Welcome to the 2020-2021 School Year!

Welcome to the start of another school year! While the beginning of this school year looks vastly different than those that have come and gone, we want you to know that we appreciate all of you and your willingness to hang in there with us! I have heard from several of you, and whether you are planning on volunteering in the classrooms once things get back to normal, or giving of your time in an online way before then, we appreciate you! We hope you will give all of us here in D11 grace as we navigate these new waters that we find ourselves in. Each one of you is a valued part of our community!

At this time, Dr. Thomas and the D11 Cabinet are asking that building level volunteers not engage with staff and students at the school buildings. Volunteer Services and Community Partnerships will be working with individual teachers to assist in connecting volunteers through online platforms such as Webex or Teams (teacher preference) with students for assistance with classroom instruction and practice. If this is of interest to you and I have not already been in contact with you, please contact me at 719-520-2311 or at dawn.enger@d11.org. Please note that I am only in the office 2 days a week for the time being, but I am working from home in between and I will get back to you.

If you have the opportunity to volunteer online, please be sure to log your hours on D11 Engage, our Volunteer and Visitor Management system. If you need assistance, please let me know.

GrandFriends Calendar 2020-2021

- September 7 Labor Day-No Students
- September 25 Senior Sounding Board
- September 28 Professional Development Day-No Students
- October 16 Teacher Work Day-No Students
- October 19 Furlough Day-D11 Closed
- October 29-30 Parent/Teacher Conferences-No Students
- November 23-27 Thanksgiving Break-D11 Closed
- December 21-January 5 Winter Break-No Students
- January 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day-D11 Closed
- February 15 Presidents’ Day-D11 Closed
- March 8 Teacher Work Day-No Students
- March 9 Data Collaboration Day-No Students
- March 22-26 Spring Break-Schools Closed
- May 21 Last Day Elementary School
- May 26 Last day Middle/High School

GrandFriends Senior Sounding Board

When: Friday, September 25, 2020 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: Webex Meeting

20-21 School Year Opening

Please join our Superintendent, Dr. Thomas, for an informational meeting about the 2020-2021 School Year opening. As we adjust to the modified way of learning this 1st quarter, Dr. Thomas will explain how schools are adjusting, new techniques in instruction, and how our community can best support our teachers and staff. We hope to see your smiling faces online!

If this is of interest to you, please RSVP by emailing me at dawn.enger@d11.org, by Thursday, September 17. I will add your name to our list and send the Webex meeting invitation as well as instructions on how to log on.

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