

# Grand News

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## **WELCOME to the 2008-2009 School Year!**

I would like to welcome everyone back as we begin another school year and the eighteenth year of GrandFriends. Many of you have already returned and are continuing the great work for which GrandFriends are known. On page five there are suggestions for how to get started this year. If you need any assistance please call or email me.

I am very excited about the fall trainings and coffee already scheduled. Our first training will be on September 30 and I am very pleased to have scheduled Dr. Barbara Swaby.

On October 21<sup>st</sup> we are going to have a “Bring a Friend to GrandFriends” Ice Cream Social. This will be a great opportunity to invite someone that you think would be interested in becoming a GrandFriend. We will take some time to explain GrandFriends and answer any questions. It will be very beneficial for perspective GrandFriends to all the ways they could impact student achievement.

On October 28<sup>th</sup> there will be an orientation and training for new GrandFriends to provide more information so volunteers will feel more comfortable coming into our schools. All GrandFriends are welcome and encouraged to attend. I will really appreciate your feedback regarding the material covered and offer suggestions to improve this training.



**PLEASE NOTE THE TRAININGS AND SOCIAL THIS  
FALL WILL BE HELD AT TESLA.  
See directions to TESLA on page 5.**

Due to the asbestos removal in the main administration building this fall, Volunteer Services will not have the conference room available for coffees or trainings. There will be employees from the main administration building using the room temporarily as their office. This year the dates our presenters were available did not coincide with an available room at the Senior Center. I want to thank the Senior Center for the trying to accommodate us.

## **September Training and Breakfast**

**Dr. Barbara Swaby, Professor of Education at UCCS**

GrandFriends will benefit from Dr. Swaby's knowledge and expertise in the field of education and increase their effectiveness in working with students of all ages and abilities.

**When: Tuesday, September 30, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.**

**Breakfast: 8:30 – 9:00a.m.**

**Presentation: 9:00- 10:30a.m.**

**Where: Tesla Educational Opportunity Center  
2560 International Circle, Rm. 112**

**RSVP: Please call Mary Beth, 520-2311 or email me at [willimb@d11.org](mailto:willimb@d11.org) by September 25<sup>TH</sup>. Let me know if you would like breakfast or will be coming for the presentation only.**

**Directions to TESLA are on page 5.**



## **“Bring a Friend to GrandFriends”**

### **Ice Cream Social**

**When: Tuesday, October 21, 2:00 -3:30**

**Where: Tesla Educational Opportunity Center  
2560 International Circle, Rm. 110**

This coffee is for all GrandFriends and any person interested in becoming one. There can never be too many GrandFriends volunteering in our schools and I would like to increase our numbers this year. The best way for the program to grow is for those currently volunteering to ask a friend, spouse and neighbor to join the fun of being a GrandFriend. Please invite one or two perspective volunteers and “bring a friend to GrandFriends” ice cream social. Please attend even if you are not able to bring someone so you can share your GrandFriend experiences and rewards of volunteering in our schools.

**RSVP: Please call me, 520-2311, or email [willimb@d11.org](mailto:willimb@d11.org), so I will know how many scoops of ice cream to bring!**