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Youth Enrichment Leads the Way in Student Fitness
Cedar Manor students focused on healthy lifestyles in a fitness and nutrition program funded by Park Nicollet, General Mills and an array of other community partners. Highlights include:

- All students participated in these three fitness campaigns: Eat Breakfast Every Day, Wean the Screen, and Think About Your Drink.
- Over 150 families tasted healthy foods and learned about portion control from Park Nicollet dieticians at the Annual Family Fitness Night.
- Over 75% of all Cedar Manor students joined in one or more healthy activity after school such as healthy cooking classes, kickball and other gym games, and a broadcasting class in which they produced their own films on healthy topics.
- Subway spokesperson Jared Fogle visited the school to motivate students to get fit.

### 2008-2009 Participant Information

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Based on Turnstile Count: Data from 2008 - 09 Minnesota Department of Education Report. (The State of MN discontinued the reporting of contact hours in Nov. 2009.)

### Community Education Revenue Sources

- State Taxes & Aide – $1,464,026
- Federal Taxes – $44,365
- Tuition fees & local sources – $4,402,455
- Total Revenues $5,910,846

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2008-09 Council and Board Members
**Senior Program**

**Learn and Laugh at Lenox**

The SLP Senior Program offers a variety of programs that include social, recreational, educational, and physical aspects, strives to provide cooperative programs with other service providers, have a warm and welcoming environment, and aims to be a resource to others.

- The Lenox Woodcrafters delivered 5,500 handmade wooden toys to Children’s and Methodist Hospitals.
- AARP Tax Volunteers were recognized for 25 years of service helping seniors prepare tax forms at Lenox.
- 2 new restrooms were constructed at Lenox thanks to successful passage of the 2008 school district bond referendum.

**Spirit of Lenox Mural Unveiled**

This intergenerational creation represents all programs hosted in Lenox Community Center. Community members of all ages, preschool through senior citizen, joined local artist Denise Tennen to create the mural, completed in the summer of 2008. The project was funded through the City of St. Louis Park Arts And Culture Grant sponsored by the City and St. Louis Park Friends of the Arts.

**Adult Programs**

**Lifelong Learning Completes**

**Adult Enrichment:** Serves adults of all ages with a wide range of learning opportunities including, arts, computer, health, wellness, fitness, world language, home repair and more.
- Over 320 participants took advantage of the free Exercise Sampler Open House.
- 192 registrants activated their bodies in new Zumba Latin dance fitness classes.
- 69 students refreshed their knowledge of European and US history in classes offered by SLPHS Advanced Placement teachers Ann Jurewicz and Scott Miller.

**Adult Options in Education/ABE:** Provides Adult Basic Education services such as GED preparation, Family Learning, and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes.
- Adult Options In Education served 626 students at Central and Lenox.
- The new GED-i program began offering online GED preparation.
- 2 sessions of College Connection classes helped students transition to higher education.

**Project SOAR:** Offers a variety of educational, recreational and enrichment classes and activities to adults with disabilities in St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka and Wayzata.
- Expanded offerings included 19% more classes, boosting registration by 27%.
- Project SOAR, together with Reach for Resources, has been holding Friday Night Dances for over 15 years, averaging 86 participants per month.

**Volunteers in the Park (VIP) Program:** Recruits, trains and places volunteers in service opportunities in the schools and for the city. The program operates as a partnership between the City of St. Louis Park and Community Education.
- Over 40 St. Louis Park High School students worked as Election Judges for the national election on November 4, 2008.
- The Volunteer Office, working with the Junior League of Minneapolis, coordinated the donation of over 15,000 children’s books from Country Inns and Suites by Carlson.
- Over 800 volunteers helped to Pick up the Park, giving SLP a spring cleaning!
YOUTH PROGRAMS
CREATING BUILDING BLOCKS FOR A HAPPY, HEALTHY LIFE

**Aquatics:** Provides lessons for swimmers ages five months through senior citizens, lap swimming opportunities, and pool rental and synchronized swimming club coordination.
- 22 youth achieved swimming skills in new 2-week classes at the Rec Center pool.
- 29 members of the SLPHS Synchronized Swimming team improved their performance in off-season practice, helping the team reach 4th in State.
- One third of all Aquatics participants are senior citizens.

