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September 2024 Newsletter

September Birthday's: Nancy Karsten, LuAnn Lafky, Mary Overlee Olson, Fred Ventura, Mary Wordelman.

Happy Birthday!

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Our Volunteers

GFE's email address is:

Gfeducation123@gmail.com

Website:

www.grandparentsforeducation.org

Board Meetings are the first Monday of the month. All meetings held at the library 2nd floor conference room at 5:00. If you're interested in joining the board, contact myself or come to a meeting.

Pen Pal Program:

The Pen Pal program will be starting in October again. If anyone who volunteered last year wants to continue, you don't have to do anything, we will contact you when things begin.

WE are doing St. Mary's and Washington schools this year. Because we have another class of fourth graders this year, about 20 more, we will need several more pen pals for the program. Please join if you can, it's a wonderful experience for the kids. If you go south for the winter or travel that should not be a problem if you have email or an iPhone, I can send you the letter and you can send it back to me. We have 3 pick-up points, but if you can't make them, I can deliver it to your house. If you feel you will have a problem with writing, I can come and help you compose a letter.

If you are unable to get into the schools, this is a great way to contribute to the school district.

Please consider doing this project as the kids love it and all our volunteers love it too.

We partner with AmeriCorps so for their records and grant writing you will have to fill out a form so they can keep you informed of any changes to the process and so we have a record of all volunteers.

Homecoming 2024

Float decorating is Wednesday, October 2 at 3:00 in the Radel building at the fair grounds by the horse corral. The parade is Friday, October 4. If you want to ride the float, please be there by 12:00 and bring a chair to sit on the float. Let me know if you will be doing the ride so we can plan around the number of people riding. Phone: 507-390-4468; email: gfeducation123@gmail.com.

Samatha Bogan, our scholarship winner, sent us a very nice thank you note for receiving the \$500.

Personal Notes:

Below is our list of volunteers who are highly vulnerable. Please keep all of these wonderful members in your prayers and drop them a line when you can.

--Mary Larson is mending well at home after her breaking her hip. Please send cards and letters to: 9128 18th Street SE, Claremont, MN 55924

--Judy Horton-Holms Had her hip surgery and healing at home. Please send cards to: 160 24th Pl NW, Owatonna, MN 55060

--Corinne Talley is back in the hospital for a second time. She has diverticulitis and taking medicine for this, after this clears up, she will be having surgery for a hernia. Please send cards to: 221 South Walnut, Owatonna, MN 55060

--Nancy Karsten is healing. Please send cards to 1995 Raspberry Ridge Pl NE, Owatonna, MN 55060

--LeAnn Masche is recovering at home but her husband is not doing well. Please keep

her in your prayers and send cards to 309 Lincoln Ave., Owatonna, MN 55060

--Sondra von Arb says hi to everyone and please keep her in your prayers and send those cards to Lakeshore Assisted Living, 150 8th Street NW, Apt. 205, Waseca, MN 56093.

--Edith Zamboni's requesting emails: zamtwins@yahoo.com.

--Sue Jacobsen, she is finally out and about but still in recovery, send cards and letters to 4650 County Road 180, Owatonna, MN 55060.

--Mary Overlee-Olson, send cards to 360 Thomas Ave., Owatonna, MN 55060

---Fred Ventura: Please keep him in your prayers and send cards to 566 Maple Drive, Owatonna, MN 55060.

If you know of anyone else who needs our support and prayers through surgery or a long illness, please let me know.

Board Members:

Linda Breyer, Chairperson

Corinne Talley, Co-Chair

LuAnn Lafky, Treasurer, Fin. Advisor

MaryAnne Higgins, Secretary

Ron Barth

LeAnn Masche

Sondra von Arb, Ex-Officio