

Monthly Minute

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



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HAPPY PI DAY!

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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.

In the spirit of "Pi Day" (3.14 = March 14), I am very aware of how much I deal in numbers. Numbers tell the story of where we have been, where we are now, and where we are going. As Executive Director of the CEF I write grants, and I need to report so much of the good work the CEF has done, 3 times a year the CEF board (there are 20) award grants to our fantastic teachers and staff, finance committee meetings, Blue Jean Ball numbers, and the list goes on and on.

As I worked updating some office records the other day, it was very clear to me how many students the CEF has touched since it started awarding grants in 1989. I eventually quit counting, but I assure you, it must be upwards of 100,000's. Our funding, and the kids we have impacted, has increased steadily since then. We will finish-up this years' cycle awarding \$10,800 in April and granting \$72,000 for the 2019-2020 school year. What a contrast from 1989-its first year- when the CEF granted \$5,135.

Our annual events, the Blue Jean Ball and the Ameriprise golf tournament, not only serve as fundraisers, but we forget we are raising money because we are having so much fun! The financial numbers from those events continue to be robust and increasing, and we gain numbers of people each year. In fact, the Blue Jean Ball was a sold-out event this year; we even had to add tables to accommodate all the guests who wanted to join in the fun.

Our success is in the numbers. We enjoy the support of so many including our teachers, staff and administration that support us each year in an annual drive- this year raising more than \$9,000 for the CEF. Let's not forget the numerous hard-working volunteers, for which their support we can't calculate. Our endowed funds have grown to an impressive 26. We are honored by the many friends who select the CEF as a tribute or memorial to their loved ones. Because of the many numbers of supporters, we are humbled, thankful and supported. Even though the numbers of the CEF are important and needful, we never forget the kids we serve in the district, which is why we do what we do. In the end, one thing is for certain: Cloquet students: YOU are #1.

Thanks everyone for your support. In honor of "Pi day" go have yourself a treat.

Jody

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B & B Market

Catering & Quality Meats

You know them for their quality meat, delicious catering and convenient groceries, but we call them our friends! Stop by B & B Market and prepare to be amazed! Kim and John are one in a million and strong supporters of the CEF. Grilling season is here...stop on in!



March is Maple sugar month! Here is a recipe from our "neighbors-to-the-North", perfect for late spring!

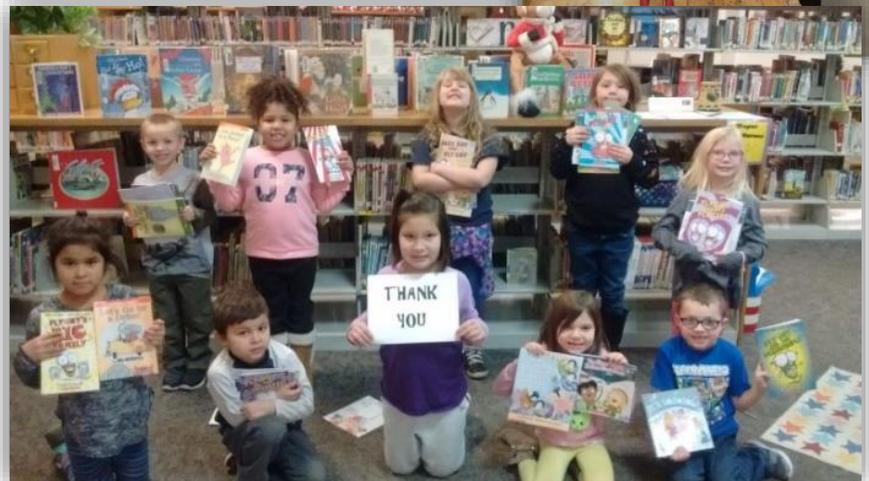
- 1 pie crust, baked
- 1 cup (250 g) 35% cream
- 3/4 cup (210 g) maple syrup
- 3/4 cup (150 g) brown sugar
- 4 tablespoons (40 g) cornstarch
- 4 tablespoons (60 g) cold water
- 1 tablespoon (17 g) butter

Preparation

1. In a saucepan, bring cream, maple syrup and brown sugar to a boil.
2. In a small bowl, dilute the cornstarch in the water and pour into the boiling maple syrup mixture, whisking until thickened.
3. Remove the pan from the heat and add the butter. Whisk again.
4. Let cool for 10 to 15 minutes and pour into the baked dough.
5. Refrigerate at least 6 hours before serving.



The CEF partners to support learning in the most amazing ways. As part of "I love to Read Month", our elementary school kids were encouraged to draw their own illustration, "Chico Bon Bon". Rip Saw Robotics "gears" up this month with a competition at the DECC.



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