



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.



"Peace": It does not mean to be in a place where there is no trouble, noise or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.

(The magnet on my fridge)

In this season of darkness and light, Karrie and I have a simple wish: peace.

In these last few days of a strange year, we hope you find peace: A piece of pie, a piece of a puzzle, a piece of land to get outdoors and play.

Maybe you will make your peace, piece it together, get a piece of mail, or watch a movie about Jack Sparrow and delight in "pieces of 8".

We hope the break gives you peace of mind, peace and quiet and us all peace on earth...

In this holiday season, we wish you the joys of the season and peace into the new year.

(2020: You are welcome to "peace out".)

Jody and Karrie

Do you know someone who would like to receive this in their in-box each month?

Contact us at jacers@isd94.org



Ryanne Battaglia, Vice-President of the CEF

- 1) **Cake or Pie?** – Absolutely, Pie. I am not a fan of frosting at all!
- 2) **Meet my family...** I am married to my husband Steve, who is the Principal and head boys' basketball coach at the Cloquet High School. We met in middle school, graduated together from CHS, then both went to UMD before returning to Cloquet to raise our family. We have two kids, Jack and Olivia. Jack is in 8th grade at the Cloquet Middle School and loves playing sports, including basketball, baseball, and football. Olivia is in 6th grade and also spends her time in the gym playing basketball and, on the field, playing soccer. For my family's sake, we are just hoping for some form of a basketball season! Regarding my job, I work in marketing at Members Cooperative Credit union. I have been there almost 10 years and love it!
- 3) **In my free time I like to...** Before COVID, most of my free time was spent following my kids around to the many sporting events they are involved in. I love watching them play and do something they truly enjoy! Most weekends are spent in a gym or at a basketball/soccer tournament, so we get our fair share of sports. During COVID, I've enjoyed a slightly slower pace of life and being able to head up the North Shore or find some nearby trails for a winter hike. We also love to travel and are hoping travel restrictions will be lifted soon. Next dream destination: Iceland.
- 4) **Why I love Cloquet...** I love Cloquet because it is a great place to raise a family. Both Steve and I grew up here and we think the school system is amazing. We also have lots of family and friends in the area and they are a great support system.
- 5) **Something I didn't know about the CEF before I was on the board...** I was not aware of all of the great fundraising efforts that go into the CEF and was also not aware of all the cool grants we give

Ring in the new... we are excited to announce a new, updated website coming in 2021! Thanks to a grant from Carlton County, the CEF is enlisting the help of our friends Jill and Nikki at **marketing x design** to bring us into a fresh new year. Watch this space!

Happy 20th Birthday Blue Jean Ball!

Join us **February 2021** for a VIRTUAL EVENT you will never forget.

Join us on-line to support education in Cloquet. More information about how to join us for this special party will be coming in January.



This beautiful trio of Mountie prints would grace any home or office. As highest bidder at the BLUE JEAN BALL fundraiser they can be yours!



Spotlight on our supporters:



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