



# 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.

## ***We are ready...***

We were driving a country road the other day, and I thought to myself that it is like fall is "peeking" into our lives. Fall is that friend down the block that stops over unexpectedly for coffee or tea and a short chat on the deck. It's a brief visit, but lovely, fun, and well worth the time spent. These days, Autumn, to me, is barely visible, one foot in the door, cheerfully asking, "Knock, knock. Are you ready for a visit?"

With fall's arrival comes the start of school. And by the looks of it, the district is in full swing, positively accepting the challenge of "the new normal". Things are happening after the long wait from spring through summer. We can feel the happy energy of the students and staff as they come back into the familiarity of the classroom. It is most fitting that with the "riot of color" fall brings, it ushers our kids into lives of more activity-socially distanced, of course.

Like many of us out there, the CEF is **ready** for things to happen within our district. We are ready to fund programs and activities that come before us as grants. We always look forward to seeing what great ideas come from the educators and staff for the benefit of our kids. While we squeak out the last remaining days of summer, we welcome the cheery days of fall. We have set our sights **past** the fall and into mid-winter as we plan for our major, annual (20 years this year!) fundraiser. However that event will look, virtually, in-person, or maybe another creative way, we are indeed ready. Necessity, as they say, is the mother of invention.

As we move toward "the start of something", here are some dates to remember this fall:

Monday, September 14: Grants due in CEF office

Tuesday, October 6: Full Board discussion and award Fall grants

Do you know someone who would like to receive this in their in-box each month? Contact us at [jacers@isd94.org](mailto:jacers@isd94.org)

Stay well everyone! Enjoy this visit from our "riotous" friend Autumn.

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Spotlight on our supporters:

# sappi

**Did you know** that Sappi Fine Paper donates the paper for our newsletters? In addition to that, the company has been a friend and supporter of the CEF since 1987, providing the seed money for the small foundation. We are truly thankful for their continued positive impact on education in Cloquet.

*The 16th Annual Golf Tournament*



*...was a huge success! The day was beautiful, socially distanced and raised over \$10,000 in support of education in Cloquet.*



**Back to Back CHAMPS!**

Above: "Team Goodin" the winning team that received the CEF traveling trophy, second year in a row!  
Below: Team "Carmen's" shows us how to social-distance and have fun on the links.



## Meet Sarah Buhs: New CEF Board Member

Sarah joined the CEF board last fall and we couldn't be happier with her dedication to education in Cloquet, energy she puts forth with CEF projects and events, and service to her community. Here is Sarah "in her own words":

I graduated from Cloquet in 1998. My maiden name was Plante. I married my husband Jesse Buhs in 2005 and have two beautiful children. I work for the Cloquet Area Fire District as the Public Education Coordinator. My senior year of high school I took a wildland fire course and received a certification to fight wildland fires in the United States. That same year I joined the Scanlon volunteer fire department. Since then I have been actively involved in fire and EMS for over 20 years. Now that I have children, I want to be more active in their education and help support the Cloquet schools. I am the Vice President of Washington Elementary Partners In Education (P.I.E.) and have just recently joined the Cloquet Educational Foundation board while still fairly new to the group I did get the opportunity to help at the Blue Jean ball.

My family and I love to travel but I always like to come home to my roots. I love living in a small town and am grateful to raise my children in Cloquet. We are so fortunate to live in greater Minnesota with lakes, rivers, woods and parks right in our backyard. My family enjoys being outdoors and we keep busy with fishing, hiking, skiing snowshoeing and camping. When I'm not spending time with my family, I enjoy mountain biking and skiing with a group of adventurous moms or reading and discussing books with my book club. I do enjoy the summer but prefer the fall/winter months. I come from a hockey family as most Cloquet natives would say but my favorite sport is football. Go Vikings! SKOL!

(CONGRATULATIONS, Sarah on receiving the "Hometown Hero" Award from the American Red Cross. We are so PROUD to call you supporter and friend!)

## WATCH THIS SPACE!



The CEF Board of Directors will announce this fall the status of the annual Blue Jean Ball.

Please reserve the date of **FEBRUARY 6, 2021** for a Fundraising event—virtual or in-person (safely) to benefit the CEF. Details to follow!



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