



Monthly Minute

A monthly "hello" from the Cloquet Educational Foundation with news, information, and small "seeds" for your in-box



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Mission Statement:

The Cloquet Educational Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, provides opportunities for academic, artistic, athletic, cultural, and social growth for children and youth in the Cloquet area by financially supporting programs and activities.

About US

The Cloquet Educational Foundation believes an ideal community promotes educational excellence by supporting learning opportunities for children-in the classroom and beyond-so they can develop into healthy, productive adults.

Our purpose is to secure funding for educational opportunities for Cloquet students from birth through high school graduation. We work in partnership with the Cloquet Public Schools and the community to accomplish goals.

Our funding does not replace school district responsibilities. It works to enhance dollars by providing necessary support for prioritized educational initiatives and creative and innovative programs.

I've been thinking a lot about our staff lately. Many of them are my friends, neighbors and relatives, and in talking with them we all agree these are strange days. I appreciate the updates by the administration on the ever-changing situation going forward in response to the Covid 19 disruption. With those updates we are confident we are all in this together; that this is our collective story to tell in years to come.

Along with our support, encouragement, hope-filled words and kind actions, I want to throw one more thing out there: We are all witnessing history. I encourage everyone to step back and look at where we are--right now --and take in the depth and magnitude of these days and the impact they will have on our collective future. Much like the day Kennedy was assassinated, Armstrong took that first step on the moon, or the towers came down on 9/11; we and our kids, will know what we were doing-*or not doing*-the spring of 2020. We will remember our actions and emotions. These are strange times and I am interested how history will portray these days; all of it- the bad and the good, the horrible and the amazing. Like impactful events in history, we have a real-world knowledge of what these strange days were like for our community, country and world. We are living history. What a time for our kids to be learning!

(If you haven't thought of it yet, the Class of 2020 will have, to say the least, the most unusual graduation season in modern history. My heart goes out to the students, family and friends of this class.)

I, for one, will remember it as an uncertain, scary time, but one of reflection, resourcefulness and kindness. We have modeled good lessons for our youth in our compassion for others, teamwork, and the need to keep others healthy—and educated, among these "Days of Covid 19". I have a grateful heart toward many in my community including our staff, administration and teachers. Many thanks to all of you out there taking care of our kids; your work is appreciated and does **not** go unnoticed. I am glad to be sharing these strange, unusual and historic times together.

Stay safe, wash your hands!

Jody

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And a GOLD STAR goes to...



**Ruth
Reeves**
Community Education

Thanks Ruth, for your hand in collecting masks for our staff during these very strange times! You sent out the word for masks and each day we are updated with several masks sewn by the gifted "sewers" in the area! They keep us, and others, protected. Thanks for thinking of us, we appreciate you and the many people who have fashioned masks throughout our community. As of now, most masks are spoken for, but you can check with Ruth should more come in at rreeves@isd94.org.



In case you missed it:

Before the Covid 19 disruption, many programs that the CEF supported were underway, including Ripsaw Robotics and the "I Love to Read" author visits. How sweet it will be to see the kids of ISD94 together again!

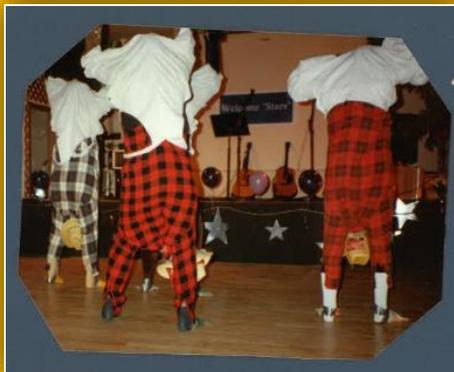


Let's have a little fun...



If you can be the first to identify the staff in the photos the CEF will bring you a cup with candy in it. We have NO CLUE who they are, but here is a clue for you:

These pics were taken at a Staff Appreciation Dinner in 1993. Email your submission to Jody at jacers@isd94.org.



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