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September 2020 Newsletter

September Birthday's:

Pete Johnson, Nancy Karsten, LuAnn Lafky, Mary Overlee Olson, Fred Ventura, and Mary Wordelman.

Happy Birthday!

New Email Address for GFE

Our new email address for GFE is as follows:
GFEducation123@gmail.com

School Update

No visitors or volunteers will be allowed in the schools thru first semester January 15. In the meantime, I am working with the superintendent to talk with teachers on any home projects we can help with. I also want to know how many of you know zoom. It's really quite simple and it's free. If you want to look at it go to zoom.com, select free. You can talk up to 30 minutes at a time free, if you need help setting up, let me know. If anyone has other ideas let me know. I am keeping a list of those interested in helping out. I will let you know as soon as we have a plan in place.

Remember if you need anything or just need to talk. Phone: 507-390-4468

Email: GFEducation123@gmail.com

Wilson Needs Supplies

Pencils, pens, markers, whiteboard markers, crayons, binders, scissors, glue sticks, rulers, Kleenex, notebooks, & folders are all needed. Community and church organizations have not been able to collect and donate supplies this year so they are very short. If you can donate, let me know and I will pick it up. Phone: 507-390-4468

Mittens/Hats Needed

The after school child care program (SAC) is looking for hats and mittens for winter. We will be unable to put containers in Hy-Vee this year so I am relying on you for help in this project. If you can collect from family and friends, that would be great. I will collect, clean and then distribute to the schools. Thank You.

Attention!

Looking for new board members for GFE. If you know of anyone interested, please have them get in touch with me. They don't have to be a member. Email: GFEducation123@gmail.com

Making Masks

Help make masks or donate fabric to make masks for children in Steele County. They want volunteers who can sew mask kits together or donate fabric to make kits, fabric prints encouraged. Kits will be available at 1165 Clover Lane SE. This is Amanda Aarsvold's house (507-363-2441), she has bins (on front step) with kits to make 20 masks each – there is also bins for fabric donations and to return masks. We ask that masks are returned within a week so we can begin distributing them.

We are using the Allina pattern, and swapping out the elastic for 12 inches instead of 7. Once the mask is complete you can add a bead to the elastic on each side and tie a knot to keep it from sliding off. If you don't want to deal with the beads you can return the masks to me and I can get them put on. 2 or 3 tucks on the sides.

We will need both kids and adult sizes. If people have the supplies and just want to start on their own go ahead. If you need beads and elastic, those are available.

Remember if you sign up a new volunteer, you will receive a \$5 gift card from HyVee.

GoFundMe

We have produced a GoFundMe page for donations to our organization because we have lost all our fundraisers for the year. If you are on FACEBOOK and see the campaign, share it with everyone you know and ask them to share. The more it gets out there the more donations we can find. Find it on our website: www.grandparentsforeducation.org

Board Meetings

Tuesday, September 8 in the park shelter next to the History Center. Join us. All board meetings are the first Monday of the month and will be held at the above location.

Email Problems

I am having trouble sending emails to anyone with a @hotmail.com and msn.com. Please check to make sure nothing is wrong with your address. Thank You.

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.

Most of these people are on Facebook so please befriend them to keep in touch with their lives. --Corrine Talley had her surgery for cancer. She will have radiation treatment and then probably more surgery in the coming months. She is recovering at home. Keep her in your prayers and please send well wishes to: 221 South Walnut, Owatonna, MN 55060

--Eric Eschenbach is now in remission and back to work. His follow up will be in October. Keep him in your prayers and please send well wishes to: 717 Escalade Lane SE, Owatonna, MN 55060

--Nancy Karsten is following the advice of her many specialist staying confined to her home. Keep her in your prayers and send well wishes to: 1995 Raspberry Ridge Pl NE, Owatonna, MN 55060

---Sondra von Arb is staying home for now. Send cards to 1497 Autumn Drive SE, Owatonna, MN 55060

--Mary Overlee-Olson: she is feeling very healthy and sticking close to home. Keep her in your prayers. Send cards to 360 Thomas Ave., Owatonna, MN 55060

--Marsha Christiansen had been moved to a rehab center in Mankato. For now send your cards and well wishes to her sister Nancy's address: 1995 Raspberry Ridge Pl NE, Owatonna, MN.

---Fred Ventura says his cancer has not progressed and is doing OK. Still taking chemo pills daily. 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:

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