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# E-Focus

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## Scholarships & Grants Foundation Events

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*It's all about the Kids!*

## 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.



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9am – 5pm



# Spotlight Grant

## Ender 3D Printers

### Challenger Elementary School

"The Ender 3D printers donated by the Education Foundation are our most used technology resources in Challenger Connect Tech by our 4th and 5th graders. They are great learning printers. 3D printing is a very beneficial skill because it incorporates math with creativity. Students can either choose an artistic, engineering or a blended approach to their designs."

-Courtney Skjerven





# **2024 Alumni Boys Basketball Tournament**

**Saturday, February 17**

All Proceed go to The Prowler Boy Basketball Alumni Scholarship

All Prowler Alumni Boys Basketball Players are invited to play!

Suggested cost/donation \$20 to play

Following the tournament, the Legacy Event Center will host a social for players and families \$10 per person

**Donation platforms for the scholarship fund:**

**Venmo: @justin-skjerven**

**Paypal: jmskjerv14@hotmail.com**

**or mail a check to:**

**LHS: Attn: Justin Skjerven**

**101 Knight Ave. S**

**Thief River Falls, MN 56701**

**Justin Skjerven Cell: (218)791-4604**

Reminder: The 2023 Prowler Boys Basketball Team has a game the night before, Friday vs. Crookston. JV at 6pm with varsity to follow. Prowler Boys Basketball Alumni and their families receive free admission.





# **NORTHERN** *motors, inc.* **THIEF RIVER FALLS**

January Teacher of the Month  
Sponsored by Northern Motors, The Dondelinger Foundation  
and The TRF Education Foundation.

**Marley Nelson**

Technology Education Teacher - Lincoln High School

The person who nominated Ms. Nelson wrote this.....

"I would like to nominate Marley Nelson, Technology Education at Lincoln High School. I have appreciated her efforts to work with students on several video projects recently including a farewell video for Mr. Brekke, referendum video, and a marketing message for the school district at the movie theater. She brings a positive attitude to her students each day. Thank you for being great!"

**Congratulations!**

We want your nominations.....  
**NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER**  
at Challenger Elementary School, Franklin  
Middle School or Lincoln High School!

## Reunions 2024

### TRF/AZ Gathering

January 27th, 2024

The TRF/AZ Area Gathering will be held again at **La Casa Blanca Community Center** located on **[2208 W. Baseline Avenue](#)** in Apache Junction, AZ on **January 27, 2024 from 11:00 to 3:00**. Please bring a dish to share. Paper products and beverages will be provided.

We would like to remind everyone that we need to take up a collection at this gathering to replenish our paper supply and beverage fund. Please come with a few dollars to contribute toward this collection. It is much appreciated.

This email is to get this date on your calendar early. We will have our Pot Luck luncheon followed by a short program. Judy Nelson has volunteered to organize the luncheon again and would appreciate volunteers to assist in setting up the luncheon and cleanup afterwards. Her email is [Terrynelson@gmail.com](mailto:Terrynelson@gmail.com).

We all look forward to seeing you.

Jeanne Cloutier

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715.386.2634 (text or phone)

### TRF/FL Reunion

Thursday, Feb 1, 2024 - NOON - Location: The Villages, FL

### Class of 2014:

August 16-18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

More information to come

### Class of 1994:

July 26th-28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

More information to come at a later date

### Class of 1974:

September 27th & 28th, 2024

Saturday at the Eagles

Noon Lunch for the 1973/74 Basketball Team with Coach Pete

### Class of 1969 (55th Reunion):

September 20 & 21, 2024

Contact: Paula Adamson [paulaaadamson@gmail.com](mailto:paulaaadamson@gmail.com)





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## Lincoln High School Facebook Page



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## Franklin Middle School Facebook Page



Franklin Middle School's Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/FMSTRF>

## Challenger Elementary School Facebook Page



Challenger Elementary School's Facebook page:  
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