

District 200 Education Foundation



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Halfway to Groundhog Day event planned for Aug. 1

The Woodstock D200 Education Foundation has new leadership, and all are invited to meet them on Aug. 1 at Ortmann's Red Iron Tavern while supporting the students of Woodstock Community Unit School District 200.

The Halfway to Groundhog Day event starts at 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 1, and will feature raffles, live music, a food vendor, and a cash bar. All proceeds will benefit students in Woodstock Community Unit School District 200.

Diana Frisbie, a retired educator and former principal in D200, said it has been her honor to serve on the Education Foundation Board for the last several years. Frisbie and fellow board member Cindy Meyer stepped into co-chair positions following the resignations of Jaci Krandel and Jennifer Thomas, who served in those roles.

"Goals for the next years include growing the board, continuing our connection with all of our schools, engaging the community in ways to support learning for all students, and raising funds that enhance opportunities for our students," Frisbie said.

Meyer joined the Education Foundation board in November 2023.

"In my new role as co-chair, I'm looking forward to working closely with Diana and the other Board members to ensure that we continue to achieve our fundraising goals while successfully administering the grant distribution process, which supplements the District's educational opportunities for students. All while having fun doing it," Meyer said.

The Foundation was formed after the 1992 Woodstock filming of "Groundhog Day," and has since contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to programs, field trips, guest authors, and many other educational experiences for students.

Each school year, the Foundation Board members distribute funds to educators who've applied for Impact Grants. The grants fund unique educational opportunities for students in all of D200's 12 schools.

"As a teacher, as a parent, and as a district administrator, I have seen firsthand how the grant program inspires educators to develop additional creative opportunities to enrich learning," Frisbie said.

This year, the Foundation is also the primary funder of the D200's Back to School event, where backpacks and school supplies are distributed at locations throughout D200 territory to children over the summer. The Foundation donated \$3,000 for the program. Hispanic Connections, which is part of the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry, also donated \$500.

Anyone interested in learning more about becoming a member of the D200 Education Foundation Board of Trustees should contact the Board via email at president@d200edfoundation.org.

