As the 2017-2018 school year comes to a close, we want you to know that no one could fill your shoes! Please join us at our GrandFriends Annual Appreciation Dinner to be held on Thursday, April 26, 2018. We extend an invitation to you and to the teachers, principals and staff with whom you have spent your volunteer time. Inside you will find a separate invitation to share with the staff you wish to invite. Please RSVP for yourself and make sure your attending staff member also responds to the invitation. We look forward to seeing you!

No One Can Fill Your Shoes!

You are cordially invited to attend the GrandFriends Annual Appreciation Dinner Thursday, April 26, 2018, 5:30-7:00p.m.
Tesla Education Center, 2560 International Circle

Join us for an evening of celebration and appreciation of our GrandFriends program. We invite all the wonderful volunteers and staff involved in the GrandFriends program to attend.

Our special guest speaker will be our very own Dr. Mary Thurman. You will learn about what it’s been like to walk in her shoes as a child growing up in Alabama through serving as our Deputy Superintendent in School District 11. As she prepares for retirement, we are grateful for her contribution to the education of our students in District 11 and beyond.

Please make your reservation by noon, April 15, 2018
RSVP to Dawn at 520-2311 or dawn.enger@d11.org
A spouse or guest is welcome to attend at a cost of $8.00 per person.
**GrandFriends Calendar**

**April 20:** GrandFriends Training/Senior Sounding Board, Administration Building, 2-4 pm

**April 26:** GrandFriends Dinner, Tesla Education Center, 5:30-7:00 pm

**May 15:** GrandFriends evaluation due to Volunteer Services

**May 24:** Last day for elementary students.

**May 30:** Last day for middle and high school students

**June 1:** Volunteer Services closed for summer break

**August 15:** First day for students for the 2018-2019 school year

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**GrandFriend Evaluation Form**

At the end of each year we ask our volunteers to evaluate the GrandFriends program. The evaluation form for GrandFriend volunteers is attached to the email you received. Please take a few minutes to evaluate your experience with the program. It is greatly appreciated.

The information we receive from the evaluations remains confidential and is used to improve the program. Please complete and return the form to Volunteer Services by May 15th or, you may bring it to the April 26th dinner.

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**Teacher/Staff Evaluation Form**

At the end of each year we also ask the teachers and staff to evaluate the GrandFriends program. Please give the form to the teacher you work with and ask them to return it to me.

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**What Are Your Plans for the Fall?**

Do you plan on volunteering in the fall and want to stay with the same teacher? If so, be sure to let your teacher know that you would like to return. If the teacher would like you to continue to assist in his/her classroom, you may contact the teacher in the fall and start as soon as the teacher is ready for your assistance.

If you foresee a needed change, contact me in August. We will discuss a new placement. Please let me know if you have made any other changes this year, especially if you are going to another school.

Are you no longer volunteering? Or have you decided not to return in the fall? Please let me know that as well.

There is an opportunity on the evaluation form to indicate desired changes. This is the best way for me to provide assistance to you in August.

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**Volunteer Hours**

We hope you have been keeping track of your volunteer hours this year. The District values and wants to recognize the time you spend assisting our students and staff. If you have questions, please give us a call in Volunteer Services, 520-2202.
As the GrandFriends Project Coordinator, I would like to thank you for welcoming our GrandFriends into your schools and classrooms. Each year we have an Annual Appreciation Dinner to thank our volunteers and the staff who participate in the program. Please join us for the evening of Thursday, April 26th, as we recognize those who have given so much of their time and dedication to our students.

In addition, please complete the evaluation form and return it to Volunteer Services by May 15th. Your feedback is very valuable for the continuous improvement of the program and all information remains confidential. Thank you for your time and we look forward to seeing you at the appreciation dinner on April 26th.