

Fall
2020

Ortonville Community Education

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Meet Cory Larson!

I've had the privilege of working with students the past 26 years in public education and look forward to finishing my career as school superintendent for Ortonville Public Schools. I'm married to my beautiful wife Megan who is currently a kindergarten teacher for Minnewaska. We have three kids, Alec (16), Jack (15), and Maia (9). All three of my kids enjoy sports and various activities on the water. I graduated from Montevideo Senior High School back in 1990 and competed against Ortonville in various sports. I graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in 1994, double majoring in Athletic Training and K-12 Physical Education. My first teaching position was back in West Central Minnesota for the MACCRAY School District. In 1997 I moved to Buffalo, MN teaching 9th grade physical education while continuing to coach all four seasons. I received my Master's in Education Administration from St. Cloud State University in 1999 followed by my first administrative position at Annandale Middle School as an assistant principal where I held that position for five years. I was then given an opportunity at my first principal position at Sauk Centre Senior High School back in 2005 serving the Sauk Centre District from 2005-2013. I then accepted a position with the Minnewaska School District to lead their Level IV Day Treatment Program located in Starbuck, MN. Three years later I was assigned to the high school principal position where I served for four years from 2016-2020. I received my sixth year Specialist Degree and superintendent licensure in 2000. I've been in many leadership positions throughout my career having been a head coach as well as an owner of a couple businesses. I've been a school administrator for the last 20 years while serving as the 7-12 Principal the past 15. I've been fortunate to have worked with PreK-12 students in various roles as well as a solid background in special education. I'm honored to serve as the Superintendent for Ortonville Public Schools.



WANT TO TEACH A COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASS OR HAVE A NEW PROGRAM IDEA?

New program ideas & instructors are always welcome in Ortonville Community Education. Please email sara.wollschlager@ortonville.k12.mn.us your special skill, talent, hobbies, career experiences, or expertise you are willing to share with the community. Classes are flexible because they are built around the needs of the people involved. We strive to provide a quality educational experience for our participants. People make the difference & we WELCOME your ideas!

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Search for "Ortonville Community Education" on Facebook and "Like" us for class reminders & updates. From your computer, hover over the Liked button. Then select "Get Notifications" in the drop box so you see all our updates in your newsfeed.

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PRAIRIE FIRE CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Prairie Fire Theater presents "Peter Pan" during the week of May 9-15, 2021. More info will be sent home with students at a later date.

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WriteNite! Wednesdays

With M E Fuller, author, *Saving the Ghost*

How to get started and keep going with your writing project.

30 minute learning session ~30 minute writing session ~ 30 minute Q & A

Who should attend? Anyone from age 12+ who wants to be a better writer of fiction/nonfiction/memoir, and for business or school! M E Fuller is a Minnesota author. Her debut novel, *Saving the Ghost*, was published in 2019. She has published short works in *South 85 Journal* blog, *PHOTOWRITE*, *Talking Stick 26- A Minnesota Literary Journal*, and *Shark Reef- A Literary Magazine*.

Fuller is a freelance & creative writer, writing coach, and visual artist. Learn more at mefullerwords.com

Dates: Wednesdays, October 7-28

Time: 6:30-8:00 PM

Location: VIRTUAL

Cost: \$65 for 4 weeks; Pre-registration is required by calling 320-269-5026



Do you have students who are intrigued by technology, love to invent, build things, are adventurous, fascinated by how things were created or are just curious about science and nature? Then you will not want them to miss the Science & Nature Conference. This is one of the largest and most popular science conferences for students in the country! A one-day event filled with fun, excitement and learning. Students will want to come back for more! This year, this conference will be held on May 11th, 2021.

Registration deadline is April 1. This is open to K-8th graders. If you are interested, please come see me or email me and I can get you more information so you can pick the sessions you want to attend. (Session descriptions come out in January.)



A Parent's Guide to Snapchat

Have you been curious as to why your kid is spending so much time on Snapchat? In this workshop we will cover everything curious parents need to know about one of the most popular social media apps in the world used by tweens and teens. You'll learn the foundation for how it's used, safety features you need to be aware of, and more. Stay up to date in today's digital world with this fun and informational class. Min. of 4, max of 30 Instructor: Nickie Welsh, Social Club Simple

Tuesday, Sept. 29 Reg. deadline: Sept. 28

6-7 PM \$25

Call 320-269-5026 to pay with a credit card

A Parent's Guide to TikTok?

