



HELLO
September
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.

Welcome Back...

Cloquet Schools are 125 years old this school year!

It's a new school year and there is a sense of "freshness" in the air as teachers and staff come back to prepare for another year of learning and new possibilities. I know we are all a little concerned about what our future might look like in light of Covid and its impact. With that being said, I would like to focus on our past for just a moment.

I am celebrating two young women these days, Agnes Forslund and Helen Johnson. Agnes and Helen would have started their year in a brick building, Washington School, near what is now Avenue C. There were more than 500 students enrolled in the district and 12 teachers employed between 3 schools. Only two were set to graduate from high school that year (1896-97); both graduates of the "Latin Course" offered at the time. Quoting a *Cloquet School Centennial* Booklet from 1997, the writer muses that "we are poised on the threshold of a new century just as they were. What dreams do we have for the future that are similar to their hopes and dreams?"

I can't help but think what these two alumni might teach us in the year to come. What might unfold as we "start anew" from a devastating couple of years? What growth can we apply to our lives and the lives of the students of Cloquet as we plan for the future?

In this banner year for the Cloquet School District, I'll keep you posted from time to time how we honor the 125 years that got us to this point in history. **Here's to new beginnings....**



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

**Park Avenue Therapies
& Fitness
1204 Cloquet Avenue
Cloquet, MN**

Spotlight on our supporters:

PARK AVENUE THERAPIES & FITNESS

Rhonda and her crew are here to help you with all your fitness needs, from training to rehab. They will help you look and **feel great**. Park Avenue Therapies and Fitness have been a strong supporter of the CEF for years and we consider them part of or CEF family. Check them out- their positivity is contagious, their commitment to education unparalleled and their support of community is super!



**Golf
Tournament
HUGE
Success!**

Champs! Team State Farm wins the Cloquet Educational Foundation Golf Tournament with an impressive score of 55, managing to take home the trophy, previously held by Team Goodin. The team won by playoff against Team Nelson. Congratulations on your win: Keagan Poppenberg, Aaron Moore, Andy Acers and Brayden Tyman. Not pictured is Dane Stoyanoff.



Many thanks to all that participated in the 17th Annual CEF Golf Tournament hosted by Ameriprise Financial!

*Read all about it on our website:
www.cloquetedfoundation.org.*



With fondness we remember Russ Smith, CEF board member and former Cloquet School Superintendent, who passed away August 9th, 2021. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife Karen and family. We are honored that Russ's family has selected the CEF to honor his life dedicated to education.

Russ was the Cloquet Educational Foundation's biggest cheerleader. We remember him not only as one of the founding "pillars" of the foundation but for guiding us from our infancy to present day. He was a joyful person with an easy smile. He was truly dedicated to education and as we work to enrich the lives of the students of Cloquet, we will think fondly of our friend.

A full obituary of our Russ can be found on the Nelson Funeral Care website: [Nelson Funeral Care.net](http://NelsonFuneralCare.net).

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**



We are "off and running" at the CEF. Please take a minute to put these key events on your calendar for 2021-22.

**** September 13, 2021:** "Pay It Forward Campaign"
Annual Employee Fund Drive Kick-Off

****Monday, September 13, 2021:** Retiree Coffee
9:30- 11:00, Dunlap Island Pavilion

****Friday, September 20:** Grants due from District Employees

**** Saturday, February 5, 2022:**
20th Annual Blue Jean Ball, Otter Creek Event Center,
Black Bear Casino



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