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Mission

The Thief River Falls **Education Foundation** exists to promote innovative educational opportunities in School District #564 through partnerships involving alumni, parents, educators, businesses, and the greater community.

COME JOIN THE FUN!!

At "The Station on Main" TRF December 5th, 5:30

No Talent Required

Very tasty Wine and Appetizers provided

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PETER HESS AWARD



PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

My name is Marcy Helling and I am beginning my 32nd year of teaching. I am a graduate of Karlstad High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from

Mayville State University I began my teaching career in Finley-Sharon, North Dakota teaching elementary vocal music and Title One. I then moved back, got married and began teaching in the Strandquist School district that later became Tri-County Schools of Karlstad. I taught second through fourth grade during this time. I am currently a third grade teacher at Challenger Elementary and have been in this district for 19 years. I believe that these job experiences have helped to make me the teacher that I am today. I am so proud of this journey. I have learned so much from all of the remarkable teachers that I have worked with, felt respected by parents in these districts, and have LOVED the many, many students that have and will continue to touch my life forever.

My husband, Ron and I have three children. Ross (Kelsey) works at UPS and lives in Karlstad. Allyson (Bjorn) is an RN at Altru Hospital and lives in East Grand Forks. Reed (Michala) is a journeyman and works for RBB and lives in Euclid. All three of our children are Lincoln High School graduates. We have six amazing grandchildren that keep us very busy. We enjoy spending time with our family, hanging out at the hunting cabin, and teaching our little ones many of lifes experiences. We feel very fortunate to have them all so near. It gives us the opportunity to share in their lives and support them throughout their endeavors.

I think that I have always wanted to be a teacher and continue to try to make an impact on student's lives. Each year is new and exciting, filled with the opportunity of making learning fun, challenging, and intriguing for students. My goal is to always build a community atmosphere where everyone is respected, loved, and feels successful when developing at their own pace. I hope to inspire my students to always be and do their very best. I couldn't imagine doing anything else. Teaching...is a work of HEART. I feel very honored to be a recipient of the Peter Hess Memorial Teacher Recognition Award. I sincerely thank the Hess family and the Thief River Falls Education Foundation for this wonderful honor.

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PETER HESS AWARD



My name is Cheri Benter and I am beginning my 34th and final year of teaching in the Thief River Falls School District. I am a graduate of University of North Dakota with a double major in Elementary and Special Education. I continued my education at UND and University of Minnesota receiving a certification in Teacher of the Blind and Visually Impaired and a Masters of Science degree in Early Childhood Special Education from UND.

I have one daughter Maiah who lives in St Paul, MN. Maiah is a graduate of the Thief River Falls School system. In my free time I enjoy reading, gardening, music, and spending time with family.

I have taught in the Thief River Falls School system for my entire career. I have worked as the Teacher of the Blind and Visually Impaired in all of the Thief River Falls schools. I feel so blessed to have been able to work with so many highly qualified teachers and staff throughout my career. I am also grateful to all of the students and families I have worked with. Due to the nature of the job I have worked with students and their families for the student's entire school career. It has been an honor to form relationships and bond with both the students and their families. In addition, I have worked with a group of students who receive special education services moving from 7th grade to their current 12th grade. I have also been able to form a close bond with these students and their families.

I am honored and grateful to have been nominated and chosen to receive the Peter Hess Memorial Award. Thank you to the Peter Hess family and the Thief River Falls Education Foundation.

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Reunions

Class of 1967

Meet together every first Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm at the TRF American Legion, 324 Brooks Avenue.

Contact Joan Barnick Baker for more info 581-7766 or joanmarie@mncable.net.

Class of 1969 Meet together every third Thursday of the month at 6:00 at Las Ranitas
1845 US 59, Thief River Falls, Minnesota

CLASS OF 1953

Due to health problems last year, our reunion committee was unable to arrange our 65th year Class Reunion. We will consider a gathering in 2019 if there is enough interest. Please let us know your thoughts by email: mrstunny@mncable.net
Thank you, Ardy Tunberg

CLASS OF 1959

60TH CLASS REUNION — SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 PLEASE SEND YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND.

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ARIZONA REUNION

JANUARY 29, 2019

New Location - LaCasa Blanca Community Center Located on 2208 W. Baseline Avenue in Apache Junction, AZ.

POT LUCK LUNCHEON, WITH PAPER SUPPLIES AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED. TIME WILL BE 11:00 TO 3:00. PLEASE LET KAREN HANSON

(<u>HANSONKAREN 1 0 1 3 @ GMAIL.COM</u>) KNOW IF YOU ARE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER YOUR SERVICES AS YOU DID SO GREATLY LAST JANUARY.

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