

South Washington County Schools
COMMUNITY EDUCATION



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Cottage Grove, MN – South Washington County Schools Community Education’s “Paint the Bus” Event Series, a new community collaboration with YMCA, Washington County Library, and City of Cottage Grove and Woodbury Parks & Recreation, launched Wednesday, June 20 at Park Grove Library in Cottage Grove. Future Paint the Bus events will be held from 5-8pm on July 11 at Pioneer Park in Woodbury, July 25 at Pullman Elementary in St. Paul Park, August 8 at Shawnee Park in Woodbury, and August 22 at Newport Lutheran in Newport.

Paint the Bus events bring activities and entertainment to the whole family through a renovated school bus called CESkoolie. With the help of a 3M Community Giving Grant and generous donations from the community including paint and craft supplies, food, and volunteer time for the events, nearly 200 people were able to participate in the first event. Local organizations joined together donating their time and talents to oversee event logistics and ensure the successful design of this new moving mural.

Upon the kick-off of the Paint the Bus events, South Washington County Schools Superintendent Keith Jacobus said, “This type of project brings new energy and excitement for learning as kids and adults join together to add color to a mobile classroom that will bring innovative programming to residents in our school district.” As the events continue throughout the summer, community members will contribute to the design by adding new colors to two focused areas per event, making the design a true reflection of our entire community.

Bob Lawrence, Director of Community Education in South Washington County Schools, who led the development of the #CESkoolie project said, “ Our hope is that these events spark creativity and give our community an outlet for art expression.” Lawrence went on to say, “We have seen tremendous support for this project and the long-term vision for CESkoolie.”

Community Education is an extension of the K-12 education services provided by District 833 in Cottage Grove, Woodbury, Newport, St. Paul Park, Afton and areas of Denmark and Grey Cloud Island Townships in Minnesota. Community Education offers programming for all ages and specializes in providing opportunities for parents and children to grow and learn together in nurturing environments that emphasis skill building, positive relationship building, and academic exploration.

For more information on #CESkoolie or the Paint the Bus event series visit:
www.ceskoolie.org.