



# 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.

I had a great conversation with an alumnus last month.

The purpose of the meeting was to talk about how they could set up a monetary gift to the CEF moving forward, but as we chatted, we talked very little about money. Instead, we talked about former teachers we had, crazy traditions, and how we love this town.

When I asked this person "why" they felt they wanted to include us in their financial plans, there were two very clear answers. The first one, was they felt strongly about "investing" in the education of their beloved hometown. "A strong school (and hospital) are necessary for a strong community". I couldn't agree more.

The second reason was both moving and inspiring, and I felt that every educator in Cloquet needed to hear it, especially in these first few weeks of school.

This student was new to town and was enrolled in Washington School in the early 1970's. As "the new kid" it is always hard to come into a classroom where friends and routines are already established. This student remembers vividly how his teacher made every effort to make sure he was accepted and included into the classroom. She made every effort to make sure "I felt loved". That feeling of unconditional acceptance has never left this alumnus, and in turn, they want to make sure each student, especially new kids, feel the same way coming into the Cloquet School district. His support of education in Cloquet started many years ago in an elementary school, second-grade classroom and is coming full circle today.

Welcome back District 94 staff. Keep those positive vibes flowing into your classroom and in your building. YOUR part in education not only impact kids today, but in the future.



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

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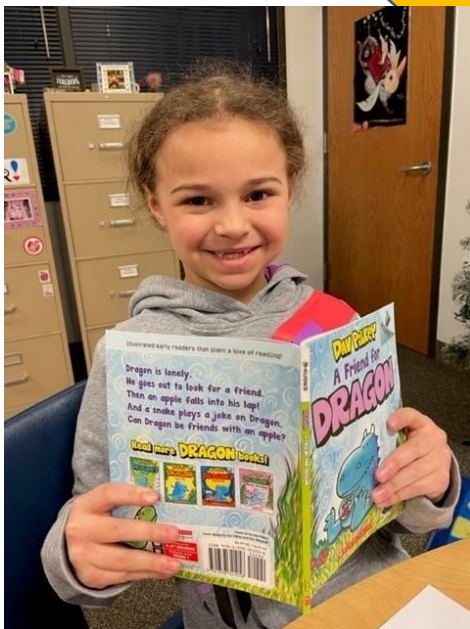
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Read more about the CEF Golf Tournament in our "Wrap-Up paper" QR Code!



SCAN ME

*Fall is in the air* and that means students, staff and teachers are heading back to school! Our best wishes for a terrific, healthy, and safe school year! Remember: we are here to help! Check out our Facebook page or our website ([www.cloquetedfoundation.org](http://www.cloquetedfoundation.org)) for more information.



Things are **LOOKING GOOD** for 2022-23!

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Blue Jean Ball**  
Saturday,  
February 3, 2023



## 2022 CEF Golf Tournament a HUGE Success!

Team "Uptown Funk" takes the trophy

Team members are:  
Captain Dustin Nelson, Keegan Poppenberg, Dan Baier, Mark Heehn & Steve Fiske

The beautiful Northern Minnesota weather brought out dozens to enjoy a day on the links in support of excellent education in Cloquet and raises over \$11,000!

Thank you to all who participated in this annual event. It was really fun to see everyone enjoy the day. Highlights included:

\*Team "Uptown Funk" took home the trophy!

Captained by Dustin Nelson, the team sailed through to the championship with an impressive score of 55. Congratulations on your win!

\* Sam Baker joined the CEF Tournament for a second year in a row offering to "Get your Ball on the Green" for a donation. Sam's golf skill has earned him a spot on the Florida Gulf Coast University Division 1 Men's golf team, and most recently was named Champion of the Cloquet Country Club 2022 Invitational. Participants of the CEF golf outing were thrilled to see Sam and remarked how proud they were of his accomplishments. Thanks Sam!

\*Dave Johnson, member of TEAM PREVOST celebrates his hole in one with tournament sponsors Mark Cool and Paul Munson of Split Rock Trading. Dave Johnson sunk the ball effortlessly in hole #7, also winning \$50 for the "Closest to the Pin" contest. Congratulations Dave!



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