session is offered at a \$5 community rate to encourage new and returning students to try a gentle midweek practice and build consistency in an accessible, welcoming environment. Wednesdays are designed as a supportive midweek reset. No prior yoga experience is needed. All bodies, abilities, and experience levels are welcome.

Friday Body-Led Yoga Flow - Fridays | 10:00–11:00 AM
February 6 – May 29, 2026 Friday Body-Led Yoga Flow is a steady weekly practice designed to help you settle into your body and move into the weekend feeling grounded and supported. Classes blend slow, mindful movement with breath awareness and simple somatic practices that support mobility, balance, and ease. Options are offered throughout to meet different bodies, energy levels, and life seasons. Rather than focusing on perfect alignment or pushing through, this practice emphasizes choice, comfort, and rest when needed. The tone is calm, welcoming, and supportive. This class is well-suited for beginners, those returning to yoga, and anyone seeking a gentle, body-aware practice. No prior yoga experience is required. All bodies and abilities are welcome.

Gentle Chair-Supported Movement (Monthly) - Second Friday of each month | 8:00–9:00 AM, 4 Sessions: February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, 2026
Community Rate: \$10 per class Gentle Chair-Supported Movement is a monthly, one-hour yoga class designed for adults who prefer or benefit from seated and supported movement. This class is offered in a calm, inclusive community-center setting and is ideal for those seeking a slower pace with plenty of options. Each class includes: 10–15 minutes to arrive, get comfortable, and connect socially. Gentle, body-aware movement supported by a chair. Options to remain seated or explore supported standing, 10–15 minutes at the end for rest, reflection, and optional conversation. This practice supports balance, joint mobility, circulation, and nervous system regulation while honoring each participant's comfort level and range of motion. No prior yoga experience is needed. All bodies and abilities are welcome.

NEW YORK MILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

COMMUNITY SCREENING OF THE DOCUMENTARY – MINNESOTA AND THE AMERICAN STORY: 250 YEARS – Presented by Lakeland PBS. Join us **Tuesday, March 10th**, at 6:30 pm at the Library. As the US approaches its semicentennial, this compelling film explores how the founding ideals of the American Revolution shaped the people, land, and progress of the North Star state. Free and open to all, but preregistration is required - limited seating available. Call the NYM Public Library at 218-385-2436 or go to www.nympubliclibrary.org.

COFFEE TALKS – HISTORY OF THE KIRKBRIDE – Discover how the Fergus Falls State Hospital shaped mental health care in Northern Minnesota, how it was located in Otter Tail County and why people want to save it. Join us on Wednesday, March 11th from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the NYM Public Library. Free and open to the community!

COOKBOOK CLUB – Join us on Thursday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Peter's Lutheran Church sponsored by the NYM Public Library. Theme: Breakfast Free and open to all, but you must be willing to share recipe and food.

OTTER TAIL COUNTY EATS – DINING IN COLONIAL AMERICA – A DAR MUSEUM PROGRAM – Join us on Tuesday, March 31st at 1:00 pm at the NYM Public Library. Presented by Missy Hermes, Education Coordinator for the OTC Historical Society. Free and open to all but preregistration is encouraged. Call NYM Public Library at 218-385-2436 or go to www.nympubliclibrary.org

TRIVIA NIGHT – Join us on Friday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Mills Liquor. Teams compete for fun, prizes, and bragging rights. Pay team participation fee of \$20 in advance at the NYM Public Library.

SANFORD HEALTH – COMMUNITY ED OPPORTUNITIES

Better Choices Better Health: Best for adults with a chronic disease or chronic pain join us to learn new ways to take control of your health and feel better! Register by calling 701-417-4905

For anyone with Diabetes: Online via Zoom on Tuesdays, February 24-March 31 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Childhood Injury Prevention Workshop: This workshop is a great opportunity to learn, connect, and share strategies for keeping kids safe. **Registration is required**, and once completed, you'll receive the workshop link immediately. Be sure to save it or add it to your calendar for easy access on Wednesday, March 25 from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM CST: Virtual

For more information, please call 701-417-4905 at Sanford Health.

