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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.

It was a bad call.

The hockey stick was not high, but the ref called it. After a while, the Lumberjack player was put in the penalty box. Fans in the stand were not happy, groaning under our breath and disappointed; we grumbled amongst each other how unfair the decision was, it was a game changer. And then, someone in the stands said, "**Well, we have to play better than the refs.**"

Huh.

The district, it's teachers, the students, and the community has been given another bad call with the rising intensity of the Corona Virus, and it is seemingly going to affect us all in the coming months.

Thank you teachers for shifting on the fly, being patient, creative, and resolute in making quality, at-home learning work via "the internet".

Thank you school district staff and school board for your leadership and keeping our kids safe while they learn.

Thank you parents for your flexibility, positive attitude and reliance on one another as the kids transition and move forward as they distance learn.

Thank you supporters in the community and of the CEF for your commitment to education in Cloquet. The CEF is able to support our teachers and staff in more imaginative necessary ways because of your generosity.

These are not easy times. To build on the metaphor, we are in the 4th period of a very hard-fought game. We have more games to play and I am sure we will win some too in the future.

Stay safe this season! Enjoy the warmth of family (near and far), generosity of heart, and spirit of thankfulness.

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

7 Questions: Dan Danielson, President of the CEF



Meet Dan, CEF President, family man and busy guy around town. Thanks Dan for all you do!

1. Packers or Vikings? : Vikings for me for sure. I have to say, I am thankful we are as close in proximity to our NFL rival as it makes the games and the chatter that much more fun. Despite their ups and downs, I have and will always be a Vikes fan!

2. About me: Family, job & hobbies: I am married to my wife Katie and we have three beautiful daughters, Chloe, Quinn & Dru. Kate is the Coordinator of the Families in Transition (families experiencing homelessness) program with the Duluth School District (ISD 709). Chloe is currently a Junior at UMD, studying Social Work while being an active member of the Air National Guard and working a few part-time jobs. Quinn is a freshman at CHS this year and was able to take advantage of some of the changes in the sports seasons due to the pandemic. She competed at the varsity level in Cross Country until the Volleyball season (re)started unexpectedly. Now, we all hold our breath and hope there will be a winter basketball season. Dru is a 7th grader at CMS. She enjoys the arts and has found a silver lining around the remote school schedule as it gives her more time to read and enjoy her other various hobbies. She certainly misses her friends though! Regarding my job, I was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant at the Carlton County Sheriff's Office. My new duties include supervising the uniform / patrol division at our sheriff's office as well as the Investigations division. My hobbies have morphed into coaching basketball when the opportunities present themselves and reading as much as my schedule allows.

3. Favorite CHS teacher: I had so many great teachers over my years at CHS! If I had to pick, I am going to ask for an exemption to the rule and give you at least two. Pat Ueland was such a great math teacher during my years at CHS as she made what was a tough subject for me one that I could excel and feel confident with. It may not be the specific lessons I learned in her classes that were the most important, but it was the fact that she truly took time to make sure I was learning and never fell behind. My other favorite teacher was Dan Naslund. The lessons I learned in his Freshman Composition course still help me today as I wrap up my bachelor's degree.

4. In my free time I like to: Who has free time? :-)

5. Why I love the Cloquet area: I love this area as I am blessed to have so many friends and family members right here. This area allows my family to participate in all the big-city activities that we want, yet live and raise my family in a small town setting. We are close enough to other options if we prefer, as everything is a close road-trip away. Generations and generations of my family grew up here, so I feel very connected to this community and love to participate in things that help move the community forward.

6. One thing I can't live without: Right now, my calendar. It's the only thing that keeps me sane right now while my busy family juggles all of our professional and personal endeavors.

7. Speak to my enrollment at UMD: Finishing my bachelors degree has always been something that I wanted to do. When I finished my second term as a Cloquet School Board member, I vowed I would put any excuses aside and jump back into the program. I have been very fortunate as the degree I selected to complete is the Tribal Administration & Governance degree through UMD is one I love. That particular degree gives me formal education and training in running large organizations with its mix of business and administration focused courses as well as a healthy dose of tribal and state / federal governmental relations. As a Fond du Lac band member, my degree has certainly been eye opening for me as much of the history I am learning about pertains directly to our community here in FDL / Cloquet and Minnesota as a whole. As it sits today, I am set to complete my degree in May, 2021. All-in-all, my experiences at UMD have broadened my perspective and surely made me a better professional.



Happy 20th Birthday Blue Jean Ball!

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