

Festival of Trees

Special thanks goes out to Amy Campbell and Christin Stegenga for the work they have done to represent REA at the Festival of Trees! This year they chose the theme of “Kindness” with “Bee Kind” as the inspiration for decorating the tree. Due to COVID, which seems like every sentence starts that way, Festival of Trees offers a walking tour in downtown Rochester to view the trees. They will be set up in different locations like Chez Bojji, Chateau Theatre and US Bank to name a few. Take some time to stroll on down through November 28th to see their latest creation! Also, take some time to go on the Hiawatha Homes site to look at the items on the silent auction that opens tomorrow at 4 p.m. For staff that aren’t aware, Festival of Trees is a fund raiser for Hiawatha Homes to provide quality support services to individuals with disabilities at home and in the community. It is a great event and we are proud of our two decorators! For your convenience, a walking map is attached.

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is here again! Knowing past history with these types of letters – I will keep my comments short, but heartfelt. I so appreciate all the work you are all doing on behalf of our students. The public will never understand the time, effort or work that you have given to your job and students. What you are doing is beyond the pale trying to keep our students learning as much as possible with the chaotic circumstances that surround you on a daily basis. This has caused anxiety, stress and sleepless nights for many. On the other hand, I have seen some joy and happiness on faces as well. I think of all the things that we are able to offer our students this year, as compared to last year, and I can’t help but think they are much better off in your care. Please take time to enjoy your families over break and grab some moments to just quiet your mind and concentrate on yourself. I am very thankful for all that you do!

Happy Thanksgiving!

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