In this fun class we'll take a look at the fastest growing social media app used by millions each day. Learn how it's used and how parents can make it safer for their kids. We'll cover everything you need to know as it's paving the future of a new social media. Min. of 4, max of 30 Instructor: Nickie Welsh, Social Club Simple

Wednesday, October 7 Reg. deadline: Oct. 6

6-7 PM

\$25

Call 320-269-5026 to pay with a credit card

Instant Pot 101- Live Demystify the electric pressure cooker/multi-cooker called the Instant Pot during a LIVE VIRTUAL class! Learn the foundations of cooking and care, and how to make a few amazingly satisfying dishes in the Instant Pot. Breakfast, lunch/Dinner, and Dessert menu items will be demonstrated. In addition to an Instant Pot yogurt tutorial, menu items will include creamy steel-cut oatmeal or egg bites, either creamy-cheesy Tuscan chicken with pasta or creamy-cheesy broccoli chicken with pasta, and a luscious lava cakes or dreamy banana bread. Menu items on the day of the class will depend on ingredients that are on hand. There will be time for a Q & A session as well. A PDF of the instructors' Original recipes will be provided, and will include other tips and terminology that will help build an Instant Pot confidence and creativity. This class will take place on Zoom, a free on-line software. Participants will receive instructions on how to access the class prior to it starting. As an added bonus, the instructor has created a private group on facebook exclusively for participants of her cooking classes. Everyone will receive an invite to the group although joining is optional. The group will provide an opportunity for members to ask questions, share their own creations, interact with other participants and support each other on their Instant Pot journey! Come join the fun!

virtual class can include participants from the same only. Instructor: Tess Georgakopoulos, Dish it up Good

Saturday, September 19

3-4:30 PM

On-line class through zoom, Demonstration style class

\$25- Call 320-269-5026 to pay with a credit card

Max of 10 participants, there will be others joining from different communities

Note: One registration fee for this on-line household



Beginning Knitting

Join instructor Lara Neel, Co-Founder of Twins N Needles, who first picked up knitting needles over 30 years ago! She believes that anyone can learn to knit and love it as much as she does! In this class you will learn how to make basic knit stitches and how to read a pattern. You will complete a hat and learn how to make a square that can grow into a scarf, afghan, or whatever else you want! A list of materials needed for class will be included in your confirmation. All of them can be purchased online or by calling a local yarn shop. Supplies needed include: yarn-buy at least 220 yards (200 meters) of worsted-weight yarn in a color you love; Needles- our hats will be made in the round without a seam. You will need: 1) one 16-inch circular needle, size 7 (4.5mm) or 8 (5.0mm) 2) a set of double pointed needles (dpm's) size 7 (4.5mm) or 8 (5.0 mm). How do you know which size to get? As a general rule, if you are maybe a little tense, choose the larger size (higher number), more relaxed folks may prefer the smaller size. Questions on what to purchase, you may email the instructor laraneel@mac.com

Thursdays, Oct. 1-29 Reg. deadline: Tuesday, Sept. 29

6-8 PM

\$35 (plus supplies listed in description)

Min of 7, Max of 10

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Beginner Guitar with Lee Kanten

If you've never played or it's been decades since you did, this class might help. You won't need to read music or know any jargon; we'll start with a one finger chord and build up to playing simple songs. We'll learn how to make chords and how to strum. This is not a picker's class, because I'm no picker! But, I can play hundreds of songs. You can, too. The songs you like. All you gotta do is conquer a few basics and you're on your way.

If your hands can reach around the fretboard, you're the right age. Often it's best to start little ones on ukulele, because the smaller instrument fits smaller hands, but interest, not age, is the key with guitar. If your 5-year old is motivated, I'll work with her.

The class will meet via Zoom for six Mondays Nov 2-Dec 7 at 7:00 pm for a 30 minute class, followed by a 10 minute jam session.

You'll need your guitar-acoustic or electric-it doesn't matter. I play acoustic. I highly recommend a tuner! These are available at Sarlettes in Morris and at both music stores in Marshall. Often called Snarks, they cost less than \$20 and will be a godsend for a beginner.

The cost for the six-week class is \$55 per student.

Your instructor, Lee Kanten, is in the MidAmerican Music Hall of Fame as a bass player in Clutch and the Shifters. He has played since childhood and still performs professionally. He just finished a Southwest Minnesota Arts Council grant that allowed him to study with two established singer/songwriters.

Google Classroom for Parents

This brief virtual meeting will give an overview of what Google Classroom looks like for your child: Where to find and open assignments, how to turn assignments back into the teacher, how links work to other programs, and how parents can sign up for classroom alerts from their child's teacher. This Google meet will be recorded so if you can't attend the LIVE session, but still want the recording to watch, please email Marie.

Tuesday, August 25

5:30 PM

Free of charge, but please call 320-269-5026 to register and get the link to join

Photo Organization– Digital and Print

A photograph captures a moment that is gone forever! Are your photographs in a box, drawer, suitcase, phone, camera chip, external hard drive or all of the above? Are they securely backed up? Understand why photo organization/scrapbooking is more difficult today versus years ago. The number one goal is to SAVE-ORGANIZE-SHARE your photos. Discover alternatives to get every printed/digital photo, video and memorabilia in one location.. From scanning to storage to organization. You'll leave with options to access every photo you own...and be able to share them with family and friends. Instructor Susan DeJute has been scrapbooking pictures for many years to preserve wonderful relationships, memories, and stories. Not only does she want to capture her own past, but wants to help others in their quest for preserving their memories for generations to come! Min. of 5, max 20

Tuesday, Oct. 13 Reg. deadline: Monday, Oct. 5

7-8:30 PM

\$15

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Keys to School Success!