**Gymnastics:** Provides enrichment gymnastics classes to students ages 2-18.
- Almost half of all participants are preschoolers, learning early in life the benefits of activating their bodies.
- 30 gymnasts ages 4 and older joined in summer day-camps that culminate in a group performance for their parents.
- Off-season workouts for high school gymnasts offer an affordable way to train, at a fraction of the cost of local clubs.

**Kids’ Place Child Care:** Offers year-round child care for infants and toddlers, preschoolers and school-age children.
- Kids’ Place serves approximately 340 school-age students throughout the school year and 250-300 each week during the summer.
- STEP received over 300 pounds of food from students with both entrepreneurial spirit and social responsibility when their summer flea market included a process for collecting food shelf donations.

**Kindergarten Plus:** Provides a full-day, fee-based kindergarten option with the same certified kindergarten teacher all day.
- Kindergarten Plus at Aquila served 22 students in one classroom.
- Kindergarten Plus at Peter Hobart served 43 students in two classrooms.
- A huge castle made of cardboard boxes? That’s what students in Tanya Rae-Schmidt’s full-day kindergarten class did during their IB recycling unit.

**Summer Spark:** Ensures continued learning during the summer through enrichment classes and activities for students in grades K-8.
- A total of 1,070 students participated: a 14% increase in enrollment.
- 45 students achieved Red Cross CPR/Babysitting certification.
- Top summer classes were: Track Camp, Fencing and Junket to China.

**Youth Development:** Brings students in grades 4-12 together to develop leadership skills.
- 22 youth were honored for their many hours of service at the 20th annual Caring Youth Recognition.
- YDC members clocked a record number of over 500 service hours.
- 42 members participated in the 1st annual leadership retreat at Camp Ihduhapi.

**Youth Enrichment:** Serves students in grades K-12 and their families with a variety of classes and extracurricular activities in areas such as arts, music, sports, fitness and more.
- Over 1,900 students participated in after school programs. That’s an increase of 25% from the previous year.
- Over 100 fathers and their daughters danced the night away in the very special Daddy/Daughter dance.
- 45 students participated in Aquila’s service club to volunteer at a nursing home, clean up a park, and organize a supply drive for an orphanage in Honduras.
Pre-K Programs

Preparing Your Child for Success in School and Life Beginning at Birth

All programs have highly qualified staff and use research-based curriculum. As part of the St. Louis Park Public Schools, SLP Pre-K provides families with important first connections to kindergarten and the community.

SLP Creative Play Pre-K: Ages 2 ½ - 5
School-readiness activities, 2-3 days per week.

SLP Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE): Birth - Age 5
Parents and children play and learn together under the guidance of a licensed early childhood teacher.

SLP Family Learning Pre-K: Adults and Preschool Children
While parents enrolled in ABE learn English or work on their GED, children learn in preschool activities.

SLP First Steps Pre-K: Ages 3 - 5
Curriculum is coordinated with the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme offered in grades K-6.

SLP Kids’ Place Pre-K: Six weeks - Age 6
Provides working families a high quality, preschool experience within a full-day child care setting.

SLP Pals Pre-K: Ages 2 ½ - 5
These classes for ECFE participants offer an extra drop-off day of learning with the same group of children and teachers from the ECFE day.

SLP Pals+ Pre-K: Ages 3 - 5
Children with and without disabilities learn to appreciate differences through a positive, nurturing, small-class environment.

SLP RSK Pre-K: Ages 3 - 5
Ready, Set, Kindergarten (RSK) is the St. Louis Park Schools School Readiness program.

SLP Enrichment Pre-K: Birth - Age 6
Includes Aquatics, Gymnastics and Kid Dance classes.

Pre-K Highlights

- 100 students brought in a personal care items for the Central Community Center clothes and food closet. Buckets of items were disbursed to those in need.
- 40 Pre-K students took the bus to Orchestra Hall to participate with the Kinderkonzert. The children went to a music room where they tried out violins, drums, and cellos. They then listened to the feature presentation of Jack and the Beanstalk.
- 43 students graduated from Kids’ Place Pre-K ready to learn as they entered kindergarten.
- ECFE partnered with Perspectives to offer ECFE classes at Perspectives two days a week.
- Ongoing collaborations with Early Childhood Special Education allow ECFE to provide free programming for at risk pre-K children to ensure school success.