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### Adopt-A-School Partners in Education

With the new school year approaching, teachers and students will return to their classrooms to tackle new learning opportunities and objectives, as well as facing challenges. Unfortunately, not all students return to school with a backpack of supplies as full as the curriculum plans that await them. And as surprising as it may sound, teachers often find it challenging to have all the tools they need for their classrooms.

A back to school supply drive is one way that we can help fill that need, but there are additional ways that we can provide ongoing support.

The Adopt-A-School program gives Tulsa Public Schools a pathway to partner with the Tulsa community. Organizations have the opportunity to build meaningful relationships with the students and teachers of the school they adopt, in addition to donating the much needed supplies.

We have been given the opportunity to adopt a local Tulsa school in need of a partner - Memorial Middle School!

After meeting with Principal Tim Maxeiner, who is clearly passionate about the potential of the students at Memorial Middle School, we learned about their immediate goals to improve reading proficiency, reading growth, and the student's sense of belonging. They have an active robotics program which provides students with hands-on learning in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. They have placed first in national student competitions with their projects. (Continued on page 4)



### Holocaust Studies - Lecture Series

**"Understanding the Complexities  
of the Holocaust"**

**Featured Speaker: Nancy Pettus**

**Each Friday in August - 10:00 a.m.  
Burnstein Auditorium**

The Holocaust was the systematic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its allies and collaborators. By studying the Holocaust, we learn the importance of speaking out against bigotry and indifference, promoting equity, and taking action.

Just because a dark chapter in our history took place many years ago does not mean that we should stop learning about it, and from it.

Join us in August for a four-part lecture series designed to increase our understanding of the many complexities of the Holocaust.

About the presenter: Nancy Pettus' 25-year involvement with Holocaust education has provided opportunities to reach countless students during her 30-year teaching career, and educate teachers through local and national presentations. A 2005 Museum Teacher Fellow, her association with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. enriches her involvement with area teachers and schools through Holocaust-related events throughout the state.



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The implementation of active learning strategies at Memorial Middle School engages students in developing leadership skills that promote college and career readiness and lifelong learning.

The 625 students enrolled there have access to 9 extracurricular activities and 8 athletic programs.

They understand the importance of building relationships with families to build a respectful, supportive community.

Principal Maxeiner expressed his interest in the value of having our seniors tell their stories as a way of inspiring students to pursue their dreams. Given the opportunity, we have a large number of talented residents who could potentially plant just the right seed in the minds of a young person to work hard and reach their goals.

Moving forward there are a number of ways you can be an active part in supporting the students and teachers at Memorial Middle School with your time, talents, and resources.

Our initial goal is to put together as many student packets of supplies as possible, as well as some of the things that are on the list of teachers' needs. There will also be ongoing needs. To simplify the process, we are establishing an Adopt-A-School Fund and the monies collected will be used to purchase these supplies. You can make your donation in the Zarrow Pointe business office. If you prefer to purchase the items on your own, there will be a comprehensive list of supplies, including hygiene products for students, in the Activities Office, where you can also drop off the items.

As much as providing the supplies, we are just as excited about building relationships with the students and teachers there and giving our time to encourage and motivate.

The motto for the Memorial Middle School Chargers is "Charge Up"!

Let's all get charged up in doing what we can to support these students along the way!

*Contact Randy C. with questions or to learn more about how you can be involved.*

## **Situational Safety Awareness** Lori Frank

**Thursday, August 3rd - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Burnstein Auditorium**

Personal safety should NOT be left to chance! Using a little preparation beforehand, and trusting what you see or sense in a situation, can help avoid a lot of habits of awareness that can help you see and avoid danger before it takes you by surprise.

**Live Music:**  
**David Horne, Ken Ackley and Bill Taylor**

**Tuesday, August 1st - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Burnstein Auditorium**

Kick start the month off with a concert! Come sing along and tap your feet to the beat! You are guaranteed to laugh because you never know what this trio has up their sleeves.



**Tulsa Botanic Garden -**  
**"All The Latest Dirt"**  
**Lori Hutson**

**Thursday, August 24th - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Burnstein Auditorium**

Lori Hutson is director of communications and outreach at Tulsa Botanic Garden. Since joining the staff in 2011, she has enjoyed being a part of implementing educational programs and witness to everything from utility hook-up to design, construction and opening of new gardens. Lori will talk about the newest gardens that opened July of 2023 and upcoming fall happenings.