This class will touch on the following topics:

Setting up a home workspace

Avoiding distractions

Study skills

Staying organized

Communicating with teachers

Class Dates: Mon, August 31st or Wed, September 9th

Time: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

Location: VIRTUAL, email me for link

Cost: FREE



Keys to School Success! – ELL Options

This class is identical to the above class.

Below are Spanish and Micronesian options.

Class Dates: Mon, August 31st or Wed, September 9th

Time: 7:15 – 8:00 p.m. (Spanish)

8:00 – 8:45 p.m. (Micronesian)

Location: VIRTUAL, email me for link

Cost: FREE



Home Alone 101



With children being home alone more and sometimes older siblings watching younger one, it raises the concerns about how to keep them safe. This class will talk about cooking/nutrition, fire safety, and accidents and first aid.

Class Dates: Wed, Sept. 2nd or Thurs, Sept. 24th

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Location: VIRTUAL, email me for link

Cost: FREE

Emotional & Mental Health

Learning from home can bring on many stresses for the entire family. Below are topics covered in class.

- 1) Signs of depression/anxiety - what is normal behavior versus red flags?
- 2) Dealing with isolation and fears of the unknown.
- 3) What should parents/guardians do if they suspect problems with emotional and mental health.
- 4) Talking to your child about concerns.
- 5) Dealing with sibling relationships.
- 6) Resources available for families.



Class Dates: Mon, Sept. 28th or Thurs, Oct. 1st

Time: 6:30 – 7:30

Location: VIRTUAL, email me for link

Cost: FREE

Chromebook 101 & Internet Safety



Find out all things Chromebook – from how to “fix” some simple issues that can occur to how to maximize the use of one. Also, learn some helpful tips in Internet safety for your children.

Class Dates: Mon, August 24th or Wed, August 26th

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Location: VIRTUAL, email me for link

Cost: FREE

Class Dojo

ClassDojo is an educational technology communication app and website. It connects teachers, students and families. Elementary teachers will be using this platform to deliver home learning materials and communication. Attend the class to find out about how this will work and to ask questions of elementary teachers.

Class Dates: Tues, August 25th or Thurs, August 27th

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Location: VIRTUAL, email me for link

Cost: FREE

Google Classroom



Teachers in grades 5th – 12th will be using Google Classroom to instruct students on assignments and homework submissions. Find out how parents can connect with the classroom and help their child navigate it to be successful.

Class Dates: Tues, Sept. 1st or Thurs, Sept. 3rd

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Location: VIRTUAL, email me for link

Cost: FREE





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**BSHCF
Gala:
April 24,
2021**



Community Education

Ortonville Community Education exists to facilitate the learning and participation of adults so they can improve their lives and our community. We provide opportunities for local citizens, schools, agencies and institutions to become active partners in addressing education and community concerns. Community Education brings community members together to identify and link community needs and resources in a manner that helps people to help themselves and to raise the quality of life in our community.

Pickleball

Pickleball? Yes, pickleball! And yes, it's a real sport! It's a little tennis, a bit of ping pong, a splash of badminton and fun to say! It's fun, it's easy, anyone can play! Described as one of the fastest growing sports in the nation and among the fastest growing senior sports in the country! Come for some fun & exercise!

Instructors: Don Sherman

Location: OHS Elementary Gym or pickleball court

Days: Tuesday's & Thursday's ongoing

Time: 6:30pm

Cost: FREE



How to Register, Payments, & Refunds Info:

E-Mail:

E-Mail (**BEST WAY**):

sara.wollschlager@ortonville.k12.mn.us

Visit Us:

<http://www.ortonville.k12.mn.us/page/2536>

- A full refund will be made if Community Education cancels a class. If you have registered for a class and you cancel at least three (3) business days prior to the start of the class, you will receive a full refund of the class fee. You are not eligible for any refund beyond the three day period.
- No-shows are not eligible for a refund.
- A refund may take up to three weeks to process.
- Payment for class fees must be paid directly to the community education coordinator by cash or check **prior** to the start of the class.
- Pre-registration is mandatory for all Community Education classes. Your pre-registration and payment reserves your space in class. Classes fill quickly. Register early!

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Safe Choices Keep Kids in School

Spring 2020 opened the eyes of many parents and students to the benefits and value of in-person learning for our children, not only for education, but also for their emotional, physical, and mental health. As a community we can do our part to keep our children in our schools.

“Please keep in mind, your safe choices today can keep our kids in front of their teachers. We’re in this together” – Cory Larson, Superintendent

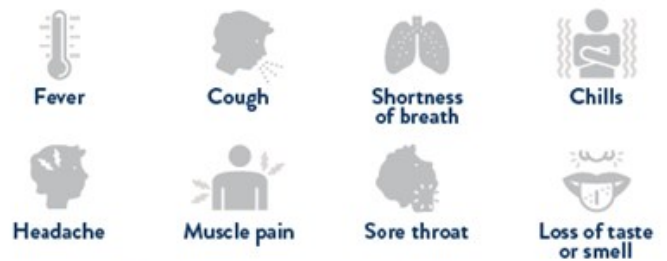


STAY SAFE MN

Prevent the Spread of COVID-19



WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS



Meet our NEW Nurses!

Sara Tollakson, RN



RaeAnn Lupkes, RN



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