

# Lions Roar 7-29-20

## **Musings with Mrs. Stout**

What do you know about echoes? Do you remember being enthralled with them as a kid? Whether you heard an echo in a canyon, a swimming pool or a shower, it was always fun to play with echoes. I remember singing, shouting and even asking echoes questions. Fun memories.

As an adult, echoes make me think of blessings. As we bless others, the blessings bounce back on us just like echoes. How do you bless others? Kind words, a meal, a listening ear or a gift all produce blessings. Each of these blessings given requires a denial of self in favor of another. Blessing others follows Christ's command to love our neighbors.

Have you ever considered how blessing others often cause blessings to bounce back to us sort of like an echo? When we are thanked or shown appreciation, we are blessed. When we see the solace we have been allowed to give to another, we are blessed. Simple and mundane acts of service can turn into memorable blessings.

Several years ago I saw my elderly neighbor, Nelly, in the grocery store. I didn't know her well but could tell she was once a very tall lady. As she aged she became stooped and severe looking. I noticed her contemplating a 10-pound bag of sugar on the bottom shelf and could tell lifting it into her basket was presenting a problem for her. Without much forethought I said, "Let me get that for you." As I placed the sugar in her cart, her severe expression was transformed into a smile and she was full of appreciation. This simple act led Nelly to invite our family to dinner in her small single wide trailer. With four small children at the time, this was no small undertaking. That dinner, given because I lifted a simple sack of sugar into her grocery cart, led to a relationship with Nelly and her husband that lasted the rest of their lives. It was a simple act that bounced back and rippled into a memorable relationship. Now that's a blessing!

"I will cause my people and their homes around my holy hill to be a blessing. And I will send showers, showers of blessings, which will come just when they are needed." Ezekiel 34:26  
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## **New Families**

Don't forget to checkout CCS Facebook pages. We have a dedicated CCS Parents Facebook page that only parents can join as well as a public CCS Facebook page.

## **Tuition Calculation Form**

If you haven't done so yet, please return your tuition calculation form that was included in your end-of-the-year packet.

### **Reopening Plan Attachment**

Check out the attachment to the Lions Roar for our reopening plan.

## **Community Service**

### **Summer Tutoring in Rochester**

Reading/Spelling/Writing for grades K- adult, Math for grades K-5. Reasonable rates, online or one-on-one in-home tutoring studio just 2.7 miles from Rochester Primary. Contact Carol Irwin at 360-273-0973 or [carolirwin360@gmail.com](mailto:carolirwin360@gmail.com). She also offers Instructional Coaching for homeschool families and free dyslexia workshops for parents.

### **Free Meals**

"Our Nation's Ministries" have food boxes available every Saturday and individual deliveries are an option as well. Contact the ministry office at 360-807-4337 for more information.